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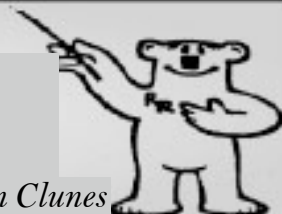
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A FEW WORDS FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome to the latest edition of the Gazette with our special feature celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Dunoon Sports Club. Since opening its doors in 1993 the Dunoon Sports Club has been an important social, sporting and economic hub for Dunoon and surrounding areas.

The Club has achieved a great deal for the local community over its 25 years of operation, including the substantial redevelopment of Balzer Park and its amenities block, canteen and floodlighting of the entire oval for sporting events. The Club has been a major fund-raiser for various local causes, sporting groups and other organisations. Plus it has been the focal point for social gatherings and community events for all the residents in our village and the surrounding region.

Despite its far-reaching benefits, however, the Club is currently struggling to make ends meet and is looking for fresh ideas to breathe some new life into it. As you'll see in our special feature this issue, the Dunoon Sports Club celebrates its 25th year with some mixed emotions, with Club President Mike Berry detailing its recent financial struggles and calling for community support to keep your local Club alive and thriving for many years to come!

Also this issue we've got our usual round-up of local school news and community events, including the very successful quilting exhibition held at Dunoon Hall last month.

We remember one of our village's most active community members, the late Brian Tarlinton, with the Rural Fire Service naming a truck in his honour and Nancy Tarlinton paying a moving tribute to her late husband, who passed away earlier this year.

While we all love living close to nature, you sure know you live in a rural area when you're warned to be on the look-out for yellow crazy ants and watch out for snakes as they emerge from their winter slumber! As we head into the warmer months, this is the time of year when snakes are most active (my family has seen six in the past two weeks!), so take care when you're out in the backyard, especially with children and pets.



The 'big fig' was destroyed by the 2007 tornado but lives on as the Dunoon Sports Club logo.

A special thanks to our regular editor Bronwen Campbell, who is currently overseas, for all her hard work throughout the year to bring the Gazette to you every second month. We couldn't do it without you, Bronwen!

Next issue is due out before Christmas with the December-January edition – see you then!

– Mez Fisher

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WHIAN WHIAN SCHOOL NEWS

Each year a range of schools in the region take part in the Lismore Performing Arts Festival. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to experience live performance – and they all appear to enjoy it immensely.

Whian Whian students look forward to the event every year, and are lucky to have the talent and support of Jodie Digney and Principal Dave Condon, as well as those offered by Cathy Mckewin with the Drama Troupe, and Leonie Cox with the Small Schools Choir.

Here's what the students had to say about their night at PAF!

'Our performance was really colourful and happy. I felt like a star in the spotlight.'

'A unique comedic musical, it was thrilling and nerve-wracking performing at PAF. I was lucky to be part of the school performance, drama troupe and small schools choir. Everyone should do it!'

'We did a fantastic PAF performance, it was so out there and wild. I thought my dance moves were amazing.'

'It was my last year of PAF for Whian Whian. I played the teacher in a comedy scripted by our principal Mr C. I was also in a drama troupe with some other small schools, and the small schools choir. It was all amazing.'

'It wasn't fun that it was my last PAF performance, but the lights were spectacular.'

'I felt shy but happy performing on the stage for my Mum and Dad.'

'This was my favourite PAF, it was thrilling and nerve-wracking. We were all afraid we might mess it up. But when we got into our costumes we all went into character and everyone loved it. All our teachers were proud of us and so were we.'

'Our costumes were very sparkly, it was really fun.'

'It was scary having my first time on stage, but I felt happy.'

'As it was my last PAF performance I did everything I could. I was in the Drama troupe (fantastic!) the small schools choir (amazing!) and of course the school performance (great!).'

'It was my fourth PAF and still exciting amazing and awesome!'

'PAF is energetic and amazing, it is a really worthwhile experience.'



Term 3 was again full of variety at Dunoon Public School.

Our fabulous Marimba Ensemble recently returned from the annual trip to Sydney to perform at the Sydney Opera House – an amazing experience!

One of the many highlights from Term 3 was the performance of Sam at the Regional Spelling Bee. Sam won his division and will now compete at the State Finals in Sydney.



Our Stage 2 and 3 public speaking winners are also heading off to represent the school in the Northern Rivers Finals next term. Good luck Ben, Rosie, Indigo and Alannah.

Over four weeks in Term 3, all students were involved in the YPEP, a personal health and safety program run by the YWCA and



teachers. The presenter shared lots of helpful information and strategies for staying safe and healthy across various aspects of life. Lots of great discussions and learning opportunities flowed on from the program.

Our integration works are now complete, which means Dunoon School is fully accessible for all students. And as an added bonus, we have some new outdoor learning spaces to design and construct. During the holidays, we are delighted that Bunnings Lismore will be donating time and resources toward the creation of a mini-car track and pebble stream.

Looking ahead to Term 4, the Dunoon School Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 3 November. This was a great success last year and is looking even better in 2018! We are also looking forward to four weeks of Kindergarten Orientation, starting on 18 October. Our LEGO League team



will be ramping up their entry to the Mindstorm Challenge and, of course, preparations for the Christmas Concert on 6 December will be in full swing.

Till next time!



A very busy, but fulfilling, Term 3 is ending at Modanville School.

There have been many exciting programs that have been filling our days, including the Lismore Performing Arts Festival. Approximately 50 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 hit the stage at the beginning of September, to take the audience on a dance journey through the ages. Beginning with the Charleston dance from the 1920s, the students wowed the onlookers with a variety of dances illustrating various eras.

Modanville's performance culminated with all students on the stage for the finale, dancing to Justin Timberlake's 'Just Dance'. The students did a truly spectacular job and enjoyed the experience immensely.

At the end of August we sent a group of dedicated senior students to Kingscliff to compete in the regional finals of the Tournament of Minds. Tournament of Minds gives students an opportunity to work collaboratively and creatively to solve authentic, open-ended challenges. Although our students were not selected to continue to the state finals, they presented an impressive performance and worked hard throughout the entire process.

Term 3 at Modanville has been a very sociable one. We have been involved with other local schools at athletics days and Modanville has also been



playing host to sporting schools days on many Fridays. Students have enjoyed learning new sporting skills while making new friends with students from surrounding schools. It's fabulous to be able to increase the opportunities available to our students by combining with other local schools.

Modanville students continue to enjoy 'rotations' on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Over a fortnight, students move around the school to experience music, art, technology or history/geography. Students get to experience working with a variety of teachers, and teachers get to teach areas that they have a special skill or interest in.

As Term 3 wraps up, it won't be



long before Term 4 is upon us and our Kindergarten transition program will begin. We can't wait to meet the new Kindergarten students!

If you are thinking of enrolling your child at Modanville in 2019, please contact our friendly office staff on 6628 2234 for further information.



New Dunoon Writers Group – looking for people interested in writing fiction

Have you always wanted to write fiction? Here's your chance to get together with like-minded people to brainstorm your ideas and discuss fiction writing.

Resident Mary Carter is looking to start a Dunoon writers group – for fiction writers of general fiction, including Young Adult, middle grade and children's books.

The group will probably take place on Wednesdays at 4pm or Saturday/Sunday afternoon around 5pm-7pm at the Sports Club, depending on people's preferences.

The group will be free to attend, with drinks available from the Club, and perhaps a small donation for shared nibbles.

If interested contact Mary Carter for details on 0414 438 597 or message her on @04darcy on Twitter or on Instagram @mmcarterwriter.



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DUNOON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Sometimes old news is good news, and worth repeating. In case you missed it, Dunoon United's Under 12s mixed team – sometimes known as The Grasshoppers – won the 2018 Grand Final against Woodburn.

The most impressive aspect of the victory was that the team went through both the minor and major rounds undefeated – having a mere four goals scored against them and ending the season with a +66 point goal difference.

Although a blow-by-blow account of the final match would bore most, the first half belonged to nobody. Both teams were lacklustre and shots at goal went wide.

Fear began to grow amongst nervous Dunoon-ies that we could be about to witness the biggest 'choke' since Germany was knocked out of the World Cup. Half-time came and went. Coach Simon Webster passed on a few words of gentle encouragement, but apart from having consumed some oranges, the team remained pretty much unchanged from the first half when they took to the field again.

About two minutes in, though, things



Dunoon Under 12s mixed team and 2018 premiers The Grasshoppers.

began to change. Philippa Jacka went for a run down the right wing, Woodlawn loomed up behind her, and about 30 metres out she took 'a crack'. With Woodburn's goalie napping due to the impossibility of the shot, it floated in beautifully.

In genuine Cyclone Debbie fashion, that was the beginning of the flood. Minutes later, 1-0 was 2-0. Then 3-0. Then 4. The match finished 5-0.

Philippa came away with Player of the Match. The whole team came away with premiership medals. The club has a chunk of wood and plastic to display for 12 months.

And Simon Webster is now spoken about in hushed whispers while waiting at the check-out in Fundies. "Isn't that Super-Coach Simon Webster?" they ask. "He is much taller in the flesh."



'Super-Coach' Simon Webster with Player of the Match Philippa Jacka.

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NEW PLAYGROUP AT MACA CASTLE

The Macadamia Castle is launching a new weekly playgroup on Wednesday mornings open to all pre-school aged children. To celebrate they are holding a morning tea and launch event on Wednesday October 17, with free entry 10am-12pm, train rides, baby animal feeding, tea and coffee and a keeper talk and handling session.

From week two participants will need to purchase an annual park pass at \$3 per entry for a parent and a child and includes membership to Playgroups NSW. Children under two are free. For more info contact events@macadamiacastle.com.au or come along on the day.

BUSY FIRE SEASON EXPECTED

It has already been a very busy start to the fire season for brigades in the Northern Rivers area even though it is still only the first few weeks of spring. With very little rain over winter coupled with widespread large frosts, the landscape had become extremely dry and numerous out-of-control fires were reported in July.



These conditions triggered an early declaration to the Bush Fire Danger period that started on the Far North Coast from 1 August 2018. Unfortunately some landowners failed to heed the warnings of dangerous conditions, with callouts for brigades to attend out-of-control fires at unprecedented levels for that time of year.

Large fires developed in the Ellangowan and Rappville areas and these saw the declaration of a fire emergency under Section 44 of the Rural Fires Act in mid-August, making additional resources available to support local brigades. Ian Juleff from Dunoon volunteered a total of seven days to assist fighting these fires and the Dunoon truck and crew were called to the fires near Rappville on two occasions.

The outlook for the months ahead indicates there is little prospect for reasonable rain with the likelihood of above average temperatures. Now is the time to get prepared for what lays ahead by cleaning up your property and establishing your Bush Fire Survival Plan. Don't leave it until it is too late – Act Now. More information is available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Please note if you intend to light a fire you must have a Fire Permit to do so. Significant penalties apply for non-compliance.

IN MEMORY OF BRIAN TARLINTON

Following the sad passing of our member Brian Tarlinton, the Dunoon RFS applied to the State Commissioner for permission to name our truck in Brian's honour. Approval was granted and on Wednesday 29 August members of Brian's family gathered with brigade members and other invited guests to unveil our new sign in Brian's memory.

Brian had been a member of Dunoon RFS for about 23 years, holding numerous roles including that of Captain.

It was always obvious that Brian was destined to bigger and more important roles within the RFS given his level of knowledge and skills. He took on the role of Deputy Group Captain for a number of years before joining the RFS Air Wing. He undertook numerous specialist training courses before ultimately becoming an Air Attack Supervisor. This is a particularly onerous role involving the overall control of aircraft undertaking firefighting activities, including helicopters, fixed wing aircraft and



Brian Tarlinton's family Erica, Des and Nancy attend the naming of the fire truck in Tarlo's honour.

even the very large DC10 jet on a few occasions.

Brian revelled in the challenge and was highly respected for his professionalism and knowledge. His passing has been a huge loss for our brigade and the wider RFS State Operations.

The naming of our truck in Brian's honour will provide a permanent reminder of the wonderful contribution Brian made to the whole community. On behalf of the Dunoon RFS we wish to express our ongoing condolences to Brian's wife Nancy and his children Erica and Des for their loss. They can certainly be very proud of Brian's achievements.

Mike Berry
Captain

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NANCY PAYS TRIBUTE TO HER LATE HUSBAND AND THANKS THE COMMUNITY

Although we lost Brian quickly, stories and photos from his life attest to the fact that his was a life well lived that was full of adventure, love and success.

Des and Erica were fortunate enough to have spent the majority of last year – what turned out to be Brian's last year – closer to home. This gave us all a good opportunity to be a family again, together, not knowing what lay ahead.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped Brian and who have helped me, Erica and Des on this hard journey. There's a term "random acts of kindness" but the selfless giving that we've experienced from so many of you was anything but random and it's been so much appreciated.

The food, the work around the property, the cleaning out of Brian's (man) shed, work around our home to adjust things for Brian, the window cleaning, the slashing, the taking our clothes in off the line when it rained, the flowers (OH! The flowers I loved them!), the food (did I say



Remembering Tarlo: 'Everyone he met was important to him.'

that already?) and the many prayers and open, sympathetic ears that are there for us to share our pain and our fond memories. We thank you.

Brian was an active member in the community and lived every man's dream, to be captain of the local fire brigade, president of the local sports club and a contender for the Tenterfield Golf every year (did he ever win?).

Everyone he met was important to him.

Brian and I made ours a fun and a loving home. Our goal as parents was to make independent and happy adults and the village of Dunoon helped us to do just that.

Living in Dunoon consisted of all sorts of fun – from the kids attending the local village primary and pre-schools, to living amongst local wildlife like koalas in the trees, green frogs in the toilet, roos in the paddock, huntsmen crawling the walls; from dirt bikes through the maccas to carpet snakes in the shed; oh, and let's not forget the tornado!

As a dad, Brian gave Des and Erica an exciting and rural childhood just like he had. We camped every year in the same spot (Minnie Water) and

the kids played any sport as long as it wasn't cricket or netball. Let's not forget that Brian was Erica's biggest fan when it came to her gigs and instead of encouraging a smaller or less abrasive instrument than the drums or the cello, he just made sure she got a bigger car. And I'm sure a few of you would agree Brian trained Des well on the pool table!

While he was, for the most part, all fun and games, the kids were lucky enough to experience genuine love, understanding and an emotional connection with their father throughout his life. And I am lucky enough to have had a man like Brian love me for so long.

I don't like to refer to the fact that Brian lost any kind of battle with his illness; because he was a determined man who fought with dignity and he was accepting and brave and strong to the very end. He taught us to be kind, he gave us love and we have so much love for him still living in our hearts and hopefully also in the hearts of those he came to know.

That is what keeps us going. That is the most important thing.

– Nancy

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DUNOON SPORTS CLUB – 25th ANNIVERSARY FEATURE

In September 2018 the Dunoon Sports Club celebrated 25 years of operation and service to the community.

There have been many highlights and achievements that the Sports Club has brought to the communities of Dunoon and the surrounding districts over this 25-year period. The following series of articles acknowledges those achievements, telling how it all started as well as outlining our rich

history of social events and functions, our sporting developments and achievements, and addressing where we are at today and what the future might bring.

As we celebrate our first 25 years of operation it is hoped that the Dunoon Sports Club will continue to be a viable and valuable asset for the community for many years to come. Loss of this community facility would be a tragic outcome if that were to occur.

DUNOON SPORTS CLUB – WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Since opening its doors in 1993 the Dunoon Sports Club has been an important social, sporting and economic contributor for Dunoon and surrounding areas.

The Club has achieved much for our community over its 25 years of operation. The foundation of the Dunoon United Football Club and subsequent redevelopment of Balzer Park – which includes the new amenities block, canteen and floodlighting the entire oval – have provided facilities that are the envy of many other rural and urban communities. There can be no doubt that the development of the sporting facilities and Balzer Park have had far-reaching benefits for our whole community.

While the sports achievements have been a stand-out major success for the Club, there have been many other highlights since its opening. The Club is now an important and integral part of the community but we should not take its existence for granted. It is a matter of public record that the Dunoon Sports Club has struggled financially over the past five years or more and while there has been some improvement in the last two years we remain in difficult territory.



This situation is not unique to Dunoon. Many small and even large clubs throughout Australia are struggling to remain profitable for a variety of reasons. A lot of clubs have already closed their doors, with others on the brink as they struggle to survive. Fortunately, the Sports Club has no debt but if we continue to record losses eventually we will run out of cash and could become insolvent.

Although the Sports Club is already

well supported by many in our community the simple truth is the club needs to broaden this support if this valuable community asset is to continue to provide the social, sporting and economic outcomes for our community well into the future.

The recent sale of three of our poker machines was completed in mid-September, helping to raise some

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much-needed additional capital to replenish our bank balance. With careful management of expenditure these funds should secure the club for at least the next few years.

If you can see the benefits that come from having a sustainable Sports Club in Dunoon then our appeal is to please support it whenever possible. You can become a member

for just \$11 per year and your support will be most welcome.

You could drop into the club every now and again to enjoy the facilities on offer and perhaps have a meal. The Friday night raffles and members badge draw are popular, plus the fortnightly trivia and bingo, Poets & Pluckers on the deck once a month, regular live music and great food at the restaurant – all

good reasons to come to the club.

It is also a good location for meetings or just taking an opportunity to catch up with family, friends or perhaps meet others.

If the good work of the past 25 years is to continue we need a strong and viable club and you can play your part by simply using the facilities on offer. It is true to say *“You often don’t know what you’ve got until it is gone”*.

DUNOON SPORTS CLUB –THE EARLY DAYS

In the mid 1980s a group of local residents gathered at the home of Bill and Dot Duncan to discuss the aim of establishing a Bowling Club in Dunoon. They even had reps of the NSW Lawn Bowls Association attend those early meetings.

When that group became too big the meeting venue moved to the Masonic temple in Dunoon. At one point it was understood that the Dunoon Masons would initiate the club, but it was decided that would exclude the club from obtaining government and council grants and so that idea was soon abandoned.

In late 1985 a public meeting was called at the hall to garner support from the community for the proposed project. I am not sure how many such public meetings we had but I do remember the time when Keith Balzer made a generous offer to donate enough land for a clubhouse, a bowling green and a car park, with the option to buy more land when needed for a second green.

Soon after, a committee was formed and steps were taken to have the Dunoon and District Sporting and Recreation Club incorporated and Articles of Association drafted. A meeting had been called to accept those draft articles, but those very articles

stated that only members of the club could vote at such a meeting. There was a nucleus of founding members who were named in that draft set of articles, but no formal steps had been taken to build up a membership. The majority of those present had as yet no right to vote. The meeting was soon adjourned and rescheduled so that the committee could formally vote in more members.

It was not an auspicious start but we were to learn that the legalities could be a minefield. When we reassembled, a committee was formed and office bearers selected by the committee members as dictated by the new constitution. Fortunately, the new board contained some members who

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had been involved with developments to date, so there was continuity and we could get down to the business of developing a club with clubhouse.

It was amazing how many people there were to provide professional help along the way. There were so many details to attend to. If we were to have a bowling green at a higher level then it seemed ideal to have a two-storey brick building with access to the green from the lounge with dressing rooms below for sport on the oval which had only recently been levelled. But that was all “pie in the sky”. It was soon realised that whilst we would have a sport and recreation club we would not be providing any bowling green due to the cost of construction and ongoing maintenance.

We even had an offer from Lismore Council to assume control of the facilities and the club would rent from Council but this idea was rejected out of hand. Our club was going to be owned by the club, even if we had to be somewhat less ambitious. Council did undertake to provide the services of their surveyor but that lead to another schemmozzle.

Keith Balzer had not specified which particular piece of land he would make available so one day two of our committee met with him and marked out the site – however, a quite different site was surveyed. We were aware of that but Keith was not, until we asked about the dead camphors that would need to be removed. He rushed to town and discovered that plans had been drawn ready for submission to the Titles Office but it was not too

late to change them. Before the new plans were completed, Keith passed away. His funeral was still under way when his widow Norma assured our president Chris Gulliver that the family would honour Keith’s promise.

Fundraising continued in earnest to raise the funds needed to build a club building and all that goes with that. There were many well-attended dinner dances held at the hall over a seven-year period, with all meals planned, prepared, served and then cleaned up by our wonderfully committed team of volunteers.

We hired all sorts of gear but the wiring of the hall was hardly able to cope. If the bain-marie was in use in the kitchen then turning on the PA would blow the fuses. We had our bar set up in a tent erected outside the hall. It came as a shock when after one event hired equipment was stolen overnight before the clean-up team returned in the morning.

Then, as the hall was to be rented out to a church group on a Sunday in future, the clean-up had to be completed before our exhausted workers went home to sleep – making it a very long night.

The facilities at the hall were primitive even though funds could have come from Council for an upgrade. At one stage it was proposed that the Club take over the hall and move the building to our own site but that idea did not get far for a variety of reasons.

Throughout these early years there were many discussions about what a club building would look like. Single storey, double storey, brick walls or

timber – there was a lot to consider and many different ideas about what was the best way to go. At one stage one of our committee members made a great model of one plan being considered, but after much more discussion that idea was discarded for a less ambitious plan.

Finally a plan was agreed on and Lismore Council was convinced to provide machinery to cut the building block on our site. Building plans were drawn and a development application submitted to Council for approval.

At last we were ready to start building – with the building slab being the first challenge. At that time there was major work being done on the district water supply at Rocky Creek Dam

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At last people could see evidence of our club. Prior to that our club was little more than an idea, even though people used come from far and wide to join in our fabulous dinner dances at the hall. It was Reg Gregor who persuaded Bowral to donate all of the hardwood timber needed for the club building and so it wasn't long before a large stack of timber was delivered to our site.

The club building was completed

using virtually 100 per cent volunteer labour. We had a builder, an electrician and plumbers all volunteering, along with many others whose skills levels varied but all were contributing in any way they could.

The amount of time that some people spent on the job building our club house was phenomenal. I have to single out our president Chris Gulliver who was basically a fixture on site. It was an inspiring effort by all involved and we owe them all, men and women, a great debt as they literally created our club.

By September 1993 we were ready to open our doors for a shake-down period before our formal opening. Finally the day came when we were to be formally declared open. Our Federal Member came from his home in Grafton and we had two State Members

attend as well, as Dunoon Road was the electoral boundary at the time. Lismore's Mayor at the time was John Crowther and he officially declared the club open before a large crowd.

We had a cable from Mrs Balzer who happened to be in Dunoon, Scotland, at the time. We also had two granddaughters of the original selector Michael Donoghue Snr who presented us with framed photos relating to sporting events traditionally held in their family's paddock. Reg Gregor completed a painting for our clubhouse to commemorate the long-standing tradition of games in the paddock that was now known Balzer Park. The fig tree has not survived but it became the official emblem of the club. It was a long journey but finally the Dunoon Sports Club was up and running.

– *Dennis Matthews*

DUNOON SPORTS CLUB – SOCIAL EVENTS & FUNCTIONS

From its inception the Club has had a very lively social aspect. Even before the clubhouse was built there were many fundraising activities held in Dunoon.

We obtained a licence to hold 12 functions a year selling alcohol, with these being held in the Dunoon Hall or on the oval around the big fig tree. The fig tree actually became a licensed premises at that time. Sadly, the fig tree was destroyed in the 2007 tornado and so that piece of history has gone.

There was an active Social Committee that organised all the social events. There were lamington drives, barbecues, dinner dances and, of course, the live "talent" shows – all of which contributed to the building fund.

The tradition of Mother's Day shows (put on by the men) and the Father's Day shows (put on by the women) continued into the 2000s when it dropped to only one "adult show" per year – usually a slightly bawdy affair that involved a lot of cross-dressing



and bad miming. The last of the live shows was the Tornado Show in 2008 but some of us are hoping to revive the idea, so if anyone is interested in taking part, please let the Club know.

The annual children's Christmas party and pantomime is a long held event and still continues to the present day.

Many of the past pantomimes have been written by Carol Shipard – gems such as *Bob the Builder*, *Leaping Beauty*, *the Garbage Bag Princess* and *Timmy the Technicoloured Turtle*.

The North Coast is home to a lot of talented musicians and artists and Dunoon has its good share! The Pluckers



& Poets open mic afternoons began in the early 2000s and continue to be popular to this day, being held on the second Sunday of every month. We attract performers aged from 10 to 75 and anyone is welcome to turn up and perform.

The Dunoon Village Blues began in 2008, firstly as a fundraiser for those who lost homes and property during the 2007 tornado, and the event has continued since to become our biggest function of the year. The next Village Blues will be held on 13 October this year.

There have been many other social activities held by the Club over the years. Theme dinners such as Mexican, Indonesian, a Degustation and the legendary seafood banquets to name a few were always popular. Australia Day, Reg Gregor's charity art

auktion, the Mississippi Riverboat Casino night (another Reg Gregor charity event), the annual Sportsman/Sportswoman's Balls, the Nutters' Ball, annual chess tournaments, debates, disco nights, salsa classes, Anzac Day with its 2-Up tent, weekly pool competitions, regular trivia quizzes and bingo (still going), the Girls' Night In breast cancer fundraisers, the State of Origin get-togethers, Melbourne Cup lunch and calcutta as well as numerous fancy dress birthday parties are all reminders of the rich history that have been a hallmark of the Dunoon Sports Club social events and functions over many years.

There's no doubt about it – Dunoonians love a chance to dress up and party!

– Annabelle Crow



DUNOON SPORTS CLUB – SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

There is no doubt that the development of sport and associated facilities has been the outstanding achievement of the Dunoon Sports Club since opening 25 years ago.

In that time the club has sponsored a range of sporting activities that include netball, softball, junior cricket, Village Green Cricket, tennis, social golf, Little Athletics and of course football (soccer).

Unfortunately some of these sports did not survive for a variety of reasons but Village Green Cricket is still going strong, having started years before the club opened in 1993, Social Golf is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and football has grown significantly since its small beginnings in 1994.

The opportunity to participate in sport is vital for any community and having local facilities is an important factor in that development. When the club opened in 1993 we had two locally based football teams who were playing under the Thistles Football Club banner. They were training locally but the facilities at Balzer Park were primitive with only one very small and smelly toilet block, no lighting and an oval that was meant only for cricket and regularly covered in massive ant hills.



Following the Sports Club opening September 1993 a meeting was called in January 1994 to consider if we should establish our own football club to participate in the 1994 season.

A flurry of activity followed that decision. We had to first seek approval to become an affiliate club of Football Far North Coast which would allow us to participate in their competition. Once that hurdle was overcome we then had just a matter of weeks to seek player registrations, decide on a player strip, prepare a basic football pitch and be ready to play at the start of the season. It was decided our club colours would be green and gold and I remember our new player shirts, socks and shorts arrived just one day before our first game. Dunoon Soccer Club was up and running with about 50 registered junior



players, thanks to the Sports Club who put in \$2000 to get us started.

We survived our first season but it was clear we needed to improve the playing surface at Balzer Park as it was well below an acceptable standard. The field located on the western side of the cricket pitch was too small and the kids came off after their game covered in red mud from the numerous ant hills that covered the pitch.

The first of a number of earthwork projects to remodel and extend the playing surface was undertaken at the end of the 1994 season. The facilities were still primitive but this first remodel was a slight improvement. We still had the smelly toilet block, no change rooms, no canteen and no lighting. Kids



were training until it was too dark to continue and sometimes car headlights were even used to extend that time.

Over time, the playing surface was slowly improved with more earthworks and Council were eventually convinced to start doing something about the ant hills that were a real nuisance whenever it rained. The canteen started out in the tennis court building before moving to a tent erected on the oval before every home game. Our numbers steadily grew and so did the need to improve the facilities. The first big project was the construction of the amenities block with canteen that was built once again by our committed volunteers on a relatively small \$50,000 budget. It was a great day when that building was finally opened and we could demolish that smelly toilet building on the hill near the Sports Club.

Our numbers continued to grow which meant there was a need for more playing surface, so more earthworks saw a small field developed on the eastern side of the cricket pitch. We still had no lights so all training had to be completed before dark, which in winter was not much after 5pm.

The decision was taken to see if we could flood light at least half the oval. Fundraising started in earnest to raise the \$140,000 needed to achieve that aim. It was a battle with a number of roadblocks encountered along the way including the need to install (at our cost) a transformer on the pole near the tennis courts in order to provide sufficient voltage to power the lights. Once again perseverance prevailed and we finally achieved another milestone



in the development of facilities at Balzer Park with lights that meant we could host night games and the kids could continue to train after dark.

On 26 October 2007 a tornado struck Dunoon, bringing massive devastation including all but demolishing the amenities block and destroying the much-loved fig tree. Thankfully the amenities block was insured and subsequently rebuilt and while we would never have wanted to see the fig tree go, it turned out to be a silver lining providing the opportunity to extend the small field located on the eastern side of the oval into a full size pitch. Yet more earthworks were undertaken to develop the field layout you see today.

With that out of the way, more fundraising was undertaken to raise the money needed to compete floodlighting on the entire oval. On the day we officially turned on the new lights we said we believed we had the best lit field in the Lismore region outside of Oakes Oval – and

we still believe that to be true to this day. We now had facilities that were the envy of many communities.

Dunoon United Football Club continued to grow over subsequent years, constantly looking for ways to improve and enhance the facilities at Balzer Park. Under the direction of a very committed and professional committee the Dunoon United Football Club has gone from strength to strength, with growing participation numbers each and every year. They achieved FIFA Level 1 accreditation a few years ago and then in 2017 became only the second club in Northern NSW to achieve Level 2 accreditation. The club hosted most of the Football Far North Coast grand final series in 2017, which was a huge success with many positive comments made by players and spectators alike. Also in 2017 they were awarded Club of the Year by Northern NSW Football. This was a spectacular achievement for a small club like Dunoon who won the award up against 247 other clubs many that are much larger and have been operating for many more years.

All of the achievements made over the past 25 years have been as a direct result of our wonderful volunteers, who should all feel a great deal of pride in what they have provided for our community. For a small community like Dunoon we are certainly punching well above our weight. Congratulations and thanks go to all involved.



DUNOON SPORTS CLUB – THE FUTURE

What does the future hold for the long-term survival of the Dunoon Sports Club? That's the burning question that is hard to predict.

Many clubs around the State have already succumbed to financial challenges and closed their doors, with many others struggling to survive. Since its inception back in 1985 a large number of people have collectively invested thousands upon thousands of volunteer hours to firstly see the club built and since then to support its ongoing day-to-day operations. It would not do justice to the hard work of so many people if the club was not to survive in the long term.

The club's cash reserves have progressively reduced over the past four to five years, to the point where recently the club could have become insolvent unless the declining cash situation was addressed. Fortunately the directors had already sought member approval to sell three poker machines to raise additional capital. The sale of the three machines was completed in early September, raising \$60,000 in cash to replenish our depleted bank balance. These funds should see the club survive for another two or three years but that all depends on trading results in the future and how carefully these funds are managed by the Board.

Although the club's declared losses have been reduced in the last few years, they are still a loss and that



situation cannot continue for ever before closure becomes inevitable. The club certainly has good days and weeks but the problem is these good trading days and weeks are not consistent enough to regularly see our income exceed our expenditure.

There are many positives about the club that we are grateful for. We have a great facility in a good family-friendly location, we have wonderful staff who all work hard to make the club successful and our club restaurant operated by Charlie and his team does a fantastic job serving up food that is consistently highly praised in reviews.

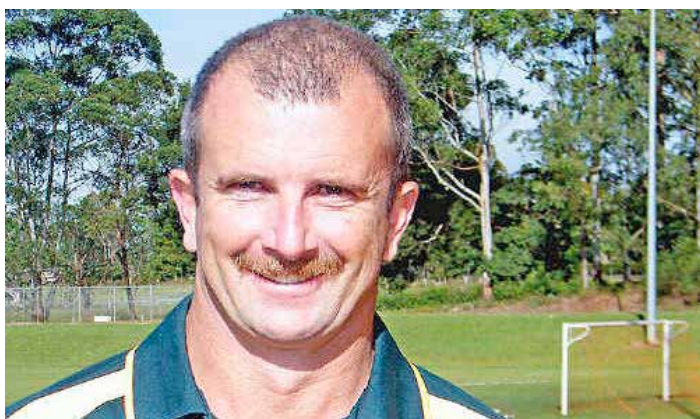
The Club's AGM will be held in November (date to be confirmed) and it is my hope that members of the community who can assist the

club move forward will consider nominating to join the Board of Directors when nominations are called.

The club needs people who can add to the discussion about how to secure the long-term future of this valuable community facility. People who have business, management, financial or organisational skills will be particularly helpful at this time. Developing a business plan and strategies that will improve overall patronage are needed. If you believe the club should survive and you can help by joining the Board then I implore you to please nominate and get involved.

And everyone in the community can play their part by using the club facilities whenever possible.

– Mike Berry



FAREWELL TO ANDY BAIN

A fitting farewell to Andy was held on Saturday 22 September at the Club.

Andy has been a long-standing president and sports director of the Dunoon Sports Club and is returning to New Zealand.



Heading into Christmas – Village Blues coming soon!

We have an exciting lead up to Christmas this year with lots of entertainment.

We will have live music on Fridays fortnightly with Kathy and Norm Bell from 7pm-10pm on 20 November and 21 December. Other musicians to be advised.

On Saturday 13 October the Club is holding its 10th Dunoon Village Blues with acts including the Ruff Scales and Two Tears In A Bucket. Overnight camping is available. For more details check the Club Facebook page.

The first Tuesday in November is Melbourne Cup Day with our usual calcutta, sweeps, best hat contest and lunch on the deck.

Friday 21 December is Mega Raffle night with lots of goodies to be won for Christmas. Norm and Kath Bell and friends will play from 7pm-11pm so wear your dancing shoes!

Somewhere in there we will try to find time for the Children's Christmas Party with jumping castle, games and a visit from Santa.

We hope to see you at the events!

MONDAY CARD NIGHT AT SPORTS CLUB

Come along and play Euchre or Poker from 5.30pm or later (join in at any time.)

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QUILTERS EXHIBITION

A beautiful array of colourful quilts was on display at the Dunoon Hall on the day of the Quilters Exhibition on 15 September.

There were many stories behind the making of the quilts. Faith Newham's amazing quilt was coupled with a very touching story and tribute to her family's beloved dog.

Faith's quilt won the 'favourite quilt' award voted on by all the visitors to the show.

Second favourite was Lorna Stormon's quilt called 'Tony's Quilt', created for her husband in blue Aboriginal prints.

Quilter Elaine Wood created 'Whimsical Flowers', which is a work in progress.

"It is my first endeavour using old flour bags and natural dyes that are extracted from plants collected from my garden," Elaine said.

"Simple stitching using the thread from my chicken feed bags maintains an earthy organic feel... so many possibilities with so much more to explore."

All of the quilt group members created a fabulous quilt available for raffle. They are pictured above in front of the beautiful blue quilt, with some of the support team at the right.



The Dunoon-Whian Whian Quilters in front of the raffle prize quilt they created for their exhibition at Dunoon Hall.

Lisa from Whian Whian was the winner of the raffle and her family will enjoy this quilt for many years to come.

The quilt group would like to thank everyone for their support in coming to the exhibition and for their encouragement of all the quilters.



Faith Newham with her award-winning people's favourite quilt.



Faith presents the prize to Lisa McPhie, winner of the raffle quilt.



Elaine Wood with her quilt made from natural products.

Right: Lorna Stormon's 'Tony's Quilt' (including detail) – voted second favourite by the exhibition visitors.



LOCAL LAND SERVICES

YELLOW CRAZY ANT RESPONSE MOVES TO SECOND STAGE

Local Land Services and NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) successfully wrapped up stage two of the Yellow Crazy Ant response in Lismore and Terania Creek recently.

Almost 50 officers took part in the inter-agency campaign which aims to eradicate the invasive pest from the area.

NSW DPI Assistant Director Invasive Plants and Animals Scott Charlton said the latest response showed control efforts were working.

“The original colony first discovered in the Lismore CBD is gradually being eradicated with native ants taking up residence in their place. This is a fantastic sign that tells us we are on the right track with our trapping, monitoring and baiting efforts,” he said.

The team is optimistic that the control program will become even more effective as the ants become more active through the spring.

Mr Charlton praised the local community for their ongoing input and support into the response.

“Without community involvement we would not have gotten this far but now is not the time for complacency, we are still urging local residents to be vigilant and report any suspected Crazy Ant sightings through the NSW Biosecurity Hotline,” he said.

North Coast Local Land Services Biosecurity Officer Josh Wellman said the latest response was supported by officers from Lismore City Council, Rouse County Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

“It is crucial that government agencies and the community continue to work together to remove this pest from the region and as a result, protect our environment, economy and way of life

from their very serious impacts,” he said.

“Yellow Crazy Ants move extremely quickly, build super colonies and are potentially highly dangerous not only to crops and the environment but also to humans and pets.”

Mr Wellman said the third major control operation would begin in early December.

“While Sunday marked the end of the second round of core eradication activities, our local officers will



continue to roll out control efforts to support the community whenever and wherever needed,” he said.

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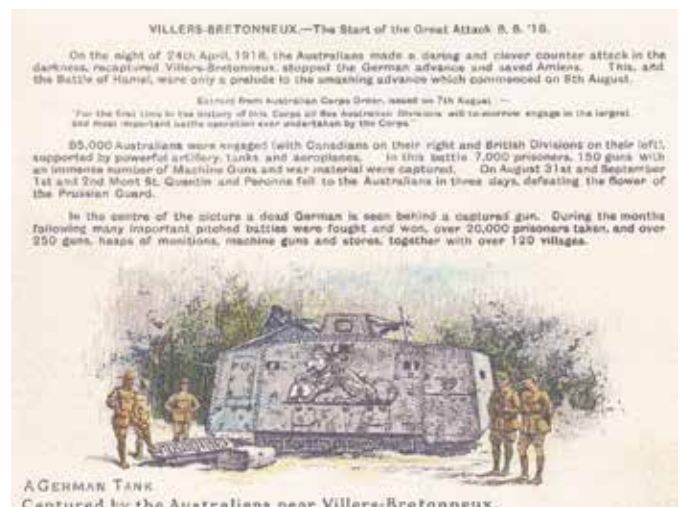
I read the article on page 19 of the latest Dunoon Gazette with great interest regarding another WWI Centenary and the two soldiers, Nesbitt Black and Arthur Cochrane who were both killed in action in France at Le Hamel in France (*Dunoon War Memorial with Denis Matthews, Dunoon Gazette Aug-Sept 2018, p19*).

My father, Richard Betteridge, also served in WWI between 1916 and 1918 as the chief radio operator and aircraft mechanic for the Australian Flying Corps in their Middle East campaigns and also in France during one of the battles for the village of Hamel as the main radio operator (on ground) supplying vital information to the Australian aircraft during those campaigns.

It is very sad indeed to see the lists of those Australian who were killed in action during WWI.

The special 'cards' pictured here certainly remind me of where my father was during the French campaigns, but more so of the Middle East campaigns as well.

— Charles Betteridge.



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Many people pass close to snakes every day but because snakes are so afraid of us and prefer to stay out of our way, we never notice. Snakes know the food, water and shelter in their territory and learn the daily movements of the resident humans. In reality, it is only occasionally that snakes and humans come into conflict – generally because the snake cannot make a quick exit. During spring snakes can become more defensive and territorial so it is a good idea to be a little more wary.

Snakes are protected by law and play an important role in our ecosystem. A resident carpet python will easily keep rodents in check and deter venomous snake species from moving in! Relocating snakes out of their territory puts them at risk of not finding water and food, and they may die trying to get back home. A "stranger" snake that does not know your movements may move into that



Pythons – photo by Josef.

territory and increase the risk to you.


Never try to catch or kill a snake. Snakes are not normally aggressive; however, they will defend themselves if threatened and this is when most snakebites occur.

Discourage snakes by keeping your lawn neat and dispose of excessive leaf litter, garden waste, building materials or woodpiles near the house. Snake-proof your aviaries, pet enclosures and chicken pens with 1cm square mesh wire. Check that windows and doors have secure insect screens and weather strips to close gaps at ground level. Try to train all family members to keep screen doors closed. Placing water at your fence line can minimise the need for snakes to come near the house.

WIRES Snake Handlers will come to

the rescue if a snake is inside a house. If possible leave the snake an avenue of escape: close the room off and leave outer doors and windows open so the snake can leave when it no longer feels threatened. If you have a snake caught in netting, see a snake that might be injured or have seen a snake in the same position for a number of days, call WIRES immediately on 6628 1898.

If you are keen to make a difference for the wildlife in our area, consider joining WIRES. Now is a great time to join since their next workshop will be held in Lismore on 7 October and there is time beforehand to complete the online part of the course. The 24-hour hotline is for all rescue, advice or membership calls in the Northern Rivers – call **6628 1898** or go to <http://wiresnr.org/Helping.html> to find out how you can help.



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CLOSING GALA FEATURE: A MEMORIAL TO REMARKABLE CONSERVATIONIST

Sharkwater: Extinction has been announced as the film at the centrepiece of the Closing Gala on Saturday 20 October at this year's Byron Bay Film Festival.

The film is a celebration of a life well lived, but with the grim awareness of a double tragedy overlaying it. The meaningful life is that of filmmaker and shark conservationist Rob Stewart, whose devoted activism led to major changes in the acceptance of the barbaric practice of shark finning.

The tragedies lie in the knowledge that Stewart's life was cut short in an apparently senseless diving incident in January last year – and in the fact that the devastation visited upon sharks continues. Finning may have been banned by 90 countries but the sale of shark fin soup is still legal and consumption widespread.

Sharkwater: Extinction, which has its Australian Premiere at the Byron festival, continues Stewart's mission, which was to expose the appalling ongoing destruction of sharks not just through finning, but through



bycatch in drift net fishing, and in some weird forms of "sport".

In one distressing scene a magnificent hammerhead is caught, pulled up onto the boat for a snapshot alongside the beaming "sportsman" then released into the water, only to thrash around and sink to the bottom.

Rob Stewart is a personal hero to many Byron Bay locals. Rob's parents, Sandy and Brian, said: "We are so pleased that the Byron Bay Film Festival has chosen *Sharkwater: Extinction* as the Closing Night gala film. Australia was always a very special home for Rob. He was passionate about the beaches,

the ocean and the spirit of the people.

"Rob spent his life defending the oceans and sharks – determined to change the world. His work will continue through the countless people he inspired – many of whom he met in Australia.

"Rob loved Byron Bay and would be honoured by this selection and would certainly want it to be a call to action amidst what we are sure will be a true celebration of his life and mission. We look forward to bringing the film to the festival before it opens in theatres across Australia."

Festival Director J'aimee Skippon-Volke said: "We are honoured to be given the opportunity to share Rob's work on one of the most important nights of the Festival. The Closing Gala provides a space to reflect on and celebrate the positive impact this remarkable man achieved in his short time here on Earth."

Byron Bay Film Festival Program Online

The full program for the Byron Bay Film Festival is now available online, introducing a stellar showcase of over 155 films, including 21 documentaries, 15 dramatic features, 20 music videos and 68 shorts as well as an extensive selection of Virtual Reality experiences.

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What is happening at the Anglican Church of St Matthew's

At the moment, The Dunoon Study Group is discussing Church Music. There is story-telling about hymns, there is a bit of theology, a bit of history, a bit about music in the church, a bit of scripture, a bit about history and liturgy, a number of YouTube clips, some CDs, a song or two and a lot more.

Anyone who would like to come along is most welcome to join the Study Group on a Thursday at 7pm.

On Sunday 23 September we held a combined service of all the members on the Anglican Church of the Lismore Parish here in St Matthew's in Dunoon.

It was wonderful to see the church full and great to experience the fellowship such an occasion brings, as well as to enjoy one of our famous morning teas.

Sunday 30 September was 'Back To Church Sunday' (or as we have re-named it, 'Come To Church Sunday'). We had a wonderful day.

Back to Church Sunday began in one Anglican diocese in the United Kingdom in 2005 and since then has spread to all 44 dioceses in Britain and also across other denominations.

Back to Church Sunday was launched in Australia on 13 September 2009, with 600 churches across 19 Anglican dioceses taking part (including St Matthew's, Dunoon). This year more than 31,000 churches worldwide took part in the initiative, including our little Church of St Matthew's Dunoon. When the first visitor arrived (Kelly Everingham from Modanville first one there five years in a row) we declared the day an unmitigated success and from there on in it just got better and better.

I would like to thank everyone for coming. I hope you all enjoyed the



St Matthew's – photo by B Ford.

whole experience, including the scrumptious morning tea that we all enjoyed after the service.

Our next special event will be the Pet Blessing at 10am on Sunday 21 October.

Then on 11 November we have a very special Remembrance Day planned starting at 9.30am at St Matthew's Church.

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

Pet Blessing

St Matthew's Anglican Church, James St. Dunoon

10am Sunday 21st October 2018

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BAHÁ'Í HOLY DAYS IN NOVEMBER

Bahá'ís are taught that, like all things in this world, the Teachings of God are periodically renewed – roughly every 1000 years. To bring the renewal of guidance God sends the next Messenger. This Messenger reiterates and reinvigorates the eternal truths such as the importance of love, unity, respect and justice, and also brings guidance specific to the particular age, or specially tailored for that era.

Each new dispensation – also known as religion – has its own Holy Days. Holy Days related to Jesus include the

celebration of His birth at Christmas and commemoration of His crucifixion at Easter. In November there are two Holy Days associated with the Founders of the Bahá'í Faith.

The Bahá'í Faith began in Persia (now Iran) in 1844, with the declaration of the Messenger from God known as the Báb ("the Gate" in Persian.) On Friday 9 November this year, people all around the world, including Lismore, of all backgrounds and beliefs will celebrate the anniversary of His birth in 1819.

On the following day, Saturday 10 November, people will celebrate the anniversary of the Birth in 1817 of the "greater prophet" that the Báb had foretold – the Founder of the Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh. As with most Bahá'í events, these celebrations are open to all.

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1ST SATURDAY	Lismore Makers Market 10am – 2pm Cnr Keen and Magellan
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	R.R High school	8:25
	Woodlark St	8:30
	Lismore Square	8:32
	Trinity interchange	8:35 Bay 10
	Lismore Bus Terminal	8:56
DEPARTS	Lismore Bus Terminal	3:30pm
	Magellan St near Lismore Library	3:33
	Trinity interchange	3:37 Bay 10

DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

DEPARTS	Dorroughby Hall	8:30am
	Dunoon Store	8:40
	Modanville Store	8:45
	Tullera Hall	8:52
	Minschull Cres	8:56
	Uniting Church	9:00
	Woodlark St	9:05
	Molesworth St	9:07
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