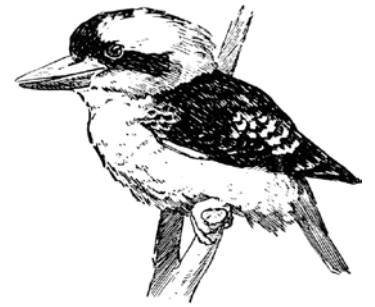


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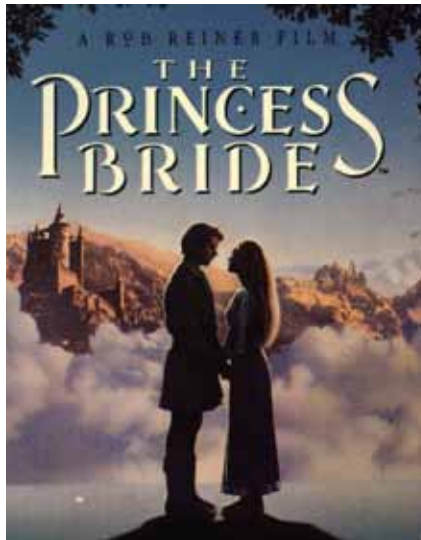
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It is somewhat ironic that I closed the last editorial with the statement - am looking forward to cosy evenings around a wood fire. This issue has a major feature on fire safety after the shock of the devastating fire that destroyed the beautiful home belonging to Jan and Igor Petroff - which we believe started in the chimney. It's a sober reminder of how quickly and unexpectedly fire can take hold, so think about your own escape plan and things you can do to improve safety.

The Telstra Tower has a group of concerned residents taking action on finding an alternative to the proposed site. Yes, we want a tower; No, we don't want it on our beautiful Dorrobee Grasslands. What can you do to help?

The Dunoon Community Garden Group is inviting new members, and we hear about another lovely wine group evening - makes the mouth water!

The final episode in the Queen Emma series brings to a close the fascinating story of this brave woman, brought to us by Charles Betteridge, who has been a wonderful and incredibly consistent contributor to the Gazette. Next issue we will hear a little more about Charles and I hope to interview more local personalities to learn more about the talented and interesting people in our community.

We have another local resident to be proud of with Rachael Muller winning a Young Achiever Award - well done!

We have our usual school and pre-school news. There's a letter from the Dunoon Preschool with a great fund-

raising idea. Please give them your support and have your personalised tile immortalised on the building itself.

Great to hear from Caz Greene with a reflective piece on the passing of time. And thank you Sally for the incredibly positive and heartwarming letter you sent in - great encouragement for all of us.

This issue of the Gazette brings me to a full year as Editor in a role I took on as an emergency stop-gap. It has been a challenge but I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our community better. It has been the encouragement of the Community with letters like Sally's and regular e-mails and words of affirmation that have kept me going.

I hope that you have enjoyed the Gazette, and I look forward to continuing my involvement.  
**Bronwen Campbell**  
Editor



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Well, Easter has come and gone and now, suddenly, we are half way through the year!

In April we had the Annual General Meeting of the St. Matthew's Anglican Women's Guild. Marie Everingham continues to be our president and everyone else retained their positions. We welcomed a new member, Penny Betteridge from Modanville.

Earlier this month I was called down to Church to meet a 'pest control' man who was to do an inspection of our new



Church. I protested how much this would be a waste of time and Church money! After all, The Church has a steel frame and metal framed windows. The only wooden part is the floor and that is a long way off the ground. Thank goodness no-one listened to me!

**WE HAVE TERMITES!**

Apparently, when one of the hot water tanks was being installed under the floor, the people doing the work unwrapped the tank and then laid the cardboard on the ground to kneel on it while they fixed the electrical work and the plumbing. The cardboard was never removed and it has become a perfect dark, damp place for a colony of termites!

Be aware that they are in the village

and can easily spread. Goodness knows where they came from!

Termites are often called the 'silent destroyer' because they may be secretly hiding and thriving in our homes or yards without any immediate sign of damage. They apparently consume cellulose-based plant materials. Unfortunately, all buildings, regardless of their construction type, can provide cellulose food for termite infestation. I suggest, therefore, that everyone have their home checked before Spring!

Remember we have weekly Sunday Services in our Church at 10.00am and The Guild meets after Church once a month. Everyone is welcome. 'Gina Murray (Anglican Women's Guild of St. Matthew's Dunoon)

MODANVILLE SCHOOL NEWS WITH KIMBERLEY TAYLOR

We have all had a great start to Term 2 and it's shaping up to be a very busy term with lots of extra curricula activities taking place.

Many students marched on ANZAC day to pay respect to our soldiers and remember those who



ANZAC day march

lost their lives serving our country. Congratulations to our school cricket team on winning two rounds in the PSSA Knockout Competition. Modanville beat Mullumbimby and Bangalow and were narrowly defeated by Ocean Shores in the 3rd round.

Our school tennis team defeated Alstonville and Clunes and will travel to Grafton in the coming weeks to compete against Grafton P.S. The students have shown great commitment and sportsmanship and we wish them luck in round three.

The school cross country was held on Friday the 3rd of May. The following Thursday, the whole school travelled to Corndale to compete in the district cross country. The weather was kind to us and the children had a great day cheering on their school. We wish Tameka, Lexi, Jason, Ren, Jayden, Brock, Jack, Samuel, Rachael B, Elka, Mikaela well at the Zone cross country

At Modanville we've started Nude food day on Wednesdays. Students are encouraged to bring healthy, fresh, unpackaged food for recess and lunch. Each class is participating in the SMASH program every Thursday for 45 minutes. This program aims to develop students' hand-eye coordination, gross motor skills and team work. Students in 3/4 have also been refining their origami skills with the expert help from Greg, our school cleaner.



3/4 Amazing origami for Mum

Over four sessions, the students created chickens and flowers for their mums for Mother's Day. Kindergarten students had lots of fun making flower arrangements for their mums.

Kimberley Taylor



K1 - flower arrangements for Mum

## DUNOON'S OWN CELEBRANT AND JP

It has been a few months since we first heard about 'Gina's new skills as a Civil Celebrant. Since that time, there was supposed to be a small advertisement with her phone number. Oops - we forgot to include it - sorry 'Gina. So here is a little reminder to tell your friends and family about the availability of a Celebrant in our own village.

Having had 'Gina's help in preparing for a significant event, I know from personal experience that 'Gina brings an enormous amount of caring and compassion to her role, and I'm sure that this extends to her services as a Celebrant.



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**Bronwen Campbell, Editor**

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## DUNOON PRESCHOOL NEWS WITH KATE SCANLAN

What a busy Term 2 we are having! We farewelled Jillian, the Director for the past 6 years, as she moves on to new adventures, and have welcomed Richelle to the teaching team of Jules, Vanessa and Terri. We have also welcomed some new families into the Dunoon Preschool Community and hope they have enjoyed their transition.

I have taken on the Director's role and look forward to working with the children, parents and committee to keep the preschool enticing, accessible and responsive to the needs of the community.

Block building has been a huge interest for many of the children over



the past few months - especially with the addition of "loose parts".



By adding rocks, shells, sticks, wood slices, yoghurt containers, material pieces, cardboard cylinders, tiles and of course small animals and creatures the children are developing so many skills.

They are using physical and problem solving skills to make the wooden blocks balance, look at symmetry and measurement in their designs, then pattern making, counting, sorting and matching in their decorations, which

are all valuable numeracy skills. Then of course, there is the storytelling about what is happening to the creatures, and the team collaboration required to build such amazing structures. For this the children are also using their communication and social skills.

Preschool is so affordable at the moment thanks to the NSW governments extra funding for all 4 (by 31st July) and 5 year olds.

Dunoon Preschool is open 5 days a week and still has some places available, so, if you would like more information about our preschool please come and visit or give us a call.

Warm Regards,  
Kate Scanlan (Director)

Please see the great fundraising idea in the Letters to the Editor section - and help the Preschool with your support- Editor

## WIRES WEEKEND COURSE 22-23 JUNE

The NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service is an all-volunteer organisation that needs new members throughout the Lismore region.

WIRES offers a weekend course that will teach you how to safely rescue and provide emergency care

for injured and orphaned wildlife. The next course will be 22-23 June.

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Whian Whian Public School ended Term 1 with a combined School/Playgroup Easter Hat Parade. Some very original pieces were modelled and each child told the audience about their hat.



In the last week of Term 1 Whian Whian School held an extension day for over 20 year 5 and 6 students who joined us from neighbouring schools. Students worked in small groups and were given the challenge to build a marble run that had to include certain elements. The results were many and varied and the day was enjoyed by everyone.

Two students attended the Dorrroughby Field Study Centre to be part of the Green Team. Some of the activities including mulching the vege garden, assembling a variety of 'puzzle' nesting boxes which could be taken apart and rebuilt to learn what animal or bird nests in which box. The students painted each box with a different pattern so they were easily recognisable.

Cross Country was held at Corndale, all the students participated and three of our boys qualified for Zone, congratulations to Ja who was Age Champion. Well done boys for competing so well at Zone.

A warm welcome is extended to Alex who is from Russia and now attends our school, he has settled in very quickly and

doing extremely well learning English (thank goodness we don't have to learn Russian!!)

A great night was had at Whian Whian Hall when Corndale and Tuntable Creek Schools joined us for a concert and disco. The students performed on stage, played xylophones, sang and then finished the night with dancing and limbo. Thanks to the parents for the soup, sausages and supper it was delicious.



Dr Nathan presented a fact and fun filled science lesson on the human body discussing the organs and what they do. Pulses were found and recorded before and after exercise (we had some as fit as Usain Bolt and others were clinically dead!) and then a bean bag was thrown into a box using two and then one eye to ascertain why we actually have two eyes.



Playgroup is held on Wednesday's from 9.30am – 11.30am everyone is welcome to drop in for a cuppa whilst the children are playing together. For any information please contact the school on 6689 5240 or visit our website [www.whianwhian-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.whianwhian-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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Only a few weeks to go in this very busy term when everyone has been immersed in learning activity! In our last Gazette news we mentioned the approaching visit from some Living Books, facilitated by Lismore Library. The visit was an outstanding success.

Blake reports: *"A living book is a person from another culture or country who tells people about their life. We had four books visit our school. They came from Thailand, the Philippines, France and Australia. It was interesting and fun."*



Amazingly the Australian visitor was the well-known local indigenous artist Digby Moran who brought some of his fabulous artwork to show as well.

Years 3-6 children participated in a First Aid course and now know how to bandage a bleeding wound, how to help a person who is choking and they have a greater understanding of anaphylaxis and asthma.

NAPLAN testing has come and gone. These assessments will provide helpful indicators to support teaching once the results are received in Term 3. Year 6 students enjoyed attending a GRIP Leadership conference at Tweed Heads.

Here is a description of one of the activities by Charlie and Jake: *"One of the activities was called heads, shoulders, knees and toes. We first did the dance and then they explained how this related to being a leader."*

- *Heads: Think of others;*
- *Shoulders: Carry the load for others;*
- *Knees: Move forward;*
- *Toes: Balance responsibilities"*.

All great inspiration and experience for our future leaders.

The annual District Cross Country was a wonderful day at Corndale and all children gave their best effort. A number of children ran their best ever race and received the coveted first place shield – Philippa, Eade, Paddy and Darius, Gabriella, Jazmin and Anthony. A great achievement from Dunoon, ALMOST taking out the Sandy Hunter handicap shield, which was won by Corndale!



Three talented Year 5 artists were selected to attend an Artist in Residence Camp at Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre for three days. Their experience included taking photographs in the Nightcap National Park, doing charcoal drawings and leaf rubbings and making a massive mural on canvas.



Peer Tutoring has begun! This is a cross-age program involving all children in a short daily reading session. Older students have been trained as reading tutors to work with a younger student to help them develop their reading skills. It is also a time where worthwhile relationships are formed throughout the school whilst learning and having fun.

In the last week of the term we will once again be inviting Grandparents and senior friends to the school to enjoy a beautiful morning tea and entertainment as we celebrate the valuable contributions made by these special people in our lives. This day was just beginning when my children started school here in the mid 1980's, and when I began work here in 1986! It is a fitting end to my career at Dunoon School as I am now a grandparent myself and will be retiring at the end of the term to enjoy more time with my beautiful grandchildren.

So long Dunoon School, it's been a wonderful 26 years and a privilege to get to know so many happy children, talented teachers and admin staff and caring parents!  
**Bronwyn Henderson**

*Good Luck Bronwyn, and thanks for all your hard work and making us feel so welcome when our kids started at the school. Editor (the other Bronwen)*

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nsw.gov.au if you require advice.

As part of our 'Structure Fire Response Plan' (for responding to fires involving structures) we are also asking residents to provide us with a mud-map roughly showing where the electricity power line enters the house from the street, the location of the power box/fuse board and inverter if you have one solar panels installed. Also indicate the location of any gas bottles and/or chemical or fuel containers. Please also include sheds and swimming pools and any hazards such as open drains or terraces that may be a safety concern to our crew when responding at night. If you are on a farm it would also be useful to mention if you have a dam that we can access for water.



Unfortunately the house could not be saved. Dunoon brigade also returned to the scene throughout the following day to cool hot spots so that fire investigators could try to determine the cause of the fire.



We have not been notified of the official cause but it is possible that it may have been caused by a blocked flue in the fire place which had been lit for the first time this year. Dunoon brigade has responded to many chimney fires at the start of the cool weather each year in recent times. With winter upon us, now is the time to check that your chimneys or flues are clean and free from obstruction and that all of your heating appliances are in safe working order. It is also important that electric fan heaters are not accidentally left on overnight or when leaving for work in the mornings. Fitting a timing switch to these appliances would be a good safety measure. It is also time to check your smoke alarm batteries and practice your fire evacuation procedure. If you do not have one then make one now. Contact your local fire brigade or check the RFS website [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

Maps can be posted to :- The Secretary, Dunoon Rural Fire Brigade, Munro Road, Dunoon, 2480 or left at the Dunoon Post office. This information will be kept in a file on our truck as a reference to assist us should we have to attend a fire at your property.

Dunoon brigade will soon be conducting an inspection of all fire hydrants in the village in preparation for winter which, records show is when most house fires occur. Ants are notorious for filling in the hydrants with soil. This would cause unacceptable delays in our accessing water should we be called to a house fire.

Blue markers and yellow arrows on the road clearly mark where hydrants are located on the footpath. The hydrants have a metal cover painted yellow and are also identified by a white post marked HP. It would be a great assistance to the brigade if residents with hydrants on their footpath could keep them clear of grass and weeds.

Fire Permits are not required at present but if you are intending to burn over the winter months it is still a requirement for you to give the Fire Control Centre (ph: 666 30000) and your adjoining neighbours 24 hrs notice of your intention to burn.

AGM – Dunoon Rural Fire Brigade will be conducting its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19th June at the brigade shed, commencing at 7.30pm. Past members and other interested persons are welcome to attend.

### Dial 000 in an emergency

Ross McDougall

## Chimney Fires

Although it is not official, it does seem from all accounts that the fire in Fraser Road was indeed a chimney fire. Chimney fires occur because of build up of highly combustible material called creosote which then ignites when the flue gets hot. They can be dramatic and explosive, or slow-burning. Both types are dangerous as they reach incredibly high temperatures - too high for the flue and surrounding materials to withstand.

Burning unseasoned wood, restricting the air supply by damping down the fire or putting a lot of wood in at once encourages the build up of creosote. Clean chimneys don't burn, so get a chimney sweep in to clean and maintain the chimney before the first fire of the winter season.

Black's Fireplace Installations and Chimney Sweep were helpful when we spoke to them, and have a Facebook page - just search on their name in Facebook.

Other Chimney Sweeps in the area can be found in the Yellow Pages and include:

- A Clean Sweep Chimney Service PTY Ltd
- The Chimney Sweep
- The Original Chimney Sweep

We have not contacted these chimney sweeps so do not know what their credentials are or what their service is like, but it might be worth checking to see if they are members of the Australian Home Heating Association.

## Actions you can take

There is obviously a lot of concern in our community at the moment over the impact of the fire, and how we can make sure that we all keep our homes and families safe. It seems that we don't smell smoke when we are asleep, so it is critical to have the high pitched shrill of the smoke alarm to wake us. Only a few lungfuls of smoke can disorient you so going into a burning house is just not worth the risk. If you are caught inside, remember the chant of the kids as they learn about fire safety - Get down low and go, go, go.

Some key actions we can take are:

- Review your fire escape plan and fire safety checklists (some good guidelines available online)
- Make sure the smoke alarms are working and the batteries are fresh.
- Follow Ross's advice and provide the RFS with a mud map of the house and key fire safety points.

Bronwen Campbell

## FIRE AT THE PETROFF HOME by DENIS MATTHEWS

It was Maria Gillam who looked up and saw smoke coming from Petroff's house. She shouted to raise the alarm and dialled 000. Her household and that of her brother Mick Reed sprang into immediate action. Mick, Judy, Bob and Maria were soon on the move. Mick seems to have taken charge, rescuing a ute and some chain saws and moving the gas cylinder away from the house, but there was little he and the others could do.

We were roused by Maria who asked us to be ready to direct the emergency vehicles if necessary. As I sheltered under my umbrella from the drizzling rain, two police cars passed me, obviously in no need of guidance but where was the Brigade? We could hear sirens but see nothing. Meanwhile the light was fading. I thought I could see smoke and then there was flame. Suddenly I could see that the whole structure must have been ablaze.

The Brigade did not waste time getting as close as possible to the fire. Instead of coming down Fraser Road and up the access track to the house, they had cut along the ridge above us. We could eventually see their lights flashing near the house.

But where were Jan and Igor? We learnt later that they had been to a seventieth

birthday celebration in Lismore. Then they had gone to the pictures. Jan had turned her phone right off, but Igor could feel his phone vibrating when his son Jules rang. It was quite dark by the time Jan tooted us on her way past. Then Kratae arrived and asked us to look after her little boy Supachai while she left her car and walked up the hill to see what was happening. She did not know where Nik was.

Consternation was palpable, but eventually we were relieved to hear that no one was harmed. Even the dogs and the chooks were safe.

At least Jan and Igor had their old house to return to. When Jan called in for a cuppa next morning she was unbelievably calm and philosophical. It was later that morning that Jan rang and said she had heard a report that the fire had sprung up again. When I drove up the hill to check, all seemed quiet but I was appalled at the devastation.

Just four years ago, I had watched that lovely



house with its magnificent views being built with such dedication. Now it was a grotesque wreck. That house had been a labour of love. Igor had, over the years, prepared nearly every stick of timber used. He had cut it from his own property and had it milled.



The family were not allowed to return till investigations were completed. But that period is well and truly over and assessments have begun on the removal of debris ready for the rebuild. It seems that the fire started in a chimney. We have not been game to light our little stove till we have replaced the old flue.

We are still coming to grips with the shocking experience of our good friends and close neighbours.

Denis Matthews

## THANK YOU FROM THE PETROFFS by JAN PETROFF

What a shock and a completely surreal experience to arrive home at 5.30pm on Saturday 11th May, to see our beautiful home ablaze.

As we approached closer, the huge orange glow on the horizon was indeed our house in flames, and we watched disbelieving as those seemingly insubstantial walls and roofing iron folded and subsided gracefully to the ground.

All those years of Igor's hard work, all those treasures collected from our trips around the world, family history in different items, favourite clothes and books, my art, important papers, things we were saving for our children and grandchildren, the list goes on, utterly overwhelming. For as long as we could, we blocked that out of our minds, no looking back, reasoning we would have the rest of our lives to remember those things.

For the present, we are grateful we are alive and safe (thank goodness we were not home at the time) and no lives lost except a few large brown snakes!

Our neighbours Maria Gillam who raised the alarm, and Mick Reed who dived into the burning house to rescue Igor's truck, were real heroes of the day - thank you! The volunteer firefighters were all there in force, doing their very best under difficult circumstances, a demanding and dangerous job. Thank you to you all.

Thank you also to the police and the Insurance people who could not have been more helpful. We have been deeply touched by the care and concern expressed by friends and neighbours. We are so grateful to all of those people, and their offers of help and support.

It is at times like this that one is brutally reminded of the impermanence and rel-

ative unimportance of Stuff, and the real things of value in life - family, friends, neighbourhood. We are so glad to feel a part of such a lovely community.

Thank you Dunoon! !

Jan and Igor



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## LISMORE MAKERS HAVE GRAND DESIGNS

All great cities have a public square where the community comes together to talk, listen and celebrate. The co-ordinators of The Lismore Makers Market have been creating just such a space on the first Saturday of every month in the grounds of the Northern Rivers Conservatorium.

According to Rowena Shakes, Lismore Makers Market Co-ordinator, the monthly market is an opportunity for the community to get together, listen to great live music performances and meet local artisans and support local, sustainable consumerism.

“When the sun is shining, there’s no better way to spend a Saturday than

sitting on a rug under a big tree listening to live music and meeting and supporting skilled local artisans”,

“The public square is done so well in Europe and it’s out of such places that democracy, poetry, music, architecture and great art have sprung. It’s much more than having a lazy afternoon. When a community regularly and informally comes together, wonderful things happen” Rowena said.

The growing handmade market offers a range of handmade products from local makers including jewelry, textile arts, ceramics, handmade and up-cycled clothing, small batch soaps and even custom made portraits of the family pet! The May market introduced a number of new stall holders, including artist Claire Atkins of Pinky & Maurice Contemporary Ceramics.

“I make functional ceramics and accessories in fine porcelain. I like the Makers Market for its intimacy, good music and because it shines a spotlight on objects that are being handmade by Northern Rivers artists.

“Working full time in a studio can be isolating, so markets are a great chance for me to catch up with friends and meet new people in the community. It’s a heartening experience because

people are genuinely interested in knowing about the processes involved in making original work. Gatherings like this are so vital for healthy, creative communities,” Claire said.

The next Lismore Makers Market is on the first Saturday of the month from 10am - 2pm. The market is a perfect opportunity to support local makers and purchase unique, handmade gifts for Mother’s Day. For market enquiries please contact Rowena Shakes [lismoremakersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:lismoremakersmarket@gmail.com)



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## DUNOON SPORTS CLUB - NEW TABLE FOR DECK

On the 10th of April a unique and beautiful table was installed on the deck of Dunoon Sports Club. This stunning addition to the Club was handcrafted by two local men; Tony Thomas and John Neill.



The idea of a new “table of knowledge” had been discussed amongst regulars for some time and in November 2012 Tony launched the first of fourteen Sunday afternoon BBQs to raise money for the project.

The table is made from Cudgerie (or Silver Ash), a local rainforest species. The timber was sourced in Dunoon; saved from going to waste with the expansion of the school nearly two decades ago. Working on weekends Tony and John took about thirty hours to complete the project.

The extended H shape allows up to twenty people to sit around it at any one time and enables far greater

sociability than a long, narrow design. This table even includes handbag hooks on the underside. Many thanks to Tony and John (and a couple of helpers) for their hard work and wonderful contribution to the Club.

### Bernie Ross



**DUNOON COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP**

A very quick update from the Dunoon Community Gardening Group. As you may have noticed not a lot's been happening at the garden beds since about Christmas time. But with the beautiful autumn weather upon us, a working bee was organised for Sunday the 19th of May.



It was a stunning afternoon weather wise, and a small but enthusiastic group of workers rolled up the sleeves and got stuck into it. By the end of the afternoon the existing beds were all cleaned up, topped up with soil, fertilised and some planting was done. A bunch of chillies was harvested and a plan to improve the existing irrigation system was hatched.



The gardens have the potential to provide much more than a few vegies. Community spirit for instance. So if you are interested in being part of the group in any way shape or form, but are not currently on the email list, please send your preferred email address to me at [peter.hood@scu.edu.au](mailto:peter.hood@scu.edu.au) We intend to meet again soon to keep the momentum rolling so stay tuned.

Happy Gardening  
**Peter Hood**



**WHIAN WHIAN WINE SOCIETY**

What a beautiful night - the full moon, glowing red and rising above the horizon. We're greeted with a friendly smile, a frosty cold one and the welcoming discussion revolves around travel - members having improved their wine knowledge with overseas research.

Down to business - and we begin with a chilled Go Shu Bloe Sake from Gunmai Ginjo. The Sake accompanied a raw fish salad in a white sauce, fresh vegetables, and baguette - a delicious match.

Our second course began with a warm Takehare Sake from south east Japan. The warm Sake accompanied marinated and baked chicken leg, with baked aubergine - another tasty match.

We were then served a chilled, crispy white wine, the first of our taste test - and several members correctly chose Chardonnay grape as the variety - but no one was able to correctly name its origin - Hanging Rock Vineyard from central Victoria. We were served roast pork and crackling with steamed broccoli as a match with the Chardonnay - and a Perfect Match it proved to be.

Individual passionfruit Pavlovas for dessert were to follow - yum - and they were accompanied with a superb Shiraz from Dolan Family Wines in the Barossa Valley, South Australia.

And then, a Special wine to finish - a 1999 Jim Barry Shiraz - The McRae Wood, an exceptional wine from the Clare Valley in South Australia. An excellent night... Great food, Fine wine, Good company.  
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In February a notice went up on the Dunoon Store, Post Office, and Sports Club to inform the community of Telstra's intention to build a Communication Tower at Lot 10A Fraser road - otherwise known as Dorrobee Grass Reserve. A notice was placed on the gate of the site, which is the water tank hill at the corner of Fraser and Dunoon Road.

Approximately 20 properties within 500 metres of the proposal were sent a letter from Telstra with information and invitation to comment. The Dorrobee Grass Reserve Trust was not notified, and the Ngulingah Aboriginal Land Council also was not consulted.

The State-appointed Dorrobee Grass Reserve Trust has been managing the Crown land since 2004 and working to preserve the natural stand of kangaroo grass.

Ngulingah Aboriginal Land Council has a NSW land claim on the Crown land - Dorrobee Grass Reserve.

The proposed tower would be located on Lismore City Council owned land - a small plot at the centre of the Ngulingah land claim and the Dorrobee Grass Reserve.

## Recreation & Education - Historic, Present and Potential

Lots of people and dogs visit Dorrobee Grass regularly to enjoy the peace, the walking and the spaciousness of the 360-degree views.

It has been designated as a reserve 'for recreation and camping' since 1878, before the area we now know as Dunoon was even named. Kids used to swim in the small water tank before it had a lid on it!

Swimming and camping is no longer allowed, but being a peaceful place with a good view does make it a desirable destination, and in this region such points are not common. The view from the top of Mt Nardi is constricted due to trees. Girards Hill in Lismore has a lovely public reserve, but the view is becoming more limited by the year. The Nimbin Rocks lookout is beside the busy road

Dorrobee Grass Reserve is accessible by energetic wheelie walker and stroller; it has no obvious cliffs for kids to fall off. You can really stretch your legs and mind with the 360 views and gentle slopes.

It's not that people won't be able to go and relax on the grasslands with a tower there, but it could detract a lot from enjoying this

special place, sharing the hill-top with the water tank and a fenced area, three metre high shed, buzzing infrastructure and microwave radiation emanating from the top of a forty metre pole. There are three antennas planned immediately and twelve proposed over time.

## Significance of the Site

The Grasslands were a focal point of detailed community process with the Widjabul Elders, local residents and grasslands volunteers during the Reconnecting to Country project in 2008-2011.

Dorrobee Grass Reserve has interpretive signage that allows any reader a deeper connection with the whole panorama. The signs show landmarks, dreamtime stories and settlement tales from white and indigenous viewpoints.

The Reserve is one of the last, publicly owned upland grassy woodlands of the Big Scrub Bioregion.

So far there have been approximately fifteen different native grass species identified by visiting grass specialists. There is a dedicated group of volunteers who spend hours each month preserving the ecological significance of the grasslands.

Dunoon is a great place for coffee and swimming. It also has the potential to be a place of significant Indigenous reconciliation, environmental education and recreation for the region. The Dorrobee Grasslands will continue to have excellent views as it is being maintained as grassland, as it was by the Widjabul people.

Local Action Seeking Solutions At a recent meeting of Dunoon residents concerns were raised. It was acknowledged that better mobile reception is important for Dunoon but that there are many issues surrounding the placement of the tower.

It has taken locals a few months of networking with stakeholders to collate and understand this information. It is not our impression that Telstra and LCC could have properly taken into account the significance of Dorrobee Grass Reserve for the ongoing health and wellbeing of the community.

We would like to find a single tower location that will be appropriate for Dunoon to

move ahead without impacting harshly on the village's cultural and environmental attributes. Immediate action needs to be taken to find another site and preserve the integrity of this valuable community resource. Community members are committed to work with Telstra to locate a lower impact site. If you don't have a hill and you've been looking for a good one to walk on, we encourage you to become familiar with this irreplaceable 'Crown of Dunoon'.

If you have something you would like to add to the discussion, email [FriendsofDorrobeeGrass@yahoo.com.au](mailto:FriendsofDorrobeeGrass@yahoo.com.au). You can also email Telstra [Vanessa.davies@aurecongroup.com](mailto:Vanessa.davies@aurecongroup.com)



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## GET OUTSIDE AND GROW ON NATIONAL TREE DAY:

*Green thumbs wanted to help plant 20-millionth seedling.*

Planet Ark is encouraging all Australians to get outside and grow for National Tree Day on Sunday 28th July or Schools Tree Day on 26th July and is calling for the help of keen planting site coordinators and green-thumbed enthusiasts. Each registered tree planting site and nature-care activity will be a part of a milestone event, as Planet Ark and sponsor Toyota Australia prepare to plant the 20-millionth seedling since the event began in 1996.

Site coordinators who register an activity with Planet Ark will go into the draw to win a luxurious nature getaway for two at Wolgan Valley Resort and Spa valued at nearly \$4,000.

To find out more about National Tree Day, please visit [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org), call the Hotline on 1300 88 5000 or visit your local participating Toyota Dealership.

The bombshell that Telstra are planning a communication tower near the top tank has not been all bad for the Dorrobee Grass Reserve Trust.

When the ministerial appointment of the trust was to be gazetted it took three issues of the Government Gazette to get it right. In the first announcement the name was spelled as Dorroughby, but those familiar with our history know that the original name was Dorrobee referring to the Coolamon Tree (*Syzygium moorei*). The name for the hamlet called Dorroughby came from a family named Dorrough who eventually settled in that locality.

One of the first decisions of the trust was to ask for a correction of the name. That was agreed but there was a typo in the next announcement so it took three gazettals. Yet there were two numbered reserves mentioned, with little indication as to which land was actually entrusted to our care.

When we eventually heard of the tower plans we were suddenly in a position to clarify several points. We had never been told that LCC held

freehold title to the two lots where the two tanks stand. Nor had we been told that LCC had three separate easements as well. DP 833644 was mentioned in the sudden flurry of correspondence and we were able to obtain a copy of that deposited plan. We found that it had been registered as far back as December 1993.

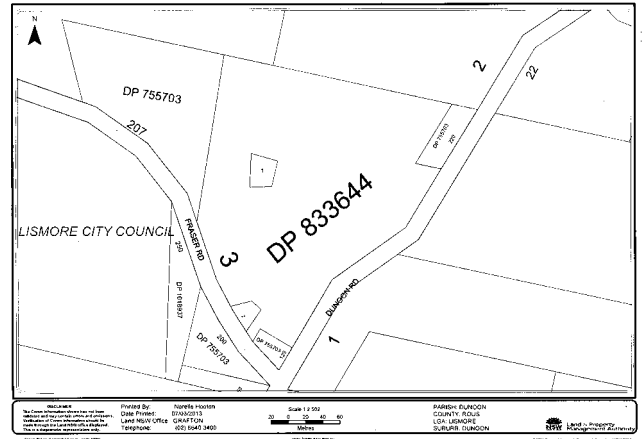
A study of that plan eventually revealed that most of the trees around the top tank had been planted not on the LCC land but on the Crown Reserve. Not only are those trees unsuitable for their purpose but the area has been consistently neglected and has been a major source of weed infestation in the surrounding Grassland.

Communication from the Lands Office in Grafton has also clarified the position with regard to land claims in the area. The land in the western end of the open space is already held by Nulingah Land Council as is the small plot in the very corner of Dunoon Road and Fraser Road.

That was once set aside for a mechanics institute, a place where working men could have attended night school if the scheme had ever come to fruition.

The remainder of the space is divided. On 27 May 2010, Nulingah lodged two claims for land pursuant to Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. One claim was for the small lot facing Dunoon Road and adjacent to Maeve Gardens, the other was for the balance of the Crown Reserve. See the map.

**Denis Matthews**



## HOW SHOULD YOUR BACK GARDEN GROW? Lismore City Council

### VILLAGE AND RURAL FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON FUTURE SETTLEMENT OPTIONS

*Have your say by 13 June*

Lismore City Council is calling on village and rural residents to have their say on the Lismore Growth Management Strategy Discussion Paper, which is now on exhibition.

The Discussion Paper has been prepared as the first step in developing a new Growth Management Strategy for the Lismore Local Government Area for the next 20 years. The Growth Management Strategy is being prepared alongside the Imagine Lismore 10 Year Plan to capture the community's vision for the future growth and settlement of the region.

It will guide development in local villages and rural areas as well as Lismore City and asks questions surrounding the type of development people want in the future, looking at options from land sharing communities to rural residential estates.

- Do you think your village should expand?
- Do you think there should be more land sharing communi-



- ties or should we have none?
- Should we save all our farmland for food production or allow eco-tourism developments?
- Do we want another 10,000 people living here in the next 20 years?

"These are the kind of questions the Discussion Paper raises," Strategic Planning Coordinator Paula Newman explained.

"The Discussion Paper presents the challenges related to growth, employment, housing and how we live along with three possible options for responding to these challenges."

"The options range from a 'business as usual' low-density, low-growth scenario to a high-density, high-growth, urban-focused option. These options are by no means set in stone – in fact, we have deliberately made them a bit controversial to stimulate discussion."

"Using the community's feedback, we may end up with different elements from each option. It's incredibly important we get feedback now and have a final option that truly reflects the community's wishes for further settlement, as this document will shape growth in Lismore for the next 20 years."

Copies of the Discussion Paper are available for viewing at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah and Council's CBD Office, 55 Magellan Street, Lismore during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm throughout the exhibition period from 16 May to 13 June 2013. Alternatively, copies can be viewed online via the 'Have Your Say' section of Council's website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

The public is invited to make submissions by post to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or via email to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au).

**Submissions must be in by 13 June** and should state reasons for objection or support and include people's name, address and email.

*For information or enquiries, phone Paula Newman on 1300 87 83 87.*

**TURN BACK TIME**

I'm pretty sure I'm not the only person out there who wishes they could turn back time. Do some things over again because they were so much fun. Or - do some things again but differently so you get it right the second time instead of stuffing up.

Those stuff ups are sometimes little, things that were a good idea at the time but not so great looking back at the photos of the perms and hyper-colour t-shirts. Some are huge, the wrong choice that stuffed a career, ended a relationship, totalled the car or even caused someone major physical harm.

Sometimes we want to go back so we can spend more quality time with someone we loved and lost. We think, if only I knew I would lose them so soon I would have given them more of my time/help/told them I loved them/apologised.

Sometimes we just want to relive amazing events, or even simple moments. We know that going back to the same place again never quite recaptures the fun you had the first time - whether it was a spectacular sunset, incredible party, great meal, amazing holiday, it's never quite the same trying to recreate it. But the idea of being able to have that wonderful experience again and to really, really soak up the good times and realise that you will remember it all your life - that would be fabulous.

Sometimes we just wish we could go back into our younger healthier bodies with the knowledge we have now, and take better care of ourselves or just appreciate them. I remember feeling fat & depressed as a healthy size 12 from age 14 to 22. It didn't seem to matter that I still received plenty of positive male attention for my curves, I looked at naturally thin friends and wanted to have their metabolism - I still do! But if I knew then that I would battle my weight all my life, spending most of it wishing I was a size 12 maybe I would have seen things differently. Maybe I would have been happier,

maybe I would have worked harder to stay a 12 instead of comfort eating to make myself feel better and have something to blame for being larger than my friends. If I had recognised then that I have a body that will always be curvy but craves physical movement to keep it in balance perhaps I would have made exercise a habit a lot sooner. That's a lot of maybes!

So instead of wishing I could turn back time I now have to live in the present, I have to remember that when I'm sixty I will wish I could turn back time to age 43.

I need to think about the things that make me happy and feel good about myself and make sure I make time for them all. That means exercise. That means calling my family and trying to spend time with them when I can even though they live a long way away. That means appreciating time with my kids even when they drive me nuts because pretty soon none of them will be at home to argue with.

I look at my regular text communication with my middle child, the 18yr old Ben - which usually involves my novel length query about how life at uni on the Gold Coast is going and short and succinct replies I need to translate - "gr8" (I'm alive Mum stop worrying and let me get back to gaming with my mates.) "uni is very very hard" (Uni is harder than I expected but I am also slack and getting bad marks I am not doing anything to improve because I would rather be gaming.) "car is going gr8 now" (It was falling apart but thanks to u-tube I have rebuilt the engine so that I can go pick up some more gaming equipment from woop woop that I bought on ebay.) "ok" (Yes Mum I will regularly look for work/keep up to date with assignments/clean - maybe, after I make sure I am still number one world wide on the latest game).

Forgive me for wishing I could turn back time to when his skinny little arms and grubby little hands would cuddle my neck when I picked him up and span

him around when we played chaseys in the park. Wishing I could feel his sticky tiny lips kiss my cheek and giggle "I love you too Mum." Instead of hearing a deep "hey, what's up" when I call once a fortnight just to hear his voice.

I am jealous of those I know whose sons call home often because they miss their family. Not as jealous however of the ones whose kids call home asking for money because they have spent their wage/youth allowance on partying. Then I'm glad he is too busy gaming to go out partying and that I taught him independence and how important a budget is.

We've always loved family holidays together which have usually been spent travelling to see my side of the family since most of Paul's live locally. It wasn't easy when they were little and full of energy and entertaining them on those long trips was hard work, but the older they got the more I enjoyed it. Having the kids as captives in the back seat meant I could actually get some answers about their school life and more ideas about what they were interested in. We'd discuss music, books, history, the Australian landscape around us and what they could imagine themselves doing in the future.

The last family trip we took together was in April when my niece got married down near Forster and Sarah was their bridesmaid. Since all my family were travelling from all over Ben was keen to join us and catch up with them all. It was great having that time together of course but we quickly realised that next time we will have to split up into two vehicles or get a bigger car as the kids take up a lot more leg room than they used to!

Family trips always bring back memories of my own car trips growing up in the blue Valiant station-wagon with the big caravan on the back. No seat belts, sliding around all over the hot sticky cracked vinyl bench seats. Taking turns to squeeze into the back with the luggage and look out the rear window at the big semis behind us on the long

straight country road of the central west. Throwing up a lot with car sickness – including down my father’s back when he was driving. Picnics on river and creek banks, sitting on the dropped down back door, swinging our short legs as we shared a thermos of sweet tea & soggy tomato, cheese & devon sandwiches.

Even though Dad was frequently cranky with us on those long trips I would give anything to turn back time again and share a strawberry milkshake with him at a tiny country cafe with colourful but faded plastic strips in the doorway keeping the flies out.

I’ve tried to remind my kids to ‘stop and smell the roses’ sometimes when they are having a particularly wonderful time with family or friends. Soak up the good days, they help you through the bad.

Among my favourite memories of family and friends when I was young were skipping stones on picnics, riding our bikes in the sun, making cubby houses in the bush. Chatting on the phone for hours while lying on the floor with your legs up a wall, winding that

long curly cord around your fingers as you analysed the “he said then she said” of the school day/social. Big barbecues where we all cooked for hours before hand then lazed through the afternoon and into the night together, family cricket and card games. Bonfires and cracker night. Enormous bags of mixed lollies. School fetes. Christmas morning. Blowing out the candles on your birthday, the one day it was all about you not your many siblings.

I’ve asked the kids what they remember most fondly from when they were little and their answers aren’t that different from mine, even though often technology comes into it more often.

- Listening to you read Harry Potter to us while we all lay on the grass in the backyard.
- Playing with the guinea pigs.
- Running down the hill near Rocky Creek Dam.
- Going on the ferries and trains in Sydney.
- Watching the hot air balloons from Nanny’s front door in Canowindra.
- Sharing hot chips with chicken

- salt & gravy at the Pickled Pepper.
- Watching cartoons together.
- Playing Mario Kart against one another.
- Making pancakes and maple syrup for breakfast.

Luckily they are all things they can do again and again as adults and share with their own kids one day.

I’m trying really hard to be more “present” each day now. To enjoy all the moments I get with the people I love while we can. To stop worrying so much about the future and just enjoy “the now”. That way I can look back and not regret appreciating each day more. And if I have to make a choice about something, I look a little ahead and think – will I regret this? Is it worth it?

We don’t have crystal balls but we can easily imagine that one day looking back we will be glad we were thinking ahead a little, while enjoying each moment!

**Caz Greene**

## YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD *for* RACHAEL MULLER

In the February/March edition of the Gazette, I told you about Rachael Muller.

Rachael has recently returned to Dunoon after teaching for three years in a remote indigenous community in the Northern Territory. She has been teaching at Nyangatjatarra 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 dedication to improving attendance and creating a quality learning environment for a range of English as 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 their community. Rachael has many amazing stories to tell.

Earlier this year, Rachael was nominated for The Northern Territory Young Achiever Award by the Indigenous Community of Imanpa in the category of ‘Regional and Rural Initiative’

She made it to the final three, so her mother and her made the trip to Darwin for the awards ceremony believing that it was a great honour even to be nominated, let alone be in the final count down.

Rachael WON her category and was blown away by the reception she received. The winners of the ten categories were then taken back on to the stage in the SkyCity Casino,

Darwin to hear the overall winner of THE NORTHERN TERRITORY YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR.

Rachael WON.

Well done Rachael, we are all so proud of you! Rachael is currently doing casual teaching work in this area.

**‘GINA MURRAY**



The Dunoon Film Society was formed about one year ago as a way of utilising the Dunoon Hall for the purpose it was always intended; bringing the community together.

The film society was set up as a sub-committee of the hall committee and one of its aims is to generate funds that can be invested back into the hall. It has also allowed other groups within the community to run the kitchen on film nights, which allows them to generate funds for other projects in the Dunoon area.

Film nights are run approximately once every two months and a diverse program of movies has been selected to cater for different ages and tastes.

In order to attend screenings you need to be a member, which costs just \$5 for the financial year. So far around 80 people have become members and the film society will be holding their annual general meeting on Friday, June 28.

Anybody who is a member, or wishes to become a member, is welcome to attend the AGM at the hall from 6pm. The positions of president, secretary, treasurer and other committee members for the follow-

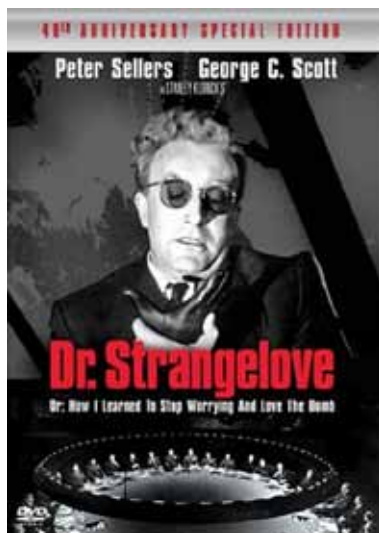
ing year will be elected at that time. Like many community organisations, the film society is run by a small group of dedicated volunteers and more people would be most welcome to get involved.

## UPCOMING SCREENINGS

The next film society screening will be Stanley Kubrick's comedy classic, Dr Strangelove (or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb). Released in 1964, it stars Peter Sellers at his very best in multiple roles and satirises the Cold War and the nuclear threat.

**Date: Saturday June 29.**

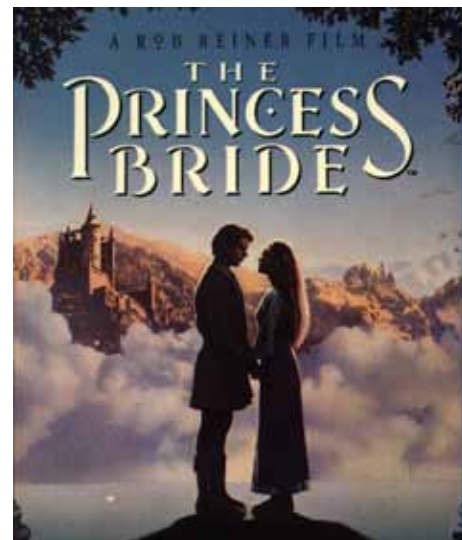
**Dinner: Provided by the Whian Whian Hall Committee**



Then in August we will be screening a swashbuckling adventure of revenge and true love filled with pirates, sword-fights, a giant and um, some kissing. It's The Princess Bride, a cult classic regarded as one of the all time great family films.

**Date: Saturday August 3.**

**Dinner: Dunoon School P&C.**



**Times: Doors open at 6.30pm for dinner with the film starting at 7.30.**

**Cost: Entry is \$10 for members and kids under 16 are free.**

For more information contact [dunoonfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dunoonfilmsociety@gmail.com)

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Dear Editor,

I just wanted to thank you (and all the contributors) for a lovely read this evening - the most recent Gazette is a tender joy that you (and we all, as part of this community) can be very proud of. I was so touched by the stories celebrating lives lived well, if cut too short, and all the other many examples of community-mindedness that fills its pages.

And as Editor I think you are doing a fine job of presenting a gently balanced view of ourselves, level-headed and journalistically neutral and yet not at all without great heart. Thank you so much everyone for all you do - you are an inspiring, heart-warming lot and I feel so glad to live here among you.

Sincerely,  
Sally Newham

Dear Dunoon & District Community,

Dunoon Preschool is in the process of buying the building in which it is situated. This will mean that the preschool has a permanent, secure home and can continue to provide this valuable service within Dunoon and the wider community.

Dunoon Preschool is a registered not-for-profit organisation and despite committed fundraising efforts by the parents of the preschool we are presently in need of assistance to raise the required funds for purchase and we are asking for the community's generous support.

We have Deductible Gift Recipient Status which means that any substantial monies donated to us, can be claimed as a TAX DEDUCTION by you or your company.

*As a fundraising initiative, we invite local businesses and individuals, to purchase a personalised clay tile at a cost of \$500 for Businesses and \$100 for Families or individuals.*

The purchased tiles will be attached to the main façade of the building, for future generations to see. We will also provide you with a laminated Certificate of Appreciation and TAX DEDUCTIBLE receipt.

Orders and payment of Tiles are being taken now in order for you to take advantage of the Tax Deduction for the close of this financial year. The Tiles will be made and attached to the building with an unveiling ceremony once purchase of the Building is finalised, which is on target for November 2013.


The Preschool is an important part of our community and we hope that

the people of Dunoon and District share our vision and come on board to show support for this valuable Community Owned and Operated Service.

Payments can be made by cheque (made out to Dunoon Preschool Inc) or direct deposit to BSB: 062 565; Account: 943347 (receipt will be issued once payment is cleared).

Contacts are Alison Wilson, al\_pirlo@yahoo.com or Michelle Gray, shell\_doriean@yahoo.com.au

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# “Queen Emma” in 19th Century New Guinea. Part 12

## MEMORIES OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS - THE FINAL END

In my last episode I told of the advancing years of Queen Emma and her declining health and how she finally left New Guinea to live in Prince Albert Street in Mosman, Sydney, after selling off most of her New Guinea empire to Rudolf Wahlen.

Emma was living quietly at her home in Sydney in 1913 when she received disturbing letters from Europe. She was told that Kolbe was now seriously ill in Monte Carlo, where he had been gambling heavily.

Emma herself was ill. Although only in her early 60's, she was now an old woman. Her hair, which had given her, at 50, a massive and distinct white crown, was now falling out; her body was shrinking; and she walked with difficulty.

Thrown into a state of considerable depression and worry by the news from Europe she sought consultation with her old merchant friend in Sydney, telling him that she felt that she should immediately go to Monte Carlo.

She obviously was in no fit state to travel anywhere and he told her so, urging her to remain in Sydney. In Europe, he said, Kolbe was close to his family and placed where he could get the best medical attention available.

For the past two years, Emma and her husband had gone separate ways, Kolbe supplied with ample funds from the Forsayth wealth. She now had moved most of her assets to Australia although E.E. Forsayth & Company still held big mortgages over its former New Guinea properties. If Kolbe died before her this obviously would end her anxieties about her estate and any claim his relatives could have upon it.

But this was beside the point now. What Emma really wanted from her friend was approval for what she was about to do, not advice that she should stay home and let nature take its course.

If her 20 years of marriage to Kolbe added up to anything, it surely added up to the fact that her duty was beside him in Monte Carlo where he apparently was ill and helpless. So, sick as she was, Emma left at once.

Heinrich Wahlen was surprised when she appeared there in Rabaul on a German liner bound for Europe, and he was shocked by her appearance. He tried to persuade her to go home. Why undertake such a journey? He pointed out that both she and he had known that Kolbe was living his own life, in his own way. But Emma was adamant – he was ill and might need help. Neither

Wahlen nor New Guinea saw her again.

Only a few weeks later – on Monday, July 21, 1913 – the Hamburg office of Wahlen's company, which acted as European agent for Kolbe-Forsayth interests, received a telegram from Mrs. Kolbe.(Emma), reporting the death of her husband, Paul Kolbe. On that same day, only a few hours later, the Hamburg firm received another urgent telegram from a hotel manager in Monte Carlo, stating that Mrs. Kolbe also was dead, and asking what he should do with the two bodies.

The Hamburg manager cabled the news to Wahlen, in Ralum, and Coe Forsayth, in Sydney, and immediately sent a clerk to Monte Carlo. The clerk, in due courses reported to Hamburg that the two people had died from natural causes, that Kolbe pre-deceased his wife, that the two bodies were being sent to Hamburg, and that arrangements were being made for the despatch of the maid, Ka'ana, and Emma's personal effects to Sydney.

On July 26, 1913, these “Death Announcements” appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald:

KOLBE- July 19, at the Riviera, Paul, son of Dr.Kolbe, of Hanover, Germany.

KOLBE- July 21, at the Riviera, Emma Eliza Kolbe, of Ralum, New Britain, and lately of Mosman, NSW.

The two bodies sent to Hamburg were cremated, the ashes placed in two small metal caskets, and the caskets were sent by a German liner to Mr. Wahlen, then living at Gununtambu.

Late in 1913, Wahlen was joined at Gununtambu by Coe Forsayth, and they organised an elaborate ceremony for the burial of Emma and her husband at the Gununtambu matmat, about a kilometre inland from the house.

The Governor was there, and very many Europeans, (including scores of the “Queen Emma family”), and hundreds of natives. Driving the only motor-car then in New Guinea, with Coe Forsayth beside him carrying the two caskets, Mr. Wahlen led the procession to the matmat. A Wesleyan missionary conducted a burial service.

Coe Forsayth held up the caskets. “They are not marked,” he said. “I do not know which is my mother. But she was a big woman and this is the biggest casket.” He kissed the casket and placed it in one

of two openings in a big concrete slab. The smaller casket went into the other. The slab was not ten feet away from the elaborate monument which Emma had erected there to her Captain Stalio in 1892.

Wahlen and Forsayth covered the openings over with new cement.

Son and friend then left Emma and her consort there, beneath the coconut trees, in the land she loved so well, and went off to drink to her everlasting peace in a magnum of the champagne she loved.



But there was little peace, either for Emma's ashes or for her beloved islands. Soon afterwards, the Archduke Franz Joseph was murdered at Sarajevo, and the nations went into the first Great War, and the world was changed beyond measure, and irrevocably, including German New Guinea. By the outbreak of World War 1, German nationals were in control of all the northern regions of New Guinea. Herbertshohe, now called Kokopo, had been the administrative centre of the German New Guinea Possessions.

In September 1914 an expeditionary force from Australia, including Australia's first two submarines, AE1 and AE2, arrived near Cape Gazelle in the early hours of September 11, 1914. The primary objective was to destroy the German wireless telegraph at Bitapaka near Kokopo. It was the most powerful radio transmitter in the world at that time.

The objective was achieved very quickly as German military resistance was minimal. German ships and property were also seized. During this operation the submarine AE1 disappeared without a trace, the first Australian submarine to be lost in warfare. German New Guinea was now under Australian administration. In 1916, the new Australian administrative centre of New Guinea was moved from Kokopo to Rabaul.

In 1924 Coe Forsayth sailed to New Guinea, collected the caskets, and reinterred them at Old South Head cemetery in Sydney land-marked by two very large, ornate headstones.



Remains of steps leading into residence at Gununtambu - 1970

In September 1994 a massive twin volcanic eruption occurred near Rabaul when Vulcan and Tavurvur volcanoes erupted together, destroying 93% of Rabaul town. The administrative centre was forced to move back to Kokopo - close to where Emma's Gununtambu mansion once stood.

I have also trodden in Queen Emma's footsteps by ascending and descending those famous steps, (made from bricks from the ill-fated Marquis de Ray's expedition),

that led up from the beach at Ralum to her Gununtambu mansion. Not far from the top of those steps were a set of four broad cement steps that were the main entrance to Gununtambu, I walked up those steps and onto the ground where her mansion once stood. I also visited Mioko Island off Rabaul where Queen Emma first settled in after leaving Apia and actually stood on the spot where her home and trading post once stood. I have also been to the home in Beach Road, Apia, in Western Samoa where Emma was born and raised in, and finally, I have stood at the grave of Queen Emma and her husband, Paul Kolbe, at the Gununtambu matmat (cemetery), - this was in 1967 and 1970. I have photographed all these places.

In 1967 and 1970 I walked through some of what were once Queen Emma's plantations in the Gazelle Peninsula that were now owned by Burns Philp & Co. Ltd. They were appropriated by B.P's after WWI.



Remains of steps leading to residence at Ralum - 1970

There is hardly anything left at all these days of Emma's empire. The steps have all gone, Herbertshohe, now Kokopo, has totally changed and even the cemetery (matmat) where Emma's ashes were buried is now just a jungle of tall kunai grass and weeds, every gravesite has been smashed and broken, and even the steps that led up to the matmat no longer exist. Even the home in Apia where she was born and raised in was totally destroyed by fire four years ago.

Of all the stories I have submitted to the Dunoon Gazette in the past thirteen years, (without a break), this story of Queen Emma is the most intriguing, as it showed the bravery of a young woman from Apia who took on the odds in a strange and very dangerous country - and came out winning, to become a "Queen" in her own right.

**Charles Betteridge.**

*INFORMATION: Sources of information on Queen Emma came from the Rabaul Historical Society, The Rabaul Public Library, The Rabaul Department of Works for maps etc., R, Robson, Chief Editor of PIM's magazine, (Fiji), the History of Burns Philp in New Guinea, and various residents of Rabaul and Kokopo who assisted me in my research, and for the remnants of Queen Emma's "empire" - and found them, and the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia.*

## REBEKKA BATTISTA ON LISMORE WHITE AND YELLOW PAGES

**R**ebekka Battista, a Lismore resident who has raised more than \$2 million to improve local health facilities and support families with sick children, has been selected to appear on the cover of this year's Lismore White Pages® and Yellow Pages® book.

Rebekka has been selected for the cover under the 2013/14 theme Keeping Our Communities Healthy, which recognises the selfless Australians who go above and beyond to improve the quality of life for locals in their area.

In 2003, after her son Isaak was born with renal failure, Rebekka joined local charity Our Kids to raise funds to purchase paediatric equipment for Lismore Base Hospital.

Motivated to help other sick children, Rebekka has organised countless fundraisers such as fun-runs, lunches and the annual Our Kids calendar, raising more than \$1 million for the local paediatric ward.

As Our Kids' part-time fundraising coordinator, Rebekka also provides financial support to local families with special needs children or those facing extensive medical costs.

Knowing firsthand the strain that medical travel and costs can put on a family, in 2004 Rebekka also took on a lead fundraising role with Our House, a low-cost medical accommodation facility near Lismore Base Hospital. Rebekka has raised more than \$1 million for the project and helped secure \$4.6 million in grants. Our House, which recently opened, is now the only medical accommodation available between Grafton and Brisbane.

Each year, Sensis®, the publisher of the White Pages® and Yellow Pages®, recognises the efforts of local people in their communities by celebrating their achievements on the cover of its books.

White Pages® Product Manager Sarah Simpson said this year's theme, Keeping Our Communities Healthy, celebrates people committed to improving the health of Australian communities..

"Health is an issue that affects us all and at the centre of good health are the selfless men and women who devote their time to improving others' quality of life," she said.

"We are delighted to recognise Rebekka's efforts keeping her commu-

nity healthy. She is someone who is making a positive impact on health and wellbeing in the Lismore region."

### Did you know?

The previous local people to appear on the cover of the Lismore White Pages® and Yellow Pages® were:

2012/13: Murwillumbah resident Chris Chrisostomos appeared on the cover, honoured for his long-time commitment to the community. Recognised under the theme A Helping Hand, The Aussie Way, Chris helped establish the Murwillumbah Army Cadets in 1994, is president of the Banana Festival and controller of the Murwillumbah State Emergency Service.

2011/12: South Lismore resident Gordon Fraser-Quick appeared on the cover under the theme Australians Creating a Better Future. Gordon was recognised for promoting green living in the community by establishing the Lismore Climate Care Solar Rollout.

2010/11: Coffs Harbour residents David O'Brien and Ian Gill graced the cover under the theme Courageous Australians. David and Ian courageously entered raging waters during the March 2009 floods to save a woman trapped in her car.

## VILLAGE HALLS

### DUNOON HALL

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| <b>Wednesday 10 am</b><br><b>Community Group</b>       | Ron<br>6689 5018              |
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| <b>Thursday 5:30 pm</b><br><b>Exercise Class</b>       | Mark Roberts<br>0419 831 424  |
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| <b>6 weekly 6:30 pm</b><br><b>Film Night</b>           | Mark Roberts<br>0419 831 424  |
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| <b>Sunday 9:30 am</b><br><b>Sunday School</b>          | Christadelphians<br>Ray Patch |
| <b>Sunday 11 am</b><br><b>Church Service</b>           | 6689 5229                     |

*Community members welcome. For all bookings please contact:  
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| <b>Dorroughby Hall</b>  | 6689 5013                  |
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## COMMUNITY MARKETS

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| TUESDAY and THURSDAY | <b>Organic Produce Market</b><br>Every Tuesday 8-11am and Thurs<br>4-7pm Lismore Showgrounds   |
| EVERY SATURDAY       | <b>Lismore Farmer's Market</b><br>8am Lismore Showgrounds  |
| 1ST SATURDAY         | <b>Lismore Makers Market</b><br>10am-2pm Cnr Keen and Magellan   |
| 1ST SUNDAY           | <b>Lismore Car Boot</b><br>8am-2pm Lismore Square Carpark<br><b>Byron Bay Market</b>   |
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|                | Lismore PO      | 8.45am |
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|                | Trinity School. | 3.30pm |
|                | Richmond RivSch | 3.34pm |
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|               | Tullera Hall         | 8:16        |
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|               | R.R High school      | 8:25        |
|               | Woodlark St          | 8:30        |
|               | Lismore Square       | 8:32        |
|               | Trinity interchange  | 8:35 Bay 10 |
| <b>Depart</b> | Lismore Bus Terminus | 3:30pm      |
|               | Lismore Library      | 3:33        |
|               | Trinity interchange  | 3:37 Bay 10 |

#### DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

|               |                      |        |
|---------------|----------------------|--------|
| <b>Depart</b> | Dorroughby           | 8:30am |
|               | Dunoon               | 8:40   |
|               | Modanville           | 8:45   |
|               | Tullera              | 8:52   |
|               | Minschull            | 8:56   |
|               | Woodlark             | 9:00   |
|               | Lismore Bus Terminus | 9:07   |
| <b>Depart</b> | Lismore Bus Terminus | 3:30pm |
|               | Lismore Library      | 3:33   |

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| Healing Therapies           | Jannese Parkes                   | 6628 2963                              |
| Insurance                   | Dudgeon & Berry                  | 6621 3000                              |
| Laundry Service             | Clean & Green Laundry            | 6622 1359                              |
| Massage, Facials, Beauty    | Erin                             | 0431451328                             |
| Mechanic/Petrol             | Dunoon Automotive                | 6689 5137<br>6689 5780<br>0408 605 537 |
| Mortgage Broker             | Sue James                        | 6628 2224                              |
| Mowing/Garden Care          | John's Yard Yakka                | 6689 5174                              |
| Plumber                     | Nik Hyde                         | 6621 4688                              |
| Pottery Supplies            | Northern Rivers Pottery Supplies | 6621 3992                              |
| Refrigeration               | Russell's                        | 6689 5469                              |
| Restaurant                  | Mayfields, Dunoon Sports Club    | 6622 2924                              |
|                             | Mary G's                         | 6689 5444                              |
| Sports Club                 | Dunoon                           | 6629 1212                              |
| Guttermesh                  |                                  | 6628 2147                              |
| Tipper/Handyman             | Darren Bassey                    | 6628 2230                              |
| Towing Service              | Bruno Zambelli                   | 6628 2005                              |
| Takeaway                    | Modanville Takeaway              | 6622 2842                              |
| Tractor Repairs             | Doc Dorahy                       | 6621 3561                              |
| Tyres                       | Pirlos                           | 6687 2880                              |
| Waste Disposal-Septic tank  | Summerland Environmental         |  |

# SCHOOLS PRESCHOOLS PLAYGROUPS

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Dunoon Public School                  | 6689 5208 |
| Modanville Public School              | 6628 2234 |
| Corndale Public School                | 6628 4305 |
| The Channon Public School             | 6688 6236 |
| Whian Whian Public School             | 6689 5240 |
| Dunoon Pre School                     | 6689 5396 |
| The Channon Children's Centre         | 6688 6330 |
| Dunoon After School/<br>Vacation Care | 6689 5930 |
| Tullera/Modanville Playgroup          | 6689 5381 |

Preschool now open Monday to Friday 9 to 3  
Enrolments welcome  
Playgroup Fridays 9:30 to 11:00 including  
storytime and music.

Contact preschool for details 6689 5396

## TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

*Want to try something different?*

*Meet new people?*

*Further your skills or learn new ones?*

*Why not volunteer?*

**Help Yourself by Volunteering**

Keep your skills up to date (or learn new ones!) Give back to your community, meet new people, be appreciated, make new friends, have fun! Volunteering Northern Rivers is your one-stop shop for finding the volunteering job that best suits you.

**Call Jeannette on 6621 7397  
to find out more**



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## THE CHANNON/DUNOON PONY CLUB



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

For further details please contact:

Fiona Wilders Club President

Hm: 6628 2690

Lisa McFadyen Vice President

Hm: 6629 1023

Mykaella Gosper Club Secretary

Hm: 6629 3486

Irene Brockhill Treasurer:

Hm: 6686 4798

## The Dunoon Shopping Bus



Fortnightly Tuesdays

A door to door service (designated route) that collects you from Tullera, Modenville, The Channon, Dunoon, Numulgi, Woodlawn and Nth Lismore, taking you to Lismore Square for \$10.00 return.

- Flexible personalised pick up and drop off
- Assistance with carrying groceries and parcels
- Room for wheely walkers
- Arrive Lismore approx. 10.30 - 10.45am
- Leave for home approx 1.30pm

Enquiries & Bookings:

Ph: 6628 6000



Driver Doug

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COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



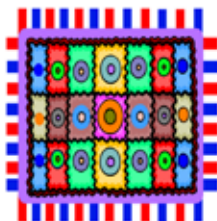
## WHIAN WHIAN AND DUNOON QUILT GROUP

Meet last Saturday or Sunday  
of every month.

Beginners and advanced quilters welcome.

CONTACT FAITH NEWHAM

6689 5178



## DISCOVER THE FUN OF BEING A GIRL GUIDE!

Clunes Girl Guide Units have vacancies for girls aged 7-9 and 9-15. Both Units meet on Tuesdays. Join girls from Clunes, Dunoon, Dorrroughby, Rosebank and Bexhill for fun activities, camping, life skills, canoeing, teamwork and leadership skills.

Women aged 18 and over are also invited to discover the rewards of being a Guide Leader.

For more information call Helen 6689 5294

## DUNOON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Mondays 7.30pm  
at Dunoon Hall

Enjoy a sociable  
evening.

No experience  
necessary

All at the low  
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Please call Ron  
6689 5018

