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I am sure I wasn't alone in having my work and home life disrupted with the storm and power outages over the Australia Day long weekend. Having planned to get the Gazette finished nice and early, my plans were somewhat stymied by more than three days with no power or water.

Never mind, the best laid plans and all that.... At least we didn't have any major problems (although I am sporting a nasty burn as a result of trying to make coffee on the unfinished floor of our new house with a coffee plunger that didn't want to play the game and exploded all over my leg!) I do hope that none of you had too many problems with storm damage or injuries and that you are all getting on top of the clean-up. Best of luck if you are still working on it.

In this issue we have space for a history feature, since we don't have the usual school news. So enjoy learning a little more about our community and past events.

One of our locals has just returned from teaching outback, and at a recent Australia Day event, another won an award. Congratulations to Helen (I wonder if these will appear in the history section in 100 years time?!)

Read a little about our competition winners, and find out more about SleepTalk™, from one of our new advertisers. A surprise visit from Jeff Fatt from "The Wiggles" at a Pluckers and Poets session in January was a bonus and there is a photo of Jeff with baby Kaitlyn and her sister Charlotte, who was thrilled to see the purple Wiggle!

There is soccer sign up, art classes, a WIRES course, an international conference, and some information on a Tech Savvy Seniors program, so plenty of opportunities to learn new things!

Until next time.
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 Editor




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On 3rd February we shall begin our services again, after the holidays, every Sunday morning at 10:00 am in our beautiful new Church. Our first Guild Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the year will be held on 3rd March after church (approximately 11.00am)

On 24th November, we had our first wedding in the new Church. Sally Famularo (from James Street) married her childhood sweetheart Matthew. They made a lovely couple and Sally and her bridesmaids were absolutely stunning.



As they stood on the altar steps making their vows, the sun filtered in through the large window behind them and reminded us of how beautiful our new Church really is and what a wonderful place to have a wedding.



Our congratulations and best wishes go to the happy couple.

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 16th 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 and THANK YOU all for coming. Wasn't it great?!

The forthcoming World Day of Prayer will, this year, be hosted by the congregation of the Catholic Church of St. Dymphna on Friday 1st 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 World Day of Prayer Committee of France and promises to be very interesting.

The World Day of Prayer is about sharing. The theme this year is 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'. I

look forward to seeing you there – everyone will be welcome and we shall have a good supper afterwards!

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

AWARD FOR LOCAL GUIDE LEADER HELEN HARGREAVES

At the Lismore City Council's Australia Day Celebrations, local Girl Guide Leader Helen Hargreaves was one of two recipients of the Lismore City Council "Darcy Goodwin" Services in the Community Award.

Helen has been a Guide Leader for over 30 years and has held positions at Regional, State and National levels. As International Commissioner for Guides Australia she enjoyed selecting and assisting girls to travel to Guiding events overseas. Helen escorted a number of Guides from the Clunes Guide Unit to events in USA, New Zealand and Korea and to State and Na-

tional Jamborees in Qld, NSW, NT and Vic.

At the local level, Helen is District Leader for Clunes where she was for 25 years the Unit Leader for Guides aged 9 to

15. She is currently back as Unit Leader while another Leader is on maternity leave. Helen is dedicated to enriching the community through sharing her love of Guiding.

Girl Guides meet at Clunes Coronation Hall every Tuesday during school term, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm for the 9 -15 age group and 5.30 to 7.00pm for the 5-9 age group. Contact Helen on 66895294 for more information.



Mayor Jenny Dowell

Award winner Helen Hargreaves

Australia Day Ambassador Benita Collings

TEACHING OUTBACK

One of our young, local residents, Rachael Muller has recently returned to the area after teaching for three years in a remote indigenous community in the Northern Territory.

Rachael has been teaching at Nyangatjataara College in Imanpa (between Alice Springs and Uluru). As the only staff member on site, and with the nearest support personnel 200 kms away, this was an amazing experience for a new graduate.

Rachael completed her teaching degree at Southern Cross University, Lismore at the end of 2009

and took up the position in January 2010. During her time in Imanpa some of her achievements included success in improving attendance and creating a quality learning environment for a range of English as a Second Language (ESL) students.

She organised an excursion for students to Melbourne that included many exciting, first time experiences for a group of students who had never travelled outside community.

Rachael has many amazing stories and although admitting that there will be many things that she will miss, espe-

cially her 'awesome students', she is looking forward to a teaching casually in local, mainstream classrooms.



Rachael Muller

INTRODUCING THE GOULDING PROCESS: SleepTalk™ for Children

As a therapist working with relationships, parents and children and with the Inner Child, I am very pleased to introduce SleepTalk™ for Children, a therapeutic program that allows parents to interact with their children in a most powerful way. I find that when clients come to therapy with their presenting problems, more often than not these problems arise from unresolved childhood issues. These issues may well have caused not only years of angst and unhappiness, but also limitations and restrictions on personal growth and opportunity. Every parent's dream is for happy children and a happy family. So would it not be better to ease our life journey with a happy childhood?

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The first recipient of SleepTalk™ was Michelle, who was born with severe physical and mental disabili-

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The program starts with Foundation, the setting up of a secure and loving foundation for the child to achieve calmness and positivity. The results at this stage are quite magical, because the process starts to replace previously accepted negative self-perceptions of the child. These perceptions may or may not be true, but they are what the child believes about themselves.

With a secure foundation in place, quite often the presenting issues have already been cleared up, but there is a next stage where the parent can focus on a specific area of need, that still requires further attention. John Cheetham, Consulting Psychologist, in his review of SleepTalk™, says that the principles which the process is based upon "are important determinants of behaviour in childhood, adolescence and in some cases adulthood". His review found consistent evidence supporting SleepTalk™.

SleepTalk™ is currently used in several countries besides Australia, and there are many case studies available regarding a number of issues identified by parents. For further information you can access www.sleep-talk-children.com and find documented case studies on confidence, adoption, foster care, autism, meltdowns, discipline, toileting, anxiety, fear, eating, speech, attention deficit, bullying, sleeping, learning and numerous other emotional and

behavioural issues. Please feel free to contact me and enquire about the possibility of a program to assist your child and you. There is no obligation.

Jannese Parkes is an Accredited Goulding SleepTalk™ Consultant. She is an educator and therapist with a background in Cognitive Psychology, Family Systems, Relationship Counselling, Neuro-Linguistic Programming and Hypnotherapy.

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Northern Rivers Pottery Supplies offer weekend and weekday workshops run by Ruth Park and Dawn Thirlaway.

Ruth Park (PhD and Master of Fine Art) has her Duck Creek Studio in Wollongbar and is a ceramic teacher at North Coast TAFE. Ruth is very generous with her knowledge and her workshops here on the north coast and nationally are very popular. To find out more about Ruth visit www.ruthpark.com.au

Dawn Thirlaway first studied Ceramics at TAFE in Sydney and then at Southern Cross University, Lismore. She has recently completed Visual Arts Honours at SCU. Dawn has worked on projects that express her experience with cancer and recovery. See Dawn's work at www.thechannogallery.com



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Over the past 20 years Dawn and Ruth have exhibited in solo and group exhibitions regionally, nationally and overseas.

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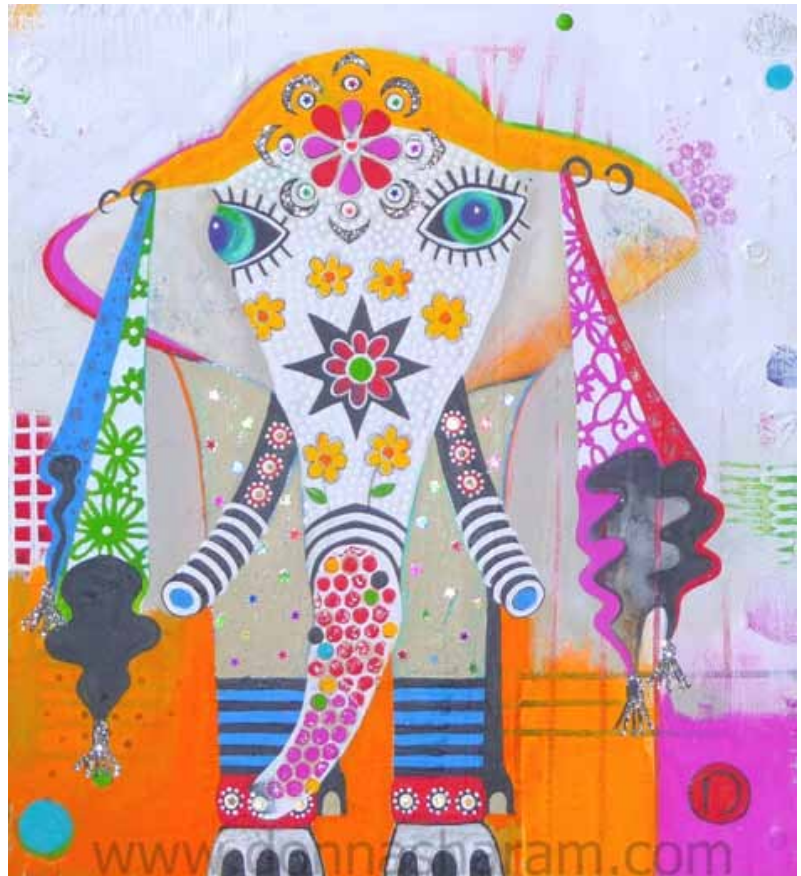
Donna Sharam who studied BA in Fashion and Textile Design at Sydney College of the Arts is one of the North Coast's most successful artists.

Donna will be holding an art workshop at Northern Rivers Pottery Supplies studio on Sunday 17th March. Donna will teach you to create art that comes from the imagination rather than from vision—to paint from the mind rather than what is in the eye. To get an idea of the technique you'll be learning, see Donna's work on

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Although we are getting a few days reprieve here and there more hot weather is predicted through to March. We are lucky to have escaped the severe fire conditions experienced in the south and west of the state but crews have not been sitting idle.

During the few days when the state was on high alert due to the high temperatures and extreme fire conditions crews from the Northern Rivers were deployed south to areas considered to be of high risk of fire outbreaks. The RFS strategy was to have ample fire units in place to respond quickly to any fire to prevent it from developing into a major incident. Crews were placed on standby at Port



Brigade members left to right Tom Wheeler, Aline Feebrey, Owen Balzer, Mike Berry, Ian Juleff, Mathew Bawden. (not present - Colleen Oats)

Photo by Owen Balzer

Macquarie, Wyong and near Newcastle.

Some crews including Dunoon brigade were later deployed to Tamworth before returning home.

Within a week of returning, Dunoon, Rosebank, Tullera and other local

brigades were deployed to Narrabri (north of Coonabarabran) for 5 days to assist in the containment of several fires in the Mt Kaputar National Park.

Brian Tarlinton, who has had comprehensive training to become certified as an Air Attack Supervisor was based in Coonabarabran where the largest and most destructive and threatening fire has



Tarlo (Brian Tarlinton) in front of one of the water bombing aircraft at Coonabarabran.

Photo supplied by Brian Tarlinton

been raging. Because of his previous experience he was given the responsibility of supervising 17 water bombing aircraft (fixed wing and helicopters) and a mapping/recognition helicopter operating from 4 landing strips where they had to refill with fire retardants and refuel. This was a very complex operation in rugged country under often windy and very smoky conditions. Brian, the pilots and all the ground crew should be congratulated for a job well done. When the prime minister visited Coonabarabran Brian was lucky enough to meet her and give her a briefing of the air operations.

FIRE PERMITS - A MUST

Fire Permits are still required until further advised. There have been a few cases in the local area where people have been caught lighting fires without a permit and brigades from Dunoon and Tullera have had to respond to fires that people have lit on a no-burn day or a Total Fire Ban day. A couple may have got off with a warning but others have been fined.

There has been enough information in the media over the years regarding the requirements regarding Fire Permits and their suspension on a Total Fire Ban day. The RFS is fed up and will be fining

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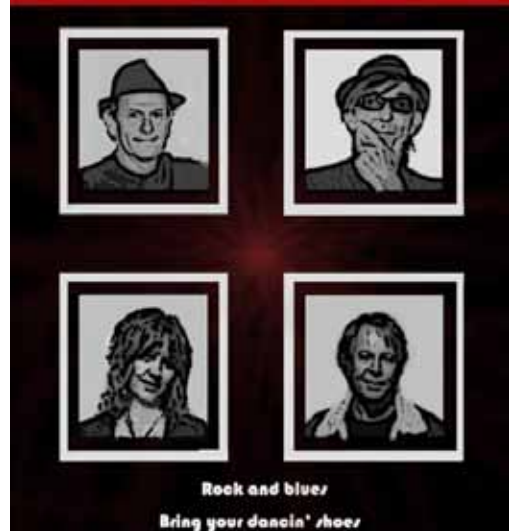
Friday 22nd February



Friday 8th March - Rogues Gallery

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Friday 22nd March - The Troubadours



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Kay won the voucher by describing which of the local businesses she has utilised that advertise in the Gazette. She has used the services of plumbers, painters and general maintenance work that have been advertised in the Gazette, as well as local services like the General Store and the Post Office.

When asked what she planned to do with the voucher, Kay said that she hoped to buy something that could



then be raffled as a fundraising effort for Aussies for Orphans. This charity is one that Kay worked with when

she travelled to Cambodia in 2012.

Kay is fundraising for the charity and on Australia Day weekend held a very successful bookstall at Bexhill Hall. This money will go towards the fundraising event "The Tuk Tuk Caravan of Life". Find out more and like it on Facebook.

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://thelismoremakers-market.blogspot.com.au/>

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES COMPETITION

Winner of the book - "Umbrella"

David won the book "Umbrella" written by our local Dunoon Public School girls (now all at Trinity)

Here are some photos of the activities they wrote about:

*David (aged 9):
In the holidays my family and I went to the farmer's markets. I got some zucchinis and some squash. I am going to keep the seeds and grow some. The veggies tasted nice.*



Sam (aged 4) trying out tip #5 - He made chocolate cake from scratch. The best part? - Licking the beaters and eating the cake.



Noah (aged 7):

In the holidays I went fishing at Ballina with the Fishcare Fishing Workshop. We learnt to tie knots, how to hold fish and casting. I got a tackle box and a fishing rod and a shirt and a hat. It was good.



Breanna (aged 12)

I spent some time practising soccer with my friend Clare ready for a soccer camp in Armidale. We had a great time.

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To celebrate all the hard work, the communities of Newrybar, Nashua, Fernleigh, Teven, Knockrow, Brooklet and Tintenbar organised a community celebration on 3rd February to present their Gasfield Free Road Declarations to their local mayors. Over 50 roads were planned to be declared at the event.

The fight to keep our land, water and air CSG free has united these communities and this day symbolises their determination to protect our health and that of our environment. Presently the entire Northern Rivers area is either under a petroleum licence (three main companies) or an application for a licence is being considered. The licence covering our local area is held by Arrow Energy. Although you may think it unlikely that a gas well will be drilled in your street if the terrain is hilly, that does not mean that you will be unaffected.

In 2012 a scientific study by researchers at Southern Cross University monitored methane levels in air and water around active gas fields in Southern Queensland. Methane levels were found to be much higher around gas fields when compared to levels in the Richmond valley where no coal seam gas extraction

activities are occurring. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas and hence increased levels in the environment are detrimental to all of us as well as promoting climate change.

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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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GRANT**

Nationals Member for Lismore Thomas George congratulated the Richmond River Historical Society (RRHS) on its successful application for local history project funding through the Royal Australian Historical Society.

The funding will be used by the RRHS to research and publish a revised version of the booklet "Dunoon 2480".

"Local historical societies and community groups play an important role in helping all people - particularly younger generations - understand our history, learning stories of national and local significance," Mr George said.

43 organisations throughout NSW will share in \$41,900 in grants for local history projects.

The funding program supports small grants to historical societies and community groups across NSW to assist with the research, writing and publication of

a wide range of local history projects. The NSW Government devolves funding of these small grants through the Royal Australian Historical Society.

The Royal Australian Historical Society is a voluntary organisation founded in Sydney in 1901 to encourage Australians to understand more about their history. For more information and a full list of funding recipients, visit <http://www.rahs.org.au/>

22 October 2012
Contact: Thomas George 0427 360781

Some snippets of our history - supplied by Ian Murray

**ELECTRICITY FOR WHIAN!
Thursday 5 August 1937**

At a meeting of Whian Whian residents to discuss the possibility of procuring electricity, those present were Messrs. F. Jemmett, J. Rapmond, W. Leeson, C. Drew, R. Ashlin, E. Ashlin, A. Crofton, R. Crofton, S. West, R. Dening, W. Moore, G. Coles, M. J. Skimmings, A. Coles, W. Beard, L. Smith, E. Devine, A. Smith, K. Mortimer, Mrs. Skimmings. Mr. P. Jemmett occupied the chair. Mr. Gray, of the C.R.C.C., addressed the meeting and displayed a chart of the proposed construction, should the canvass for guarantees succeed. Mr. Gray also explained that a previous canvass of other centres in Eastern Terania Shire hopelessly failed at £20 guarantee, but the figure for the present canvass had been considerably reduced. Numerous questions regarding electricity supply were answered by Mr. Gray. Despite the county council's intention to canvass the district, numerous guarantees were signed at the conclusion of the meeting. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Gray by Mr. Devine and supported by Mr. A. Smith

**ELECTRICITY...
Tuesday 12 April 1938**

Further progress has been made with the extension of electricity to Whian Whian. The survey of the main line has been completed and the C.R.C.C. employees are now surveying branch lines to the various residents.

The contractors (Messrs. W. Hepburn and Sons), have also commenced the delivery of poles. It is expected that the supply will be available within six months.

**ROCKY CREEK POPULAR
WHIAN WHIAN, Monday.
Tuesday 10 January 1939**

Despite the fact that there "was a big surf carnival at Ballina yesterday, many picnic parties and local residents thronged the swimming pool and the shaded creek bank at Rocky Creek, Whian Whian. Several car loads came out from Lismore late in the afternoon, and at one stage the crowd present was estimated to be over 50.

**WHIAN WHIAN HALL
Northern Star 28 July 1931**

The opening of the newly erected hall at Whian Whian was celebrated on July 17 with a ball. Visitors were present from the surrounding district. The excellent dancing floor and spacious building were admired by the visitors.

Residents of Whian have reason to be proud of such a fine structure. With the recently completed bitumen road running past the hall the committee anticipate holding a number of successful functions in the near future.

The president of the hall committee in declaring the hall open, said it gave him pleasure to announce that the hall had been opened free of debt. He eulogised the work of the contractors who had completed the building in record time.

The chocolate waltz was won by Mr. and Mrs. T. Skimmings and the cigarette waltz by Mr. A. Galooti and Miss P. Beddoes. The duties of

M.O. were carried out by Mr. O. Sardoni.

**WHIAN WHIAN HALL
ADDITION
1939**

A large crowd gathered at Whian Whian Hall for the opening of a supper room which has been added to the main building. President of the hall committee, Mr. Devine, reviewed the activities of the local residents, firstly in erecting the main building in 1939 and now in providing a supper room.

The former treasurer, Mr. F. Jemmett, officially declared the supper room open. The evening was spent in dancing and cards. Miss Leadbeater supplied the music, with Mr. Wright as M.C. A novelty dance was won by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Devine and a chocolate waltz was won by Mr. and Mrs. W. Mortimer.

A trophy was won by Mr. Walters, of Rosebank. Winners of the euchre were Mrs. Nowlan and Mr. A. Crofton. A trophy was won by Mr. C. Nowlan.

**OPENING WATER SUPPLY
1972**





Can You Help?

The Gazette has received this photo taken 1972 at the opening of the Dunoon Water Supply.

We are having problems identifying who these lads are. So far, and this information may not be correct: *Man in hat: Bob Carter, from left Chris Gulliver, (this is disputed as Chris claims to have been older at the time) Kevin Watts, Don Finlayson and Ivan Iverach. (The Iverach's owned the shop at the time and lived in the house next to the hall.)*

DUNOON ROAD ABOUT 1880

In my last article I mentioned two travellers to the Tweed whose reports were published by the Star in June 1880 and in 1881 (beginning Feb). In the last issue, I was interested particularly in Duncan Currie's pubs. The North Lismore hotel was replaced with the more elaborate Junction Hotel. Currie had eventually sold the Junction hotel long before its licence was cancelled in 1911 as part of a major reduction in public houses following a referendum¹. The Winsome was eventually built on the same spot.

The modest North Lismore hotel was built before either of the bridges was built across the two rivers there. Lott Bruggy was the second licensee of that first hotel. He also bought a licence to operate the ferry and to collect tolls. Bruggy died in 1882 and his widow Eliza set up two auction sales at the hotel for the same day. One was to sell off the Bruggy farm in the South Lismore ridges, the other to sell off the stock and the fittings of the hotel. Currie later advertised the hotel for sale but apparently decided to rebuild instead.

Both travellers featured by the Star crossed from the CBD to North Lismore, but the second traveller (Octopus) arrived when the punt was out of service and he tells the story in great detail about being rowed across

with his saddle in the boat and the horse reluctantly swimming behind. The earlier traveller mentioned passing the hotel run by Bruggy, Archibald Currie's store, then the hotel run by Cusack. I presume he turned left at that second hotel as we still do today. He followed a fence for about ten chains (200 metres) before 'turning short' to follow the telegraph line over the hill. (The railway did not cross the road till ten years later.)

Our second traveller says that he had a chat with a few people after leaving the river and saw some well cultivated farms before he describes how the road over the hill had been improved with side cuttings. He wondered how carts had been able to negotiate the old road especially when it was slippery. The new road was being gravelled. He passed through dense scrub for a short distance over a very beautiful red loam and undulating country and then came into clearings and forest country. There were settlements for several miles, nearly all of which appeared to be permanently occupied but with very little cultivation. Fruit trees were to be seen here and there.

"I jogged along until I came to the last house on the left-hand side of the road, Mr. Currie's, which is called Dunoon, and notice he is erecting a new domicile², the present one evidently (having) done its duty to the owner's satisfaction. He has made a nice start towards having an orchard, and intends adding still further to his present assortment of trees as time moves along." Octopus was then surprised to see that there were no more selections on the left of the road because of the timber reserve which was still in place.

Duncan Currie had made his first selection in 1871. The Modanville Store stands today on Currie's first selection. In September that year it was surrounded by a huge forest reserve stretching as far as Night Cap Range. In December 1878 the 400 acre Dorrobee Grass Reserve was declared but the parish of Dunoon still had no name. During the following year six selections were made in the new parish on the east of the road. They stretched from the bend at the nut factory as far as the land where the Club now stands.

These days the road swings round past the junction with the Channon Road, the cemetery, and the nut factory. Until about 1883 the road to the Tweed ran straight across the eastern side of the valley from the bottom of Jimmy Jimmy's Hill. James E James selected his block in 1880 with Numulgi Creek Road between his selection and Currie's four new selections on the east side of the road.

"Octopus" spent the night as the guest of James family. They had already built a little home with plans to extend it into a fine guest

house and restaurant. "When one has seen Mr. James's old garden at South Lismore³ (near the site of the current Lismore Airport), he can be sure what the present wild place will be in time. The next morning I started away after an early breakfast, crossed the small creek on the road and came to a Mr. Hall's place⁴. Mr. James and the last person named, having families, are very anxious to have a school started somewhere near, but there are not a sufficient number of children to warrant the Government starting one."

"I pass other homes until I arrive, at Durabee Grass⁵. How it is spelt I cannot say, but this is the simplest way, according to the pronunciation. At first it sounded like Derby Grass, but on further enquiring the other was the result. Well here are slip-rails placed across the road, in order to prevent the teamster's bullocks from straying towards Lismore. Several of them camp here occasionally in a small hut, and as there is a fine extent of grass-land it is a handy place. The timber is got further along the road towards the Tweed, and is drawn down to deep water by bullocks and mostly consists of pine. After passing by this grass, scrub is again entered, and not a house is seen after this, until within a few miles of my destination." (ie the Tweed)

Footnotes

1. Unfortunately we had a glitch in printing the hard copy of the last issue and my last sentence was truncated - *Apologies from the Editor: should have read:... 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.*
2. This is not to be confused with Dunoon House later Craiglea, still standing at 1019 Dunoon Road. The land where that house was built was not acquired till 1885.
3. This was the property of his father-in-law.
4. Hall had selected portion 1 (Dunoon). Three portions were marked out between the selections of James and Hall. They fronted the east side of the original road passing water reserve 975 which was declared in 1883 and lay between the old road and the new. These three selections were made during 1881. They were numbered 81, 109, and 82 and were selected by James Braid, T.F.Tyler and William Barnes respectively.
5. The 1980 traveller's report rendered the name as "Derreby or Derby grass"

Denis Matthews

**OPENING OF DUNOON
METHODIST CHURCH**

Picnic and sale of gifts

Northern Star

19th September 1903

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About a year ago the Methodist church at Dunoon was destroyed by fire. Fortunately the loss was integrated by an insurance of £100, and steps were at once taken to rebuild. Plans were prepared by Mr. F.J. Board for a tasteful and commodious building, and the contract was let to Mr. Davey at £224. Though not quite completed, the contractor kindly consented to the opening services being held on Sunday last.

Sermons were preached at 11am and 7 pm. By Rev William Dinning of Brisbane, who delighted the overflowing audience by his able and helpful discourses.



View from Methodist Hill Southeast
- Top photo taken in 1970
- Bottom photo taken in 2012



Wednesday last a picnic and sale of stock and other gifts was held on the Church grounds. The roads were bad enough after Tuesday's down pour and Thursday's soaking rains. But, the Methodists were lucky to get even so good a day sandwiched between Tuesday's and Thursday's soaking rains. Of

course the weather and roads thinned the attendance, which if it was a little select, was at any rate interested and enthusiastic. Many friends from a distance were absent, but much local interest was manifested, and as evidenced by the presence of people of all denominations. The ladies of the congregation supplied with eatables the 250 or more visitors. The provisions were good and plentiful, the only drawback being that there was much to be done in a short time.

The sale of stock and miscellaneous gifts was in charge of Mr. G.T. Hindmarsh. There was a very spirited competition, and prices ranged rather above market values in most cases. The cattle brought from 10s for a calf, to £13 for a good looking heifer. The stock totaled about £101, including the price of one animal sold some time previously. The mixed gifts comprised fancy works, pictures, children's clothing, pigs, poultry, pumpkins, potatoes, paspalum seeds etc, etc. which realised about £27. With the money promised there ought not to be much debt on the Church in three months time.

At the close of the sale, upon the propositions of Rev. J. Bathgate and Mr. W.T. Dyer and of Messrs. Raywood and R.Y. Arthur hearty thanks were accorded the ladies and other helpers, the Rev. W. Dinning and Mr. G.T. Hindmarsh. Mr. Dinning expressed his pleasure in having an opportunity of visiting the district, and renewing the friendship of earlier days. Mr. Hindmarsh said he



View from Methodist Hill Southwest
- Top photo taken in 2012
- Bottom photo taken in 1970



had enjoyed the outing, was glad to be of service, and hoped in a similar way he might be again a helper to such enterprises. Rev. Joseph Beale explained the Archdeacon Whyte and Rev. R. H. Nixon, who had been present earlier in the day, had had to leave for another engagement.

The Rev. Mr. Henry had been unable to attend owing to absence from home,



Church - Photo taken in 2011

and the Rev. E.C. Knox probably by the state of the roads and weather. For the trustees he thanked those present and all others who had sympathised with the effort to supply what would be, he thought, a handsome and suitable place of worship. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

The new church is built of wood, and is 20ft x 30ft (inside measurements). There is also a vestry 8ft x 12ft, and a porch in front 8ft x 6ft. The ceilings are very lofty (15ft). There is a dip in the floor of about a foot towards the pulpit. The building is all ceiled and lined with Wunderlich patent steel lining. A rosewood dado goes right around the church 5ft up, and, being varnished, shows the wood to advantage.

The new church is built on the site of the old one, but is a larger building. We believe this is the only Wesleyan Church in New South Wales that has the Wunderlich steel lining and ceiling. The church is of an excellent design, and reflects credit on the Dunoon residents, and also upon the architect (Mr. F.J. Board of Lismore) who carried out his work in a satisfactory manner.

OPENING ROCKY CREEK BRIDGE

Gala Day at The Channon
Northern Star
November 12 1907 Page 2

One of the most important events in the history of The Channon and the quickly growing village of Terania, was the official opening yesterday (11th November 1907) of the Rocky creek bridge. The opening of the bridge is not conducted with a great degree of pomp and enthusiasm in the more thickly populated portions of the community – the natural conveniences for such population generally meeting in a measure of degree most of the demand.



It is in places where pioneers have to battle along, paving the way for their more fortunate fellow beings, who, as a rule reap the benefit of their labours, that a bridge opening is a red letter day. And of all the places in the Richmond district, the Rocky Creek crossing which the bridge opened yesterday was built, was without doubt the worst, as very large boulders lying in the stream rendered crossing very difficult and dangerous. The writer accompanied a friend over this creek on one occasion when homeward bound with a lot of Christmas presents. The jolting over the stones caused the back of the vehicle to come unfastened, and everything went into the stream. This is only an ordinary incident illustrating every day occurrences, but will serve to show the danger that would exist when there happened to be a fresh in the stream.

The present structure stands as a monument to the straight forwardness in public life of our late Premier (Mr. J.H. Carruthers). Readers will remember his visit to Lismore, some 18 months ago, said amongst a long list of wants placed before him, this matter introduced by Mr. J.B. Mitchell, received the most sympathy. As Mr. Hindmarsh said by most persistent effort, this matter has been continually brought forward until today it's consummation was seen.

The bridge was decorated with bunting and greenery, a large arch being erected in the centre. Me. E. Roach on behalf of the Settlers and residents extended to the President of Terania Shire and visitors a hearty welcome. He apologized for councilor Armstrong

and Mr. W.A. Lee, head Superintendent. He said they had met to inculcate good will as well as to open the bridge. Although the bridge was of great magnitude yet the value of it was great. It was a miracle that many lives had not been lost in the creek.

He then called upon President Greene to address them previous to performing the official ceremony (Applause) President Greene, who was received with an ovation from the large assemblance, said it gave him great pleasure to be amongst them, not only to officially open the bridge, but to meet all who had taken such an active part in the consummation of a result they had long fought for.

The Government had not as yet awakened to the wants of the people in this prosperous part of the district. Although the shire took no credit for the bridge; they had to keep prominently before the Government the wants of the people. The energy of the people alone was responsible for the work being done. As an example of the red tape of the Department, he said it took no less than 36 letters and telegrams before they could open the bridge that day. Local Government was a very necessary thing; they had in the past many difficulties to contend with. The endowment of the shire was insufficient; they had to work with a subsidy of £ for £ whereas they ought to be getting £3.

.... The situation the shire had to face was they had 7,500 acres of good land without any roads whatever in it. The people had to find their own way out and the difficulties that delicate women had contended with on roads over which they could hardly pack a horse on was an achievement(?) which the pioneers deserved every commendation for. The duty of the shire was to get such people roads.

He was pleased to say that the Hon. C.A. Lee Minister of Works, had promised him that they would give the shire sufficient money for road work, which when completed, would be able to take their sulky over the bridges and travel northwards, and reach Kyogle and Murwillumbah. Some people said they were trying to do too much, but they would not rest until every settler had a road. He looked forward to the time when the three rivers running from the foot of the McPherson Range would be thickly populated and

have their ports to open to the world. There was a great future before us (Applause)

Jos. Quilty (Mayor of Lismore), thanked them for their reception and hoped those who had expended(?) their energy towards the erection of it would long live to use it. It would be in the life time of many of them to see a vast population in this land, watered from the head of these rivers. Local Government meant increased taxations, but the people got much more for their money. Works only cost a quarter of what they did when carried out by the Government. The days of the road and bridges member were past.

Councillors Simes, Chisholm and Missingham also spoke after which Mr. Roach presented President Green with a medal bearing the following inscription:- "Presented to W.M. Greene, Esq. President of Terania Shire, on the official opening of Rocky Creek bridge, 11/11/1907." President Greene then thanked him for the gift, and cutting the ribbon, declared the bridge open, amid much applause. Mr. W. Rose acted as secretary to the committee. A very pleasant day was spent.

DUNOON SPORTS CLUB

Tuesday 30 October 1928

A meeting of the committee of the Dunoon Sports Club was held in the Dunoon Hall on October 22. The following were present: Rev. C. Foley (president), Mr. A. Odgers (secretary), and Messrs. C. Skimmings, A. Bryant, E. Armstrong, and J. Skimmings. A letter was received from Mr. Geo. Missingham, secretary of the Dunoon War Memorial Committee, acknowledging donation of £10 from the sports club, and regretting the inability of the sports club in not being able to conduct a sports day on behalf of the memorial. It was decided to fence the ring, and put the running track in order. The matter of repairing the shed was left to a later date.

The president stated that he had received a letter from the superintendent of the Lismore Ambulance asking for assistance. He thought that they could not do better than assist this most worthy cause. It was decided that a sports day be held same time in January, and that 50 per cent, of the proceeds be donated to the Lismore Ambulance. It was left in the president's hands to call the next meeting.

Five becomes four

Ben moves out this weekend. Definitely not sure how I feel about that yet. Yes he constantly drives me insane with his inability to focus on anything other than rebuilding computers, “modding” (yep, rebuilding) Nerf guns till there is nothing remotely harmless about them, PC gaming and laughing at dumb guys on YouTube.

But he is also the one whose wicked grin lets him get away with way more than my eldest Sarah ever would. Mind you she is the party girl whereas he turned 18 back in September and still hasn't bothered going to a pub or club to pour his money down the toilet while having an “off the hook” time.

Not that he has money. Our excitement at Ben getting a part-time job at Hungry Jacks last July was short lived since as soon as he turned 18 he was not given a single shift no matter how often he called to remind them he was available. At first we thought it was consideration for his HSC schedule but obviously at a buck or so more an hour he was too expensive to flip burgers!

It would have been nice if they told

him that at the interview when they said “we're excited to have you join the team”. Perhaps they could have added - “for six weeks at least till you get too old for us to pay. Oh, and by the way we will stuff up your wage three times during that period so you don't actually get paid till weeks later, and tell you it was a computer glitch. Welcome to Hungry Jacks!”.

Anyhow – that is my soapbox for the week. Hopefully he will have a better experience at his next casual job, which he once again needs to keep him in computer parts, petrol and noodles while he is at Griffith Uni on the Gold Coast. Maybe the job will last a little longer than six weeks at least.

He's moving out with four of his friends, all mates (one female) from this neck of the woods, all brought up in Modanville, Tullera, The Channon and Corndale. Living in the “big smoke” is going to be a hell of a change for these slow moving new adults but at the very least they will have some hilarious stories to tell of their various homemaking stuff ups just like the rest of us have.

When I moved out of home I remember being sure I could handle everything. Having lived in the Mur-

rumidgee, South Coast & Central West regions on farms and in small towns and being part of a big family I learnt plenty about “staying alive” and how to take care of a household .

Since I knew how to wash, clean, cook, grocery shop, sew AND change a tyre (I have conveniently forgotten how to do this since) clearly I would be an expert at living with strangers in share accommodation in Sydney. I forgot that households have lots of food in the pantry aside from noodles and corn kernels in a can.

I didn't realise that some houses had gas ovens and cooktops I would not know how to use – even though I could build an awesome camp fire and light an old wood stove. Without a microwave and no idea how to light my own stove it took me a few weeks of sandwiches or shop bought lunches before I got the guts to ask Mum or my seldom seen big city flatmates how.

You should have seen me trying to deal with a stupid twin-tub washing machine after years of toploaders. Some people swear by them – I think they need their head read. We were given a second hand one by someone in Paul's family when Sarah was tiny. Hours of standing over the effing thing washing nappies when I could have

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been hanging the blasted things on the line during daylight if I had a toploader and could fit a whole load in at a time!

Imagine a washing machine that could actually WASH THE CRAP OUT OF THE NAPPIES instead of needing six rinses and spins. Woohoo – luxury! Paul thought I was being a princess, but considering he dropped his filthy chef uniforms in the laundry of the hotels he worked at and never washed a nappy IN HIS LIFE I really didn't care what he thought. Yes I would prefer to take the "princess" option and let the washer do the work for me – who in their right mind with any kind of life outside of dusting and cleaning wouldn't?

The number of times I deadlocked myself out of flats that were not on the ground floor of huge apartment blocks – embarrassingly numerous. The number of times I THOUGHT I was locked out but was in fact trying to drunkenly open the door of the flats next door? Twice. Although that turned out okay since I made some new friends who also liked to party.

Moving in with complete strangers is always hardest – and I'm relieved that Ben is taking this step with mates he trusts and can be honest with if they are not pulling their weight. Their blunt honesty with each other is shocking but hilarious, pulling no punches about how useless each of them are at different tasks. Just about all of them have first aid kits amongst their moving boxes since one of them is notoriously accident prone, having racked up more hospital visits than the average Moto GP rider.

In the last 24 hours since getting the news they had at last found a place to rent after submitting almost 20 rental applications Ben has worked with more focus and drive than I have ever seen. With the exception of when he is in the grip of genius creating Nerf guns loaded with regular foam darts that can still put a dent in a car from over 30 metres distance, and computer towers with more LED lights and fans than Robert Downey Jnr's awesome Ironman. Becoming a Mechatronics Engineer may keep him out of trouble or put him in prison depending on whether he uses his forces for good or Dr Evil's mwa ha-ha-ha moments.

In that 24 hours he has managed to fully sort and clean out his tiny bedroom – everything I have spent the last 3 months nagging him to do. Hopefully this means that if he manages to not sleep through his four year degree he will not be sacked from the first big project he works on because he has contributed nothing worthy for the six months it has been going, then completes the whole mechanised structure/robotic killing machine in that same unexpected 24hrs of frenzied focus without help from anyone.

Hopefully he will remember what being a team player is when he moves in with his mates, and they don't kick him out the first time it's his turn to cook and he goes into hiding convinced he can wait them out and that eventually they will get hungry and pool their student shillings for \$2 burgers (but not at Hungry Jacks) and get him one too. He can do this, he is very skilled at it and will smile and rub you on the head while he makes

a mockery of your pleas for action.

He is a proud kid, and hates starting things he can't do brilliantly and might fail - hopefully taking this step away from home will fire up that pride and he will want to put everything he has into proving he can last the distance. I keep telling myself that so I don't have nightmares that he really has slept through/or levelled up to Gaming God status instead of turning up to the first few weeks of Uni because I wasn't there to kick his B-hind out of his man-child cave and get him there.

Ethan of course is trying to cover up his desolation at big brother Ben leaving him behind – not to mention all the extra chores he will be saddled with. This kid who is actually devastated that Richmond River was flooded in the week he was meant to start high school is consoling himself with the news that Ben is leaving behind his super computer for little bro's sole usage.

My own consolation lies in knowing that while our power bills may be less over the coming year – over the border in banana bender land as Ben builds his new super computer Bio-hazard II the nightly news will speak of unexpected power outages affecting the entire Gold Coast region. And any power bill/broadband expense will be his responsibility alone.

My final words of wisdom on sons moving out to take care of themselves?

Mwa ha-ha-ha-ha.

Caz Greene

PLAY FOOTBALL IN 2013

The 2013 football season is fast approaching. Player registration will be happening online for the first time this season. New and continuing players can register and pay online from 1 February by going to www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Dunoon United Football Club will still be holding sign on days at the Dunoon Club-

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“Queen Emma” in 19th Century New Guinea. Part 10

MEMORIES OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

In the last episode I told of the changes taking place in Queen Emma’s life and of her marriage to Captain Paul Kolbe in the final years of the Nineteenth Century.

So, as the world turned the corner into the Twentieth Century, the empire of Queen Emma in Neu Pommern flourished and grew, and life in Ralum and Gunantambu expanded and glittered. But it was no longer the tightly-knit, pioneering, romantic enterprise that was based on the taming of raw jungle and man-eating savages, and the dreams of a Samoan-American girl. Much of the colour had gone out of it when an island king’s bullet from a stolen rifle ended the life of the big, handsome Stalio, in 1892.

By 1900, Emma was a slow-moving, corpulent Queen, making up in mental alertness and business success the physical charm that had departed in her ‘Forties.

After her marriage to Kolbe, for at least a decade, she got a full-blooded satisfaction out of her commercial enterprise, and much pleasure in directing the social careers and love-affairs and marriage settlements of her numerous relations.

Whether it was a 20-course dinner served on her famous gold plates for a distinguished German visitor, or a wedding feast for a favourite niece, or the gift of a well-equipped schoolhouse to one of the Missions, she remained the presiding spirit of revelry and generosity. More and more, she became the ruler of her domain, her will was law.

But, inevitably, this created trouble within her huge domestic circle.

One evening at Gunantambu, Emma made a surprise descent upon a very warm-blooded visitor from Samoa – a girl connection of the Coe family. The other party was a fat and jolly young Englishman who was visiting Herbertshohe.

They were not especially suited to each other, but the imperious Emma insisted that they be married, and then she sent them to run a plantation she had established in an atoll group. The high-spirited girl loathed the life and disliked her partner to such an extent that she tried two or three times to commit suicide. Then her husband died. The young widow went through a series of lively love affairs, but finally made a happy marriage. Their descendants retained an interest in the atoll, and were an esteemed family in New Guinea for half a century.

Mrs. Phoebe Parkinson’s favourite son was

Otto. He was well-educated, at Emma’s cost, and grew into a handsome, temperamental young man. He was naturally artistic and, encouraged by Emma, was socially prominent in Herbertshohe. He was allowed credit at Forsayth’s main store, and there he incurred a debt which he could not handle.

Emma was irritated by some of his romantic exploits, and complained to Parkinson about Otto’s debt at the store. Parkinson had little sympathy with youth’s indiscretions – the escapades of his pretty, vivacious daughters often led to blazing rows – and he more or less took Otto apart.

It was an affair of no consequence, but Samoan characteristics came out in the temperamental Otto, who took a revolver out into the plantation and blew his brains out. It was the cause of a coolness between the sisters; relations between Emma and Phoebe were never the same again.

These things were typical of the Queen’s arrogant rule, but the Coe temperament in other members of the family often embarrassed Emma herself. One of these occasions was provided by one of the Parkinson girls when she horsewhipped a uniformed servant of the German government. The incident was a cause celebre of the time.

The three eldest Parkinson girls – Louisa, Nellie and Dolly-provided, over a period of years, much family social liveliness and a lot of comedy. They were good-looking, educated, and their conduct at times ranged from unconventional to madcap. They were greatly besought – the records indicate that the three women, between them, made seven marriages.

And so, these were just some of the happenings in Emma’s life as the new century rolled onwards.

When Emma had passed her half-century mark, Emma and Kolbe visited San Francisco and a report in the San Francisco Times of October 8, 1902, under the heading “Princess Emma has Come Here,” shows that she did not under-rate her position, as she saw it. Emma was educated in San Francisco in her earlier years.

She told the newspaper that her title was Princess Emma, derived through her mother; that one of her coconut plantations contained 120,000 acres; that she had a cotton plantation of 15,000 acres; that she employed “fifty Englishmen and countless natives”; that she presided over the local courts and regulated the religious life

of her people; that she had been “of great benefit to the United States government” because she had secured by negotiation the harbour of Pago Pago, (in today’s American Samoa), as a coaling-station and had provided twenty acres of her own property on the island: and had acted many times as translator and interpreter for the US Government.

Although the end-of-century years rolled on smoothly enough, life in New Guinea was seldom placid, and never secure.

Twenty years after the Germans annexed and, with Teutonic thoroughness, began the task of introducing peace and order, there still were outbreaks of savagery, involving murder and cannibalism.

An incident in 1902 nearly brought an end to the life of Caroline Coe, Willie Coe’s 22-years-old daughter. She was one of Emma’s favourite nieces, and Emma had sent her to the Catholic Convent School at



Caroline Coe

Hunter’s Hill, Sydney, for education.

Carrie, now home for good, had gone a few miles inland from Ralum to Varzin Plantation,

which a German, Rudolf Wolff, had purchased from the Parapatoma natives a few years before. She was a friend of Wolff’s young wife, and was a guest in their new plantation bungalow.

Some time after Wolff had entered into possession and established a young plantation, the natives tried to repudiate the sale and sought more payment from him. Wolff was a man of strong temper and he told the natives, in simple words, what they were, and chased them away. This seemed to be the end of the trouble.

Around 6am on April 2, 1902, Wolff went off to the plantation. About seven o’clock a few native men and women came and offered a pig for sale. The price named was exorbitant, and Mrs. Wolff said she would not pay it. The natives did not leave, however, they stood on the front verandah, arguing.

Suddenly, there was a howl from one of them, and at this signal a chief rushed in from the back premises and struck Mrs. Wolff a violent blow with a tomahawk. She fell dying at the feet of Carrie Coe, who had been standing beside her. Carrie screamed and the chief turned upon her, striking her twice behind the head with his tomahawk. She should have been killed, but she wore her hair in a thick knot at the back of her neck, and this muffled the blows. She fell off the verandah, seven feet, to the ground.

The chief yelled again, and scores of armed natives came out of the grass and surrounding bush, entered the house where they killed Wolff's infant child, and a native nurse-girl who tried to protect it.

A Buka houseboy heard Carrie moaning, and crept from under the house and dragged her into shelter, where his wife was hiding. Somehow, they bound her wounds and they all got through the kitchen to a ladder which led up into the rafters of the roof.

The natives wrecked the house: and then they missed the body of Carrie, and began to search for her. They found, instead, the Buka boy's wife but although they

handled her roughly they did not kill her. Just then, Wolff came riding back to his bungalow, unattended and unarmed. The howling natives rushed at him, hurling their spears and brandishing their axes, but somehow he dodged the lot, and galloped away to get help.

Knowing what now would happen, the natives left hurriedly. One of Wolff's native servants helped Carrie from the house, and was leading her gently to a nearby mission station when the first of the rescuers arrived.

In very quick time, the Europeans assembled a punitive force of about 150 – mostly German native police, and armed Buka labourers from the plantations – and they went after the Paraparatomia natives with deadly intent. The natives fought back, but the punitive force shot between 30 and 40 of them. Several Buka boys, who went eagerly and directly after their old enemies, were wounded, some badly.

It was feared, at first, that Carrie was permanently, if not fatally, injured, but she made a good recovery and soon after married Karl Adolf Schultze, the then German Government Secretary, and was

prominent in New Guinea in after-years.

The details of the Varzin affair were all recorded in the report of the inquiry subsequently made by German officials. Note: I found a copy of this report, (together with many other items on Queen Emma), in the Rabaul library in 1970 and it was to have repercussions on land ownership in German New Guinea right up to 1964.)

Generally, however, the native communities around Blanche Bay now left the Europeans alone, although they continued as dangerous as ever in more distant places. In the 1902-1904 period all the crew of a pearling lugger in Manus were murdered; the members of a Marist Mission station near Kieta, in Bougainville, saved their lives only by getting away in canoes from masses of hostile natives; and on August 13, 1904, five missionaries and five sisters of the Sacred Heart Mission were brutally massacred at St. Paul station in the north of the Gazelle Peninsula.

To be continued... the beginning of the end for Queen Emma and Germany's foothold in New Guinea.

Charles Betteridge.

TRAVELS WITH MY FAMILY BY HELEN RIGBY

Day 19: Antigua to Copan, Honduras

There have been many memorable bus rides throughout my travelling experience, today's was one of the less happy. Getting up and being ready at 3.50 are bad enough but for the reality of it to be the tiny Hi-ace bus it was and to have our luggage piled on top, under a tarp was a reality I shied away from. It was dark, it was extremely claustrophobic and once or twice I found myself wondering why I had chosen to come to Honduras.

It got light and the landslides got worse, there were times when I really thought we wouldn't make it. The van scraped bottom more than once and the mud was thick, making me think about being bogged and the rigmarole that would follow trying to dig the van out. Some of the landslides were really dangerous containing not just mud but huge boulders.

The township of Copan is a short drive from the border and finally this hideous journey came to an end. Horseriding was next on the agenda. The horses were tiny, I feared that they wouldn't carry us, but they did. These horses were tiny, sure footed creatures, well used to carrying heavier loads than me. It was raining on and off when we left and the ride turned out to be a hell for leather dash over muddy cobblestone roads or boggy dirt ones.

The village is up in the highlands and the

last 200 metres is up a steep road covered in rocks, those in the truck had to walk this whereas our sturdy little horses carried us.

Day 20: Copan, Honduras

I really don't believe that the last day we have in Honduras could have been any better, far from being jaded, as I had expected, I have drawn in the culture, the people, used Spanish effectively and thoroughly enjoyed the experiences I have had. The ones that have meant the most are the ones interacting with the everyday people, our tuk tuk driver and the lady owner of the restaurant.

I must say that Copan is the best site so far. Copan is quite a large site which contained a general plaza, used by the general public to meet, shop and for ceremonies concerning them. Places such as the ball court were restricted as far as audiences went, the best seats going to the elite and the seating furthest away from the action for the poor people. Something like today.

The general population lived a way away from the city, in communities that whilst still evident are probably not as well preserved as the main city. We saw the Kings residence and the place where his wives (all 18 of them) lived. We saw the place of the priests and had some of the dynasties explained to us. One area had 64 steps and it was explained to us that this was the history over a period of 300 years, except that an earthquake destroyed the steps and they were put together

incorrectly so the history is hard to decipher, translations are still being undertaken. The guide explained the time period and the work of the kings in building the city and how up to a certain point each king built more on top of the previous city. I was so impressed by the intricacies of the carving, much deeper carving than the bas relief of Angkor. When I went to the museum it was such a reward, the carving was amazing.

The bird park was a long way up the mountain, lucky we didn't walk, the views were spectacular over Copan and the driver stopped for us on the way back to take a photo. He was obviously very proud of his home. I think the hardest thing about travelling is the saying goodbye, to cultures, to experiences, to people, to places and to thoughts and feelings that have existed in the space you have occupied so different from your own.

Juan Carlos gave a great deal of insight about his country and his people. He spoke of the vast division between rich and poor, the lack of any support at all for unemployed and homeless, and in contrast his dislike of the justice system. He said that the loop hole that exists is that although the death penalty is mandatory in those cases, the constitution of Guatemala instructs the President to protect and preserve the lives of his people. We also spoke of injustice, children and parenting and other issues around human rights.

To be continued...

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Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School	Christadelphians Ray Patch
Sunday 11 am Church Service	6689 5229

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The Channon Hall	General Store 6688 6240

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Holy Communion Every Sunday 10.00 am
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Memorial Meeting 11am each Sunday
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	Tullera Hall	8.17am
	McLeay Road	8.23am
	Richmond River High	8.30am
	Lismore High	8.41am
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	OLL Public School	8.51am
ARRIVES	Lismore Bus Park	8.56am

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DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

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	Dunoon Store	8.40am
	Modanville Store	8.45am
	Tullera Hall	8.52am
	Minschull Crescent	8.56am
	Molesworth St.	9.00am
ARRIVES	Lismore Bus Park	9.07am

DEPARTS LISMORE BUS PARK 3.30PM

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