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A FEW WORDS FROM THE EDITOR...

I am excited about getting a new computer to do the Gazette. The Community Panel has voted to use the volunteer grant money received recently to purchase a new computer and associated equipment and software for the Dunoon Gazette. The computer may also be available to other community groups on a loan basis for specific events or on a regular pre-arranged basis, but the details of this are still being worked out in terms of security, insurance etc.

I haven't bought the equipment yet, but the intention is to purchase a laptop and monitor, as well as a printer and the software needed to do the job.

What this really means is that I am now finally in a position to train someone else to do the Gazette, or to get assistance with this reasonably large task. Let me know if you are interested.


It would be great to get a fresh new look or direction for the Gazette, while maintaining some of our great traditions and staying true to our mission

of capturing the history of Dunoon and District as it happens, and giving locals the opportunity to publish their stories – Charles Betteridge is a great example who has reached his 17 year anniversary of contributing the Gazette without a single break – congratulations!

I've been experimenting with website design for vision-impaired people and audio files for blind people - inspired by my Mum who is dedicated to exploring new technology to make living with blindness a little easier.

She has also inspired me to start a "Write Your Life" group. The idea is to write a short story about an aspect of your life, then share it with the other members of the group by reading it out. The first topic is "My Mother". So start writing over the holidays and I'll see you on 2nd February 9:45 am at my place for a pleasant couple of hours sharing stories over a cup of coffee.

'Till next time,
Bronwen Campbell, Editor



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We've had another terrific Semester at Dunoon Public School, with lots of activities in addition to our core learning, including: Marimba Ensemble Sydney Tour, Premier's Spelling Bee, chess tournaments, sport days, a visit from Japanese university students, Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Fundraiser, an excursion to the blueberry farm, Tournament of Minds, visits from Dunoon Pre-School, Public Speaking Competition and much, much more!

Dunoon Accepted to be Part of the Future Focussed Transition to School Initiative

This very exciting project, funded by the Australian Government Quality Teaching Program, aims to promote the use of play and project based learning practices in pre-Primary to Year 2 classrooms. Teachers at our school are being specifically trained in delivering the Australian Curriculum through innovative and engaging play and project-based practices. "Play isn't the enemy of learning; it's learning's partner. Play is like fertiliser for brain growth. It's crazy not to use it." Stuart Brown, M.D. (2010)



Excursions

The students have had a fantastic time on the end-of-year excursions. Younger students went to the Macadamia Castle to learn all about our native wildlife, the Stage



2 and 3 students went on "adventure camps" in Whian Whian State Forest and Nightcap National Park.

Sport

Term 3 and 4 are always a busy Terms for sport. The students showed great skill and sportsmanship at our field and track carnivals. Terrific team work was needed to once again claim the Shield for Ball Games! Many of our students represented our school at Zone and Regional level. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in a two week swimming scheme. Students received expert tuition in water safety, swimming skills and water confidence. We are so proud of our students' sportsmanship and effort in all activities. Students also had a fantastic time at The Channon Schools' Teams Day, and the Rivers College Dance workshop.



Public Speaking

All students were involved in the school Public Speaking Competition and displayed outstanding skills in delivering speeches to a large audience. The winners from Stage 2 and 3 (Paddy, Ben, Kyle and Emil) competed against other schools in the region at the Big Scrub Public Speaking Final. One of our Stage 2 students, Paddy, won and will now compete at the Lismore Regional Public Speaking Finals held

at Lismore Town Hall next term.

Marimba Ensemble Sydney Tour

A group of senior students were selected to perform as part of the Small Schools Marimba Ensemble at the Sydney Opera House. Not only did students perform to a packed audience they also participated in a range of cultural, educational and fun activities.

Tournament of Minds

Well done to our three Tournament of Minds (TOM) teams who competed at the Regional Finals this Term. Dunoon performed exceptionally well. The Science and Technology Team were commended for the ingenuity of their machine, the Language Literature Team was awarded Honours, and the Maths Engineering Team was awarded First Place and competed at the State Finals in Sydney. TOM provides an excellent opportunity for our students to further develop their skills in problem-solving, higher order thinking, creative thinking and collaboration. A great time was had by all!



Green Initiatives

Once again, we held our annual Tree Day. Students got to plant trees around our school and have great discussions around the importance of trees for our environment. Thanks to Firewheel Nursery for donating the plants! Our school playground is now "landfill-free". This has been a student-led initiative with students trialling different approaches towards a cleaner and greener environment. Lismore Mayor, Jenny Dowell, visited the school and presented students with a commendation certificate in recognition of the students' efforts.

If you are thinking about enrolling your child at our lovely school, please pop by or call our Principal, Genevieve Slocombe, on **66895208**. We'd love to show you around!
Merry Christmas, Heather



Kitchen Garden Stall at Spring Fair

Spring Fair

A great time was had by all at the Spring Fair, as you can see from the photos taken by Annette.



Fabulous stalls



Fun face painting



Enjoying the music provided by the school Dads

LISMORE AREA LIBRARY NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

School Holiday Activities

We have lots of free activities for school aged children with their carer. Spend some special time with the young people in your life! Come down to the Lismore and Goonellabah libraries and get creative! Check our website, or call in for a copy of our Holiday Activity Schedule. Bookings are essential. Find Us At: www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au
Lismore Library: **02 6621 2464**
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Summer Reading Club

Be the hero...or be the villain! Join this year's Summer Reading Club for your

chance to win great prizes. The more you read, the more you win! For children and young adults who want to spend some time during the holidays kicking back with a good book! It's free to register - just call in to the Lismore, Goonellabah or Mobile Libraries.

Mobile Library

Bringing the resources of the library to towns and villages of the area. Collect reserved items, use the public computers and browse the shelves - it's all on board the Library truck. Check the Richmond Tweed Regional Library website to see when the

Mobile Library is coming your way.

Festive Season Closure

Goonellabah Library will close at 5.00pm Friday 23 December. Lismore Library will close at 12.00pm. The Mobile Library will close at 11.30am at Bangalow on Saturday 24 December. Goonellabah & Lismore Libraries will reopen 9.30am Tuesday 3 January. The Mobile Library will have its first stop for 2017 at Ocean Shores at 10.15am on Tuesday 3 January.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at your local libraries.

BACKYARD FROGPOND BY DANIEL HOOPS, FEATURING JO PITT

Last year, while still living in Australia, my partner and I went to northern New South Wales to visit her sister, Jo. Jo and her family live an enviable quasi-hippy existence in the rainforest. Their house is completely off the grid and powered entirely by solar panels, yet still has wifi. From their patio we watched a platypus forage in the creek below their house and I managed to find a snake and a rare bird within a day of arriving. So, it's pretty close to paradise. There aren't even all that many mosquitos!

What was even more exciting was not only was the male tusked frog calling, which is how they try to attract females, but he was also tending to a floating pile of foam, which means he had been successful. The foam protects hundreds of little eggs.



Jo and her daughter Ava investigating the blind snake I found on their property

Jo and her family had set up a frog pond recently before we visited, and while we were there we heard some frogs calling from it. Excited that their frog pond was attracting its intended residents, we decided to investigate. It turns out their pond had not just attracted frogs, but it had attracted a pair of tusked frogs (*Adelotus brevis*)!

Tusked frogs are not very easy to find, and they're getting rarer all the time. They are listed as Near Threatened by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. They also have weird, freaky little "tusks" that make them look like tiny, slimy vampires when they open their mouths.



A tusked frog in Jo's backyard frog pond



The tusked frog looking quite proud of his foam nest

Over the next year, Jo sometimes sent me pictures of the tusk frog family in her frog pond. The pond turned out to be quite successful in making more of this rare species! When I was a kid I used to buy bullfrog tadpoles that were imported accidentally in shipments of goldfish for \$1 and watch them develop, so I loved seeing Jo's pictures. Here they are: one year in the life of the tusked frog family living in Jo's backyard frog pond.



Above is the male tusked frog with that deer-in-the-headlights look. He's waiting patiently for the humans to go away so he can resume calling to attract the female. The humans are waiting patiently with their light on the frog so that they can get a picture of him calling.



This is a cute picture of the Mom and Pop tusked frogs together. It's quite hard to get them both in the same shot. Their eggs are in the foam nest in the background.



Tadpoles

This series of photos shows the stages of tadpole development. The first is a young tadpole, which you can tell because it is small and not very developed. Basically it looks like just a circle

with a line coming out the back of it.

Then there are some older tadpoles. They are not quite so black, have a more complex body shape and thicker tails.

The final photo shows tadpoles that are even more developed. They're much bigger and more thick-set, particularly in the tail. Most are at the stage just before they start to grow legs. They grow their back legs first, and there is one tadpole, towards the back, that has back legs but no front legs. The two closest to that one have gotten to the next stage; they've grown both front and back legs. At that stage they also start developing the shape and colouration of frogs.

This one is really starting to look like a frog. The tadpole's gills are being absorbed and it's lungs are forming so it can breathe and get around on land.





And here we have a froglet, a teenager frog that looks just like a mini version of an adult. Like human teenagers, it also thinks it's an adult and is ready to leave

the water and hop off to find its own pond.

And off it goes! Safe travels, little frog, the world is much more dangerous than you realise. Watch out for that boot!



Jo's frog pond has been really successful, not only with the tusked frogs. It has also attracted some other frog species: Here is a calling striped marsh frog



(*Limnodynastes tasmaniensis*) in Jo's frog pond. The tusked frogs and the striped marsh frogs both seem to be residents of the pond, but they've divided the territory. The tusked frogs hang out near the edges of the pond, while the marsh frog occupies the middle. The picture below shows the striped marsh frog's foam nest. The little black dots are eggs!

The frog pond has also attracted visitors like these green tree frogs on the right (*Litoria caerulea*). They spend most of their lives away from frog ponds, in trees, mailboxes and toilets, and venture to the ponds on rainy nights to breed. Backyard ponds can be really successful, not just for entertaining kids and providing ambience and aesthetics, but also for helping species at risk from urban development.

Daniel Hoops
Photos by Jo Pitt



This article was reproduced with permission and some minor editing from Daniel's blog. On the blog Daniel gives a link to a guide for converting backyard pools (which he says are awful!) into frog ponds (which are glorious!) <http://danielhoops.com/blog/2016/6/7/backyard-frogpond>

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non toxic inks, therefore no forest homes were destroyed in making it! The calendar would make an ideal Christmas gift (or three!) only \$15 (plus postage) with all money raised going to NRWC for continuing rescuing and rehabilitation of wildlife.

For more details and to order, log on to the NRWC website <http://www.wildlifecarers.com/calendar/>



This year, each term has been having a race with the other terms to be the winner of the fastest busiest term yet!! As the saying goes “time flies when you’re having fun” ... and we have loads of fun at Dunoon Preschool!



As we walked to Dunoon School to collect the schoolie kids transitioning to big school we collected a rainbow of nature items on one visit (so lovely!) and on the next collected an amazing amount of litter (disappointing). Keep an eye out for the photos of the rubbish we collected and a message from the Preschoolers about this...



The term and year are drawing to an end. We are preparing for our end of year gathering and celebration to say thanks for a great year and farewell to our schoolies. Last year we sang a German Christmas song, this year we will sing a Japanese version of “We wish you a merry Christmas” after a musical number with Bundjalung lyrics. We love the diversity of cultures this amazing village embraces!!

We have just employed a new educator to join our team on a weekly basis. Vanessa holds her Diploma in Children’s Services, has many years teaching in preschools and, through play and positive relationships, will guide our knowledge and understanding of Bundjalung culture. We have also received our funding notice for next year and for the first time in many years we can start our holidays not worrying about the financial sustainability of the preschool. As I write this we are in discussions with the committee and bookkeeper about what the fees could look like for next year... so far, there looks like some great reductions coming through. Have a look at the preschool website over the holidays to keep up to date.

Our schoolie kids have had their orientation visits and are ready to spread their wings and leave our preschool nest, it’s an emotional time with a mix of excitement (by the children, parents and teachers) and sadness (mostly the teachers and parents). We wish them a lovely relaxed start to school and look forward to seeing them in term 1 when they are invited back to preschool for an afternoon catch-up!

We have set a date for our preschool orientation day for new 2017 families to come and enrol or check out the preschool. If your child is 3years or older and interested in making friends and playing, then please come and say hello on Monday the 30th of January at 9:30am! More info on the website...



As always, I would like to take the time to thank the community for your support over the year. A special thank you to the general store for all their donations and to the Dunoon Whian Whian quilters group for their kind donation. Thank you to my amazing teaching and admin team for making this crazy busy preschool year still the best place to work ever, and to the wonderful committee members, families and children for being themselves and making our days exciting, enjoyable and meaningful.

All the best for some relaxing time off over the holidays and enjoying time with loved ones. See you in 2017!

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With daylight savings giving us longer days, the Junior Guides have been making the most of the outdoors. They've been working towards their Nature badge. To this end, they've done tracking activities, outdoor games and a nature bracelet.

Sienna Fountain and Ayla Smith joined 10 million Girl Guides worldwide when they made their Girl Guide Promise. We encourage the girls to plan the ceremony themselves and that includes the venue.

The girls suggested the beach and so with the ocean behind them, the girls



made their Girl Guide Promise on Lennox Beach. The life guards were invited to come along and give a short talk about beach safety. The evening ended with chips and ice cream.

The Guides and their friends had fun

with a Hallowe'en night at the end of October with dressing up, scary-looking food, jack-o-lanterns and a pumpkin piñata. More recently the girls wrote, rehearsed (many times!) and performed a play for parents and Junior Guides. Hitherto concealed talents for acting and comedy were revealed!

First time campers from Clunes Guides and Tweed Guides had a Christmas Camp in perfect weather in November. Their program included a Christmas tree and Secret Santa and carol singing around the campfire. All the girls are eager for their next camp.

Guide meetings will resume in the new year on Tuesday 31 January. We hope to welcome new members to our Units and new leaders too so if you know someone who's interested, please suggest they call Helen on 6689 5294.

Clunes Guides, Junior Guides and leaders wish everyone a safe holiday and a very Happy Christmas.
Helen Hargreaves



RURAL FIRE SERVICE NEWS WITH ROSS McDOUGALL

Thank you to the community for being diligent during the recent period of very hot weather.

Fire permits will not be issued from Thursday 23rd December to Monday 2nd January.

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On Sunday 13th November we held our Remembrance Sunday Service when we gathered in the Church to remember the service-men and women from this area and others who served in our armed forces in major conflicts.



Now to forthcoming events: On 18th December at 7.00pm we shall be having our, now, annual

Our Christmas Service this year will be held on 24th December at 6.30pm and this will be the last service in the church for the year.

Don't forget, normal services are every Sunday at 10.00am (except January) and Guild meets on the first Sunday of the month after Church. Love to see you there.

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



CAROLS IN THE CHURCH

This is NOT a Church Service. This is simply a gathering of village folk to sing Carols in our beautiful new building – a time of community fellowship – a time of social interaction with SUPPER (Christmas Cake and a cuppa). Do come along!! We particularly need children to attend to fill the roles of the characters in the nativity tableau.

The Church was full and Alan Shaw (our Interim Rector) together with Deacon Graeme Davis, conducted a wonderful service which touched the heart of everyone present. Pauline Maczkowiack read 'The Ode'. We had a poppy ceremony within the service when we remembered individual members of our community who had served in major conflicts. In all, a very successful occasion, one we now repeat every year, so hope to see you next November - mark your calendar for November 12th 2017!





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We had a fabulous day in October for our first ever quilt show in Dunoon Hall. Thank you to all our visitors who came from near and far to view the handiwork and enjoy time out with a scrumptious morning and afternoon tea. All the comments we received were very encouraging and positive, especially from local friends who had no idea such talent was hiding away in the villages and hills around us!

We would like to thank all the people who supported us in preparing and staging the exhibition, without whom it would not have happened. Here is the long list of people whose efforts were much appreciated:



The Dunoon Hall committee for encouraging and allowing us to use the hall for the event; Natalie from Harcourts Northern Rivers for sponsoring us and printing all the flyers and posters; Catherine for her wonderful,



creative poster design; our amazing menfolk who turned up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to erect stands and hang quilts and then in the afternoon to pull it all down again!; Lismore Telequilters who kindly lent us their quilt stands; Faith for organising a wonderful morning / afternoon tea; Alison from Melbourne, our guest quilter, mentor and great encourager; Di Shepherd, Margaux and Jane for their craft stalls set up; Dunoon Gazette, the School and Pre School for advertising our event; and of course all our visi-

tors. Many thanks to every one of you!

Approximately 85 quilts were exhibited and in case you were wondering, the raffle quilt was won by Laraine Molyneux from Lismore, and the most popular quilt was Cheryl Murray's corduroy bargello.

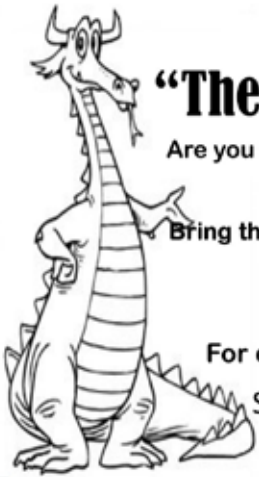


We were able to donate \$547 to the Dunoon Pre School and \$547 to the Dunoon Hall committee because of everyone's generous support.

If you missed the show, perhaps wait a couple of years and we may be back!
Bronwyn Henderson



DUNOON SPORTS CLUB PRESENTS



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Come along, join the fun (and take a peek at the plans for the new playground and have your say on what you want.

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“THE LIGHTEST WRITTEN WORD IS STRONGER THAN THE STRONGEST MIND.”

It was back in 1947 that this statement was read to the pupils of 4th Class at the South Lismore Primary school by its teacher, Mr. Black. It was a statement that was put to the test by Mr. Black to remind his students that the human mind is a powerful instrument indeed, but it cannot remember everything. I was one of those 31 students in that class of 1947 who took this test.

We were to write on a piece of paper with a pencil a sentence containing ten words and to keep their hand-written sentence for a week, but to try and remember the sentence fully. When the week was up Mr. Black asked each student to hand their written notes into him. Three days later he then asked each student individually to repeat, every word and every letter they had written on their pieces of paper, and of the 31 of us only two got it completely correct.

Back in all those early years there were no such things as computers or any other modern technology so everything had to be recorded on paper, stones, caves, pyramids etc and huge amounts of ancient records of history would never have been known if it weren't for those many “Lightest Written Words and Signs” over the many years back in history.

This now brings me up to when I decided to start recording things onto paper and later into actual “diaries” This started while I was working up in Papua New Guinea. I arrived in PNG in April 1960 to work in the automotive spare parts division of Burns Philp (New Guinea) Ltd., and they held in stock many hundreds of different spare parts for cars, trucks, tractors etc and each individual spare part had its own part number. It didn't take long to remember most spare parts numbers, but there were numerous other spare parts that could not be remembered because of their complexity so we had to read the spare parts catalogue to find the parts we were after – the written word was certainly important then!

It wasn't until early 1968 that I actually started writing up a few small diary entries either to do with work or things at home in PNG wherever we were then living. Firstly, they started out as an entry in a small Toyota pocket size diary with just a few brief notes on a certain date and this continued on for a year or so. Then I started writing up brief daily entries – mostly to do with work and home and also to some of the places we went to on our holidays. This expanded soon to include daily entries.

I soon found out that when going on our annual leave out from PNG I needed a larger diary and in many cases used school exercise books to write down the

details of where we went on leave and what we did and saw. I'm glad to say that this worked quite well because the exercise books had larger pages than an ordinary diary and I could now enter much more detail of each day's events.

On a holiday we took in Papua New Guinea from November 1970 to January 1971, I used a large exercise book to write down each day's events as they happened, plus took many photos with my then Kodak Instamatic camera. We went from Lae to Rabaul then Rabaul to New Ireland, Manus Island, Madang, Port Moresby and to the Trobriand Islands and finally back home to Lae. We stayed at each place for a week or more, having to fly to and from each location and writing up each day's events as they happened. This alone took up 74 A4-size pages of that holiday on my computer.

I've kept all my diaries and as of this month, November 2016, I have a total of 31 yearly diaries and 15 hand-written diaries in exercise books totalling over 16,790 daily entries, so in my case I have certainly kept “The Faintest Written Word Is Stronger Than Strongest Mind” well and truly alive, and I still do.

I am gradually entering into my computer all of our overseas holidays ex PNG that were written in my diaries. The first overseas holiday I took was to Japan between May and June 1965 to do Judo training and that filled seven A4-size pages on my computer from my diary notes. Our trip to Japan in June/July 1975 (which includes Hong Kong and Macau) fills 41 A4 size pages and our trip to Honolulu and mainland USA in 1979 took 38 A4-size pages. A trip to the UK and Scotland via Hong Kong in 1978 filled just ten A4-size pages and I have lots more of our overseas travels ex PNG yet to be entered into my computer.

I estimate it will take me at least six months or more, (in between doing other things), to print out all of our overseas holidays ex PNG alone – but to try and enter every daily diary note



The 1947 South Lismore School photo. I (Charles) am 4th from the left in the back row and our then teacher, Mr. Black, is on the far right of the back row.

I have since 1968 into my computer would take quite a few years or more to do. I don't think I will ever get around to doing that. I'll leave them as they were written day by day in their diaries.

Some of my PNG diary entries are quite gruesome, mainly from tragic motor vehicle accidents, shootings, air plane disasters, tribal fights etc I had to attend to. My written diary notes (and photos) of those events were often used as evidence in the following court cases.

Every one of my articles that I have submitted to the Dunoon Gazette over the past seventeen years (without a break) would not have been possible if it were not for all those many "Faintest Written Words" from information I found from my own written daily diary notes and other sources. By the way, I am only a one-finger typist (the right hand index finger) so everything you have read so far over the years since the August/September, 2000, issue were all "One Finger Typed" but at least I am following the rule of, "The slightest written word is stronger than the strongest mind."

I think I owe my father a lot, for he wrote details down on the back of the nearly 300 black and white photos he took while serving in the Middle East during World War 1 between 1916 and 1918 and also from my school teacher of class 4 in 1947.

So for all you others out there keeping daily diary notes, keep it going for they are a source of history – not only for yourself but also your family too.

NOTE: It was while I was typing up my 1981 diary entries into my computer recently that I discovered in my written diary notes of Monday 14th September 1981 that I had a small win in the Monday night Lotto draw No.37 (I had bought the ticket while in Sydney when my wife, daughter, and I came down to Australia from PNG in September/October 1981 on holidays to Sydney and to the far north coast of NSW at Golden Beach). I had three numbers and the consecutive number (now known as the Supplement number). Unfortunately I had to post my winning ticket down to the Lotto headquarters in Sydney back then to claim my prize of ten dollars. The very latest Monday night Lotto draw number for the 14th November, 2016, (35 years later) is number 3608 meaning there have been 3,571 Monday Lotto draws since the September 1981 draw. Now, even this is a small part of my history from those "Light written words".

Accompanying my hand-written diary notes over the years are around 2000 photos and several hundred coloured slides, and about 10,000 feet of Super-8 movie films.

CHARLES BETTERIDGE

(Note from the Editor: Perhaps you could try Dragon Naturally Speaking Software to speak your stories and convert them to text.)



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These extracts of obituaries from the historical archives give a small insight into the lives and times of some of our past community members.

MR. DONALD CURRIE

Mr. DONALD CURRIE an old Currie, a resident of Channon road for the past 36 years, died in the Lismore Base Hospital on Saturday, after a short illness. The funeral was held at Dunoon yesterday and was one of the largest seen there. Mr. Currie, who for many years was secretary of the Masonic Lodge, Dunoon, was born in Tucki 60 years ago, and had lived there and at Wyrallah before removing to the Channon. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Currie, who were among the earliest settlers in the Tucki district.

Mr. Currie is survived by a widow and two sons and five daughters. The sons are Messrs. Ernest (Lismore) and Donald (Channon) Currie, and the daughters the Misses Jean, Helen, Laura, Georgina, and Doris Currie, all of the Channon. His brothers are Messrs. James (Lismore), Kenneth (Channon), Edward (Dunoon), and Frederick (Atherton (Q.)) Currie.

The funeral service at Dunoon was conducted by the Rev. Alfred Brooks, of Clunes, who was assisted by the Rev. G. Evans, Methodist minister at Dunoon. Miss Tainsh presided at the organ. The church was crowded, many persons being unable to gain admission. Burial took place in the Dunoon cemetery, where Mr. Brooks and Rev. C. Foley (Rector of Dunoon) officiated. The Masonic service was read by Wor. Bro.

L. G. Crawford and the M.U.I.O.O.F. service by the D.G.M., Bro. E. H. Wallace. In his address, Mr. Brooks referred to Mr. Currie as a man much respected and mentioned his church work and his simple, deep faith. Almost every district Masonic Lodge was represented at the funeral, the Grand Lodge being represented by V.W. Bro. A. S. Pine. At the graveside, Mr. Foley spoke of Mr. Currie's sterling qualities.

The pall-bearers at the church were Messrs. Ernest Currie (son), J. Currie and Edward Currie (brothers). Ewan Currie (nephew) and P.G. Bro. F. Roberts and P.B. Bro. F. Ford (M.U.I.O.O.F. Channon) and at the graveside Wor. Bro. C. Haiser, Wor. Bro. W. Leeson, Bros. N. Haiser, A. Osborne, A. Smith and a. J. Pratten (Masonic Lodge, Dunoon). Wreaths, included among which were those from the Wor. Master and members of the Masonic Lodge 436, Dunoon, the Presbyterian congregation, the Dunoon Presbyterian Fellowship, the Loyal Channon Lodge, No. 339. M.U.I.O.O.F. and the Masonic Lodge Loyalty, Lismore, were carried by Wor. Bro. J. Ward, Wor C. Haiser, Bro. P. Sivewright and Bro. J. King, of Dunoon Masonic Lodge. Members of the Masonic Order and M.U.I.O.O.F, in regalia marched behind the bearers at the cemetery.

A memorial service will be held in the Dunoon Methodist Church next Sunday at 11 a.m. Messrs. W. Riley and Son had charge of the funeral arrangements.

23 August 1937

MR. A. R. RAWARD


Lismore Methodist Church was filled to capacity yesterday for the funeral service of Mr. A. R. Raward, of Uralba Street, Lismore, and formerly of Dunoon, who died in Lismore on Wednesday. In a moving tribute to the blameless life his brother had led, Rev. Frank H. Raward, of Sydney, spoke of his high standard of personal conduct and the qualities of character which had made so many describe him as a "fine Christian gentleman." Rev. R. O'Donnel Finigan conducted the service, and was assisted by Rev. J. H. Bowmaker.

He paid a tribute to Mr. A. R. Raward's work for the Methodist Church in Dunoon and Lismore for more than 40 years, and referred to his devoted service as lay preacher, trustee, organist and circuit steward. The Ladies' Church Aid. of which Mrs. Raward is a member, was strongly represented in the congregation. Mr. H. Burgess officiated at the organ. Pall-bearers at the church were members of Lodge Dunoon No. 436 U.G.L. of N.S.W. They were Wor. Bros. A. Braid, P. Sivevy right, C. Mustard, C. Lynn and Bros. A. W. Ross and A. A. Brown. At the graveside they were replaced by Messrs. Wilbur and Kevin Raward (sons), G. Rawle, John Rawle, Ted Simes and M. Simes. The service at the graveside was conducted by Revs. Finigan and Bowmaker and the Masonic service was read by Wor. Bro. G. C. Mustard, of Lodge Dunoon.

Wreath carriers were. Messrs. S. Barnes. A. H. Warne, L. Caldwell, E. J. Tulk, R. E. Noble, H. Blanch, R. Strong, P. Lawrence and Russell Noble. Mr. T. S. Husband represented the Lismore Musical Festival Society. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Will Riley and Son.

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MR. ALFRED SMITH

A well known district resident and a pioneer of the Clunes district, Mr.-Alfred Smith, 79, of Dunoon, died in Lismore yesterday morning. Mr. Smith was better known at Whian Whian, where he selected a farming property about 45 years ago, on which he resided until moving to live in retirement at Dunoon about two years ago.

Born at Bodinie, Cornwall, England, Mr. Smith came to Australia 69 years ago. With his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, he went at once to Clunes, where his father and a man named Clunes were two of the original selectors.

As a young man Mr. Smith managed the separating company at Corndale and afterwards was attached to the staff of Norco at Byron Bay as an engineer. He remained with Norco until taking up the selection at Whian Whian. Mr. Smith was a member of the Masonic Lodge Dunoon No. 436 and also a member of the Loyal Dunoon Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O.F.

A devoted member of the Church of England, Mr. Smith had all his life been a regular worshiper and a strict adherent. He was a foundation parochial councillor of St. Matthew's Church at Dunoon, a position he only recently relinquished due to advancing years. He

is survived by a widow, who was formerly Miss Helen Kedzlie, two sons, Messrs. Alex Smith (Mullumbimby) and Len Smith (Dunoon), and seven daughters; they are Mrs. V. C. Boothby (Yandina, Qld.), Mrs. VL J. Skimmings, Mrs. E. W. Smith and Mrs. N. Skimmings (Whian Whian), Mrs. V. Serone (Knockrow), Mrs. D. McRoberts and Miss Enid Smith (Dunoon). Two surviving sisters are the Misses Maud and Emma Smith, of Clunes.

His funeral will leave St. Matthew's Church of England, Dunoon, today, after a service commencing at 11 a.m., for the Dunoon cemetery. **Northern Star 24 August 1950**

A LOOK AT HISTORICAL ATTITUDES WITH ANNABELLE CROW

The following is from a book from the century before last. Read the original at: <https://archive.org/details/mixinsocietyc00coun>



MIXING IN SOCIETY

*A complete manual of manners by the Right Hon. The Countess of ******
Published 1870

Introductory On Good Manners in General, Their Rise, Progress, and Social Importance

"Fashion is a phoenix - a phoenix reigning supreme from age to age - self-destroying, self-renewed.... Every school-boy may read the history of bygone manners and customs, but who, though he were wiser than the wisest of men, shall prophesy what hours our great great grand-children will keep a hundred years hence - how they will clothe and amuse themselves, or how they may choose to dress their hair or their dinners?.....what speculator would venture to predict the programme of an evening party in the year of grace 1969? What exploded fashions will by that time be resuscitated?....Will our gentlemen again wear peaked


shoes of such fantastic length that the points thereof shall be fastened to their girdles? Will our ladies, who have so recently worn an artificial cushion attached to the back of their dresses, have by that time transferred it to the tops of their heads, and revived the powdered tete of a hundred years ago? Is it altogether impossible that those ladies who delight in jewellery may elect to wear their rings in their noses, or their bracelets round their ankles. "

The Countess goes on to recount the habits and manners of people in all eras of history. She criticises the manners of "six or seven score years ago" (pg 25) saying "Fancy the moral condition of that society in which a lady of fashion joked with a footman, and carved a great shoulder of veal; and provided besides a sirloin, a goose, hare, rabbit, chickens, partridges, black puddings, and a ham, for eight Christians. What - what could have been the condition of that polite world in which people openly ate goose after almond pudding, and took their soup in the middle of their dinner? Fancy a noble lord calling out to the servants, before the ladies at his table, 'Hang expense, bring us a ha'porth of cheese!'"

In a letter Walpole goes on to say (pg 28) how Lord Granby "arrived drunk from Jenny's Whim, where, instead of

going straight to old Stafford's catacomb to make honourable love, he had dined with Lady Fanny, and left her and eight other women, and four other men, playing at brag." He then proceeds to narrate the events of the evening: "We minced seven chickens into a china dish, which Lady Caroline stewed over a lamp, with three pats of butter and a flagon of water, - stirring, and rattling, and laughing, - we every minute expecting to have the dish fly about our ears. She had brought Betty the fruit girl with hampers of cherries and strawberries from Roger's, and made her wait upon us, and then made her sup by us at a little table. The conversation was no less lively than the whole transaction....It was three o'clock before we got home" ...continued pg 19

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RICHARD OF DUNOON

Dunoon and surrounds attracts some very interesting residents who have fascinating stories to tell, so over the next few issues, we will introduce you to some inspirational men and women who can be persuaded to tell their stories.

Richard is well known in our community for his quiet and unassuming presence, his humour, kindness and energy. He and Mary have been growing macadamias for 10 years having “retired” to Dunoon.

Born at the start of WW11 in the South London, he has memories of life in wartime... a father in the Royal Navy, an air raid shelter in their garden, and a very loud explosion when a German V2 rocket which had been launched from the French Coast, hit the 18th hole of the local golf course as he, at 5 years old, was on this way to school. The impact frightened the life out of him and importantly he remembers losing his lunch money (9d) in the turmoil. Richard attended Wimbledon School which incidentally provided ball boys for the tennis each year. After leaving school he was to face 2 years of compulsory National Service.

After training he was posted to Cyprus in 1958 during the time of the Eoka campaign which was waged 1955 - 9, the background is explained here in an excerpt from Wikipedia.

“The United Kingdom had promised Greece unification with Cyprus if Greece would enter World War I on the side of the Allies; but the Greeks declined this invitation because King Constantine I of Greece had been educated in Germany, was married to Sophia of Prussia, sister of Kaiser Wilhelm, and was convinced of the Central Powers’ victory. Prime minister Eleftherios Venizelos on the other hand was an ardent anglophile, and believed in an Allied victory. After Venizelos’ efforts to sway Constantine’s opinion proved unsuccessful, the promise was never realised. In the 1950s, EOKA was established having the specific aim to mount a military campaign to end the status of Cyprus as a British



Richard with a visiting General prior to a parachute drop

crown colony and achieve the island’s unification with Greece. The leadership of AKEL at the time, the island’s large communist party, opposed EOKA’s military action, advocating a “Gandhiesque approach” of civil disobedience, such as workers’ strikes and demonstrations. [6] AKEL was previously involved in organising the plebiscite of 1950, where the vast majority of Greek Cypriots voted for union with Greece (98%).”

As in all military campaigns, Richard says, there were some bad times tempered by happier incidents. The troops were entertained by stars of the day including Sir Harry Secombe of The Goons. Due to his large size he became known as after receiving a knighthood. During his visit in 1958 Richard remembers him leading the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers with the drum major’s baton, a scene which he was amazed to learn was filmed at the time and can be found on You Tube.

Part of the film Exodus from the book by Leon Uris, was also filmed in Cyprus and it became commonplace to see Hollywood film stars such as Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Eva Marie Saint and Peter Lawford were frequently seen in the streets of Famagusta, the coastal town in Cyprus. They were filming the scenes where the Jewish refugees were

stranded on a ship waiting to be allowed to sail to Palestine/Israel. Some British Soldiers were offered walk on parts in the movie and payment of £10 per day, a huge amount for men who were only earning £2 per week. The Senior Officers would not allow this so the film company instead hired local Greek Cypriots...”lousy actors” says Richard. Still the excitement of famous actors and film crews must have been impressive for a group of 20 year old soldiers.

Many years later Richard met a Greek Cypriot woman in Sydney who had been in Famagusta at the same time as he. She attended the local high school and supported Eoka and its leader George Grivas, by collecting bottles and rocks to throw at the unpopular British Soldiers. The meeting with her was friendly, but he had to tell her that her aim was not very good as they cast these missiles from the walls of the Old City.

British rule finally ended in Cyprus in 1960 after 82 years.

Richard returned to England from the Middle East in 1960 via Athens, Rome (at the time of the Rome Olympics) , Milan, Switzerland and France hitchhiking for 2 months by himself and then caught a ferry across the Channel to Dover. He realised he enjoyed being in the army and stayed and was offered an opportunity to join the Australian Army in 1963. Then ranked as a Lieutenant, he and his new wife Mary arrived in Adelaide in 1963. He then spent 2 years at Puckapunyal, then more time training at Wacol Queensland before being sent to Vietnam in 1968.

The Birthday Ballot or Conscription as it was commonly known was introduced by the Menzies Government in 1964 using the marble system. 20 year old men were required to register for the ballot which was drawn twice a year. Numbered marbles representing birthdates were used and “lucky” winners were required to register within a month. If potential soldiers did not register for the ballot they were fined and made to join the army anyway. Quite a few “conscientious objectors”



**Prime Minister John Gorton with
OC Coy 26 in the background**

escaped National Service with the help of family and friends. Simon Townsend was notable amongst this group.

Richard saw that the National Servicemen were carefully chosen and were intelligent and resourceful soldiers. They demanded and deserved good leadership and it was a privilege to serve with them.

Again he met some memorable charac-

ters while he was serving in Vietnam including a larrikin soldier from Queensland named Geoffrey, who while making a coffee one night in the CP, found a 10 foot cobra in the sugar bin. "Get rid of it" yelled Richard so Geoffrey promptly lobbed the snake into a busy sergeants' Mess night. Mayhem ensued.

On another occasion in 1968, the Prime Minister, John Gorton was due to visit the troops in Vietnam. Soldiers got cleaned up for the visit and were incredulous and very unimpressed to see Gorton looking dishevelled in scruffy greens alongside the superbly turned out President Thieu of South Vietnam and his stunning wife. John Gorton, an ex RAAF pilot who had been injured in a plane crash during the war, considered himself to be a man of the people and certainly didn't seem to like formal occasions. He had become Prime Minister after the death of Harold Holt almost by accident following a three way tussle

between McEwen, Hasluck and Billy McMahon and eventually the very likeable John Grey Gorton was chosen.

When Richard's term in Vietnam finished, it was back to desk jobs in Sydney and Canberra and various training appointments. He left the Army in 1984 and worked for Brambles as an Operations Manager finding his skills learned in the army could, with common sense and a willingness to adapt to different ways, assist in the transition to civil life.

As well as growing macadamias Richard has been involved in Legacy in Sydney and the Northern Rivers. Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families needing financial and social support after the death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service.

Kerry Ann Harvey

A LOOK AT HISTORICAL ATTITUDES *CONTINUED FROM PG 17*

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"An extraordinary amount of freedom of manners existed also among the middle classes. ... Dr Johnson, accompanied by a clergyman, took two young women to dine at a tavern. These young women had come from the country to take counsel on the subject of Methodism, to which they were sorely inclined. "Come," said the Doctor, "you pretty fools, dine with Maxwell and me at the 'Mitre', and we will talk over that subject." Which they did; and after dinner he took one of them on his knee, and fondled her for half an hour together."

In bringing up children to become "ladies and gentlemen" she says (pg 43) that we can't do this "by lavishing money upon foreign professors, dancing masters, continental tours, tailors, and dressmakers". (In our world the equivalent would be private language tutors, ballet or dance classes, overseas holidays and expensive clothes.) "Ah, no! Good breeding is far less costly, and begins far earlier than those things. Let our little ones be nurtured in an atmosphere of gentleness and kindness let them grow

up in a home where a rude gesture or an ill-tempered word are alike unknown" *Probably good advice today.*

On social habits she says (pg 46) "No habit is so easily acquired as a habit of awkward gesticulation; no slovenliness so insidious as that of incorrect speech." The expectations placed on the female sex were high. After describing the manners of a "true gentleman", the Countess goes on to say (pg 49) "And if this be true of mankind, how still more true is it of woman-kind! That her tact should be even readier, her sympathies even tenderer, her instincts even finer than those of a man, seems only fit and natural."

"Every mistress of a house, be it remembered, is a minor sovereign, upon whose bounty the comfort, and happiness, and refinement of her little court depend. She must take especial care that her servants are capable, well-trained, and reliable No well-bred woman talks of her servants, of her dinner arrangements or the affairs of her nursery. ... The amusements and comforts of her guests are provided for without

discussion or comment; and whatever goes wrong is studiously withheld from the conversation of the drawing room. And let no lady, however young, however beautiful, however gifted, for one moment imagine that the management of her house can be neglected with impunity. If she is rich enough to provide an efficient housekeeper, well and good; but even so, the final responsibility must still rest upon her, and her alone. No tasks, no pleasures, must stand in the way of this important duty."

Annabelle Crow

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WHO ARE WE?

The North East Community Panel is a group of volunteers working towards improving our community. When it was decided to establish community panels in the rural parts of our Local Government Area, the villages and hamlets along Dunoon Road and the road through Woodlawn were designated as the North East. Our community panel was one of the first to get organised. But it must not be imagined that it is a “closed shop”. The group was not elected or appointed. It has no constitution or rules. It was simply formed by people who accepted a general invitation to attend some of a series of gatherings initiated by a small group of employees of Lismore City Council. Meetings have been held at Dunoon, Whian Whian, Tullera, and Numulgi Halls as well as Dunoon Club.

Anyone can join a Community Panel. You might like to help with projects and events, become a member of the panel, or just be a helping hand when working bees or activities are taking place. The level of engagement is entirely up to you. Our panel has a facebook group you can join. Search Facebook for North East Area Community Group.

Occasionally we have met in Lismore with other panels. At the time this writing began we were looking forward to our next meeting at Whian Whian. That community must surely be among the most dynamic in the whole district. They are still trying to raise funds to add a deck to their hall but they have gone ahead and built their own outdoor pizza oven. Our event was very well attended and we had our meeting gathered round the pizza oven. It was a real eye opener for me.

I am motivated to write this short report because on Friday 14 October some of our panel attended an inspirational session in the City Hall with Jim Diers. Jim is employed by the city of Seattle as founding director of their Department of Neighbourhoods. But he does not live in the city of Seattle. To reach his home on Vashon Island he has to take a ferry across Puget Sound. Seattle

is in Washington State in the North West of the USA, close to British Columbia, in Canada, about as far as one can get in the USA from Washington DC. The two are not to be confused.

Jim was at the end of a long and busy speaking tour. When he left Lismore he was heading home for a few days to see his newly born grandson before heading out on his next tour. It was obvious from the illustrations flashed upon the screen that Jim is familiar with communities scattered far and wide. But his whole life would seem to be bound up with the idea of community. He had a lot of great thoughts to share but they all came back to his central theme. He would rather go to a party than to a meeting. No community is without its own special gifts and no member of any community is without gifts to offer. He preferred to speak about gifts rather than talents. Jim was truly charismatic. He was at the end of a prolonged tour yet his energy and enthusiasm were palpable.

I sense a great energy in our own group and we have started to see some progress. For example we have decided to spend our portion of a volunteer grant on a new computer for the Gazette. The pocket park in Cedar Drive has not been gazetted for sale yet, but when it finally has its status changed so that it can be sold, the Council has resolved that the proceeds are to be spent in improving facilities at parks in Dunoon. It would seem that the panel would prefer most of the funds to be spent in providing an improved playground/outdoor gym at Balzer Park. Tamarind Park on James Street may get a new set of swings. But it is important for the community to have an opportunity to discuss these matters at a special function very soon.

Denis Matthews



Exercise park for Dunoon

We are very excited to announce a Community Building Partnership Grant of \$15,000 towards the cost of building an exercise park at the Dunoon Sports Club. We hope to complete this by mid 2017 – volunteers needed!

Have Your Say

Catherine Rosenbaum from Community Engagement at Lismore City Council is seeking your feedback on the choice of exercise and playground equipment to be installed at Balzer Park. Concept plans will be on display at the Sports Club and you will get an opportunity to vote for your favourite pieces.

Catherine will be at the last round of Social 6s on **Wednesday 14th December**, so pop up to the Sports Club to give us your opinion. The drawings will also be available over the following weekend during the **Children's Christmas Party on 17th December**.

Write Your Life Group 2 Feb

Create a record of your life and times and share your writings with other members. Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays 9:45 am starting 2 February 2017 at the old church on 1 Fraser Road. Coffee/tea provided – bring a plate to share.

**RSVP Bronwen Campbell
0439842237**

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LETTERS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

LOCAL BUSES

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people that run our local bus services.

When we moved to Dunoon, one of the first things we had to do was organise the kids' schools and transport to schools. "Make sure you get on Jeff's bus", I was advised by a local family. "He is great with making sure the kids are all safe, happy and well-behaved, but you have to ask specifically to be allocated to Halls Bus Service when you apply"

So ask we did, and after 7 years of fantastic and friendly service, I can honestly say that the kids have very happy memories of their bus trips to and from school. It mirrors my own memories of the fabulous country bus service run by my best friend's Dad in my home town of Huia, New Zealand. So a special thank you to Jeff and Dawn from Halls Bus Service.

I have recently found out that under the new student transport system you have to

apply online, so make sure you get your applications in, and remember that you can choose which bus service you use.

When I first moved here, Halls Buses could only pick up children outside of Dunoon, but now they can pick up all through Dunoon as well. So now you can choose either Halls or Dunoon Bus Service when you apply or update your details. The application forms are available at the School Student Transport Scheme website <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/>
Bronwen Campbell

THE BENTLEY EFFECT

Dear Editor,

I saw the Bentley Effect last Friday at the Star Court Theatre in Lismore. I was impressed.

The world is seeing increasing confrontations against fossil fuel corporations wanting maximum profits through resource extraction regardless of cost to people and commu-

nities, regardless of the impact on our climate, and regardless of the many renewable energy alternatives.

Filmed here in the Northern Rivers, The Bentley Effect is a truly inspiring film which tells the story of the courage, heartbreak and creativity of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to protect their communities and land from a large scale invasion by Metgasco and other gas companies.

The Bentley Effect documents a glaring failure of democracy where 87% of the community had voted 'No' to coal seam gas and were ignored by the New South Wales government and the gas industry. The crisis was only resolved by concerted and broad community action using large scale civil disobedience culminating in the Bentley Blockade and the final back down by the NSW government. This is a 'must see' film! Visit <http://www.thebentleyeffect.com/> for screen dates and other information.

Tom Driftwood

LOCAL BAHÁ'Í NEWS WITH BILL HENDERSON

Baha'i Birthday party raided by a local



Early in November the Baha'is celebrate the Birthdays of the two Founders of the Baha'i Faith.

First Siyyid Ali Muhammad, titled the Bab (meaning 'gate' in Arabic). He was a Manifestation of God who in 1844 launched a new era in human history, and prepared humanity to receive Husayn-'Alí Núrí, titled Baha'u'llah (meaning Glory of God).

Baha'u'llah brought new guidance to humanity that was needed for this stage in our collective development. Like all the previous Manifestations of God including Krishna, the Buddha, Moses, Jesus and Mohammad, Baha'u'llah reminded us about the eternal unchanging human goals of love, unity, justice and peace.

He also gave us specific new guidance that humanity needs as we approach maturity as a civilisation.

Baha'u'llah's Birthday is celebrated a day later than the Bab's and next year the bicentenary of Baha'u'llah's birth will be celebrated joyously all round the world. This year the Lismore and Ballina Baha'is joined Byron Bay's afternoon celebration of the Bab's Birthday in the National Park's picnic grounds at Broken Bay. A programme of prayers, history and music was followed by a late-afternoon picnic.

That's when we were raided.

One of the patrolling brush turkeys jumped up on the table, grabbed a 4-pack of BBQ buns by its neck and headed for the scrub. Tripped over the trailing bag and dropped it.

Back again ten minutes later and had another try. Tripped over the bag again and then gave up.

But when we started playing boules, another raid, trying to steal one of the big heavy silver bowls. Too big and

heavy to beak, so the next raid snatched the smaller, lighter jack. Then off and away across the lawn at full speed, chased by three of our teenagers.

When they caught up, the bird jettisoned its loot and headed for the scrub. A big pity that no one got it on video.

Thank you teachers

In Australian State primary schools (except in S.A. where religion isn't taught in State schools) the volunteer Baha'i teachers have been busy this term preparing for the UN-sponsored Teacher Appreciation week.

In many schools, they get their students thinking about the best qualities they notice in each of their classroom teachers, and then each student lists these special virtues on a pretty Thank-you-teacher card, to present at a special ceremony in front of the whole school. A Thank-you-Teachers cake is usually also supplied to the school by the local Baha'is.
billh6@bigpond.net.au

VILLAGE HALLS

DUNOON HALL

| | |
|--|--|
| Wednesday 10 am Community Group | Ron 6689 5018 |
| Thursday 5:30 pm Exercise Class Mon and Wed 9 am Lifestyle Mgmt | Mark Roberts 0419 831 424 |
| 6 weekly 6:30 pm Film Night | Mark Roberts 0419 831 424 |
| Thursday 7:30 pm Euchre | Charles 6628 2064 |
| Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School Sunday 11 am Church Service | Christadelphians Ray Patch 6689 5229 |

Community members welcome. For all bookings please contact:
Dunoon Post Office 6689 5101

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| Tullera Hall | 6628 2060 |
| Corndale Hall | David Hunter 6628 4364 |
| Dorroughby Hall | 6689 5013 |
| Whian Whian Hall | Trevor Tuckey 0417119142 |
| The Channon Hall | General Store 6688 6240 |

CHURCH SERVICES

DUNOON ANGLICAN

Holy Communion Every Sunday 10.00 am
Guild meets first Sunday of month 11:30 am

CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

Sunday School 9.30am
Memorial Meeting 11am each Sunday
Bible Address on occasions 6689 5229

DUNOON CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st & 3rd Sundays 9.30am

GOOLMANGAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

2nd & 4th Sundays 9.30am

COMMUNITY MARKETS

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| TUESDAY | Lismore Organic Market Every Tuesday 7:30 – 11 am Lismore Showgrounds |
| EVERY SATURDAY | Lismore Farmers' Market 8am Lismore Showgrounds Alstonville Farmers' Market 8am – 12 noon Bugden Lane Car Park |
| 1ST SATURDAY | Lismore Makers Market 10am – 2pm Cnr Keen and Magellan |
| 1ST SUNDAY | Lismore Car Boot 8am – 2pm Lismore Square Carpark Byron Bay Market |
| 2ND SUNDAY | The Channon Craft Markets http://thechannonmarket.org.au/ |
| 3RD SATURDAY | Mullumbimby Market http://www.mullummarkets.com.au/ |
| 3RD SUNDAY | Lismore Car Boot |
| 4TH SUNDAY | Bangalow Market 9am – 3pm http://www.bangalowmarket.com.au/ Nimbin Markets 4th and 5th Sunday 8am – 4pm Market coordinator 0458 506 000 |

SPORTS AND GROUPS

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|---|---------------------------|
| Channon/Dunoon Pony Club Fiona Wilders | 6628 2690 |
| Channon Tennis Club | 6688 6165 |
| Dunoon Sports Club Enquiries & Cricket | 6689 5444 |
| Dunoon Social Golf Chris Gulliver | 6689 5147 0428 428 165 |
| Dunoon United Football Club Rob Gatt (President) Matt Hill (Secretary) | 0428884222 0438509284 |
| Dunoon Tennis Graeme Drew, Marilyn Kent OR Call Sports Club | 0428746735 6689 5444 |
| Tullera Tennis Club Pauline Leeson | 6628 2224 |
| Girl Guides Helen Hargreaves | 6689 5294 |

BUS TIME TABLES

WHIAN WHIAN – LISMORE

School Days Only

School Bus Service 6628 4101

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| DEPARTS | Whian Whian | 7.55am |
| | Dunoon School | 8.06am |
| ARRIVES | Greaves | 8.09am |
| | Lismore PO | 8.45am |
| DEPARTS | Spinks Park | 3.20pm |
| | Trinity School. | 3.30pm |
| | Richmond RivSch | 3.34pm |
| ARRIVES | Dunoon | 4.02pm |
| | Whian Whian | 4.15pm |



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| Depart | Dorroughby Hall | 7:50am |
| | Dunoon Store | 8:00 |
| | Modanville Store | 8:10 |
| | Tullera Hall | 8:16 |
| | Minschull Cres. | 8:21 |
| | R.R High school | 8:25 |
| | Woodlark St | 8:30 |
| | Lismore Square | 8:32 |
| | Trinity interchange | 8:35 Bay 10 |
| Depart | Lismore Bus Terminus | 3:30pm |
| | Lismore Library | 3:33 |
| | Trinity interchange | 3:37 Bay 10 |

DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

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

FIRE PERMIT OFFICERS

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| Barry Watts | 6689 5359 |
| Aline Feebrey | 6689 5438 |
| Ross McDougall | 0409 425 551 |

TULLERA

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| John Hildebrand | 0408 282 224 |
| John Mace | 0415 499 929 |

THE CHANNON

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| John Hutchison | 6688 6480 |
| Tony Roden | 6689 1562 |
| Neale Hayter | 6688 6171 |
| J.J. Bruce | 6688 6453 |
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| Modanville | 2:00–3:30pm School |

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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| Dunoon Lodge Gordon Starkey | 6689 5166 |
| Northern Rivers Animal Shelter Robyn | 6681 1860 |

LOCAL BUSINESS PHONE DIRECTORY

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| Advertising | Dunoon Gazette | 6689 5954 |
| Aged Care & Respite Services | Nimbin Aged Care & Respite | 6689 1709 |
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| Bottle Shop | Dunoon General Store | 6689 5225 |
| | Mary G's | 6622 2924 |
| Bus Service | Dunoon | 6624 8734 |
| | Whian Whian | 6628 4101 |
| Carpenter | John Ferronato | 0429 895 130 A/H 6689 9437 |
| Celebrant | Gina Murray | 6689 5104 |
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| Fencing Contractor/Firewood | Andrew Shepherd | 0431 095 583 |
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| Insurance | Dudgeon & Berry | 6621 3000 |
| Laundry Service | Clean & Green Laundry | 6622 1359 6689 5780 |
| Mortgage Broker | Sue James | 0408 605 537 |
| Pet Minding & Garden Service | Simone Phillips | 0421 686 600 |
| Plumber | Nik Hyde | 6689 5174 |
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| Pottery Supplies | Northern Rivers Pottery Supplies | 6621 4688 |
| Refrigeration | Russell's | 6621 3992 |
| Restaurant | Dunoon Sports Club – The Deck | 6689 5469 |
| | Mary G's | 6622 2924 |
| Sports Club | Dunoon Sports Club | 6689 5444 |
| Tipper/Handyman | Darren Bassey | 6628 2147 |
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| Takeaway | Modanville Takeaway | 6628 2005 |
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| Waste Disposal – Septic tank | Summerland Environmental | 6687 2880 |
| Wired4 – Home Theatre & TV | Iain Thompson | 0421 871 144 |

SCHOOLS PRESCHOOLS PLAYGROUPS

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| 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/ Vacation Care | 6689 5930 |
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