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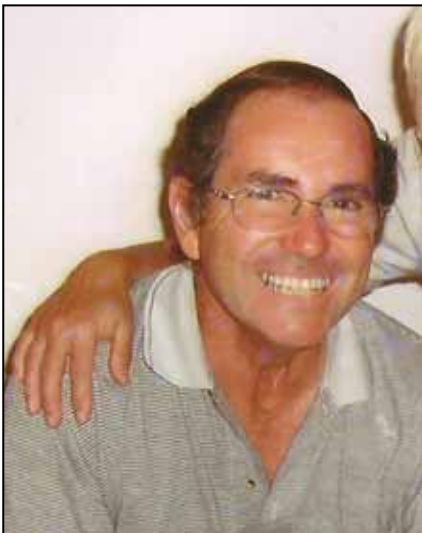
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I was so sad to hear of the passing of Peter Swan recently. Visiting the church that weekend and talking with Barbara and others I can see that he will be very much missed, but that there are many happy memories to sustain his family and friends. Read a little more about Peter on page 4.

Great to see a couple of new contributors in this edition - hope to hear from others. Remember this is your newspaper so feel free to send something in for inclusion.

To encourage people to look at the advertisers in this issue, contribute and to visit the website, we have a couple of competitions. It's easy - just count up the number of businesses you have supported in the past year and post the number to the website - you might win a \$25 voucher! For the kids we have a competition to tell us about one of the activity suggestions you try over the holidays - prize of a book for the winner of that one. Closing date 18 January 2013.

We have a couple of new advertisers, including a new celebrant and suppliers of some great looking cabin kits. Recommend The Shed Bed and Breakfast to your friends and family over the Christmas break, and if you need any work done around the house, get the help of one or more of the tradies - I'm finding it great working with locals on our new house.

I hope you all have a very pleasant break over the Christmas and New Year season. Stay safe and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Thanks again to all of our contributors, advertisers and readers.



Regards,
Bronwen Campbell
Editor




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REMEMBERING PETER SWAN

Peter was born in Watford (England) in 1947 and grew up in Harpenden, where he went to St George's School. He and his elder brother Tony and sister Jacqui had a fairly conventional English upbringing. He graduated from St Alban's Agricultural College, where he had developed an abiding attraction to the land. In his school and college holidays, Peter found work on nearby farms.

In 1968, Peter Swan spread his wings and migrated to Australia, originally arriving in Fremantle. He had several jobs in the west trying a variety of positions and it was during that time that he met and married Barbara, who was to be his wife for forty two years and whom he loved dearly and supported through the good times as well as the bad. She was, at that time, as restless as him, having only just arrived from Poland.



These migrating Swans then flew on together. In Dampier, they built their first nest and brought Ben and Daniel into their lives. Daniel was only a few weeks old when they set off again, this time to Bougainville. Peter wound his way up the tortuous and steep track to the mine on the mountain each day, where he trained crews of local people how to maintain and operate equipment.

The baby Swans grew and when Ben reached 12 years of age, he was sent to boarding school in Ashgrove, Brisbane. Although Peter himself had gone to boarding school as a child, he now realised that he wanted his boys near him for a little bit longer.

Peter and Barbara decided to return to Australia and in 1985 they became Australians, an achievement of which Peter was vehemently proud. This was also Peter's chance to realise his lifelong dream of living on the land, so the wandering Swans took root in Dorroughby where they have been rooted ever since.

The Swans had swapped a life as an expatriate mining family for life on the land. Making ends meet was much harder. Peter worked as a farmhand on neighbouring properties whilst he learnt how to look after his Mac-

adamia Nut Trees, willingly taking advice from neighbours and mentors.

Later, Peter worked as an assistant manager at MPC (Macadamia Magic), and then as manager at Paton's for almost 15 years until 2004. The boys went to local schools, and helped on the farm at weekends.

Peter was living his dream, close to the land, surrounded by his family.



In 2004, after the young swans had flown the nest, Peter retired and concentrated on the things he liked doing best – pottering on his farm, reading the weekend paper, discussing politics with friends over a glass of red wine, having breakfast with Barbara, dropping in on neighbours to give them a hand with something, or just to have a chat.

Peter was never ostentatious in his behaviour or with his beliefs - he was a private man, with deep personal moral convictions. He was respectful and considerate of others, including his family. As his sons matured and became adults, he re-moulded his relationships with them in a way that most parents can only envy, re-affirming strong and enduring bonds. He was very proud of his grandson Dylan.

Peter was a non-demonstrative, strong and positive presence in this community. We shall all miss him, but none more than his family.

(From the eulogy written by Sarah Legge, Ben & Dan Swan and condensed by Gina Murray)

On Sunday 11th November we held our Remembrance Sunday Service when we gathered in the Church to remember the service-men and women from this area and others who served in our armed forces in major conflicts.

The church was full and our Rector, Mark Harris, conducted a wonderful service which touched the heart of everyone present. Clunes Guides did us proud when they presented their colours at the altar and their flags became the focal point of our commemorative display. From a retiring collection we had, a sizeable donation

was made to 'Legacy Far North Coast' on behalf of the people of Dunoon. In all, a very successful occasion, one we hope to repeat every year, so hope to see you next November - mark your calendar now for November 10th 2013!

Now to forthcoming events: On 16th December at 7.00pm we shall be having our, now, annual

CAROLS IN THE CHURCH

This is NOT a Church Service. This is simply a gathering of village folk to sing Carols in our beautiful new

building – a time of community fellowship – a time of social interaction with SUPPER (Christmas Cake and a cuppa). Do come along!!

Our Christmas Service, this year, will be held at 7.00pm on 23rd December (No morning service that week) and our last Sunday Service of the year will be on 30th December. Don't forget, normal services are every Sunday at 9.30am (except January) and Guild meets on the first Sunday of the month after Church. Love to see you there.

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

DUNOON'S OWN CELEBRANT AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

We are lucky to have the services of a Justice of the Peace locally, and I know that I for one (Editor) have found it very convenient to not have to go into "town" in Lismore when I have availed myself of the convenience of dropping in to get some documents signed. These services now extend to having our very own celebrant.

Georgina ('Gina) Murray has lived in Dunoon for more than 22 years now. She and her husband, Shaun, had a Macadamia Nut farm out on Missingham Road for twenty years. During that time, she has been involved in many village activities. Some of you may remember her doing casual teaching at Dunoon, Modanville and The Channon Schools.

In her time, she has been Treasurer and President of the Dunoon School P&C, a Brownie Leader, a member of the Dunoon Hall Committee, and still is Treasurer of the Anglican Women's Guild (a position she has held for more than twenty years). Two years ago Shaun and 'Gina sold the farm, moved into the village and retired.

'Gina is the type of person, however, who can't stay idle for long and in her retirement she has done a part face to face and part correspondence course to qualify as a Certificate IV Civil Celebrant.



She realises that a persons wedding day is probably the most important day of their life and, as such, it has to be perfect and exactly what and how the bride and groom desire. To

this end, she is prepared to fully discuss any proposed marriage and investigate, with the bride and groom, the endless possibilities available to achieve the aim of that perfect ceremony. She has, at her

disposal, a huge amount of resources to cover any special requests, such as candle ceremonies, poetry, sand ceremonies, readings, rituals and themes of any type.

In her role as a Civil Celebrant, she is not only able to perform Wedding Ceremonies but also, Namings, Renewal of Vows and any other life ceremony that you may wish her to perform.

Georgina is now also a Justice of the Peace so if you ever need her, you are quite welcome to call at her home in Munro Road to have Statutory Declarations, Certified Copies and the like witnessed and signed. Just call beforehand on 6689 5104.

CONCERTS AND CAROLS

A choir including Murwillumbah Philharmonic and Spiritsong will be combining to perform Dvorak's Mass in D. This is a work full of beautiful lyricism and harmony, not unlike the Slavonic Dances with their folk influ-



As has been happening in Lismore for 30 + years, St Andrew's Choir will join with St Carthage's Choir in performances of Nine Lessons and Carols. This year in Lismore it is the turn of St

ences. Also on the programme will be

Andrew's to host the event. The programme, has again put together by choir director/organist, Warren Whitney. All are welcome to this non-denominational celebration.

choral delights by Handel, Vivaldi as well as a selection of Christmas carols. This programme will be presented in:- All Saints, Murwillumbah, Sunday, 9 December, 2.00pm; St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore, Wednesday, 12 December, 7.45pm and St Mary's, Ballina, Sunday, 16 December, 2.00pm, Admission \$15/12, tickets at the door.

St Martin's, Mullumbimby, Tuesday 18 December
St Mary's, Ballina, Friday 21 December
St Andrew's, Lismore, Sunday 23 December. All start at 7.30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS - LOCAL VILLAGES

The Eltham Hall has steadily gained a reputation as one of the best little pop-up venues on the north coast, presenting a variety of family friendly events featuring local and international talent.

This December the Eltham Hall will be host to a special evening of music when local gals Hussy Hicks present the outstanding talents of Alabama singer/songwriter Eric Erdman. The Hussies spent several months this year living in Mobile, Alabama where they had the opportunity to perform and record with a number of incredible artists.

It was during this time that Eric was recording a new album with industry heavyweight Rick Hirsch (recorded/toured with Cher, Tina Turner, Bonnie Raitt, Joan Armatrading) and invited the girls to be part of the project.

The resulting album is a stand out collection of songs straight from the slow southern waters of Mobile Bay, a mix of musical genres touching on southern soul, country, new orleans funk and Eric's unique take on acoustic hip hop.

The Eltham Hall will be Eric's first ever Australian show, also featuring a set from the Hussy Hicks, their

first after returning from a 3 month European tour, plus a whole lotta jamming and fun. Eric will take the audience on a journey to his swampy hometown and share his take on life in that undeniably lovable southern way!

Tickets are available online at hussyhicks.iwannaticket.com.au and from the Eltham Village Gallery ph: 02 66291649. These events have become very popular and are likely to sell out so please book early to avoid disappointment.

WHAT? Eric Erdman and Hussy Hicks
WHERE? Eltham Hall, Mayfield St, Eltham NSW
WHEN? Saturday Dec 15th, doors open at 7pm
HOW MUCH? \$15/\$10 kids are free, tickets available online or from the Eltham Village Gallery

Artist websites:

<http://www.ericerdmanmusic.com>
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CALL OUT FOR NEW MEMBERS!

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY GROUP @ DUNOON VILLAGE HALL

Now approaching 25 years, the "Wednesday Group" has gradually reduced in numbers but still meets every Wednesday at 10am for morning tea and craft activities where members exchange their skills and knowledge. What we really need is an increase in members with new ideas.

Activities could include bushwalking or trips to local interest spots. Companionship is the main aim of the group so please join us any Wednesday morning or ring **Ron 6689 5018**

EUCHRE @ DUNOON VILLAGE HALL

Euchre more your cup of tea? Dunoon Euchre Club meets at the Hall every Thursday evening at 7.30pm and we need more members! It's a great way to meet new people. We have lots of fun and look forward to meeting new faces. So, please come along or call **John 6688 6563**.

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The Gardens are situated on Wyrallah Rd approximately 3km south of Lismore CBD. Enter via the main gate to the Waste Facility and then turn right into the Gardens almost immediately – the entrance is well marked. Arrive ready to start walking at 10am – assembly point is at the first car park near the barbecue. The walks

will be held wet or fine and will take approximately 1 ½ hours. They are easy in grade through a superb collection of local rainforest trees and shrubs. There is plenty of shade with seats and picnic areas if you wish to stay longer - perhaps come prepared with your own picnic lunch.

6624 2963, otherwise just turn up.

There is no charge but gold coin donation would be much appreciated. If you can't make it to these guided walks the Gardens are open from 7am-4pm weekdays, 9am-4pm on weekends. They are closed on public holidays. Self guided walk brochures are available in the info boxes at the two car parks. It is a great place to visit.



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Bring water, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and snack (and rain gear if it is wet). Covered footwear should be worn. Because of our resident koalas, wallabies, birds and other wildlife, dogs are not allowed. If you need further information contact Geoff on geoffwalker@linearg.com or phone



NORTHERN RIVERS PERFORMING ARTS (NORPA)

NORPA announced plans to re-stage their locally produced work Railway Wonderland at Lismore train station in 2013 and celebrated news of two funding grants from Arts NSW – \$50,000 Regional Partnerships Grant and \$250,000 Annual Program Funding.

The Regional Partnerships grant will assist a creative project with Multitask (a disability service provider) and Tralala Blip, a Lismore based electronic sound art music collective for people with a disability, to create a new performance work with NORPA called 'My Radio Heart'.



Lismore City Council General Manager Gary Murphy also unveiled drawings of what the Lismore City Hall will look like after its six million dollar renovations are finished in July 2013. The much-needed renovations are set to transform the 1960s building into one of the largest performing arts venues in the region. 1.

the first part of the year as an opportunity to really focus our energies on developing new homegrown works through our Generator program like 'My Radio Heart' – these projects take a lot of time to bring to the stage but it's what makes NORPA unique and what our audiences love, " Louis added.

"Obviously the renovations mean NORPA will present a shorter season in 2013 but we're going to be bringing some amazing shows to the region and are thrilled to be doing that in a transformed space," says NORPA Artistic Director Julian Louis.

Full details of NORPA's 2013 season will remain under wraps until the 'tickets-on-sale' launch event in May 2013, but Julian Louis did reveal that the logistics are in place to put NORPA's 2012 sell-out hit Railway Wonderland 'back on the tracks' of Lismore train station for a longer season in late 2013.

NORPA box office and administration will be relocating to 9 Club Lane, Lismore from December 17, 2012. NORPA telephone numbers and all other contact details will remain the same.

"We're going to use

FIVE DAYS IN DUNOON - MUSINGS OF A VISITOR

The surgery was full. My wife was not well. It was Monday morning. Perhaps doctors waiting rooms should run a tea shop/cafe together with the surgery. They would make more there than in the practice!

We had arrived four days previously and our hosts had taken us to the Sports Club for dinner – the roast pork was very nice too. We met a variety of locals; people who coached various sports teams, or who worked in some of the establishments in the village. It seemed this place was the social centre of the town where friendships were formed and nourished.



Our host gave us a book, a history of Lismore. A very readable book, and a book which could be replicated in many communities in Australia and New Zealand. River, rail, and road, in that order, each one challenging its former mode of transport, and finally subduing it. While it is the characters who particularise the story, the stories are so similar – clearing bush and scrub, harvesting timber (almost to extinction), planting crops, and building dwellings and infrastructure.

The normal range of small village amenities is not surprising; it is the people who staff them that give the place its character. The local general store is like most, with most common household needs available, but the friendly nature of the service is refreshing.

While Dunoon is no doubt dependant on Lismore for essential services, it has its own distinct character; the sign one meets on the outskirts of town announces that this is the Macadamia Capital of Australia. And you can believe it when you see the vast tracts of rolling countryside covered in these orderly rows of lush green trees. I learnt that the

Macadamia nut was named after one, Sir John McAdam in the 1850s, and the indigenous people knew it as kindal kindal.

With wife not well, I took myself off to Church on Sunday morning. Anglican, relaxed, informal, friendly as befits the village, and very similar to the Anglican Services I attend in my home village in New Zealand – Snells Beach, one hour's drive north of Auckland. These people define themselves by more than their immediate environment. They acknowledge a source of life beyond that which we can touch, see, control or manage.

Various people spoke with me – friendly and interested but not overbearing. Most had visited New Zealand, and while in the popular press, it seems Australians and New Zealanders spend most of their time in slagging each other off, at this level of community there is mutual respect and affection – a far more mature stance. I recalled that when the Christchurch earthquake struck, Australians were across the ditch offering their support and expertise. That appreciated gesture was reciprocated when bush fires hit in Australia.

I was speaking with one man after the service, and in conversation told him about my wife. 'Oh,' he said, 'My daughter works at the local surgery. There she is over there. Go and have a talk with her.' I did, and she gave me the surgery hours and when to come if we thought we should. Here is the small village operating at its very best, I thought. What a gift to be visiting here, let alone living here. Her information was corroborated by our kind hosts, who



told us of the solid pleasures of village life.

The Doctor, a local whom we had seen at the Sports Club last Thursday night, was friendly, thorough, and attentive, offering his considered opinion, and prescribing the necessary drug. All would be well.

And well we are, leaving five days later. For us, Dunoon will be the centre of Northern New South Wales, not only the Macadamia Capital of Australia.

Article by David Grant

Photos from the village by Ian Murray

BAKING FOR THE TASSIE DEVIL

Halloween provided the inspiration for a novel fundraising effort by Kay Doust and her family to raise money for the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal - Tasmanian devil cupcakes.



As Kay explains, "Halloween cupcakes first started in 2011 when my daughter and her two friends wanted to take part in festivities. Not being a fan of "trick or treating" we came up with the idea of making "little devil" cupcakes as a fundraiser for the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal. A friend allowed the kids to sell the cakes outside her local post office after school. Our little community of Dunoon near Lismore generously supported the kids.

So it seems we have started a small tradition, repeating it again this year. The 19 year olds came onboard and enjoyed the baking and decorating stage too. The local veterinary hospital I work for got into the spirit and we sold those out in one hour. We raised \$113!

I think it is really important that kids feel there is something positive they can do to help solve the problems in the troubled world they are inheriting. Even the smallest idea can help make a difference."

Kay Doust

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Call the 24-hour hotline at 6628 1898 to see how you can help.



COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS with IAN MURRAY

The Community Gardens are up and running and can be seen at the top end of the Club car park. Go and have a look next time you visit the club. So far there are six beds and one round bed. (See diagram.) The November plantings are:

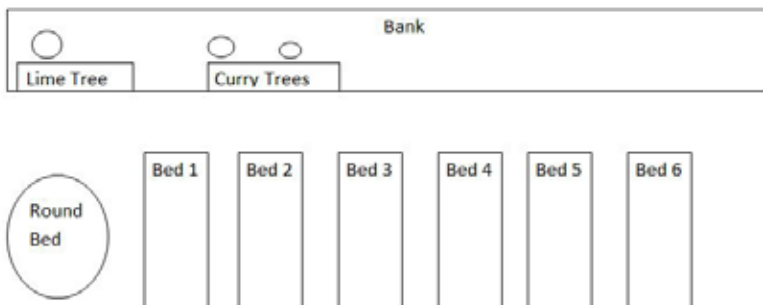
Bed Six: Vietnamese Mint, Chillies & Turmeric

There is a Lime Tree (not doing too well) and two Curry Trees growing along the bank. The beds have been filled with horse manure and compost. Dynamic Lifter and Dolomite have been added. The plants are fed regularly with Seasol and Epson Salts.

commenced a water roster made easier by the installation of a water supply.

The vacant beds we hope to add herbs and other vegetables as time permits. It is hoped that the community will avail themselves of the vegetables as they become available, ask Bernie at the club for details. Why flowers? We like them and the colour brightens things up.

Everybody is welcome to participate in the project, (big or small) contact Peter Hood via email (peter.j.hood@gmail.com)



Round Garden: (divided into four) Blueberries, Garlic Chives/Basil & herbs, Gerberas.
Bed One: Beans, Tomatoes (self sown)
Chillies (last years) Cucumber (self sown)
Bed Two: Tomatoes
Bed Three: Carrots
Bed Four: Tomatoes
Bed Five: Squash, Corn, Chillies'

eradicate the Singapore Daisy that has become rampant, things look a bit unsightly because of this but hopefully things will improve. During the dry spell we



A willing volunteer who contributes to the garden on a regular basis

I wrote in January about how we take bridges for granted. But I was thinking then about the small bridges over our many creeks.

Recently I have been trying to imagine what it was like when a punt was used to get people, their vehicles and animals across the two major rivers in Lismore. I do not know who introduced that ferry service or when but I do know that Lott Bruggy, of the North Lismore Hotel, bought the licence to collect tolls on the ferry for two years beginning 1 Jan 1880. (He barely survived those two years.)

The report in the Star of 6 December 1879 said that Bruggy was to pay £230 per annum which was thought to be pretty high, since the ferry operator had to take all the risks and keep everything in working order. It did seem to indicate that a high traffic was expected. (I wonder what the fares were.) There would have been three wharves to maintain as well as the ferry itself.

There were two major stories in the Star that



mention the ferry. Both were about travelling from Lismore to the Tweed. The first (5 June 1880) says, 'Leaving Lismore and crossing the ferry, you pass by Host Bruggy's, Mr. A. Currie's store, and Host Cusack's, proceed along the road following a fence for about 10 chains, then turning short and following the telegraph line over the hill, you pass selections held by Mr. J. Gerarty and others, at intervals for about 10 or 11 miles.' It would seem that this individual started his journey in what we would call the CBD and simply had to cross the main river.

It is assumed that the next traveller quoted did the same, but when he arrived at the punt wharf he found the punt high and dry undergoing repairs. This traveller had to remove the saddle from his horse and take it with him in the ferryman's small boat while the horse was made to swim across while the traveller held the reins.

This second traveller took five issues of the paper to tell his story beginning 26 Feb 1881. He did describe the new cutting that made it easier to climb that big hill on the way to Dunoon. At the end of the first instalment he had reached the reserve where the bullockies used camp. That is where he spent his first night, but on the way he seems to have visited Duncan Currie's place and his new neighbour James E. James, who had already established a reputation as a gardener in South Lismore. His father-in-law's property was near the present airport. Duncan Currie named his first selection Dunoon but we call that area Modanville today. The Modanville store is built on Currie's 1871 selection.

Duncan Currie and his brother Archibald both had property in what we now call Bridge Street, North Lismore. Archibald was a storekeeper. Duncan owned the land where the Winsome stands today. He built the single storied North Lismore Hotel but leased it out. It was opened with George Jarvis as the publican in January 1878 and the licence was transferred to Lott Bruggy just 12 months later.

It was not long before Duncan Currie was trying to sell the hotel. Advertisements announced a sale at Jas Stock's Exchange Auction Mart, Lismore, at 2 o'clock pm on Saturday 4th March 1882. The Iron Bridge was then in course of construction over the Wilson River and Mrs Eliza Bruggy was now the tenant. Lott had died intestate early that year.

The Northern Star 25 February 1882 had carried advertisements for two sales at the hotel that very day. One was to sell Bruggy's farm on the ridges in South Lismore and the other was to sell the furniture and fittings for the hotel.

It seems that Currie did not sell the hotel but rebuilt it. The Northern Star of Wednesday 17 November 1886 carried a detailed description of the two storied hotel under construction. The dimensions of the various rooms were given. Even the sizes of the loose boxes in the stables were given. It must be remembered that the various hotel stables were the parking stations of the day. This one was to serve another function. Mares could be left at the hotel to be taken to the various stallions whose stud services were advertised.

The new building was to be called the Junction Hotel. Tenders were called in the Northern Star of 4 December 1886 for a five years' lease of the new hotel, from 1st January 1887. They would be received up to 16th December 1886, addressed to A. Currie, North Lismore or to D. Currie, Dunoon, Tweed Road. Was it an omen that that the new hotel was not opened till the end of February?


C.W.Griffin was the licensee until December 1888. But the situation was not stable. In February and March 1888 there appeared a conspicuous ad in the Star addressed to business men, speculators and others about THE BEST PROPERTY ever offered for SALE in the Richmond River District. There followed a detailed description of the Junction Hotel. 2 or 3 acres near it and a farm in Dunoon (Duncan Currie's four selections on the east of the road reaching as far as Numulgi Creek Road.) It was claimed that the owner was returning to Scotland.

For the later half of that year an ad appeared no less than 26 times. The hotel was to let. Applications should be made to A. Currie storekeeper or, at the Hotel, to Griffin! Finally Henry Brown moved from the Royal Hotel but he only stayed four months at the Junction before Rankin bought out the licence.

The auction sale on Saturday 29 November 1890 finally brought a buyer. Richard Cogan became the new owner and licensee, but he spent the best part of a year remodelling. He did not open till 3 October 1891. Cogan owned and ran the pub for at least ten years but then he sold the licence and the real estate to M'Cormack. By the end of 1905 Milgate was the licensee and in 1908 M'Cormack sold the hotel at auction but it was doomed to lose its licence within three years as part of a big reduction the number of pub licences in the electorates of Rous and Richmond. When the Winsome was built about 1925 the licence was transferred from a pub of the same name in Tuncester.

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It's been a little over two months since I was elected to council. This is my first update on what has been happening. I hope to bring you many more over the coming months and years.

Council finances: These are of concern. Council has been running operational losses for some years and I would like to see this situation turned around. For the record the loss for 2011/12 was \$3.692 million.

Imagine Lismore: Councils community consultation process is now well advanced with most of the place based forums now complete. This process was commenced under the previous council. I am all for community consultation my major concern however will always be just how representative the consultation is. The silent majority is called that for a reason. I am monitoring the process and will give an update when complete.

Council Meetings: I have now attended

two council meetings. At the last meeting I had two 'notice of motions' (NOM). The first to open the Lismore Business Promotion Program meeting up to the public – passed unanimously. The second to introduce cost centre accounting to the Aquatic Centre, Quarries and Airport. This motion passed. This motion will enable council to know for the first time the profitability of sub business like the Aquatic Centre Gym. The more information managers and councillors have the better decisions we will make.

BioDiversity Management Strategy (BMS): Council is about to embark on this strategy. A group will be set up to kick off the process. This group will be made up of environmental, farming and community organisations. This group will help establish the process and be involved throughout its development. This is a definite improvement on the Koala Plan of Management process. My primary concerns surrounding the BMS are in relation

to how it will impact agriculture and property rights. I am a firm believer in people's rights and that farm land must be preserved for food and fibre production. I will fight 'tooth and nail' to defend our farmland.

Development Control Plan (DCP): Council now has a new DCP to go with the new Local Environment Plan. I see the DCP as a step forward in that it will help promote development whilst still looking after the environment. The DCP is a good step towards getting Lismore moving again. For rural landowners there is a definite 'mood' within council to try to include the right for a second dwelling on their land. I am a firm supporter of this and will do my best to ensure this happens.

Council makeup: I am hopeful that we can work constructively together on most issues for the betterment of the Lismore Local Government Area.

Greg Bennett

COAL SEAM GAS - AN ONGOING COMMUNITY ISSUE

CSG COORDINATOR NEEDED

Hey guys...

We are on the look out for a coordinator for the CSG Group in Dunoon. Mel got the ball rolling, and now it is time for someone (or someones) else to keep it kicking along.

I am not prepared to do it at this point.

I have enough on my plate. This job requires someone with a little more free time and brain space than I have. (And better emotion control, just quietly.)

You would have to:

- Link in with the Lismore action groups
- Coordinate Dunoon involvement in direct action / peaceful protest
- Manage the phone tree
- Email updates accordingly
- Communicate properly

Mel is happy to help out until you learn the ropes. If you think you know someone who might be able to take this on, please let me or Mel know. The Gazette will pass on any messages. (dunoongazette@yahoo.com.au)

Oh, and you must be personally known within the Village. Doesn't mean we have to know what you eat for breakfast...just keeping it close to home.

Cheers Shippy.

CASINO ANTI-GAS PROTEST CONTINUES

Concerned citizens rallied at Casino in early November to protest the development of gasfields around the town of Casino. At least 9 community groups were represented at the protests. The focus of the peaceful protest was seismic survey work being conducted by Metgasco at Casino's Primex site and around Casino airport.

Photo: Andrya Hart



Protesters link arms in front of Metgasco offices in Casino.

"Metgasco is clearly intending to wrap Casino with invasive gasfields - seismic testing is just the start of the process," said Dean Draper, from Richmond Valley Group Against Gas. *"We are protesting Metgasco's plans for gasfields that will emit toxic fumes and put our ground and surface water at risk."*

Richard Deem, from Kyogle Group Against Gas, another of the community groups present at the protest, said: *"The amazing thing is that the government has given the go-ahead for this when the people are clearly against it- they are hell bent on forcing it on our region."* *"Wherever communities have done their own surveys of residents, the results are loud and clear. People want to live in a Gasfield Free locality."*

Annie Kia, co-ordinator of the Gasfield Free Community Strategy in the Northern Rivers, said *"What we are seeing is an upsurge of*

resistance to risky gasfields. More than 60 communities have conducted their own citizen's surveys, with an average response of 96% saying they want to be Gasfield Free."



"Of 11,590 people who have responded to the community surveys, only 89 people said NO to going Gasfield Free. That's 1%. Only 3% of people said UNSURE. At what point will the government listen to the people?"

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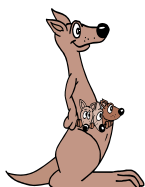
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The upcoming Lismore Makers Christmas Markets on December 1 & 15 will be a great place to find unique, eco-ethical gifts for the people you love the most. Come and see what our stallholders are doing with old vinyl records, discarded fabric, retro linen, silverware, old books




and a sortie of other bits and pieces... We're keen to promote thoughtful buying, especially in the lead up to the climax of consumerism that is

Christmas, so if you're looking for something original, quirky, inventive with an eco-bent and ethically produced you'll probably be able to find it at the Lismore Makers Markets. \$25 and \$50 vouchers are also available for those hard to buy for folk...

The Makers Markets take place on the first Saturday of the month from 10am-2pm alongside the Conservatorium's live concerts. Check our blog for more info <http://thelismoremakersmarket.blogspot>.

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Here we are almost at the end of the school year with plenty of exciting things happening in the next few weeks

But looking back over the term there has been a lot going on. Years 3, 4.5.6 spent a great three days at camp. It was a great opportunity to try lots of interesting activities such as interactive games, problem solving, canoeing, horse riding and a night hike. As well it was a chance to experience camping in tent, cooking and preparing meals and organising themselves for the day's activities. All had a great time.

You may have heard from the media coverage that our wonderful Tournament of the Minds team was able to score Honours (which equates to second) in the National Finals held in Perth last month. They competed

against representative schools from each state and parts of Asia. They travelled with Mrs Laverick and some parents and from all report had a great time in the West. The team is following in the footsteps of previous Modanville teams from other years that have been successful in this competition.

In the same week a group of three girls went to Sydney to perform at the Sydney Opera House in the Small Schools Choir. They also did us proud and came home with big grins on their faces.

Our school has been lucky enough to have an enthusiastic parent, Renee on the team who has organised the students for gardening sessions and produced a flourishing vegetable garden. This won us the Small school Garden Competition recently.

The younger students had a two week swimming scheme this term which allowed them to improve their skills and confidence in the water.

Coming up is the last of our three Kinder orientation sessions and Year 6 had their introduction to high school sessions as well. They are also looking forward to their Year 6 formal dinner at South Lismore Bowls Club on 4th Dec

The following week we will be inviting parents and friends to our Christmas Night where the school will entertain the visitors the Santa will join us. Please ring the school for details. This is always a special night for all.

Have a happy holiday everyone

Jenny Staples

DUNOON PRE SCHOOL NEWS WITH JILLIAN BOWLES

The year is coming to an end and staff and parents of Dunoon Preschools children are again marvelling at the maturing growth as the older ones ready themselves for the transition to primary school. Don't blink as they grow so fast!!

What an exciting year it has been for the preschool with the long held vision of the preschool in attaining a secure and permanent home through the purchase of the building from the Mason's. Our capacity to achieve this vision has been possible through the foresight of previous generations of preschool committee members and the wide support of the community in our fundraising



efforts both recently and in the years gone by.

We would like to express our gratitude to so many. We still have a little

way to go to meeting our financial targets so keep your eye out for our creative fundraising strategies.

Within this mix we are currently negotiating with Sims Metals to undertake a community wide scrap metal collection. This idea is intended as a win/win for both the community and the preschool in that it will help with a spring clean up of homes and properties prior to Christmas and raise funds for the preschool.

At this stage we are intending to have a skip available in early December to deposit your old white goods, sheet iron/tin & fencing wire, steel water tanks, car bodies, parts engines, structural steel, beams, pipe and farm machinery. Keep your eye out for further notice or contact Emma on 0429693111 for more information.

We also invite local businesses and individuals to purchase a clay brick that can be branded with wording of your choice or a business logo to be attached to the main facade of the building. If you are interested in this option either contact the

preschool or Michelle on 66895081 or Alison on 66895490. We do have DGR status so any donations to the preschool can be claimed as a tax deduction.

Finally important dates for the preschool – The Christmas concert this year will be held



at the Dunoon Hall on the 10th of December from 5pm; Last day of term 4 is 19th December and enrolments for next year will be held on Wednesday 30th January with the first day for the children on the 31st. The staff and the committee of the Preschool would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and festive holiday.

Until next time **Jillian Bowles (Director)**

Whian Whian Public School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2012. This is our last news update for the year and there is plenty to report.

Our visit to the North Coast National Show was very enjoyable. The children watched the Rural Fire Service display on how to deal with cooking oil fires and general fire safety. The snake handler presented various venomous and non-venomous reptiles giving information and safety advice. There was a lot to see in the pavilions and everyone was involved in the lego building competition. Some children went on to compete in the grand final constructing something from scratch in a limited amount of time.

Year 5 and 6 students attended music activities at RRHS for 2 hours once a week for 5 weeks. Some of these students had never even played an instrument before. A lot of fun was had playing drums, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and singing. On the last day parents and friends were invited to watch a performance of 'Mustang Sally' and 'Smoke on the Water'. Dr Nathan presented his final science lesson of the year.



New mural at Whian Whian School

distance the rocket shot skyward for a good 200m or so and drifted back to earth with it's parachute (which is now lodged in a tree somewhere in Whian Whian)!

Year 5 students attended an experience day at Richmond River High School to meet other children and familiarise themselves with the daily routine. A great programme was offered including photography, P.E., Maths, Drama and Science. Miss B, who will be the Year Advisor in 2014 did a wonderful job of organising and running the day along with the Year 9 mentors.

Yr 5 and 6 students are off to Sydney and Canberra from 25th November – 1st December and will visit many exciting places such as The War Memorial, Parliament House and Olympic Park.

cheese and spinach rolls for lunch.

Swimming started off with great weather at the beginning of November and will carry on once a week until the end of term. Tennis lessons continue on Monday afternoons and remain a favourite.

Whian Whian Public School will hold its Christmas concert on Wednesday 12th of December. A BBQ will be available from 5.30pm and the concert will start at 6.30pm. Entry is by a gold coin donation and raffle tickets will be available for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be drawn on the night. Santa will be visiting and distributing presents, please make sure the child's name is clearly visible and nothing over \$10. Please bring a plate to share for supper. New enrolments are welcome for 2013.

For more information about the school please visit www.whianwhian-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or phone 6689 5420. Have a safe and happy Christmas

Dave Condon (Principal), Kim Read




A 'general knowledge of science' quiz was held including questions about planets, plants and animals. Dr Nathan had one final surprise up his sleeve as he announced a rocket launch! With everyone at a safe

Stage 1 students had a great day at Rocky Creek Dam attending the Teddy Bears Picnic along with children from Corn-dale and Dunoon. They learnt a lot about animals and plants and how to help look after the environment. Years 2 – 4 had a mystery tour which took them skating, mini-golfing and off to the park for a picnic.



The school vegetable garden is producing a variety of delicious fresh vegetables so a cooking morning, run by parents, was held to make

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Thirteen students from Dunoon Public School have just returned from a trip to Sydney where they performed as part of the Festival of choral Music at the Sydney Opera House. The show featured quality acts from schools in front of a packed and thrilled audience.

The Dunoon students performed as part of the State Small Schools Marimba Ensemble which has attended these concerts for the past seven years. The group was made up of thirty children from schools across the state. The schools had to submit an audition video and were selected to perform from amongst a host of other wonderful groups and soloists from NSW State Schools. The Ensemble was a huge hit drawing great praise from the show's organisers and the audiences alike.

As well as their official performances, the children visited the War Memorial, Sydney Tower Eye and Manly Sea World. The children also went busking at Bondi Junction and souvenir shopping at Paddy's markets. They loved their city experience and thoroughly enjoyed performing at the Opera House.

I loved that there were so many people who wanted to become friends. I was a bit nervous at the Opera House, but we all performed so well. **Macie**

I really liked coming to Sydney because it was exciting and fun. My favourite part of the trip was when we played at the Sydney Opera House. The marim-



Comments from the children

Our trip was so much fun! I really liked playing at Bondi Junction, souvenir shopping, making new friends and performing at the Opera House! **Holly**

The whole experience of this excursion was great. Highlights for me were company and comfort. The War Memorial was really interesting. **Jake**

The best part of the whole trip was souvenir shopping. I also liked Sydney Tower Eye. It was 300m in the air, so it was sort of scary. **Lachlan**

This has just been the most amazing experience. I absolutely loved it!. Everything has just been so good. It has been the best excursion I have ever been on. **Henry**

I thought it was a thrilling experience to be in Sydney for a second time. The Sydney Tower Eye was amazing. It felt like you were on top of the world. I also liked performing at Bondi Junction and going to Manly Sea World. I loved it when I was on stage at the Opera House. **Saffron**

This has been the favourite four days of my life- going to Sydney on this trip. I straight away made friends. Being on stage all went by in a flash. **Emily**

I was so thrilled to go to Sydney with all my friends. I was happy to make more friends with the two other schools. I liked going to Sydney's tallest buildings, Paddy's markets and I enjoyed the whole excursion. **Justin**

For the first time in my life I got to go to Sydney. I liked performing at the Sydney Opera House and going to the tallest building in Sydney. I also liked going to Paddy's market and meeting new friends. **Anthony**

The excursion was awesome. I liked going to the Sydney Tower Eye because it was very high up and you could see everything. I loved performing at the Opera House and I got a bit nervous before going on stage but once I got there it was amazing. **Maddy**

The Sydney trip was excellent and fun. My favourite part was playing at the Opera House. I was really excited to get on stage and see how many people were in the audience. **Jazmin**

bas sounded really good. My second favourite thing was the ferry. **Poppy**

I thought the Sydney excursion was fun. Every bit was exciting and new. I loved playing at the Opera House. The marimbas sounded really cool and the dynamics were amazing. I liked souvenir shopping. **Ruby**



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FIFTY HOLIDAY ACTIVITY IDEAS *with* ALI ELLIOTT

For some families, holidays are a breeze. They bring with them the luxury of sleeping in instead of rushing about getting ready for school each morning, and not having to worry about preparing clean uniforms and packing lunches. For others, it's only a matter of time before the mantra 'I'm bored' begins to gnaw at their patience.

To help keep your child/ren busy during the holiday break, I have constructed a list of 50 ideas, created from my own tried and tested activities and a few I have adapted from online sources. Happy holidays!

1. Camp in your backyard or lounge room. Sing made-up campfire songs.
2. **Enjoy photography? Join the Northern Rivers Scavenger Hunt online here:** <http://www.flickr.com/groups/2069096@N25/>
3. Check out Lismore Library's holiday activity timetable here: <http://www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au>
4. **Have an upcycling day – find something old and make it new/useful. Some ideas to get you started can be found here:** <http://handsonaswegrow.com/2012/02/34-recyclables-to-upcycle-for-the-kids/>
5. Have a baking day (make biscuits, slices or rainbow cupcakes)
6. **Create a nature collage using found leaves, sticks, flowers and more**
7. Use cardboard or a paper plate to create your own mask. Decorate with paint, feathers, cotton balls, sequins, paint, ribbons etc.
8. **Turn odd socks into sock puppets and perform a puppet theatre for your family and friends.**
9. Make and decorate your own Christmas cards
10. **Make and hang your own Christmas decorations**
11. Keep a journal. Stick in memorabilia like movie tickets, flowers and photos
12. **Paint or draw a self-portrait using a mirror**
13. Create a sculpture from found items
14. **Make and paint creations using Baker's Clay:** <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/bakers-clay/>
15. Make play dough: <http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipe/play-dough-L926.html> Here is a list of play dough activity ideas <http://handsonaswegrow.com/2011/09/pretend-create-learn-with-play-dough/>
16. **Take a 'Rainbow Walk' – on your stroll, try and find or photograph something for each colour of the rainbow.**
17. Make your own musical instrument using recycled items.
18. **Take your bikes or scooters to Wade Park and have a picnic lunch.**
19. Use a clean sandcastle mould to make an ice-cream cake. Make, or buy your favourite flavour and let it melt just enough to manipulate, and then push it into the mould. Freeze. Once frozen, quickly decorate with lollies/toppings and serve.
20. **Have a fancy dress day – choose a theme for your whole family, or a group of friends (superheroes, animals, favourite characters, or era).**
21. Visit Rocky Creek Dam. Go on the walk, play in the playground and have a BBQ lunch or dinner.
22. **Write and deliver a thank you note to someone in your community to show your appreciation of their efforts. It can be anonymous.**
23. Write a story or poem about an animal you have seen in your area. Illustrate with pictures or photographs.
24. **Head down to Dunoon or Tullera courts and play some tennis. Modanville School also has a court that is available for use by community members.**
25. Visit Heritage Park for a picnic lunch. Ride the train and then walk to the Information Centre and see if you can discover anything new about the area.
26. **Flick or spray paint onto a blank canvas to create abstract art. You**

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could also fill water balloons with the paint and throw them at the canvas if it is sturdy enough.

27. Create dance moves to your favourite song.

28. **Do a large jigsaw puzzle.**

29. Visit the Farmers' Market and talk to the stall holders about how they grow / make their produce, and how long they have been growing / making the item for.

30. **Start your own vegetable or herb garden in the backyard, or in pots.**

31. Drive to Terania Creek and walk up to Protester Falls.

32. **Join Lismore Library's Summer Reading Club, or make your own club with friends.**

33. Visit the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens (9am-4pm, Wyrallah Road just past the 80 sign) and sketch or photograph your favourite plants.

34. **Visit the Lismore Regional Gallery (131 Molesworth St, Tues – Fri 10am – 4pm, Sat/Sun 10am – 2pm). If you visit on the second Saturday of the month (10.30am), you can join Peggy Popart's ChARTered Tour which includes an art activity, and Auslan interpreter. Donations appreciated.**

35. Take a soccer ball, Frisbee or cricket gear down to Balzer Oval at Dunoon, with friends, and have a game.

36. **Have a pancake breakfast**

37. Write some goals for 2013.

38. **Use a cardboard box and other recycled materials to create a model**

of your own house, or dream house / bedroom.

39. Mr Squiggle Art – start the picture by drawing three things (e.g. some spots, a curvy line and a star) on

Use sturdy cardboard as a base and go through old magazines to find words and objects that represent you, or that you like. Cut out the letters of your name and paste at the top. Hang it in your room.

Activity idea #51: Take a photo of, or write about your participation in, one of the suggested holiday activities and submit it to the Dunoon Gazette

- one entry will win a copy of "Umbrella" - an anthology of short stories.

Post your entries to the website¹ at

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an A4 piece of paper. Swap with a friend and complete each other's image.

40. **Visit Lismore's "Living Library" and chat with a living book.**

41. Make ice ornaments using various shaped moulds. Run ribbon through the middle to hang, and include leaves for decoration. Hang from branches. Make various sizes and see how long they last.

42. **Go for a drive, ride or walk and look at the Christmas Lights in your area.**

43. Give an unwanted Barbie or doll a makeover.

44. **Create your own board game. Have a board game afternoon.**

45. Make a 'Me' collage board.

46. **Write a letter to yourself. Write about your likes, favourite colour, food, clothing, games, books, TV shows and your friends. Seal the letter in an envelope and open it in exactly one year.**

47. Design your own animal. Write an information card including its name, what it eats, how it lives and any special skills it has. Use recycled objects to create a sculpture of your animal, or draw or paint it.

48. **Choose a household item or food from your cupboard and design a radio or TV ad promoting the item. Make up a jingle (song) to go with the ad.**

49. Check out <http://www.lismoresquare.com.au> to see what free holiday entertainment Lismore Square has on offer.

50. **Visit the Nimbin Candle Factory at the Old Nimbin Butter Factory – Mon to Fri 9am-5pm, Sat/Sun 11am-4pm.**

Ali Elliott

Activities for grown-ups



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“Queen Emma” in 19th Century New Guinea. Part 9

MEMORIES OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

In the last episode, I told of the death of Emma’s brother John Coe and her great friend Captain Agostino Stalio on the Fead Islands, and how this affected Emma greatly for many months after.

Emma was quite lonely by now and she was in need of a new relationship, even a German consort would be suitable.

On a quiet day in the cool weather of 1893, the sisters, Emma Forsayth and Phoebe Parkinson, reclined in long chairs on the deep verandah of Gunantambu, looking out over the blue waters of Blanche Bay, rippling under a gentle south-easterly breeze.

For some days Emma had been brooding, more than usually silent, Phoebe knew why.

A German liner had been anchored briefly of Herbertshohe, and a German lady of noble birth had been among the passengers obsequiously entertained by officialdom. Naturally- and necessarily, for Herbertshohe in those days was a place of limited amenities – the social activities had included Gununtambu. Emma had entertained the visitors lavishly, and the ship had replied with a dinner-party that included the Gununtambu people.

Emma had been treated with hauteur by the German aristocrat. The visitor had as much command of English as Emma had German; but in the way of women, she had let it be known that she regarded Emma as a quaint product of the savage Islands world. She had called her “Madame Farrell”, and she had not apologised when informed that her hostess was “Madame Forsayth”. Her manner suggested that, in such an environment, the Island woman’s name did not matter, anyway.

By contrast, the visitor made much of Captain Paul Kolbe, one of the local German officials. He might have been an inconspicuous and shabby Prussian officer in Berlin’s large social seat; but in Herbertshohe’s small pool he made an attractive figure. The aristocratic lady knew his relations, at home, and she called him “Paul”, affectionately.

Emma seethed. She was vulnerable at only one point, and this was it. In birth, she was the daughter of a distinguished American family, and of a royal line in Samoa; in wit and in wealth, she knew herself to be the equal of anyone. But, because she had Samoan blood, oafish people had sometimes snubbed her, and she was treated with disdain by brainless bitches like this baroness from Berlin. What was the answer?

With the tragic death of Stalio, late in 1892, Emma faced a bleak middle age. She still loved life and liquor and laughter, and she had all the means to indulge every whim-except youth and a suitable consort.

Not that there was any lack of men, Emma was still a striking personality, and rich and influential, and her favours were sought at every turn. But the hard core of common-sense which young Emma Coe brought into the world still was with her as she faced facts, and she knew her would-be wooers were not much attracted by the overweight, 43-year-old woman that she examined, with growing distaste, in her private mirror. She was not comforted by the thought that what she now lacked in beauty she more than made up for in riches.

Actually, the fires of her youth were burning out early – that was attributable to the Polynesian in her mixed blood – but also, her general health was failing. Like all New Guinea pioneers, she had had her full share of the virulent malaria of that region, and she attributed her increasing sickness to fever’s side-effects, and the copious use of quinine. But probably the real cause was gland failure – at that time, but still unrecognised, diabetes was already creeping upon her. Since she had lost her brother and her lover in the Nuguria tragedy, streaks of grey had appeared in her black hair.

She did not seek another lover, but she still wanted all she could get out of life. Her thoughts seemed to turn increasingly towards social glory. She loved show and adulation, travel and panoply. She was shrewd, farseeing. She knew that if she were to appear in Berlin and Paris, London and New York, in the fashion to which she felt she was entitled, she must have a man for her.

The answer could be Herr Kapitan August Karl Paul Kolbe. He was a good-looking member of an upper middle-class family in Germany, with some aristocratic connections; he had served in a Prussian cavalry regiment; and he had come out to the police service of the Neu Guinea Kompanie. Like most German officials stationed at Herbertshohe, he had found the doors of Gunantambu always open, and he had taken a full part in Gununtambu’s revels. He had always been ready to act as escort to Emma, during Captain Stalio’s frequent absences at sea, and Emma liked him. He was three or four years her junior.

Kolbe had been quite ready to become her lover, after Stalio was killed, but she had given him no encouragement. Neither

was she stirred when he proposed marriage, which he did at regular intervals. But now, her thoughts carried her far afield. She visualised herself as a German national, fantastically rich, feted in the world’s capitals, a member of a family that no scruffy Bavarian dame dare snub.

The two sisters discussed the pros and cons of a prospective marriage between Emma and Kolbe. Kolbe was some years younger than Emma, Phoebe pointed out, but it was well-known that his debts were an embarrassment and that a rich wife would be necessary if he were ever to leave New Guinea with credit.



Photo of Queen Emma and Captain Paul Kolbe on their wedding day in 1893.

But there was the matter of E.E. Forsayth and Company, Phoebe reminded Emma. Would Kolbe expect to take over the management of that along with his new wife?

Emma was now emphatic. Whatever might be the advantages of a new husband socially, nothing could be permitted to interfere with her control of the commercial empire that she had built over the 15 years she had spent in New Guinea.

Whatever understanding Emma and Kolbe came to over details is not known but the date of the marriage was arranged and celebrated (in 1893), with a party at Gunantambu

that remained long in Neu Pommern, (New Britain) memory, and when Captain and Mrs. Paul Kolbe made a honeymoon visit to Sydney they were feted by British, German and American friends of "the Queen".

Emma had finally found her consort.

Rather unexpectedly, Kolbe settled down contentedly enough to life in Neu Pommern, spending his time between Gununtambu and the clubs and hotels of the steadily growing German establishment at Herbertshohe (present day Kokopo).

Kolbe presently became an efficient supervisor in the huge plantations behind Ralum, and an expert director of the horse and cattle breeding establishments they introduced. Kolbe was happy and successful in anything connected with horse breeding and training, and horses were now in great demand in the area for riding, traction and racing.

Once all that was settled, the Captain was liberally provided with Forsayth funds.

Emma decided to return to Samoa for a little while to sort out other family and business problems and in June 1895 Captain and Mrs. Paul Kolbe took up residence in a suite in the International Hotel in Apia. They were attended by a secretary and a couple of maids, and they demanded the best accommodation available.

At that time, Samoa was politically

between the wind and the water. It had become "an independent state" in 1889 – a condition which it could not maintain – and it became a German colony in 1900, but in 1895, when Emma arrived, it still did not know where it was going.

The German community of Samoa – officials and merchants – took charge socially of Captain and Mrs. Kolbe, accepting them as leading German citizens of German New Guinea; the Americans followed closely behind and this hospitality, and the tributes paid to Queen Emma, was very good for the Emma Coe ego.

It was, as well, an occasion of importance to the Samoans. The chiefs always had been well disposed towards Jonas Coe, (Emma's father). Although the old man had died four years previously and his numerous brood was now scattered, the chiefs were delighted to pay tribute to the famous Emma, head of the Samoan community in New Guinea, and who met them again, Samoan fashion, as Princess Tui Malietoa Coe. Feasts and ceremonial dances crowded thickly upon her and her husband.

The Kolbes stayed in Samoa for three months, and they spent money in a way that dazzled the old residents. The parties she gave at the hotel, especially the formal dinners, where she wore lavish gowns loaded with jewels, rocked the Apia community.

At other times, Emma, probably to show

her indifference to Apia opinion, dressed any old way, and smoked in public the cigars which, for years, were made especially for her out of Samoan tobacco.

Emma took a practical interest in her relations, and especially in the widow of Jonas Coe (Litia, the daughter of the Tongan missionary, whom Jonas married in 1881), and her four children.

It was during this visit that Emma obtained possession of the Coe family Bible, with its written record of the Jonas Coe family. (It was found in New Guinea 60 years afterwards by Mr. H.L. Schultze, and placed in the Australian National Library, in Canberra).

The records of the next ten years – especially, numerous old photographs – show that Kolbe was prominent in Neu Pommern's social life. Emma, an increasingly corpulent but still regal figure, is seen surrounded by neighbours and friends, and almost always with her were a quiverful of nieces, usually attended by young men. The unromantic, posed group photographs of that time could not hide the good looks of the young Coe ladies, or the ardour of their attendant swains.

Charles Betteridge

To be continued...the turn of the century

TRAVELS WITH MY FAMILY BY HELEN RIGBY

Day 15 Rio Dulce to Antigua via Guatemala city

Travelling on a first class bus somewhere between Rio Dulce and Guatemala city! Stopping at a travel stop in the Guatemala highlands means that you cant take your guns into the restaurant and you get your bags checked by the Seguridad, and possibly frisked. This has been another beautiful observation experience. We have passed brown rivers swollen with flood waters, seen cowboys trotting uncomfortably bareback on small horses, many homes with people going about their daily lives in he unhurried way they do here.

I have seen beautiful highlands and valleys, brown corn stalks covering acres, and everywhere it is green, green grass, green jungle, so lush. It has been raining and this is due to a Typhoon that has just made landfall in Mexico. It is a lot cooler, although the humidity is still high.

We are scheduled to arrive at Guatemala city in about an hour and then transfer to another private bus for Antigua, another hour and a half.

The mountains are a mess, as we travelled landslides became more and more apparent. Bulldozers and men with shovels were everywhere on the road trying to remove debris caused by the landslides. The traffic has reduced travel to almost a standstill.

Juan Carlos took us on a walking tour of the city and I was enchanted, it is very colonial, having been promarily built by the Spaniards in the 16th and 17th Century. Some of the buildings are crumbling but others, particularly the churches are kept painted and are beautiful ornamented with plaster friezes and decorations. One Church even has a giant Rosary attached to it that apparently lights up at night. There is a Central Park (Parque Central) that has manicured grass and sculpted topiary and a fountain in the middle which apparently is a copy of one in Italy. This fountain has the heads and torso's of 4 women on each side holding their breasts and squirting water out of their nipples. This is to symbolise women as the giver of life.

Day 16 Antigua

Antigua was hit by a major earthquake in the 1700's and there are many ruined buildings from the Spanish occupation and Carri

and I stopped at one on the way to the textile museum. Like most of them it was either a monastery, convent or a church. Whilst the building itself had no renovations or repairs to it the gardens were beautifully kept and full of flowers and flowering shrubs.

The textile museum was well worthwhile going to just to see the huge variety of different designs the different villages produce and the history. There were also examples of the larger looms that the men use to weave the womens skirts and also a smaller static loom that the women use as well as the back strap loom.

Day17 &18Antigua - Chichicastenago

Juan Carlos has said that maybe Copan wont be possible due to the rain extending as far as Honduras. What a blow. Chichi market today (Chichicastenago means Place of poison oak). It was a long drive through very pretty country, but fog shrouded us some of the time. The evidence of landslides was very apparent and we could see why Juan had not wanted us to go as it was quite dangerous with piles of mud across the road.

To be continued...

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