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Easter Saturday and I am STILL working on the Gazette! Sometimes it seems to take forever to get it finished. However, I love the new computer and am finding the larger screen so much easier to work on.

It has been very heartening to see how the community has pulled together over the recent challenging times with the floods, and I am amazed at how effectively the CBD has been cleaned up and how quickly many businesses have started trading again.

We have a few people who have taken up our offer of a free directory listing for flood-affected businesses, and hope to have more – spread the word. Please support Little Delhi, Henry's Bakery, and Bolt Barn all of whom have taken up our offer. Of course we have existing advertisers who were also flood-affected and could use your help – Clean and Green Laundry, Northern Rivers Pottery Supplies, Mary G's to name a few. Our new advertisers include Des with Backhoe Hire (this page); Michael with Dugright Excavations; Ken with Rainbow Power and Martin who is an accredited Rainbow Power installer (see pg 18). And of course thank you to our loyal advertisers – we need your support more than ever, and I hope our community continues to support you.

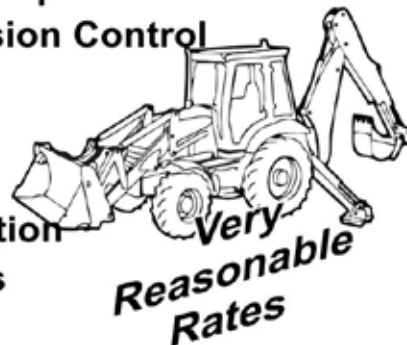
We have some new contributors to this edition too – enjoy their articles on pages 6, 9, 20 and 21.

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Bronwen Campbell  
Editor

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The school year has begun in full flight and the students at Modanville Public School have settled beautifully into their new classes. We have welcomed a new cohort of Kindergarten students who have coped extremely well with the transition to big school and are all making wonderful progress with their learning. The Kindergarten class at our school is a lovely big classroom, set up with many exciting learning and play opportunities. It has been rewarding to watch the new students develop confidence in the playground and strengthen their relationships with each other.

This year our Kindergarten teacher, Miss Erin Azzopardi, is participating in her second year of L3 training. L3 is a language and literacy program designed to target reading and writing in the classroom. The results from last year's students were very impressive and it will be interesting to see how these students



progress in their second year of the program. This year Miss Geraldine Kerr, the class 1/2/3 teacher, began L3 training for stage 1. It is exciting to continue this program with students who participated as Kindergarten students last year. Both teachers are enjoying the professional learning involved in the program.

This term saw the completion of a large sandpit in the main playground. This additional play space will provide a much-needed option for students on days when supervision is limited to one playground. Thanks to the parents involved in the construction of this sandpit and to the P+C for funding the project. We have also created a new table tennis area in our under-cover area. This is a great option for our students particularly on wet days, which have been numerous this term!

Our beautiful vegetable garden continues to provide abundance and is managed by Miss Erin Azzopardi and her team of budding gardeners. We regularly enjoy fresh produce from the garden.

A new Student Representative Council (SRC) has been elected for the year. Congratulations to our SRC who were presented with their badges at the recent class 3/4 assembly. The SRC meet fortnightly under the guidance of Miss Lauren Currie where they discuss issues related to students in our school. It is an excellent opportunity for students to learn basic principles of representation as well as discussion and leadership skills. The SRC regularly organise fundraising activities for both charities and the school. Their first initiative for the year was Crazy Hair Day. This is now an annual event at our school and raises money for the Cancer Council. Much fun was had by students and teachers on the day.

This year Mr Cameron Blanch has started a computer coding group as an extension activity for some of our senior students. Excitingly, three girls





from the 5/6 classroom recently attended a coding day. It is wonderful to see these opportunities for extension using technology being accessed by our students. Thanks to Mr Blanch for facilitating this process.

As we head in to term 2 we are all taking a deep breath! Term 2 is traditionally one of the busier terms with many sporting and academic fixtures on the calendar.



We are always open to new enrolments at Modanville and welcome your interest in our school.

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## DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS *WITH CASSANDRA*

**W**e have had a great term one full of exciting and fun activities. This year we have a whopping 90 students spread out across four great classes. We've done some pretty fun things and here are some highlights...

### Swimming Carnival

Early this term we had our swimming carnival. Dunoon won the overall points shield for the second year in a row! Everybody had a lot of fun going in lots of races. Well done to Billy, Philippa, Zeke and Jesse, who all won age Champion, and Iris who got age runner up. Darcy, Iris, Zeke, Philippa, Cassandra, Jesse, Billy and Jack competed at the zone championships in Lismore and Jesse and Zeke did very well and moved on to compete at the regional championships! Good job to all who participated.

### Buddys

This year I'm in year 6 and one of the responsibilities of a year 6 is to have a buddy. There are 17 kinders this year making a great kindergarten class. We have had a lot of fun this term with our little buddies, teaching them everything there is to know about Dunoon!

We play games and read with them, and help them out when they need it.

### Female Football Week

As part of National Female Football week NBN news came to the school to film a story about female participation at Dunoon United Football Club. A group of girls from years 4, 5 and 6 all took some time out of class to be filmed playing football. The story was shown on NBN news that evening but unfortunately none of the girls could watch it live because they were all at football training!

### Healthy Harold

This term we had our good old friend Healthy Harold come for a visit! Harold and Mandy taught our classes a lot of really interesting and sometimes shocking facts about our health and how to be healthier. Seeing as I am in year 6 this year, I am very sad because that was the last time I will get to see healthy Harold.

### Scotland connection

Some of you may know that there is a Dunoon in Scotland. This year the K/1/2 are communicating with the Dunoon school in Scotland. So far they have sent

us a letter describing life in Scotland and have sent us a toy Scottish terrier we named Clyde. Margie (a yr 1/2 parent) lovingly made a platypus to send to Scotland with a letter about life in Australia.

### Cyclone Debbie

On Thursday 30th March I was five minutes from arriving at school when Mrs Slocombe texted us to say that school was cancelled. Dad had to come home, as the road at the showground was filling up fast with water! Mum and my sister had to get to Ballina to fly to Sydney. We got them to Ballina and dad and I got home just before our road was blocked. This is the first time the school has been closed since I've been there, and the first time my road has been blocked. I'm sure everybody has a story to tell about Cyclone Debbie and the Floods.

### Channon Market

We were supposed to be charity of the day for the April Channon market but it was cancelled, thanks to Debbie. However, it has been rescheduled to May 14. Hope to see you all there!

**By Cassandra YR6 and her sister (Gabriella)**

**F**ootball season is back and Dunoon United Football Club has had a very good start to the year. The Social Sixes competition held over summer gave many of us a headstart for the winter season with both fitness and touch on the ball.

The Social Sixes were also the setting for a fundraiser for one of our local families. Everyone had to dress up to play, and/or donate. The event was a great success both from an enjoyment perspective and in raising much-appreciated funds.

For Female Football Week in March, NBN News interviewed some of our members, and published a very positive news story about female football and the success that DUFC has achieved with participation rates. At 42% female participation, DUFC runs at nearly twice the national female participation rate of 22%. The video in the news piece portrayed the club spirit very well. You can view some of the images from the

video here and the full video at the following link: <http://www.nbnnews.com.au/2017/03/09/dunoon-kicking-goals-for-female-football-week/>.

The pre-season competitions Anzac Cup and Callan McMillan Shield have also been fun, and a good opportunity for the teams to get to know the new players, some of whom have never played soccer before.

The Sports Club Restaurant is opening for all weekend senior team soccer games held at our home ground, so come down, enjoy a meal and support our teams!



**Social Sixes Fundraiser – Playing kit: skirt, dress or suit!**

Here's to a good, fair, injury-free and fun season. Let's make all our visiting teams and spectators welcome and show them what a great club we are here at Dunoon!

**Bronwen Campbell**



**Rob Gatt – DUFC President**



**DUFC Junior Girls Players**



**Bronwen – Senior Women's 5ths Team**

## **LOCAL ARTS AND EVENTS – WRITE YOUR LIFE GROUP**

### **WRITE YOUR LIFE**

**W**rite Your Life group is up and running. We have a full group now and have settled into what seems to be a productive and inclusive routine, targeted at capturing our own memories and stories in a supportive environment.

The format is as follows:

One person is the timekeeper (and provides a small plate of morning tea). Another person comes up with a subject for our writing task.

Each person comes with a pre-prepared story. They have 15 minutes to share their story and ask for feedback or ideas.

This is followed by a five minute writing task with a subject given on the spot. We write as much as we can and then share these stories as well.

This fills the two hours very quickly, and you can see that we need to put a limit on numbers and generally eight is about the maximum. If we have more interest, we will start a separate group.

One of our writing tasks prompted a brief discussion about the Haiku form of writing verse, and how the concept can be extended to a simple focus on brevity and capturing the essence of the story. Here is the outcome of one of those efforts, kindly shared by a member of our group.

### **SAVING**

**When I was 15 I thought  
I'd save my parents**

**When I was 20 I thought  
I'd save the forests**

**When I was in my  
thirties I thought I would  
save us women**

**When I was 10 years older I  
thought I'd save humanity**

**When I hit middle age I  
thought I'd save Australia**

**Now, right now,  
I think I'll just save myself!**

The Bush Fire Danger period is now over and Fire Permits are no longer required. Fire Permits will be required again from 1st September, unless weather conditions dictate otherwise.



I would like to thank all the community members in our area for their diligence during the prolonged hot, dry period the region experienced during the summer months. Dunoon brigade only had to respond to one small fire and a couple of non-threatening incidents prior to Christmas, when the weather was milder. As you will be aware, the rest of the state did not fare so well, with catastrophic fire conditions declared in many areas in February. Here is a damage assessment of some of the major fires.

- Sir Ivan Fire (Dunedoo) – 35 homes, 1 church, 1 community hall and 131 outbuildings destroyed; 11 homes and 42 outbuildings damaged.



- Pappinbarra Fire (Port Macquarie) – 6 homes and 11 outbuildings destroyed; 3 homes damaged.

- Spring Hill Road Fire (Kempsey) – 2 homes and 7 outbuildings destroyed.

- Binalong Road Fire (Narrabri) – 1 home and 2 outbuildings destroyed.

- White Cedars Road Fire (N/W of Mudgee) – 1 home and 2 Outbuildings destroyed.

- Carawoola Fire (Queanbeyan) – 11 homes and 45 outbuildings destroyed; 12 homes and 40 outbuildings damaged.

In addition to this much farm machinery, one mobile phone tower, approximately 6000 km of fencing and over 300 power poles have been destroyed. The Department of Primary Industries has advised of extensive stock losses.

RFS members from across the Northern Rivers were deployed to assist in extinguishing the large Sir Ivan fire that devastated the Dunedoo region. This fire burnt out 55,245 ha. It had a perimeter of 211 km. A task force of five tankers and a command vehicle, including Dunoon's Cat 1 tanker travelled down and spent six days on the fire ground. The main purpose of the task force was to give the local brigades a well-earned rest so that members could spend some time with their families. The crews were accommodated at Coonabarabran, where an Incident Control Centre was set up next to the town hall. This is where all the crews were fed, briefed and tasked for each shift. A separate Air Command Centre was also set up to communicate with all the aircraft working on the fire. The DC10 Air Tanker and Hercules Air Tanker, capable of dropping large quantities of fire retardant in one drop proved very effective and were essential in protecting property and containing the fire. They were supported by helicopters and other small water bombing fixed wing aircraft that operated for many days in the aftermath of the initial fire front.

Four Dunoon Brigade members gained valuable experience working in a different landscape with different vegetation to the Northern Rivers. As the containment operation had already been going on for several days the main task was to patrol different sections of the large fire-ground to extinguish any burning logs or trees to ensure that there was nothing that could re-ignite and start another fire



should another unfavourable weather system move through the area. When returning from the fireground one afternoon the Northern Rivers task force responded to a new fire which quickly burnt out 452 ha of open grazing/cropping land. It was difficult to contain under trying conditions, especially when it got into an area of scrub and ignited a large windrow of logs. The large water bombers were again called in to contain the spread of the fire. It took crews three days to fully extinguish this fire with the support of heavy machinery and helicopters dropping water from suspended buckets. The crew returned home with high praise for how the large operation was organised and for the friendly catering crew who consistently provided excellent food during their deployment.

A Medal Presentation will be held at the Northern Rivers Zone Fire Control Centre on Tuesday 11th April. Dunoon Brigade member Mike Berry will be presented with a 40 year service medal while Ross McDougall will receive a medal for 20 years' service with the RFS at Dunoon.

It is not too early to prepare for the cold winter months. Don't be caught out when the first cold snap hits. Check that your chimney/flue and all of your heating appliances are in good working order. Also check that your smoke alarms have new batteries. Tip – write

the date on the batteries when you change them. The end of daylight saving is a good time to change them each year.

**In an Emergency - Dial 000**

**Ross McDougall**



# LISMORE AND DUNOON AND DISTRICT FLOODS



*Esperanza Farm Corndale Road – Photo, S Henderson*

**W**e have been inundated (excuse the pun) with images and news about the recent floods, where Lismore and many other areas were very hard hit.

I've been away and haven't been able to help out directly with cleaning up after the Lismore Floods, but I would like to offer to sponsor some extra pages for the next issue of the Dunoon Gazette. If your business has been affected by the floods, I would like to offer a free listing in our directory. I can also offer free advertising for all flood-affected businesses on our website.

If you are interested, please send in your business name, address of the business, business phone number, the type of business you run and your contact details.

If you have a little more information available, send in a few words or paragraphs about your business, how you recovered from the flood

(perhaps you can include some pictures), and the date your business re-opened or expects to re-open.

I will endeavour to get all of this on the website, and will select some to include in the print edition.

All the very best with getting your business back on its feet after the floods. I'm sure our community will do its very best to shop locally and help support you all in these challenging times.

We are very fortunate in Dunoon itself to be up on a ridge and out of significant danger in the event of flooding.

We do get cut off, and of course there is always local flash flooding to contend with. I was trying to get to the airport the day after the main flood event. With only trucks getting through, I hitched a ride with a kiwi truckie and made it to my flight – then a helpful kiwi in the queue gave us a tip for Rob to get through via Pottsville! Thank you so

much to the kind kiwis who helped us out. Cyclone Debbie followed us to New Zealand and at the lovely Airbnb accommodation in Taupiri, the Waikato river got closer each day!

The floods out our way went down pretty quickly, but of course there is all the damage to pasture, fencing and of course our roads. I've already seen so much great teamwork and people working together to fix the damage, collect and donate goods, and volunteer their time to help those affected by the floods.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities. You can register to help with Lismore Helping Hands at [www.lismore.recovers.org](http://www.lismore.recovers.org) or more locally you can join the Dunoon Flood Relief Collection Group on Facebook. Please note that furniture and white goods are the biggest area of need at the moment for donations. Clothes and linen will be needed later, but please save these until there is room to sort and store them.



*Path to my office – Photo, R Gatt*



*Corndale Road / Cosy Camp Road intersection – Photo, B Campbell*



## “MIND STUFF” WITH JANNESE PARKES

### Dying to Change: An Intro to Near Death Experiences

**O**n a trip to the UK late 2015, I took the opportunity to visit the world-famous Findhorn community in northern Scotland. It is a spiritual community established in 1962 and continues to welcome and open the minds of hundreds of “pilgrims” annually, with conferences, retreats and development programs. One such conference: “We Do not Die: Expanding Consciousness Through Near Death and Other Mystical Experiences”, attracted my attention.

This was a major international conference concerning Near Death Experiences (NDE) and the lineup of presenters and speakers was truly impressive; a stellar group known for their research, publications and personal experiences of NDE. Unfortunately it was scheduled to be held about the time I was returning to Australia. Disappointing; however there was plenty of information to follow up online later.

So what do we know of this mystical experience? “*The near death phenomenon is experienced by most as a death-rebirth event; the old self dies while a new person is born.*” is how it is described by PMH Atwater, a leading exponent. Atwater has rigorously documented 7,000 cases of transformational consciousness over the past 40 years. NDE people are of all ages, races, spiritual beliefs and cultures. They may clinically die or be near death due to all sorts of illnesses and accidents. Some leave

their bodies and float above and observe what is happening to them; others go to a higher place and meet celestial beings or loved ones. Some want to stay but are told to go back, which they do reluctantly. Some are quite happy to return to their earthly existence.

These events are life-changing for the experiencers, but are not without consequences. Change has consequences, both welcome and unwelcome. Change has a flow-on effect and all the more noticeable with big change. And when people experience profound changes, these changes may be unacceptable to their families, friends and even community. For example, hypnotherapists are aware of cases where the client achieves the changes they desire in their lives only to find that they alienate significant others. An example might be when a shy woman gains greater confidence and independence but in doing so alarms her husband who says she is no longer “the girl” he married!

The International Association of NDE Studies sees that dealing with the consequences of change after NDE is of paramount importance. The Association addresses this at its annual conferences, especially inviting family members of the experiencers to attend. The aim is to help others to understand the profound changes in their loved ones. The experiencers find it hard to put their out-of-world experiences into words, and often what is experienced by them runs counter to their own established belief systems, so setting up inner conflicts.

While there is no agreed upon NDE

description, there are generally speaking shared features. Most but not all experiences are positive: ecstasy, awe, gratitude, spiritual awakening, greater peace and understanding, heightened intuitive or psychic abilities, enhanced or new, emerging talents. There is a heightened intelligence and a great need for knowledge. They re-view themselves in the larger context and put unimportant things into perspective. They have a strong sense of self and are more relaxed and appreciative of life. Obviously there are major shifts in personality and behaviour. Above all 80-90% lose their fear of death. (Some get angry at being resuscitated!)

This is a fascinating area and there is a long list of books available. The following are very useful; their authors were among the presenters at recent Findhorn conferences and are near death experiencers themselves.

- Dr Eben Alexander, neurosurgeon: *Proof of Heaven*
- PMH Atwater, international authority and researcher: *Big Book of Near Death Experiences*
- Anita Moorjani who overcame cancer while in a coma: *Dying to be Me*

You can also visit the Findhorn Foundation site and find out more about live streaming of their programs.

#### Jannese Parkes

*Jannese is a writer and workshop presenter with a background in “mind stuff” as a hypnotherapist, NLP practitioner, a therapeutic storyteller, and counsellor.*

March 3rd saw the congregation of St Matthew's join with the congregation of St Dymphna's Church (Dunoon) to celebrate the World Day of Prayer in St Dymphna's Church.

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement dating back to the 19th Century which brings together Christian traditions for an annual day of worship and prayer. On the first Friday in March each year more than three million people (including our 20 in Dunoon) in over 170 countries join in a service prepared by the WDP Committee of a different country to celebrate both our unity in Christ and our diversity in culture.

The Service this year had been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of The Philippines. Father Bing Monteagudo (a Filipino by heritage) gave the address, which was very interesting and gave a unique insight into everyday conditions in the Philippines. Considering how close we are to The Philippines geographically, we are worlds apart in so many ways.

The money given that evening in Collection has been forwarded to The World Day of Prayer Committee. The World Day of Prayer, Aus-



tralia offerings are used to provide grants to various women and children's programmes. Each country's committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year.

A good supper was enjoyed after the service (put on by our Catholic Lady friends). A very successful evening with good interaction between the churches. It's our turn next year!

Some members of St Matthew's have formed a Lenten study group which meets every Thursday evening during Lent. The programme is based on the movie 'Casablanca' and it is very

thought provoking. It will, hopefully, be very valuable to everyone taking part. Anyone wishing to join the group may do so. It is on every Thursday evening at 7pm in the undercroft of the Church

Don't forget, normal services are every Sunday at 10am and Guild meets on the first Sunday of the month after Church. We shall be holding our Guild AGM on Sunday 3rd May at 11am.

Love to see you at Church sometime!

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

## ST DYMPNAS CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

### WELCOME BISHOP GREGORY

A very pleasant evening was spent at St. Carthage's Cathedral on Wednesday 22nd February for the Ordination of Bishop Gregory. A huge congregation was there to witness the marvellous event, many travelling from afar, and a great number of Bishops and Priest also in attendance.

When our new Bishop came out to the marquee he was greeted with a round of applause from his parishioners.

Thursday morning we were blessed to have our new Bishop celebrate Mass at 8:10am and we hope to continue with him on his new journey with many more.



## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

*Cancer Council fundraiser aims to raise \$4.9 million in NSW to help beat cancer*

### Gather. Share. Give.

This May, Cancer Council NSW is encouraging people across Northern NSW to gather their friends, family or workmates for a cup of tea and a bite to eat whilst raising money to support Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, to help those affected by cancer.

Now in its 24th year, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is one of Cancer Council's leading fundraising events and the largest, most successful event of its kind in Australia. Funds raised help support Cancer Council's life-saving cancer research, prevention, advocacy and local support services like Transport to Treatment, Accommodation Facilities & Cancer Council Information Centres for people facing cancer.

In Northern NSW alone, it is predicted that 2,476 people will be diagnosed with cancer in a single year, with 766 deaths expected.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Co-ordinator at Cancer Council NSW's Northern NSW Regional office said while the official date is Thursday 25th May 2017 local people can register to host their own Biggest Morning Tea at any time from now until the end of June.

*"Taking part is easy – simply register online as a host, set a date in May or June and start sending out your invites. An event can be anything from a small gathering at home or in your workplace to a community bake off competition in your local area."*

This year Cancer Council NSW hopes to recruit 11,100 morning tea hosts, including 1,500 across Northern NSW and raise over \$4.9 million across the state to help everyone affected by cancer in NSW.

Register to host at [biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://biggestmorningtea.com.au) or call **1300 65 65 85** to receive your free morning tea host kit with everything you need to plan your event including theme ideas, decorating inspiration, fundraising tips, recipes and bunting.

Northern NSW locals unable to host a morning tea can still get involved by finding a public event in their area, donating directly to Cancer Council via [biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://biggestmorningtea.com.au) or buying limited edition Australia's Biggest Morning tea merchandise online.

### INVITATION THURS 25 MAY

Please join us for a late morning tea at 1 Fraser Road, Dunoon (the old church opposite Dorrobee Grass) from 11:30 am on Thursday 25th May. The late start time is to accommodate our Write your Life Group which meets earlier on the same day.

If you can, please bring a plate to share and a donation for the Cancer Council.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Bronwen Campbell

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And so it was that I, my wife and daughter were able to travel to exotic places including Asia, China, Australia (several times), Japan, England and Scotland, USA, New Zealand, as well as a holiday throughout PNG itself. It was the history of these places we visited that interested us the most. My still and movie cameras worked overtime while visiting these places.

I wrote down our travels day by day into diaries but mostly into school exercise books as they allowed for more space – especially when it came to describing something that caught our attention the most. I wrote up the daily entries at the end of each day back at our hotel room as I had a good memory for such things.

One of our best holidays was through Asia in December 1983 to mid January

1984 through the Phillipines, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and into China. Other than Hong Kong we had never been to these other places before. All of these places certainly have a lot of history and it was Thailand that interested me the most.

Bangkok is the capital city of Thailand and was choked with road traffic of huge proportions during our stay there in January 1984. If taking a tour out from Bangkok it would take up to two hours before you got through the city traffic.

On our first full day we took a "City and Temple tour" and our first stop was at the Wat Traimit temple of the Golden Buddha. Here is a solid 18 carat gold Buddha around three metres high and weighing five and a half tonnes. The Buddha itself was made over 800 years ago and how it came to end up in Bangkok is not known. Its content of solid gold was discovered only in the mid 1950's quite by accident. A Buddhist priest had the Buddha removed from near the river bank to a space in his temple ground. The Buddha was covered all over with stucco – a thick layer of plaster – and painted. It was thought then that that was all the Buddha was made of. Anyhow, about eighty years ago the priest got permission from the Thai Government to move this Buddha from the riverbank to

his temple ground. He wanted to cover the Buddha up with a proper temple and he raised thousands and thousands of Baht (the Thai currency) to pay for the building of the temple to house the Buddha. It took the priest over 25 years to raise sufficient money to build a temple, and finally the day arrived when they had to move the heavy statue from the temple ground to the inside of the new temple built for it.

The day selected turned out wet and miserable and with huge ropes around the neck, body etc., they gradually started moving the Buddha. Because of the wet rain the rope around the neck of the Buddha slipped causing the huge idol to fall forward and in so doing it cracked the thick stucco around the neck.

When a very concerned priest saw the crack he went to see if it could be patched up and on looking in the crack he saw this dull gold color appearing in the crack. When he chipped a bit



*Solid Gold Buddha statue*

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more of the stucco it exposed more of the gold so they chipped all the stucco away (up to six inches thick in places) to expose one solid gold Buddha (weighing five and a half tonnes).

Suddenly that temple became very rich and revered by the population. Further examinations found it was solid gold and had no hollow places. My recollections are slightly different to current accounts, but online research now shows that there is uncertainty as to its origins. It is thought to have been made 800 years earlier in northern Thailand and then moved into Ayutthaya, the then capital of Siam. Possibly during the 17th century when Siam was under threat from Burma, it is likely to have been covered in stucco to disguise its true worth in the event of a Burmese invasion.

Burma invaded Thailand in 1767 and Ayutthaya fell and was almost totally destroyed. However, a General named Phya Tak Sin (also known as Taksin, Phya Tak or Phraya Taksin) escaped with 500 followers and was crowned king within a year. Soon, he raised a force strong enough to drive the invaders out of the country.

When my wife, daughter and I saw this solid gold Buddha it was incredible in more ways than one. The things we could not find out were: how was it made and what sort of mould was used to pour the molten gold as it was being made? There is no evidence to know how that was done 800 years earlier.

**Charles Betteridge.**

## FILM SOCIETY NEWS AND DATES FOR 2017

**O**ur first screening for 2017 was an outdoor experience at the Dunoon Sports Club.

\*Hunt for the Wilderpeople\* is a comedy / drama from New Zealand that has appeal for all age groups. Screening it on the Deck of the Sports Club worked very well as a substitute for the usual Cinema Under the Stars.

If you are involved with a community group that would like to partner with the film society to run the kitchen as a fundraising event for one of these nights, please let us know via email. Include a contact phone

number so we can call to discuss.

We have set the following dates for screenings in 2017;

**Saturday, March 25**

**Saturday, May 27**

**Saturday, July 29**

**Saturday, September 23**

(and possibly one TBA in November).

Thanks,

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## Projects / Activities Update

I am quite sure that LCC is to be commended for setting up the system of community panels to allow communities to participate in decision-making that affects them. Our panel was not the very first to get started but it was among the first to show signs of effectiveness. Of course the whole scheme is based on the premise that communities occur in neighbourhoods.

We all know that real communities share common interests. We had a fantastic demonstration of community not so long ago when the quilt makers of the district set up their display in our hall. The common interest that cemented that community was not proximity of residence but a shared passion.

I would imagine that there are some who are unaware of the tremendous steps we are taking. One of our exciting projects is the rejuvenation of our local playgrounds through the sale of some local council land. When the Cedar Drive subdivision was being created, the developers were required to provide a public space. One allotment was duly dedicated as a park which reverted to Crown Land in the care of the local Council. The "Park" was a liability requiring constant maintenance, yet it was not functioning as a space where the people of the neighbourhood could relax and mingle. To make matters worse the Council could not sell the land until the NSW Minister of Lands had revoked the reserve. I think it is fair to say that we owe a lot to Ross McDougall who arranged to

address Council at a formal meeting. Not only did he convince the councillors that the land should be sold but he persuaded them that the proceeds of the sale should remain in the village and be used to improve one or both of our two fair dinkum parks. I am not sure that the funds would run to a bust of our hero Ross. I do hope something is done to commemorate this major breakthrough.

There are numerous ways that you can become a member of our panel. Please do not wait for an invitation. Everyone is invited. There are no nominations or elections. Find us on Facebook. Find me on Facebook or Catherine LCC or any member of the NE Panel. It is as easy as that. There are two main hubs at present, Dunoon and Whian Whian. John Hildebrand comes to many of our meetings from the wilds of Tullera but we would love to see more from that area and from Modanville, from Numulgi, from Dorrroughby... If you travel home from Lismore along Woodlawn Road or Dunoon Road, you probably belong in the North East.

Only today I attended a workshop on applying for grants. My particular hobby horse is the need for a viable notice board in Tamarind Park for locals and visitors alike.

Others are working on a range of projects that might require a higher level of funding. One such project is the revival of the "Dunoon Story" first published for the turning on of the local water supply in 1971. The booklet was reprinted by the Preschool Association in 1982. My hope is that it will eventually

become available online through Trove owned by the National Library of Australia. Will we ever have the footpath restored on the eastern side of Dunoon Road just south of Fraser Road? The original verge was rendered unsafe during road reconstruction during 2000.

Denis Matthews

## Gazette Computer

We are very pleased to have received the new computer, monitor, printer, and software for the Gazette, purchased through the Community Panel Grant.

We have used it for this edition, and the Dunoon United Football Club has used it to produce and print Club vouchers for team player of the day for both the local and away teams for home games. This encourages players and supporters to visit the Sports Club, and discover the warm and friendly environment our Club offers. The Club has supported this initiative by opening the restaurant whenever there are seniors' football games on the weekend. This is a great example of community groups working together to everyone's mutual benefit.

Bronwen Campbell



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# LISMORE CITY COUNCIL FLOOD RESPONSE

**L**ismore City Council has flood recovery updates on their website. The following are some extracts.

Lismore Recovery Centre is located at 120 Dalley Street, East Lismore (entry via Military Road) and the phone number is 6670 2133.

Save the date for a Lismore Flood Appeal Concert on Saturday, 29 April at Oakes Oval.



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## FLOOD RECOVERY CENTRES and FLOOD APPEAL

### North Coast Local Land Services

**N**orth Coast Local Land Services staff have joined a range of government agencies available at two flood Recovery Centres at Lismore and Murwillumbah.

NSW Department of Primary Industries and North Coast Local Land Services are urging primary producers to report damage, including stock and fodder losses, fencing and other farm infrastructure, following the floods.

Jo McGoldrick, Manager Biosecurity and Emergency Services said, "We have a team of people on the ground who can provide advice and assistance and we're encouraging landholders who need help with emergency recovery to make contact with us.

"Now that the immediate flood emergency is passing, we are looking to provide support to impacted farmers who will need recovery help in the longer term.

*"Visiting our teams at the Recovery Centres is just one way that farmers can discuss their needs, but if they can't make it into town, we're*

*also encouraging people to contact us via phone on 1300 795 299."*

Recovery Centres are now open in Lismore and Murwillumbah and will be open every day 9.00 am to 6.00 pm. Recovery Centres provide a one stop shop for affected residents, businesses and farmers to access recovery assistance from a range of agencies and organisations.

The North Coast Local Land Services team are just one of a range of agencies based at the Recovery Centres including: NSW Health, Disaster Welfare, Insurance Agencies, Family and Community Services, Business Connect, Legal Aid, Environment Protection Authority, Centrelink, Red Cross and Safe

Work NSW. A shuttle bus will run from the Lismore Transit Centre to the Recovery Centre every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour from 9am to 5pm.

### Recovery Centres are located at:

**Lismore Recovery Centre  
Public Works Facility  
120 Dalley Street  
East Lismore, entry via  
Military Road**

**Murwillumbah Recovery Centre:  
Murwillumbah Community Centre  
Nullum Street, Murwillumbah**

There is an official Lismore City Council Flood Appeal at [www.go-fundme.com/lismorefloodappeal](http://www.go-fundme.com/lismorefloodappeal) where you can make a donation.

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Other numbers are not 24-hour and the message may be delayed in reaching us here. That's 6628 1898. Thank you for helping WIRES help our wildlife.

WIRES is recruiting! Your local branch of NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service is an all-volunteer organisation that needs

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## BATTERIES ARE HERE

The next big thing in Renewable Energy will be on-grid battery storage. With generous gross Feed In Tariffs (FITs) at an end from December 31st 2016, batteries are going to be a game changer for those with solar panels.

FITs for Solar Bonus customers are dropping from 60 (or 20) cents per kWh (gross export) to around 6 to 10 cents per kWh (nett export only, from 1 January 2017). Electricity that you import from the grid costs around 25 to 30 cents per kWh, depending on your supplier and plan.

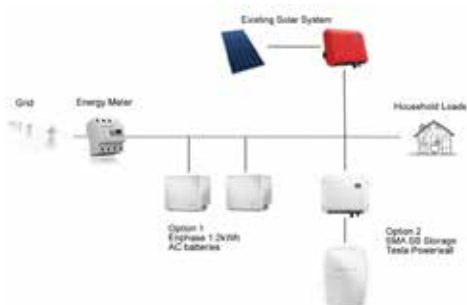
The graph below shows a typical household energy use pattern. It shows the savings (both \$ and Carbon pollution) that can be achieved with the addition of a battery storage system.

Without the batteries you would be earning only 6 to 10 cents per kWh for the yellow area of the graph and paying around 25 to 30 cents per kWh for the orange area. With the batteries you forego the 6 to 10 cents for the yellow but save 25 to 30 for the orange. This is a saving of around 20 cents per kWh.

But it seems as if there is a new battery technology announced every week, so which one to go for? After a thorough technical evaluation of all the batteries currently available in Australia, Rainbow Power Company has chosen two solutions to bring to market based on quality and flexibility.

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### Option 2: Tesla Powerwall

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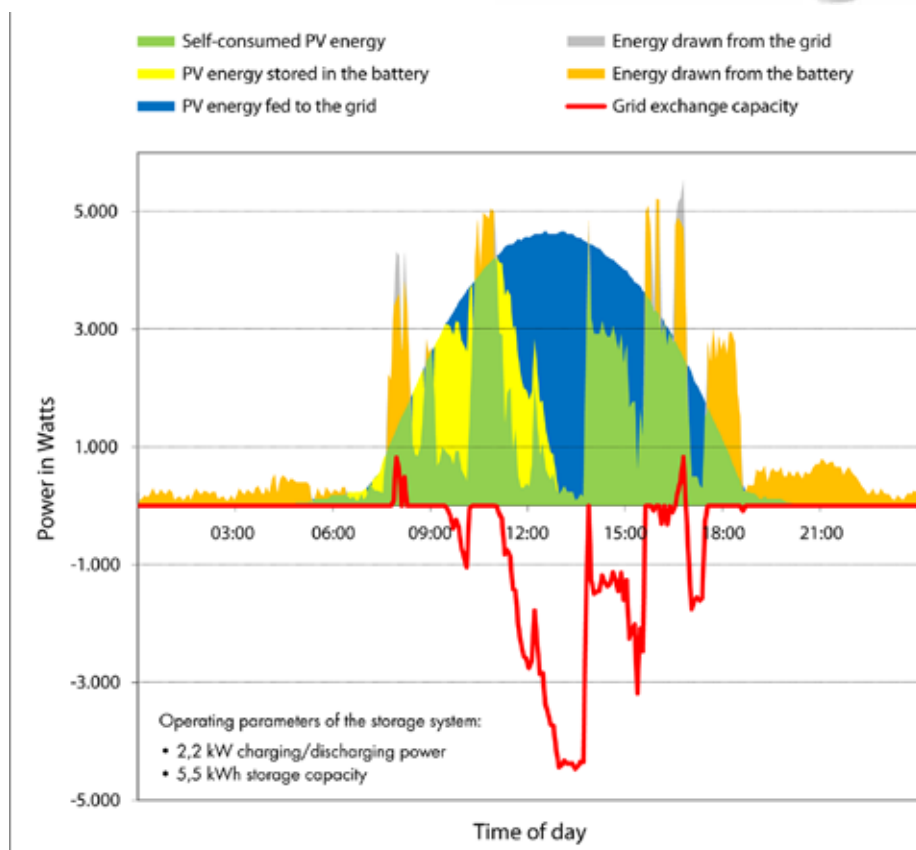
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**Ken Jones, Rainbow Power Company**



Following on from our story on the mosquito plague in the last edition, we have a great example of the insect catchers they may have been using at the time:

## INSECT CATCHERS

I have two of these old glass insect catchers having bought them from my neighbour when I lived in Queensland. The only history he could give was that they were his mothers.



The way the glass domes catch insects is similar to a type of carnivorous plant which lures insects with the promise of food (I've used promite and honey in water).

When they want to fly away, the insects fly up to the light but the plant fools them because it has a transparent dome-like structure causing them



to slip down, exhausted, where they drown and are digested by the plant.

My catch goes to the chooks. I've caught vinegar flies, mosquitos, cockroaches, flies, moths, and in season, fruit flies.

I hope to find out about the history of the bottles, and when and where they were made.

In the meantime, I'm trying out a bottle tilted on its side. It should work.

*If anyone has any information on the likely era or original manufacturers of these insect catchers, please let us know – Editor*

## HISTORIC WATCH

I found this watch 30 odd years ago at the Dunoon tip which was situated at that time along Fraser Road. It is in poor condition on the outside but inside is remarkably well preserved. Researching online I found it is a man's watch designed in a similar fashion to those used at the time of the Boer War. Prior to that time, only women and only the very rich wore watches on their wrist. Men had fob watches on chains.

Going into battle on horseback changed the design and the fob watch was fitted into a leather strap enabling the men to easily see the time and synchronise movements.



I spoke to Denis Matthews (our local historian) and on his suggestion I'm asking whether anyone recognises the name A. Grundon, which is the name engraved inside the watch.

**Elaine Wood.**

*If anyone has any information on A. Grundon, please let us know – Editor*



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**Y**ou may have recently read of a group of local Northern Rivers veterinary surgeons and nurses who traveled to Cambodia to help manage the health of stray dogs and cats early this year.

What you probably don't know is that this group of dedicated young women and their support team paid their own fares and accommodation and used their annual leave to undertake this humane trip.

I talked with one of the Veterinary surgeons, Abbie McEwen this week and gained an insight into life in Cambodia for these unfortunate animals and how she and the team were able to help.

Most of the dogs are of unknown breed. They are reminiscent of many dogs seen around South East Asian villages with curly tails and long legs but in all colours and patterns. They are very intelligent, or rather, street smart as a consequence of their precarious living conditions. Some are owned by families and are fed rice and kitchen scraps and cared for in a very basic way but very few people can afford even to have their pets de-sexed. The dogs and cats roam and breed constantly, are covered in fleas and ticks and develop mange and other skin problems. Some dogs are also infected with the dreaded rabies virus.

There are very few qualified veterinary surgeons in Cambodia. Problems in Cambodia and surrounding countries with stray dogs and cats cannot be adequately managed by poor villagers so the team from Lismore Central Veterinary Hospital decided to help.

In January 2017, a team of vets and vet nurses travelled on a self-funded trip to Cambodia for 3 weeks. There were 5 vets and 4 nurses in total, including staff from Lismore Central Veterinary Hospital: Dr Abbie, Dr Toni, and nurses Jess and Kay. Three previous LCVH employees, Dr Jemma and nurses Amy and Emily, joined the group. Abbie's and Toni's partners were also with them and helped with administration and logistics.

The objective of the trip was to provide animal health care, neutering and rabies



vaccination services to street dogs and cats. The team also offered free vet services to underprivileged communities and provided education to children on disease prevention, safety and hygiene, and animal welfare. They informally partnered with organisations already working in Cambodia such as PPAWS (Phnom Penh Animal Welfare Society) in Phnom Penh, Pagoda Cats in Siem Reap, and The Cambodian Children's Trust in Battambang.

They were assisted in many cases by local monks who have become carers for dogs that people surrender due to poverty etc. This in itself can be a problem. Some of the older generation of monks do not allow dogs to be de-sexed. Buddhists believe that an animal who is not "intact" cannot be reincarnated. Thankfully, those temples populated by younger monks saw the need for de-sexing and encouraged the team to set up mobile surgeries in the temples.

As soon as the team arrived in a village they would be inundated with people holding up their animals to be treated; no such thing as an orderly queue. The support team helped create some order, but the days were long and arduous in the tropical conditions.

Working in such primitive conditions was not easy at first. Consult tables were set up in temples, under trees in school yards and on bamboo verandahs – any flat surface was used, but the vets and nurses still maintained basic standards of hygiene by using pre-operative skin preparation techniques, drapes and gloves. Keeping to those standards was a challenge. One family had 6 dogs to be de-sexed on their bamboo verandah. The farmer cheerfully told Abbie that there was no need to neuter

the family's tom cat as he had done it himself the week before. Poor cat!

I asked Abbie about the concept of inextricable linking of human and animal health, especially in developing countries. Rabies is a very obvious example of this; an appalling condition which, thanks to Australia's very strict quarantine laws, does not occur here. But according to the World Health Organization (WHO), between 21,000 and 24,000 people die annually in South East Asia due to rabies. 96% of these bites are from rabid dogs. There is a vaccine available for humans and for dogs but these vaccines are still not available in sufficient quantities to make a marked difference.

Three weeks in Cambodia was exhausting and at times exhilarating for the team. They were occasionally looked after by local volunteers who provided some food but mainly they had to fend for themselves for meals and accommodation.

The vets were invited to talk to children at the Cambodian Children's Trust about the problems of rabies. There was also a visit to an Elephant Nature Park at Siem Reap and the infamous Khmer Rouge Killing Fields where over a million people were buried in the mid to late 1970s during the regime of Pol Pot. A very sad and sombre place.

The Veterinary team has written a report for Vets Without Borders and hopefully that organisation can continue helping animals in need in Cambodia. The team of our local vets, nurses and their partners should be applauded for volunteering to undertake such a project with very little outside funding as well as doing it in their own time. They are very special locals and an inspiration to all.

## VILLAGE HALLS

### DUNOON HALL

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

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<b>Tullera Hall</b>	6628 2060
<b>Corndale Hall</b>	David Hunter 6628 4364
<b>Dorroughby Hall</b>	6689 5013
<b>Whian Whian Hall</b>	Trevor Tuckey 0417119142
<b>The Channon Hall</b>	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

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

## SPORTS AND GROUPS

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

## BUS TIME TABLES

### WHIAN WHIAN – LISMORE

#### School Days Only

#### School Bus Service 6628 4101

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



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	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
<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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<b>Dunoon</b>	11:15am–12:15pm School
<b>Modanville</b>	2:00–3:30pm School

## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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<b>Northern Rivers</b> <b>Animal Shelter</b> <b>Robyn</b>	6681 1860

## LOCAL BUSINESS PHONE DIRECTORY

<b>Advertising</b>	Dunoon Gazette	<b>6689 5954</b>
<b>Aged Care &amp; Respite Services</b>	Nimbin Aged Care & Respite	<b>6689 1709</b>
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	Mary G's	<b>6622 2924</b>
<b>Bus Service</b>	Dunoon	<b>6624 8734</b>
	Whian Whian	<b>6628 4101</b>
<b>Cafe/Bakery</b>	Henry's Bakery*, 87 Keen St, Lismore	<b>6621 7035</b>
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<b>Celebrant</b>	Gina Murray	<b>6689 5104</b>
<b>Doctor</b>	Dunoon General Practice, James St, Dunoon	<b>6689 5811</b>
<b>Driveway repairs</b>	R & J Field Contracting – Adam	<b>0423101206</b>
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	Dugright – Michael	<b>0412 230 982</b>
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– including solar	Martin Mader	<b>0429 891 555</b>
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<b>Plumber</b>	Nik Hyde	<b>6689 5174</b>
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<b>Pottery Supplies</b>	Northern Rivers Pottery Supplies, 54D Terania St, Lismore	<b>6621 4688</b>
<b>Real Estate</b>	Elders Alstonville, Darryl Rose	<b>6628 0000</b> <b>0418270975</b>
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	Mary G's, Cnr Woodlark/Keen St	<b>6622 2924</b>
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The Channon Public School	6688 6236
Whian Whian Public School	6689 5240
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