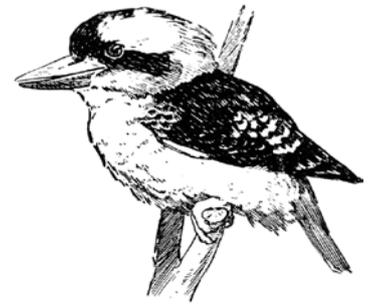


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I was one of the lucky ones who got to see the kids' faces when they tried out the Marimba made by the Dunoon Men's Shed. Donated to LaValla and Yodiffee schools in Cambodia, you can see how much fun the kids are having in the picture below.

After presenting the Marimba as a gift from the Dunoon community, we watched many of the kids from the school perform in a talent quest style show, with items ranging from singing and dancing to comedy sketches and fashion shows. Everyone who participated received a prize, with the major cash prizes going to two singers, one of whom literally moved some of us to tears with the emotion in the song she had written herself.

It was an incredible Christmas day, spent in a remarkable country with inspiring young people. We had a picnic lunch shared with the students and their families - 500 people in all. The money for the lunch was raised by Dunoon resident Kay Doust and her Tuk

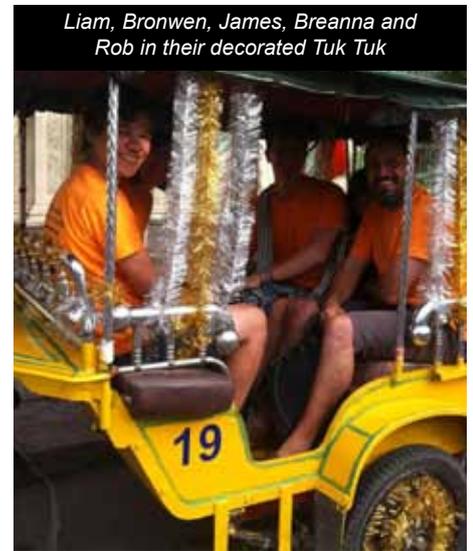
Tuk rally team members Suze and Emily, plus members of her extended family.

Breanna, Liam and Miranda went back to the Lismore car boot market in January and have raised enough extra money to assist Kay in sponsoring one of the little girls at New Hope for a few months.

Christmas of 2013 rates as one of our best ever. The Tuk Tuk rally was an enormous success, both as a fundraiser and as an amazing family and friends holiday.

The Cambodian Tuk Tuk Rally, organised through Aussies for Orphans and Dragonfly Tours Cambodia, raised about \$15,000 for the Cambodian charities and both the fundraising activities and the tour itself have helped to raise awareness of the incredible work that has already been done, and what still needs to be done in this wonderful country.

**Bronwen Campbell, Editor**



Liam, Bronwen, James, Breanna and Rob in their decorated Tuk Tuk



Liam, Breanna and James Gatt teaching LaValla School students how to play the Marimba

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On 2nd February we shall begin our services again, after the holidays, every Sunday morning at 10.00am in our beautiful new Church.

Our first Guild Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the year will be held on 2nd March after church (approximately 11.00am)

In December we celebrated the forthcoming festive season with our Guild Christmas Dinner at The Dunoon Club. We invited husbands and families as well as members from the other churches in Dunoon. More than twenty people came and what a pleasant evening we had, with a lot of laughter and good fellowship as well as a good meal from 'Mayfields' Restaurant.

On 22nd December our church was full again when we had our annual 'Carols in the Church'. It was wonderful. Thanks must go to all the children and adults who took part in the tableau. A big Thank You to Santa for calling in and THANK YOU all for coming. Wasn't it great?!

The World Day of Prayer will, this year, be held in our beautiful new building in James Street and hosted by us, the Anglican Church members on Friday 7th March at 7.30pm. This is an ecumenical service held every year all over the world on the same date. The Service, this year, has been prepared by the Christian Women of Egypt and promises to be very interesting. The World Day of Prayer is about sharing. As we listen to the Word of God and to the voices of the

women we share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs. The theme is 'Let Justice Prevail'. I look forward to seeing you there – everyone is welcome and we shall have a good supper afterwards!

**'Gina Murray**  
**(Anglican Women's Guild of St. Matthew's Dunoon)**



**WILDLIFE INFORMATION, RESCUE AND EDUCATION SERVICE**



*Red-necked Pademelon Joey. Photo by Alicia Carter  
Possum joey photo on front cover by Justin McKee*

This little fellow was lucky that an alert passer-by stopped when she saw his mum lying dead on the road as he was still very much alive in her pouch. The rescuer called WIRES straight away after wrapping him snugly in her jumper. Unfortunately it is not unusual to see them as road kill where he was found on Lyons Road at Cougal.

The Red-Necked pademelon is now on the road to recovery and will shortly be introduced to other joeys in care for reha-

bilitation before being released. Marsupial joeys can survive for many days after mum has passed away so please stop if you see a dead marsupial on the road and check. If you find a joey please wrap it snugly and call WIRES straight away. Do not try to feed the joey as they need special formula; most are also in need of intensive care.

WIRES volunteers are trained in how to treat orphaned and injured wildlife and you can be, too, if you wish to join us. Our next training weekend will be 15-16 February at SCU in Lismore.

During 2013, over 800 animals came into WIRES care as a result of motor vehicle incidents in the Northern Rivers. These have included animals which have been orphaned such as brush-tailed possums, ring-tailed possums, wombats, swamp wallaby and Eastern Grey Kangaroo joeys.

Roads with very little street lighting, and reasonably dense bushland on either side are hot spots for incidents between vehicles and animals. WIRES is asking drivers to proceed

through roads like these with caution. Native animals can dart out quickly from dark, dense bushland and suddenly be in your path.

An all-volunteer organisation, WIRES relies heavily on the generosity of caring people for support as we are a charity, not a government service.

If you are interested, call the 24-hour hotline on 6628 1898 or go to <http://wiresnr.org/Helping.html> to find out how you can help. All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.



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**15th & 16th February 2014**  
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[www.wiresnr.org](http://www.wiresnr.org)



**WIRES**

NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service

Welcome to a new school year! We have a wonderful group of 78 students who are super-enthusiastic about being here at the school. Once again, we have four (also wonderful and super-enthusiastic!) classroom teachers: Genevieve Slocombe (Stage 3), Heather Laverick (Stage 2), Will Johnson (Stage 1) and Gavin Henderson (Early Stage 1 and Stage 1). We also have excellent specialist support from our Librarian and Principal Release Teacher (Robin Sanderson), our Japanese Teacher (Rachel Spence), our Music Teacher (Miss Jodie), our Reading Recovery/Learning and Support Teacher (Tanya Collins), Art Teacher (Cathy McEwen), and our Kindergarten Support Teacher (Melinda Lynch).

be making decisions about aspects of the playground that they like and ways to improve their school environment. The students are very motivated about having such a large input into the way



Stage 1 students learning about protection of Koalas (with Mark from Friends of Koala)

This year is shaping up to be a very exciting year with our new creative curriculum kicking off with an inquiry-based exploration of Nature. As part of this, Christine Freeman from the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre is working with the staff and students to explore the natural environment of our school grounds. The students will

the school looks and how they can improve their learning environment. Check out our website to find out more about what's happening at our school, see more pictures and read the students' blog!  
**Until next issue,  
Heather**



Students working with Christine from the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre

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# NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK (NBN)

## NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED NBN CO RADIO NETWORK BASE STATION FACILITIES

The National Broadband Network (NBN) is a high speed broadband network designed to reach 100 percent of Australian premises and provide the communications infrastructure to help us stop falling behind in an increasingly online world.

NBN Co is committed to delivering leading edge broadband services to all Australians by leveraging the three types of technology available – fixed line, fixed radio (wireless) and satellite, depending on location.

As part of the fixed radio (wireless) component of the Network, NBN Co is proposing to establish a radio network base station utilising existing infrastructure to provide high quality wireless broadband services to customers in the Dunoon locality.

Address	Proposed Works
10 Fraser Road, Dunoon, NSW 2480 (Lot 1 DP833644)	Install four panel antennas, three parabolic antennas and equipment cabinets at ground level

NBN Co regards the proposed installation as a Low Impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 1997. In the circumstances it does not require planning approval from Council.

Further information on this specific proposal can be obtained from Richard Turner on  
03 9258 5803 or  
NBNwirelessNSW@visionstream.com.au

*Closing date for public comments will be 21 February 2014*

For general info on the NBN call the NBN Co Solutions Centre on 1800 687 626 email [info@nbnco.com.au](mailto:info@nbnco.com.au) or visit our website at [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au)



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## DRAFT FUTURE WATER STRATEGY ON PUBLIC DISPLAY FROM MID-FEBRUARY

Rous Water will release the draft Future Water Strategy for public consultation on 17 February, following Council endorsement in late 2013.

The draft Future Water Strategy nominates key actions to ensure the availability of reliable water supplies well into the future.

Rous Water Chair, Councillor Sue Meehan said that while the region had sufficient water security in the short to medium term, the Council needed to plan ahead to maintain long-term water security.

“Forecasts show that, even with measures to reduce water use, water demand will grow by 50 per cent over the next 50 years and changes to climate and rainfall

patterns are likely to affect reliability.

“Indications are that we need to act in the near future to extend the life of our supplies and bring new water sources on line to ensure our long-term water security,” Cr Meehan said.

The draft Future Water Strategy proposes three key actions to ensure responsible consumption and to develop new water sources:

—**Key action 1**

—Maximise water efficiency through demand management and conservation.

—**Key action 2**

—Investigate increased use of groundwater as a new water source.

—**Key action 3**

—Investigate the suitability of water re-use as an additional new water source. Cr Meehan said that the proposed Dunoon Dam was also considered within the draft Future Water Strategy.

“A range of detailed studies were undertaken assess the viabil-

ity of the proposed Dunoon Dam.

“These studies showed that while the Dam is technically viable to build, there are cultural heritage and ecological constraints as well as high upfront construction costs, which make other water sources more preferable to the Dunoon Dam.

“Rous Water will preserve the Dunoon Dam proposal while other potential water sources are fully investigated.

“We now welcome community review and feedback about our draft Future Water Strategy prior to finalising the strategy around mid-year,” Cr Meehan said.

To view the draft Future Water Strategy and complete the survey, visit [www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au). To receive a copy by mail, please email [FWS@rouswater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:FWS@rouswater.nsw.gov.au) or call 1800 159 882.

**The consultation period closes on Friday 11 April.**

## Planning for future water security

To maintain a sustainable water supply for the region, Rous Water has developed a draft **Future Water Strategy**.

The Future Water Strategy will help meet future demand from population growth and provide security against changes to climate and rainfall patterns.

Rous Water proposes three key actions to ensure future water security:

### Key action 1

#### Water efficiency

Implement water efficiency programs to ensure existing water sources are used responsibly and efficiently.

### Key action 2

#### Groundwater

Undertake detailed investigation to assess the suitability of increased use of groundwater as a new water source.

### Key action 3

#### Water re-use

Undertake detailed investigation and consultation to assess the suitability of water re-use as an additional new water source.

To view the strategy and complete the online survey, visit: [rouswater.nsw.gov.au](http://rouswater.nsw.gov.au).

Call **1800 159 882** or email [FWS@rouswater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:FWS@rouswater.nsw.gov.au) for more information.

Feedback closes Friday 11 April.

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**G'day Bronwen,**

*Enjoy the paper as always when I get down thataways visiting Ross and Paula. Here's some McDoggerel that you might like. Read it at Poetry in Paradise last month. ([http://www.joansmallpoetry-andbooks.com/poetry\\_in\\_paradise.html](http://www.joansmallpoetry-andbooks.com/poetry_in_paradise.html))*  
**Ian McDougall**

## BANGALOW MARKETS

It's market time down at Bangalow Never been? Well, I reckon, give it a go! If you think you've seen it all Mate, have a wander around the stalls.

Check out the locals if you dare There's wannabe hippies with dread-locked hair Organic growers, native bee keepers Aquarius girls, enlightenment seekers.

Wild rice, coffee, finger limes masseuses offering (wink wink) good times a wide array of tropical fruits for sour sop, tho, couldn't give two hoots

You never know what you will find When through the laneways you do wind Fresh herb growers, protest leaders undraped breasts of natural feeders

More folk arrive, it's really bustling Spruikers charm with humourous hustling For some it's all a big charade Playing up to the passing parade

People line up for wheatgrass shots or fresh-cooked pizzas, with the lot! home-made pastas and curries, exotic kebabs \$10bucks for that? Mate, you've been had!

Add fibre to your diet with organic lentils Fair dinkum; there's even video rentals! tofu, pizza, fresh macadamias lost girl, frightened; who will claim her?

Rows and rows and rows of books might find a bargain, let's have a look refresh your souls, repent your sins Hey mate, don't drop that – use the bin!

Potions for motions, moisturising lotions philosophers espousing fancy notions

soothsayers, fortune tellers, quite absurd (didn't warn me about that steaming dog turd!)

Down this row there's all sorts of bits beads and weavings. Tattooed tits Hemp hats, table mats, bright sarongs Oops, missed that section... won't belong!

If it's the weird and wondrous that you seek Go down to Bangalow, every fourth week Grab a roll, take a stroll, have a good dekko but please take care and don't step on the geckos.

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*The next letter was posted on the website in response to the article and video of the marimba made by the Men's Shed (see under recent posts at [www.dunoongazette.com](http://www.dunoongazette.com))*



**Dear Bronwen,**

I was delighted, courtesy of Rod Little, when I read that the Dunoon Men's Shed had been commissioned to undertake this project.

Rod kept me informed on progress, and sleepless nights, which culminated in the safe delivery of the Marimba to Cambodia.

As a founder member of the Shed, not a little to do with the persuasive charm of Reg Gregor, I would raise three cheers to the band of blokes who turn up each week and make these wishes come true and although I am now far away, back in the UK, my thoughts are with them all.

I would guarantee that any man who has the time to drop in when the Shed is open (Wednesday) will enjoy the warm welcome (and a bit of gentle ribbing) that comes when like-minded people meet, and there might be a skill you didn't know you had waiting to be unleashed.

**Best wishes to all at the Gazette**  
**Alan Mackie**

**Dear Bronwen,**

Thank you for the latest edition of the Gazette - as usual it is full of news and interesting reports.

I hope you can enjoy a wonderful Christmas break and that 2014 is another good year for the Gazette and for you.

**Cr Jenny Dowell**

**Mayor Lismore City Council**

*(Note from the editor - Jenny confirmed that they liked the picture in the Gazette thanking Lismore Council for the new Dunoon Road!)*

## Hi all supporters of a Gasfield-free Dunoon,

We need to support the events listed below:  
**Sue James, Coordinator Gasfield free Dunoon**

### JOHN FENTON TOUR (NORTHERN RIVERS)

**Mon 24 Feb 6pm A&I Hall Bangalow**  
**Tues 25 Feb 7pm RSM Casino 7pm**

John Fenton is a beef farmer and a leading activist in the US against unconventional gas. From Pavillion Wyoming, he lives with polluted ground water, air pollution, restricted land use and other effects of the gas industry. There are 24 gas wells on his farm, The EPA directed him not to use the water to drink, bathe, wash dishes or clothes. John Fenton featured in the Gasland film. He is being brought to Australia & the Northern Rivers by Greens MHR Jeremy Buckingham.

### FOR LOVE OF THE LAND

**Fri 28 Feb 5.30pm Rock Valley Hall, Rock Valley Rd Rock Valley.**

The Rock Valley Rangers present two brilliant films by two talented local film makers: "Fractured Country: an unconventional invasion" by Brendan Shoeb ridge and "Undermining Australia : Coal vs Communities" by David Lowe. Guest speaker: Dr Wayne Somerville "Health impacts of gasfields".

Sausage sizzle from 5.30pm. Supper provided. Donations appreciated.

# VALE CRAIG LEARMONT

On 3 January 2014 our dear friend, Craig Learmont, passed away at the age of 60. Craig was a well-known member of the Dunoon community since moving here with his mother, Isobel, in the early 1990s. They lived in James Street so he soon got to know the village locals.

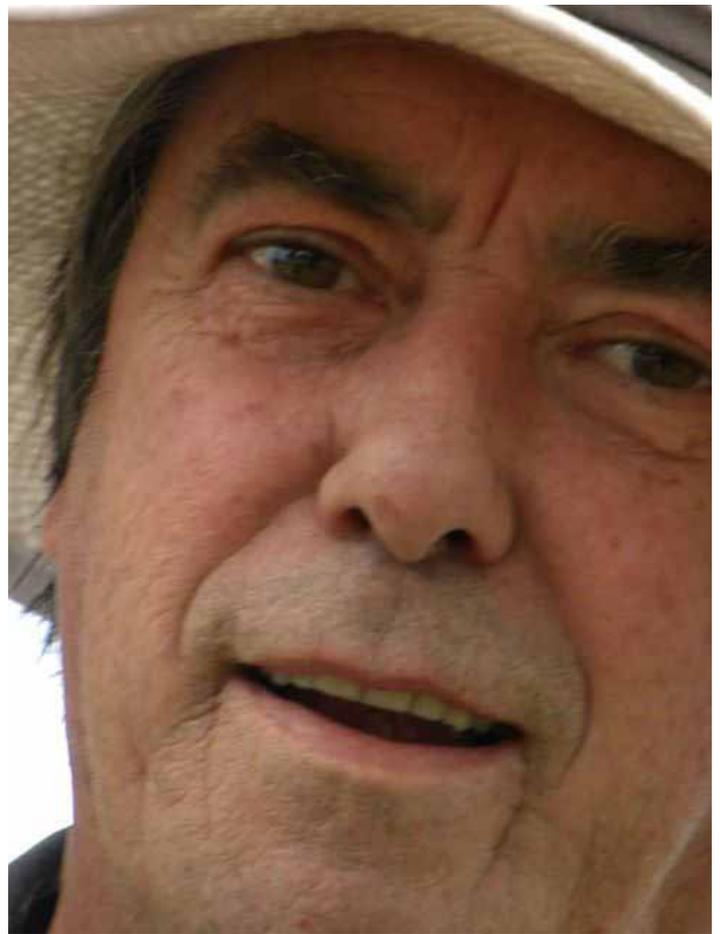
Craig was born and grew up in Sydney where he became well known in the music scene, playing with popular bands such as The Layabouts and Hot Dogma. But Dunoon was the place he loved and called home. It was for his music that most of you will remember him as Craig performed at the Dunoon Sports Club on many occasions, with his partner Michelle and with bands such as Kaos Klezma and Suff'rin Willy Lee Band. He also played at the annual Village Blues Fest and at Pluckers and Poets. It was at a local musical gathering that Craig met his partner to be, Michelle, about 12 years ago. She became the love of his life and they were together to the end.

Craig was honest, caring and unpretentious, always ready to help his friends. Evidence of how well loved he was can be seen in the way that friends and family came from far and wide to see him after he was diagnosed with cancer. It was a swift illness but at least he had a few months with the ones he loved.

Craig passed away at home in Dunoon on 3 January surrounded by his loved ones and was privately cremated. A memorial service was held in Dunoon on

Wednesday 8 January with a musical procession from the hall to the Sports Club, followed by an afternoon of spoken and musical tributes. The number of friends, family and musicians who travelled to be there is witness to the love and admiration he inspired.

Craig is survived by his partner Michelle and her son Ben, his daughter Carla, son-in-law Danny and their two daughters, his dear sister Jennifer and brother John, and his extended family as well as all the friends whose life he touched.  
**Annabelle Crow**



## Letter from Michelle

I would like to extend my heart felt gratitude for the support given to Craig and myself over the last 6 months. Thank you for the food, the support, the kind words, the supportive smile, the offers of help and the love that you have given us both through this difficult and tragic time.

In particular I would like to thank the team at the Dunoon Medical

Centre who gave above and beyond their job descriptions to make it as easy for us as possible.

Personally I would like to thank the Dunoon sports club for their understanding and compassion in regards to my employment. Craig was overwhelmed by the support and love he was given by this community.

Thank you from us both.  
**Michelle Fitness**



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VILLAGE HALL**

Thursday evening at 7.30pm  
Call Charles 6628 2064

# what's on @ dunoon sports club

**NEW - Aussie Trivia - Starting on Wednesday Feb 12th at 6:30pm**



**W**e are already well into the New Year and the latest big event at the club was Australia Day - fantastic turn out by the locals, and a lot of fun had by all.

There are some changes, with Mayfields open for lunch on Sundays, and live music every fourth Sunday, plus Aussie Trivia on Wednesdays. Another event coming up is Air Structure playing on Friday 21st February, in addition to the usual pluckers and poets, trivia and raffle nights. Come along and join the fun.

## SOMETHING NEW AT THE CLUB.....

Starting on Wednesday Feb. 12th at 6.30pm

A fun night for all age groups. Free to play. Come and test your knowledge. Will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month.

## STARTING IN MARCH

### Mayfields Restaurant

Open for Lunch every Sunday from 12 Noon.

### Sunday on the Deck

Live and Laid Back music from 1pm 4th Sunday of the Month.

*Thank you to all Club Members who participated in our recent survey. Your responses were greatly appreciated.*



### MONTHLY CALENDAR DUNOON SPORTS CLUB FROM MARCH 2014

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Week One				Pool Comp. 6.30pm	Live Band 8.30pm Raffles/Badge		
Week Two			Aussie Trivia 6.30pm	Pool Comp. 6.30pm	Raffles & Badge Draw 7 to 8pm		Pluckers and Poets open mic 3.30pm
Week Three				Pool Comp. 6.30pm	Raffles & Badge Draw 7 to 8pm	Trivia with Annabelle 3.00pm	
Week Four			Aussie Trivia 6.30pm	Pool Comp. 6.30pm	Raffles & Badge Draw 7 to 8pm		Sunday on the Deck Live & Laid Back Music 1pm
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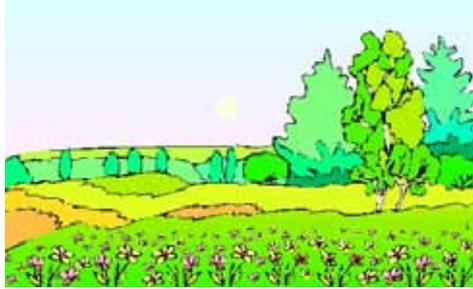
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*Information for members and their  
guests.*

# DUNOON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

## REGISTRATION

The soccer season is upon us, with registration now open at Dunoon United Football Club.

A great way to keep fit and active, junior football also encourages teamwork, communication, ability to follow instructions, and good sportsmanship. Besides these benefits, it's just great fun! But the fun is not limited to the juniors; interested mums and dads are also encouraged to join in.

Dunoon has both men's and women's teams from beginner levels. For more information, email [dunoonunitedfc@ffnc.net.au](mailto:dunoonunitedfc@ffnc.net.au) or come along to one of our information sessions at Balzer Park:

## Information sessions

**Saturday 1st February, 10am to 12pm**

**Thursday 13th February, 4pm to 6pm**

**Saturday 15th February, 10am to 12pm**

In the interest of promoting women's health and participation in sport, anyone contemplating joining the senior women's team is encouraged to participate, obligation-free, in any training session throughout February, before signing up.

Senior Women's training occurs on Thursdays, 5.30 – 7pm, and Senior Men have a friendly kick on Sundays 5:30 - 7pm. All newcomers welcome!



Dunoon United FC offers some of the lowest fees on the North Coast.

Age Group	Fee
5 to 7	\$75
8 to 11	\$90
12 to 16	\$120
17 to 18	\$170
Senior Men & Women	\$315

This year will be particularly exciting, as we celebrate our 20 year anniversary! There are many events planned throughout the year, beginning with a pre-season junior carnival on April 6th.

2014 is a great year to be involved with Dunoon United Football Club, so come along to any of the information days, or register online at [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au).

## Dunoon Soccer Club Committee

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

As the new president at the Dunoon United Football Club (the soccer type football, for those who weren't sure), let me first thank our most recent president Andy Bain for his great service to the club, and thanks too, to the immediate past committee members and Canteen Managers.

As Darryl, a past president, continues his story of the history of the Dunoon United Football Club in the next article, I'd like to also throw in a little of what's happening within the committee in 2014.

Although it's the off season at the moment, the committee has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season including registrations which are now open. This year the committee is encouraging as many people as possible to register online at [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au). You can also get to the online registration area via the brand new club web site at [dunoonunitedfc.org.au](http://dunoonunitedfc.org.au).

While you are on the website you might like to take a look at all the other great content that Paul Bloomfield has put there (thanks Paul). The content of the site will definitely grow with time but there is already some great information there including all the new club policies and procedures.

I would like to welcome everyone to participate in the club whether you play or not. The football club is not just about sport, it is about community, our community. Whether you are there to play a game or just to watch and encourage others who are, you will be warmly welcomed at the club.

Come down and have a kick, or if you like, just come down and meet some people and enjoy the company.

See you there!

**Rob Gatt**  
**President**  
**Dunoon United Football Club**  
**0428 884 222**



*Rob (new president) and Roy with their team of 2010. Haven't they grown - the kids that is, not Rob and Roy!*

## SSFC CAMBODIA

As a great end to the 2013 soccer year, it was an enormous privilege and pleasure to be able to provide some new equipment to the Soccer Skills and Fitness Centre in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Breanna and Liam Gatt raised funds (USD200), and the Gatt family purchased the equipment (soccer balls and cones, plus funds for shoes) within Cambodia to further support the local businesses.

All the younger members of the fund-raising tour (Breanna, Liam and Josh from Dunoon, Jordan from Mullumbimby, Sam and Sharni from Skennars Head), plus Rob Gatt, visited and joined in a training session with the kids and trainers on the program. They donated the equipment

and funds as representatives of Dunoon United Football Club and everyone had a great time using the new equipment and developing their skills and fitness. To see the photos go to their facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SoccerSkillsFitnessCentre](http://www.facebook.com/SoccerSkillsFitnessCentre)

From left: Sitoun (ex-Yodiffee student), participant, Felicity Wright, Sam, Sharni, Jordan, Breanna, Rob, Liam, Obi (SSFC Co-Director,) Thona (ex Yodiffee student), Josh



## DUNOON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB HISTORY PART 2

### WHY GREEN AND GOLD?!

Only the first committee of Dunoon and District Soccer can answer that question, were they the only colours left, or was it because they were the school's colours? The answer is out there, somewhere.

So did your name appear as a volunteer to Dunoon Soccer in Part 1 of our history, last issue? Well let's see who coached our kids over the years: Peter Harrison, then Les Amor with the first Dingoes; Steve Barrett with his 16's and then 13's; there's James Domski with the Rockets; Peter Murphy with the panthers; our first female coach Celena Poad coaching her son Jessie. Now Jessie's shirt is framed as the 1st ten years at the club - it has a mark midway down, but was the cleanest on the day, from paddock to framer, no washing, no time. Celena was the inspiration for many female coaches, not only at our club, but clubs across far north coast, Rachael Muller with the second Dingoes for 8 or 9 years and didn't she do well in the Northern Territory (congratulations Rachael) and Danielle Buchanan with the Dynamites, Dynamites by name, Dynamite on the paddock, yep, they just kept scoring, goal after goal.

So who remembers Tina Smith, who was lucky enough to be coached by Tina? I was first introduced to Tina at sign-on. Here's Tina, beanie, dreadlocks, flannel shirt, king-gee work shorts, footy socks and work boots, so I waltz up: "How you going mate, you want to be a coach?"

...And with Tina's girly voice, I got a yes. Ahh ahh you all knew, I thought she was a bloke, but I will say this, Tina was one of the best coaches Dunoon has ever seen with her understanding of soccer and understanding of her players. She was offered some fantastic deals from other clubs to coach, but she was loyal to us to the day she departed home to England.

There have been so many players for Dunoon over the years and not everyone can be mentioned, so here are some of my most memorable moments. Erin Hyde trained well and played on the left wing for the Tigers. Was Erin going to score in a game - probably not. But after years of playing, Erin smashed the ball to the back of the net - you know one of those kicks that spins the ball with force and speed, and rocks the back of the net like a senior. Well Erin just stands there, doesn't move, a good 15 metres out, all other team players, including goalie rushing to him. The silence at Balzer Park, all quiet, was it Erin? Think so, yep Erin, and then from silence to this massive roar from parents and players, and looking around at parents involved and myself - tears of joy for a player that has waited so long.

Ben Arthur from the 1st Dingoes is another left winger. He could take the ball to the depth of the corner and with arms out like a B52 bomber, he'd circle the ball and smash it 8 times out of 10 across the goal face, so many goals were scored from his ability on the left foot. Luke Pirlo is another that comes to mind. Having a go at goalie he has

to attempt to save a shot, full length dive, arms fully stretched, he tips the ball out, massive save, inches from hitting the goalpost, and with no concern for his welfare, just commitment.

Only got one Grand Final win as president. All the Giants players deserved that win, but one goal stands out. David Henville was set up for a shot, good weight, dead in front, he shoots with force, smashing the ball in; it hits the rear goal support at the ground level and rebounds straight back at him, so he smashes it home again. It happens so fast I'm sure the ref didn't see the first hit.

Having been involved with Dunoon Soccer for so many years as an administrator and coach there are a lot of memorable moments, but this sticks in the mind the most. Alstonville Junior Carnival, coaching the Tigers. Now the games are quick - 10 minutes each way. Lost the first game - players didn't realise the speed of this short game play. Won second, won third, and while getting lunch looked at progressive scores. We're equal first. The other team we play next in the same position, last and final game for the day. So in we go, game plan was attack the goal, even our goalie had to play forward and play your guts out. Well did we win, the sideline packed with players and parents of all teams played that day willing and calling "Go Dunoon". We jagged a 1 all draw, but on goal count-back Dunoon were victors and it doesn't get any better knowing all those teams wanted us to win.

**Darryl Winkler, Past President/Coach**

## MEN'S SHED

### G'day Mates...

A big hello to all for the year ahead. The "shed" is back and going with coffee and conversation our main claim to fame. Can't get the boss to invest in a good coffee machine (maybe he'll bring us one back from Sydney).

We're now all members (paid up members that is) of the Dunoon and District Sports and Recreation Club. which hopefully will encourage generous support in our desperate need for larger accomodation. Watching Michael set up his work area in full 40 degree sun whilst Darce and Karl almost come to blows over use of space is a sad reflection on what could be.

Here's hoping in 2014.

Meanwhile - we open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. with a \$5 contribution for a burger and drink for lunch - all men welcome - an opportunity for a laugh and a rave.

C U There

Dave

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June	28	The Man Who Sued God (2001)
August	9	Charade (1963)
October	11	TBA (Breast Cancer Fundraiser)
Nov	29	The Blues Brothers (1980) and Pulp Fiction (1994) Men's Health Fundraiser

**CHANNON-DUNOON PONY CLUB SIGN ON**

The Channon-Dunoon Pony Club is gearing up for another year of fun filled, horsey adventure. Last year we enjoyed a diverse range of activities from dressage to vaulting, carriage driving to cross country jumping and trail riding in between. Members competed at Gymkhana's and Jamboree with a relaxing camp in Kyogle to round the year off.

Our sign on day this year will be held on Sunday February 16 at Coronation Park starting at 9.30.

Due to new rules under the PCNSW, all horses must be fully vaccinated against the Hendra Virus to join. The certificate of vaccination must be presented at sign on as well as a Property Identification Code Number. For enquiries please contact : **Fiona Wilders 0435 051 496** or visit our website

[www.channondunoonponyclub.pcansw.org.au](http://www.channondunoonponyclub.pcansw.org.au)

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Dunoon Film Society Presents

# Wallace & Gromit

## The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (PG)

Clay-mation favourites Wallace & Gromit set out to discover the mystery behind the garden sabotage that plagues their village and threatens the annual giant vegetable growing contest.

Doors open at 6.30pm for dinner. Film starts at 7.30pm

BYO drinks. Coffee and cakes at intermission.

Dunoon Film Society is a fundraising initiative for the Dunoon Hall

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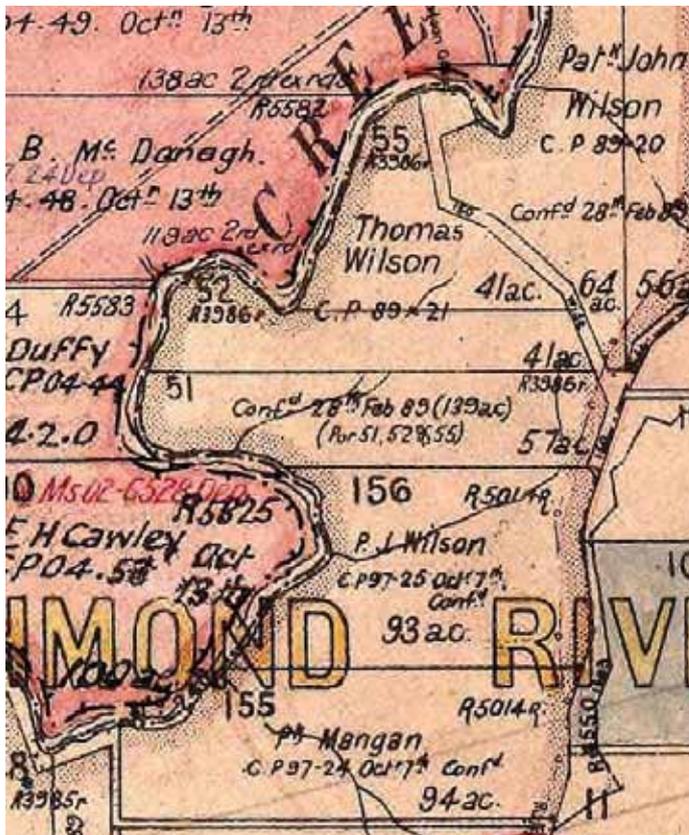
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# FAST

## PARISH MAP OF DUNOON

My most exciting recent breakthrough in local history has been the discovery (on line) of the parish map that was in office use from 4 Nov 1889 to 6 May 1898. It was the second edition of the parish map. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the first edition! Remember that when the 400 acre Dorrobee Grass Reserve was declared on 9 Dec 1878 it was in the County of Rous, parish unnamed. The first selections in the parish were made the following year. There was no land in the parish west of the main road available for selection till 1888. This map shows "special areas" marked out and already selected. The village began to develop when portion 6 was subdivided in 1904/5. The PO stands now precisely where Friedmann opened his PO Store in 1904. Portion 1 was/is at the bend in the road, east of the nut factory.



dates Whian Whian Road. Look on sheet 2 where East Road crosses Rocky Creek (in portion 55) and you will see in a faint hand the words "fr Lagoon Grass". Now go to sheet 3 and see the road to the Village Reserve that eventually became The Channon. It becomes a track which branches off "to Lagoon Grass". See where that track crosses Rocky Creek. A road used run along the left bank of the creek, but to reach that other crossing for Lagoon Grass a road ran along the western and southern edges of portion 154. The three portions (154-156) were declared a village reserve (11 Nov 1888). Since 1908 Whian Whian Road has run through Paddy Mangan's portion 155. Eddie Leeson tells us that Paddy was not at all happy. The surveyors would peg out the road and Paddy would follow them each night and pull out the pegs. Council had to threaten legal action before the survey could be completed.

The major change in the road had been made prior to 1883 so that is not a feature of the map in question, but the new road to the Channon is shown on this map drawn by hand, indicating that it was opened at some time while this map was in use at the Lands Office. Hunters Hill Road was also drawn by hand, and there are some very interesting changes in the course of Duncan Road. The main road was dramatically redrawn further north, in the vicinity of East Road, which is now a dead end road but at that time it lead to a logging camp where it crossed Rocky creek. The parish map was a working document and was constantly updated as lands were selected and roads were altered.

Now I could try to reprint parts of this map but readers can see the interactive map on their own computer. The link <http://parish-maps.lands.nsw.gov.au/pmap.html> will get you into the web site. There is a link to the

Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV). Before you can proceed, you have to accept the conditions of use. As soon as you click on "accept" the screen is transformed.

Enter "Dunoon" as your keyword and get results. You will be offered 13 different maps, but only 10 are listed on the first page. Select page 2. Once you have selected the edition map you see the screen divided into four panels. I usually close all but the main panel. This map (ed 2) is presented in four sheets. Each sheet can be viewed separately and each can be modified using the tools provided. To see detail, you will need to enlarge. Select the magnifying glass and move it down the sheet to enlarge, then select the hand tool to push the map around your screen.

Because the map I am referring to comes as four sheets, the illustration I have chosen to print comes from a later map (the fourth edition) which also pre-

Much of the Grass reserve was declared a special area on 20 July 1895 and those three portions were selected in May and June the following year. The remainder was re-declared a reserve for camping and recreation (14 Nov 1896) but Morris later obtained a further lease. It is barely noticeable that the Methodist church stood on Portion 58 and the writing in that area is almost unreadable.

It is worth noting that the 2 acre reserve for a public school on Missingham Road is shown as portion 8 but the school house is shown further west. Note a hut on Gavin Arthur's land further east. See also the various "good crossings" marked on the main creeks. To look at other editions click again on get results.

Denis Matthews

## DORROBEE GRASS RESERVE TRUST

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I have had quite a few inquiries over Christmas about the best way to brew beer (must be the season!) Instead of answering the same questions over and over, I have decided to provide some tips and tricks over the next few issues. Hopefully this will constitute something of a 'guide to making better beer'.



## Ingredients

### Extract

If you had guests over for a dinner party would you serve them stale bread, old vegetables and chicken that had been in the fridge for two weeks? If you answered yes, stop reading this now, there's nothing I can do for you! For the rest of us, we know that good ingredients make good food. So too with beer.

Most brewers are using tins of extract.

The trick is to use the most fresh one possible. To use another food analogy, it's better to buy tins of food from a shop that has high turnover, rather than a shop that sells one tin per month. For this reason I suggest buying your extract from any shop/supermarket/department store that has the highest turnover. I am afraid that some of the shops I have visited keep really out of date stock, especially the more expensive tins from other countries. Old extract imparts a stale 'twang' that is unpleasant. Check the use by date.

### Yeast

As mentioned in previous articles, the yeast under the lid may not be the best choice. There is every chance that it is past its best and may also be damaged by high temps. Any place that stocks home brew supplies, (and knows what it is doing) will have the yeast refrigerated. You should too. I will talk more about yeast management in a later issue (better yeast and yeast management is probably one of the most critical ways to improve your beer).

### Water

Tap water is fine, but with some caveats. Have you ever drunk out of a hose that has been lying in the sun? Remember that plastic taste? Always run water through until that taste is gone, or even better, don't use a hose!

Filtered water, reverse osmosis etc are all fine, but not really needed unless you are brewing with all grain, which is a whole other kettle of fish. Rule of thumb is that if it is good enough to drink it is good enough to brew with.

### Sugar

The usual catch cry is that you should never use white sugar as it may cause a 'green apple' flavour. One of Australia's finest brewing minds, the unique 'Dr Ulysses N Kurtz' had this same point put to him once. His reply was to ask the person if they had ever baked cakes or other sweets using white sugar, and whether these tasted like green apples! The lesson here is to try for yourself. Homebrew equipment sellers make loads of money from selling expensive sugars such as dextrin and maltodextrin. Here's where you can do an experiment. Make two beers in a row with the same recipe and procedures. In one, use white sugar in the other use the sugar of your choice (brown, raw, dextrin etc). After a month taste the bottles, if you can taste a difference choose the one you like best!

Next issue we will investigate equipment and cleaning.

Until then, as they say in Thailand, Chok dee!

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In the last issue of the Gazette I wrote about the 50th Anniversary of Toyota in PNG and of my involvement in Toyota's history and some of the events that happened to me during my working and living in the 33 years I lived in PNG.

The "Queen Emma" series I wrote about in previous Gazettes was supposed to be the "final" instalment of my times in PNG (and the other South Pacific Island Nations that I had visited), but it's not to be as there are so many other interesting stories yet to be told, and so it is that I go back to those "Memories" of the Pacific Islands once again.

In ones life there is always the unexpected that happens when you least expect it, and it can have a lasting effect on you and this can be in any shape or form. Some of these instances are minor, but the other ones are not, and they stick in your memory for years afterwards.

Throughout the thirty three years that I lived and worked in PNG plus a further two years in the other Pacific Island nations I faced quite a number of instances that in some cases nearly took my life or affected me in a totally different manner. And so, I begin with these "special moments."

I've been through numerous earthquakes from small to large, volcanoes suddenly erupting without warning, flash floods, tidal waves, tribal fighting (especially in the Highlands of PNG), being shot at, numerous "hairy" drives in many parts of PNG, and removing dead and injured people in traffic accidents, and of course, the many attempted break and entries, and being confronted by large sharks while snorkelling in the Gazelle Peninsula.

The whole of Papua New Guinea, (including Indonesia's west Papua) is still a very young country compared to the island continent of Australia. In fact, the whole of New Guinea is still settling down and it also stands on the very edge of a massive continental plate that is still moving northwards towards the Equator. The whole of the northern rim of PNG has a "Ring of Fire" along its northern fault line consisting of hundreds of volcanoes from small to massive giants – including Mount Ulawun in the West New Britain Province. This volcano is the 6th largest in the world standing 2334 metres high and is

one of the most active and dangerous volcanoes in PNG. Its last eruption was in 2007. I have flown over it and have driven up to its base which is just over 40 km across. And so, it's with volcanoes that I will start with my other "adventures" in PNG.

Anyone who has ever flown over Papua New Guinea can only be amazed at the ruggedness of it, with its high mountain ranges and its many coastlines, long rivers, huge coastal plains, but one thing that stands out amongst all of this are the numerous volcanoes, active and dormant, that are scattered all over the place from small ones a few hundred metres tall to the giants that stand several thousand metres tall, and the numerous volcanic islands that stand off the coasts of PNG to the north.

Over many years past there have been some massive volcanic eruptions that changed the shape and structure of PNG physically, especially up in the northern regions along the coastline of East and West New Britain starting at Rabaul to the east and down past Kimbe to the west. The area around Rabaul is the most active in PNG and the last major eruption was by two volcanoes erupting at the same time in Rabaul on September 19th, 1994. This twin volcanic eruption destroyed 93% of Rabaul.

Further to the south on Bougainville Island there are several large dormant volcanoes standing at least 2,000 metres or more tall with massive cones that are now filled with water up to a hundred metres deep and up to a kilometre wide, while several others are large ones that are still semi-active. During the 13 months we were on Bougainville (1973-1974) there were several eruptions from one of the giants of which lava flows were up to nearly ten kilometres out to sea. The earthquakes that accompanied these eruptions were quite scary indeed.

No matter where you lived in PNG, whether it is on the coast or further inland and up into the highlands, you can be assured you were not all that far from a volcano – whether dormant or still active. A leading volcanologist who was visiting Rabaul in early 1996 (while I was there) told me that there are really no "extinct" volcanoes. If they erupted once they will erupt again whether it's a few years to a thousand years or more later on.

Of all the places I have been to in PNG Rabaul town has the most volcanoes surrounding it of any other town in the world. There are seven of them of which two could erupt at anytime. The township itself is actually inside the crater of what was once a massive volcano that "imploded" several thousand years ago, (it collapsed in on itself), and this caused the ocean close by to rush in and fill the gaping big hole with sea water and thus Simpson Harbour and Blanche Bay were formed. There are two more volcanoes some 25km away from Rabaul and these are Watom Island and Mount Varzin behind Kokopo, making nine in all. I've visited all except Watom Island.

When it comes to numbers of volcanoes along the north coast of East and West New Britain the numbers are staggering. Most are near the coast with a few big ones further inland and some out to sea forming islands of their own. From Biala, a small town midway between Rabaul and Kimbe, I could see quite clearly towards Kimbe over 30 volcanoes from small ones to monsters including Mount Ulawun. The dirt road between Biala and Kimbe is about 130 km long and I came across numerous hot springs right beside the road bubbling away like anything and clouds of hot steam rising all the time and these were the outlets of smaller active volcanoes a few kilometres inland. The local natives told me that if any one of these springs stops bubbling then it's time to get away from that area for an eruption is imminent.

While I was stationed in Kimbe several times in 1996 and 1997 I drove up to Talasea some 35 km north from Kimbe a number of times but what amazed me the most were the number of dormant volcanoes beside the road all the way up. I counted 38 volcanoes, (all dormant), from a couple of hundred metres high up to at least 1,000 metres high and two of these larger ones had been active a year or so beforehand and the lava flow had crossed the road a few times in different locations.



At Talasea there is an island of volcanoes some two kilometres off shore from the end of the road and I could count close to twelve volcanic cones on this island and the largest, Mount Guria, stood nearly a thousand metres high. According to the records, it last erupted in 1700. As a matter of interest, the local people named it

*Mt Ulawun (left) and Mt Umnua volcanoes near Bialla 2003*



Mount Guria; the Pidgin word for “Guria” is an earthquake, and believe me, when a volcano starts erupting you can be assured there will be small to large “Guria’s” before, during, and after a volcanic eruption. I experienced this many times during my time in Rabaul in 1996 and 1997.

I was sent up to Rabaul several times in 1996/97 to help re-establish the Ela Motors complex that was totally destroyed in the devastating twin volcanic eruption of September 19th 1994 when the two most prominent volcanoes, Vulcan and Tavuvur, erupted together starting an eruption that was to eventually destroy practically all of Rabaul town.

Prior to this major event I had been to Rabaul in 1970, 1971, 1974, and 1984 and knew what a beautiful place it was, but to see it again in 1996 I was literally blown away at the total devastation the twin volcanoes caused in the 1994 eruption.

During the six months in total I was in Rabaul in 1996/97, Tavuvur volcano, at the top end of what was once the Rabaul airport was constantly emitting ash and smoke day and night, from light emissions to all-out eruptions. The hotel I was staying at in Rabaul was only about five kilometres from Tavuvur itself and whenever it decided to erupt the shockwaves from the explosion hit the hotel about two seconds later causing it to shudder and sway a bit, but it was the large plate glass windows in the dining room that were of concern for us for as soon as the soundwave hit the plate glass we could actually see the large panes of glass bulging in the middle then suddenly pop back to normal once the shockwave passed on.

It was during some of these larger eruptions that “volcanic storms” would erupt in amongst the ash and debris as it was shot skyward. Huge bolts of lightning with tremendous loud claps of thunder would follow at the same time, and it was during these eruptions that the earth tremors would start from mild to heavy movements. It was the continuous noise of the eruptions that made it so uncomfortable to be anywhere near – you simply put your hands over your ears to help reduce the noise as much as possible when an eruption came on.

One of my “scariest” moments was on the afternoon of October 4th 1996 as I was driving the 35km from Kokopo back to Rabaul. It was also my daughter’s 21st birthday and she was over in the

U.K. at the time. My mind was on her as I was driving along around 4pm that afternoon. Suddenly, and without warning, I heard this horrendous explosion that very soon after hit my car as I drove along towards Rabaul. The shock-wave hit the side of my car with such force that I nearly lost total control of the car and it nearly fell into a four metre deep crevasse near the edge of the road.

I managed to stop the car and get out of it when very soon after an earthquake of about 4 on the Richter scale followed which lasted about ten seconds. I was totally alone on this stretch of the ash covered road and I could just see Tavuvur volcano belching out huge masses of ash and smoke – it had gone into another full eruption which lasted for about twenty minutes or so.



*Vulcan erupting 19th September 1994*

Luckily for everyone there was a fairly strong westerly wind blowing at the time which blew the smoke and ash out to sea. I survived that sudden ordeal but believe me I was shocked, and it took me a few days to finally calm down.

It was reported the next day that people as far south as Bougainville over 400 kilometres away could hear the explosions of Tavuvur volcano when it erupted that afternoon.

There have been many major eruptions in Rabaul over the years and one of the most famous occurred on the 29th May 1937 when Vulcan volcano rose up out of Vulcan Island that had been formed nearly 50 years previously by another major earthquake. Today, Vulcan is about 400 metres high with several large vent holes in it and is the second most dangerous volcano in Rabaul with Tavuvur being the most dangerous. Tavuvur erupted in June 1941 and it was very active again when the Japanese invasion force sailed into Rabaul during WW2 on the 22nd January 1942.

There were several small eruptions over the following years, then on September 19th 1994 Rabaul was changed forever when both Tavuvur and Vulcan volcanoes erupted together.



*Original road to Kokopo near Vulcan volcano Sept 1996*

The deadliest volcanic eruption in modern times in PNG was when Mount Lamington, (near Popondetta) fully erupted on the 21st January 1951 killing over 3,000 people. The explosive blast was equal to an atomic bomb being detonated.

PNG will still continue to “settle down” for years to come and in the process there will still be many more volcanic eruptions and earthquakes ahead.

**Charles Betteridge**

## UNDER THE BIG TREE

Happiness is: lounging in my camp chair under “the big tree” – a huge camphor laurel at our camp site in Palmer’s Island– with a cuppa or glass of red wine to hand and a great book.



*Camping in the shade of the big tree*

Looking up through the glorious spreading branches with leaves rustling gently in the breeze is just heaven, whether I am gazing up at a brilliant blue sky with light fluffy clouds or stars so bright you feel you could fall among them into the endless universe above – I am utterly entranced.

It is always full moon at some point during our annual stay and it is hypnotising to see “her” seemingly sail through the branches and clouds, radiant light reflecting down on us as we campers sit chatting beneath the great tree.

These are the sights we take for granted and notice little throughout the year as we rush about during the day and hide indoors after dark, giving the stars, moon and clouds only a cursory glance and paying them only that attention that relates to our daily activities. Will it rain on our washing/special event? Do we need to take an umbrella today?

But when you are camping, even the “glamping” we do with powered sites and mod cons like fridges & fans for comfort and convenience, the sky becomes our big screen tv and entertainment system rolled into one. Birds swooping (pooping!) kites flying, planes & insects buzzing, breeze blowing, clouds

contorting into new shapes as they make their way across the canvas of the sky.

Plans are made in regard to what the sky tells us – should we get to the beach, blue pools early before it gets too hot? Will the water park/pool be freezing? Is

that blue patch over there above the surf beach we want to head to? Do we need to alter the tent poles to brace against the wind or let the rain run off without collapsing the tarp? Are we all huddling together under one of our huge tents/tarps/

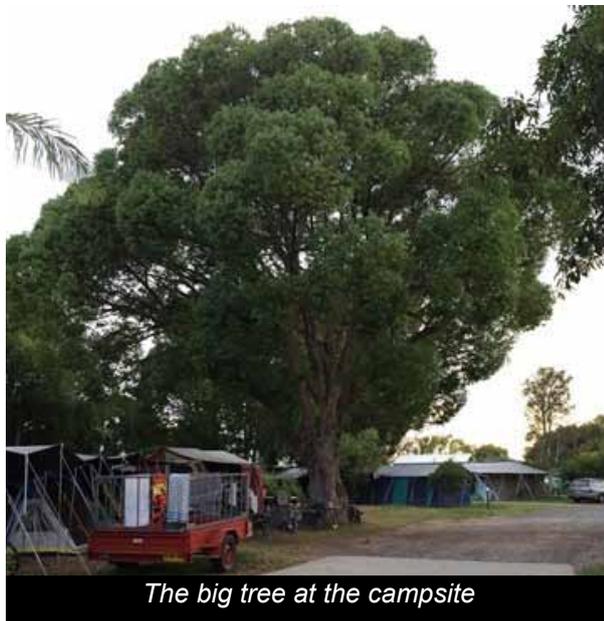
camper trailers or spread out beneath the Big Tree reading, chatting and playing games enjoying the respite from the sun.

All the camp kids were disappointed on arrival at the caravan park to discover that their big tree – the one they liked to spread out on the grass under and just chill out, all ages, had been cut down; they loved taking a break in its shade while playing cricket, or chatting there after dark “away from you old people”. They didn’t need comfy chairs for aging backs and tired legs – just sweet green grass with as few bindies as possible.

Other campers passing by should have been able to tell what time it was by which side of “our” Big Tree we were sitting under. Morning – interrupted by walks, bike rides & trips to beach meant visiting me under the tree as the shade fell on our side. I would be found there from 6 am onwards with my coffee and book after a quick walk to see the sunrise over the river – watching the camp grounds slowly awaken. Waving off the early risers heading out for a quick fishing trip by boat, kayak or wading into the river. One by one many friends would join me with their breakfast or cuppas, newspapers, crosswords or books in hand. Scatter for lunch or other activities with families and then back under the other side of the tree to share afternoon snacks and relax a wee bit more.

After dinner, time for drinks and building a fire under the big tree yet again. Our kids all day running from their bikes/scooters/ripstiks/skateboards to the jumping pillow/pool/water park and chilling with board games, books & comparing hand held computer games. The offspring wondering how we could enjoy just sitting around together under the tree so much. They’ll understand one day how amazing it is to get the chance to do nothing at all but relax, and to be able to share that time with friends who make you laugh and smile and just genuinely enjoy each other’s company without having to rush off to work or appointments or organising a designated driver after a night out.

No stress.



*The big tree at the campsite*

All good things must come to an end and here we are, back at home as ready as we can be to get back into the new year of work, school and bills, and looking forward already to the treat of camping together again at the beginning of the next year. But thinking of that amazing tree has reminded me of so many over the years that have brought me joy. I am not a gardener by any stretch of the imagination, I prefer to look not touch, appreciat-

ing gardens and the wild landscape as being a solace to the eye after working indoors all week but having no interest in breaking my back over mulching, pruning, watering etc. Flowers are pretty, shrubs are just shrubs and lawns not worth the obsession so many people have with them, but trees are amazing.

I love the thousands of variations of bark and leaf and twisting branches, I wish I could still climb them as I did as a child. Tree houses are every child's dream – and many adults too. Who didn't want to live like the Swiss Family Robinson or Tarzan with twisting staircases, rope ladders, wooden decks and timber bridges winding from tree to tree. I never had a cool tree house; the closest I could get was nailing a few pieces of wood into an old peppercorn tree on our farm (near Parkes in the Central West) to make steps up its wide trunk and a small platform to relax on, and a few more bits of wood nailed up to make a book shelf - of course!

Dad made swings in another tree close by for my younger sister and me and we spent hours just lazily swinging back and forth dragging our feet through the dust below, avoiding the bull ants and odd snake – either of whom we were not keen on being bitten by.

Tall pines trees just called out to be climbed – their branches a spiral staircase to the sky once someone gave you a leg up to the first one. The game to see how high you could go before the branches became too thin to support your weight and the top of the tree would start to bend and sway making you thrilled, dizzy and scared all at the same time.

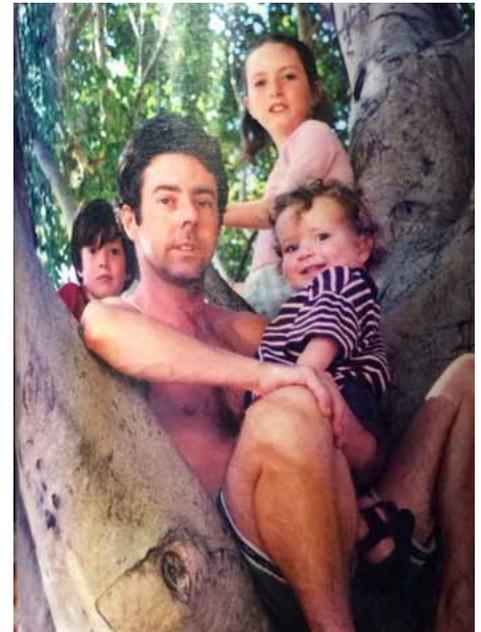
As a teen I loved lounging on the cool grass under the shade of the trees at the local pool, eyes closed watching the dappled light dancing on my eyelids, such a respite from the scorching summer sun and baking hot cement surrounding the pool. There's a photo somewhere too of myself and six of my group of girlfriends laying along the low branch of a riverside gum, looking like a flock of rosellas in our eighties fluoro fashions as we dangled our feet into the creek

below on one of the girls' farms. Bliss.

Many years later, many homes and adventures under my belt I was a young mum in my twenties, living in beautiful Orange with two kids under four. The first house we lived in there had a gorgeous big elm and oak trees in the yard, shading the old home with its bull-nosed verandah and climbing roses on its pretty iron fretwork. Sarah and Ben loved climbing those trees, their little legs needing a boost up to the lowest branches from where they could scuttle up a few more and peep out at me from amongst the leaves like cheeky monkeys. I was not allowed to glance away as they repeatedly called "Look at me mum" as they got higher and higher. Eventually they would be ready to come down and leap into my arms so I could feed and water them. In autumn it was just as much fun, as even though the twisting branches were bare the golden leaves were scattered below just screaming "run through me" "throw me in the air and watch me swirl". The soft moss below the trees were the perfect place to collapse for a rest after we had played enough to lose our breath.

After moving back up here to be closer to Paul's family (and so he would stop whinging about the cold – good Lord put a jumper on and shut up man) there were new trees to enjoy. Exploring the Big Scrub at Rocky Creek Dam, relaxing in the shade at Whian Whian, marvelling at the beauty of the Tibouchina, Jacaranda, Frangipani and Poincianas. We hung out often at Spinaze Park near the Tullera Hall, with playgroup friends or playing tennis with all the kids up the fig trees there and at Balzer Park.

Who can forget the loss of the last fig tree at the Balzer oval in Dunoon – ripped out by the tornado and flung onto the clubhouse? The wonderful tree that provided shade for so many watching village cricket, soccer and little athletics over so many generations, not to mention playing host to birthday parties and barbecues under its branches. So glad a replacement was replanted in the same spot but it will be a long time till we can appreciate the shade of the new one.



Paul, Ben Sarah & Ethan in the fig at Spinaze Park Tullera 2002

Trees aren't perfect, they can block our view, wreck our plumbing, fill our gutters and fall on our houses and drop crap on cars but their uses and delights far outweigh the negatives, and I know that whenever I am stressed this year I will think of being under the big tree at camp and let that feeling of peace just wash over me so I can breathe again and get on with the next task that needs to be conquered.

Caz Greene

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