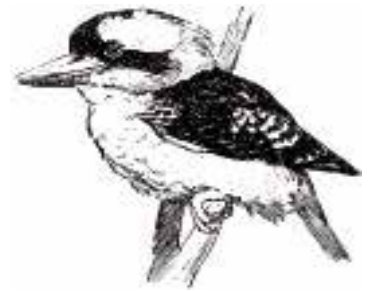


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A FEW WORDS FROM THE EDITOR...

It has been wonderful being able to catch up with friends at the Club on its opening night on Friday 5 June. With fresh paint and furniture, the Club looked open, airy and welcoming. The new restaurant, Maroochi on the Field, served delicious food with friendly and professional service and I know that I will become a regular.

It was almost my first outing in months with the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions. I am so pleased that the Club is taking all the required measures to keep us as safe as possible while still enabling us to congregate and socialise. Tables and chairs are well spaced, there are clear markers for the distancing requirements, there is table service and I observed the frequent wiping down of high-contact surfaces.

I confess to having been rather anxious about the whole situation, and having clear, calm messaging has

really helped. With a bit of confusion locally, I found myself turning to the news from my original home country and listening to NZ Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern for advice. Her words of “If you have any questions about what you can or can’t do, apply a simple principle: Act like you have COVID-19,” really helped to justify my strict adherence to the rules and to avoid stressful debates with others whose opinions and perceptions of risk may have differed.

And as we come out of the restrictions and see more of other people, the conversation remains inevitably focused on the challenges that still remain. Everyone has had different experiences of the situation and it will continue to be tough for many. The associated stress means that we sometimes find ourselves with passionately different opinions, with emotions more heightened than usual. I close with more wise words from the NZ Prime Minister: “Be strong,

be kind, we will be okay” (17 March 2020, TVNZ 1News).

Until next time...

– Bronwen Campbell, Editor

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Well, it has certainly been an unprecedented time for schools and Dunoon School has been no different. Since commencing Learning at Home programs way back in March, we have experienced changes none of us would ever have imagined at the start of the year.

A huge positive for our students has been the quality of learning happening in homes around our village during isolation. It was so encouraging to see students and parents embrace the Learning at Home model and work together with their teachers to continue delivering educational outcomes.

A lot of parents also enjoyed the window into their child's learning and used the opportunity to give their child strong, individual support. Of course, it was a difficult time for many families trying to juggle different siblings' learning with work and domestic routines in confined spaces. The staff at Dunoon School would like to acknowledge all families for their efforts, support and understanding during isolation.

Week 3 of Term 2 saw students return in their classes for one day each week and by Week 5 we were back to full-time, face-to-face learning. It was wonderful to see the excitement on students' faces as they saw their friends in person after such a long break. The return to school over several weeks has helped us to maintain high standards of hygiene and cleanliness around the school – something that will become the



norm into the future.

During Term 2, students were engaged in a treehouse project. They were required to design and build a treehouse model and the results were amazing! Students have also completed a range of learning projects, such as personal interest projects, comic strips, stop motion animation, Lego challenges and lots of artwork. With face-to-face learning resuming, we were able to take advantage of wider learning opportunities, such as a whole school Zoom with Lucas Proudfoot!

In other news, our Outdoor Learning Environment is on the verge of being realised. Lots of planning has gone into this project, with the school and P&C working with a landscape architect to design an exciting outdoor learning space. Watch this space!



Hello again from Modanville Public School. Well what a difference a couple of months can make! It was perhaps only a week after I finished writing my last article that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic began to ripple into our area. Our school transformed very quickly with our students moving to learning from home within a few weeks. This was a huge shock to students and families but also to our teachers who had to drastically change their programs and plans for learning.

I am amazed at how well our students, administration staff, and teachers have adapted to the ever-changing conditions. All our families responded quickly and should be congratulated for their efforts to continue the learning process for their children.

As a teacher and a parent of a school-aged and preschool-aged child, I know first hand how difficult it is to juggle the conflicting demands of home life and student learning. If you found yourself sometimes frustrated and overwhelmed over the last couple of months please know that you are definitely not alone in that experience.

For one of our teachers, the task of adapting to home learning was extra unusual. At the end of last term, one of our temporary teachers, Miss Lauren Currie, obtained permanent employment in the region. This meant we had a vacancy for our



Kindergarten class. An expression of interest was released and Mrs Angela Hardie was the successful applicant.

Angela and her family moved to Northern Rivers in 2018. She began her teaching career 14 years ago at Blackall State School in outback Queensland and has mostly taught in the early years of primary school. Angela brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our school. Angela had only two weeks in the classroom with our Kindergarten class before we switched to home learning. We feel very lucky to have her with us and despite the challenges of the last few months, the students have already formed wonderful connections with her.

This week all of our students returned to school full time and it is almost like someone just flicked on the power switch to our school. The sound of children playing happily together in the playground, singing and laughing is truly a delight to hear. We are all now happily adjusting to being back at school together – although this too will take some time!

Here are some of our students' reflections on the positive and not-

so-positive aspects of learning from home:

“I loved being able to eat whenever I wanted to and to wear my own clothes. Plus it was great to have my dog for company while I did my school work.” – Chelsea

“I loved being able to work in my vegetable patch with my family. We have grown some great snow peas and my lettuces are almost ready to go.” – Blake P

“I liked being able to finish my work early in the day and then spend more time on my bike in the afternoon.” – Indi

“At home I was able to do lots of farm work. We cleared lantana by the creek and planted some trees and camelias.” – Quade

“It was tricky learning from home. I found the computer hard at first but then I got better at it.” – Archer

I hope you all enjoy these pictures of our students and staff settling back into classroom life. Until next time, take care.



ISOLATING DOES NOT HAVE TO MEAN ISOLATED

Dementia Australia has called on the community, including health and aged care staff, to work together to maintain engagement with people impacted by dementia during this unprecedented time of enforced isolation.

CEO Dementia Australia Maree McCabe said people living with dementia are some of the most vulnerable people in our community right now.

“We are all physically isolating, but it does not mean we have to feel socially isolated,” Ms McCabe said.

“Ramping up the focus on engagement and communication at this time of restricted physical contact is vital for all of us, but especially for people living with dementia.

“If stimulus is reduced for people living with dementia the loss of cognitive function can escalate.

“Over time these are losses that most people will not be able to regain.

“Being aware that your cognitive abilities may ‘slip away’, as one client described it, is a profound concern.

“With innovative strategies and working together it doesn’t have to be that way.

“For people living in residential aged care we encourage staff to involve families wherever they can to actively plan for different forms of engagement and methods of communication.”

Some of the fantastic examples we have heard about through aged care providers and our clients are:

- Maintaining regular visits from a family member at key times of importance for a person with dementia so that routines are maintained as much as possible or to assist with the care of their loved one;
- Staff scheduling window visits with phone calls, walks in gardens and courtyards within the homes so loved ones have been able to visit safely with no contact with other residents;
- Sharing of photos of residents enjoying activities with families;
- Arranging video calls, or if that isn’t practical, sharing video messages between residents and families;
- Printing out emails or photos to give to residents to enjoy;
- Providers inviting schools and community groups to send jokes, stories and messages to share;
- Where residents have needed to be confined to rooms, providing writing materials for residents to write notes to each other;
- Staff creating WhatsApp chats for residents to help maintain social interaction when perhaps they are not able to see each other as much;
- Providers creating closed Facebook Groups for families to communicate with each other and the staff;
- Day respite staff dropping activity packs off to homes instead of clients going to them.

“There are still many ways that families continue to be included, even if they are not visiting in person as often,” Ms McCabe said.

“For people living with dementia not every idea will work every time – but this ongoing connection is important for everyone.”

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

To encourage everyone to remain socially connected during this time, Dementia Australia launched social media campaign, #IsolatingNotIsolated.

The campaign is sharing information, tips and personal stories on how we can all remain socially connected during isolation.

“With 70 per cent of the 459,000 Australians with dementia living in the community it is time to consider how you might check on someone who may be more physically isolated or vulnerable so that they do not feel socially disconnected or alone,” said Ms McCabe.

“Calling a person who lives alone or knocking on a neighbour’s door and from a safe distance, checking if they need any help with getting to medical appointments, or if there is anyone you can contact on their behalf are actions that can make a significant difference.

“Dementia is a progressive disease, which means that people with dementia may be as yet undiagnosed and may need your help at this difficult time.

“I also encourage you to share what you are doing to remain socially connected with others using #IsolatingNotIsolated. It is a great way to inspire others to take action and we would love to hear your ideas.”

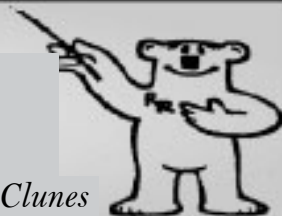
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A NEW FIVE-YEAR LEASE FOR LTC

Lismore Theatre Company (LTC) is celebrating after Lismore City Council voted unanimously at its May meeting to grant the company a new five-year lease for the Rochdale Theatre on Ballina Road, Goonellabah.

In 2015, Council had agreed to examine interest from potential buyers of the building at the end of the current lease in July this year. Fortunately, however, staff recommended that the current lease arrangements to LTC offered the best use of the building from both an economic and social perspective.

President of LTC, Sharon Brodie, who addressed the meeting prior to the vote, expressed her appreciation to the councillors and staff.

“The unanimous vote was wonderful news. We now have security for the next five years allowing us to plan for our shows well into the future,” Sharon said.

Part of the lease arrangements will be a negotiated higher lease fee that may prove a challenge to the company, particularly as the current pandemic-induced closure continues.

“Long term, we may be interested in purchasing the building but we



Lismore Theatre Company President Sharon Brodie (front centre) celebrates the new lease arrangements with committee members.

would need a grant or a generous benefactor to help if the committee decides to go down that path,” Sharon said.

During the downtime of the current COVID-19 restrictions, the committee has not been idle. A new roof has been installed as well as insulation in the ceiling, seating has been repaired and the theatre has been thoroughly cleaned.


“The set for *Educating Rita* that was due to open on 20 March is

intact and the cast Elyse Knowles and Gray Wilson continue to work on their lines. The company has also been exploring other possible productions via Zoom readings,” Sharon said.

When the restrictions allow, LTC will be ready to once again entertain the community with high-quality productions.

– Jenny Dowell
Publicity Officer

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VIBRIOSIS CAUSING POOR CALVING RATES ON THE NORTH COAST

The Animal Health team at the North Coast Local Land Services advises that Vibriosis is causing poor calving rates in beef and dairy herds across the region.

Vibriosis is a venereal disease of cattle caused by a bacteria (also known as bovine venereal Campylobacter) which is transmitted by infected bulls to breeding females. It is one of the most important infectious venereal diseases of cattle in Australia as it is a significant cause of infertility and abortion.

The risk factors that increase the likelihood of transmission include:

- Sharing of bulls between herds.
- Long breeding season (especially if bulls have continued access to the herd).
- Access by neighbours or feral bulls due to lack of security of perimeter fencing.

“When an infected bull introduces vibrio into a clean herd, conception



A veterinarian will diagnose Vibriosis by testing samples from bulls and affected cows.

rates can plummet to around 40% as the bacteria mostly causes early foetal loss,” North Coast Local Land Services District Vet Liz Bolin said.

Clinical signs of an outbreak in a herd include irregular oestrous cycles or abnormally high levels of returns to service in animals otherwise thought to be pregnant.

“It is impossible to tell if a bull is infected based on appearance as an infected bull doesn’t display any symptoms,” Liz said.

Buying pre-vaccinated bulls is the most reliable way to prevent the losses that the disease will cause. Alternatively, you can vaccinate all new bulls on arrival for vibrio. The course of two vaccinations should be completed at least one month before joining.

The disease can also occasionally cause abortions in the later stages of pregnancy. In infected herds, it is essential to rule out other potential causes of low pregnancy rates, such as nutritional deficits and Pestivirus.

A veterinarian will diagnose vibrio by testing samples from bulls and affected cows. If detected, the disease can be managed by

vaccinating both bulls and cows and treating the bulls with antibiotics.

For more information on diagnosing and treating vibriosis in your herd, please contact your North Coast Local Land Services District Veterinarian on 1300 795 299 or your local vet.

WILD DOG CONTROL TO SUPPORT FARMERS AND WILDLIFE BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

A coordinated wild dog control program is being run in partnership between Local Land Services, Forestry Corporation and private landholders to address the increasing threat posed by wild dogs following bushfires and drought.

The baiting program is part of a carefully planned wild dog control strategy to help protect both livestock and native wildlife that have survived the past summer of bushfire and drought conditions.

Ground baiting, in conjunction with targeted aerial baiting in hilly and difficult-to-access terrain, will be coordinated by North Coast Local

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Land Services starting in mid-May. According to North Coast Local Land Services Team Leader, Dean Chamberlain, landholders have reported an increase in pest activity, particularly feral pigs and wild dogs moving out of land burnt by recent bushfires.



North Coast Local Land Services is currently working with landholders to manage these pests as well.

“The combined impact of drought, heat and fire has made pest control an even more pressing issue than usual, particularly for native species that are struggling to cope,” Mr Chamberlain said.

Both private and public land managers are taking part in the coordinated autumn wild dog baiting program which is supported by North Coast Local Land Services,

through funding from the Australian Government’s Wildlife and Habitat Bushfire Recovery Program.

Forestry Corporation’s Acting Forest Protection Manager, Peter Walters said the coordinated program will help support native wildlife during this vulnerable time.

“It’s great to be part of this coordinated effort and make a difference for local wildlife and graziers.

“Post-bushfires, native animals and stock alike are open to attack from feral predators and are in a vulnerable position. It’s important to get on top of wild dogs now during this post-bushfire window.”

For more details about the baiting program and its role in wildlife recovery and agricultural production, contact North Coast Local Land Services on 1300 795 299.

“Bushfires across the region have pushed pest predators out of burnt country and on to local farmland, resulting in more wild dog attacks on livestock and wildlife,” Mr Chamberlain said.

“Whilst livestock, particularly calves are at risk of attack from wild dogs, native animals that have lost their habitat are also vulnerable to hungry feral predators.”

Good rainfall in February and March this year has allowed pests such as feral pigs and wild deer to move throughout the landscape and

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OPPOSING DEVELOPMENT

Dear Editor,

As a Lismore resident and rate payer, I have always been rather proud of our progressive and proactive council. In conversations with my relatives in Queensland, I have been happy to speak of the council's forward thinking – best practice waste management, solar farm initiatives and general interest in a sustainable environment.

Every week I receive a cute little brochure in the letterbox called 'Local Matters'. On the back of this council communication is a stunning photo of rolling vegetated green hills. I'm sure the inference is that this is the Lismore locality – beautiful and green. The council has a vision 'Imagine Lismore' that contains inviting descriptions of a well-planned built environment surrounded by a pretty and sustainable green environment.

Unfortunately, in the last few years, developers seem to have got the ear of council. Developments, on hold for years – with good reason – have now got the go-ahead big time. My understanding was that the 'Imagine Lismore' decision was to ban development on the ridges. This decision has clearly been thrown out. There are several ridges around Lismore ready and waiting...

Lismore's population has been decreasing for a number of years:

"In December 2019 the Department Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) released population projections that revise its 2016 projections down. Council acknowledges the lower projections but is continuing to plan for higher growth." (2020 Draft Lismore Strategic Planning Statement)

The household average is now one to two persons. The demand at the moment is not for 'McMansions' on large rural blocks with great views, but for centralised affordable housing. In McLean's Ridges, 'large lot residential-style' blocks on the ridges have no town sewerage and sub-standard road design. Pushing development further and further out of the CBD has its downside...

My biggest concern is the current and proposed development on the North Lismore Plateau. This part of the Lismore precinct is pretty special. You can view the south end of the plateau from many places around the city. It is vegetated in the southern end and contains endangered plants and animals. The aboriginal heritage is spectacular in its extent and meaning to our original people. The Winton Group and Lismore Council are throwing

millions of dollars at this one, in spite of community objections.

My understanding is that the council has now, more than ever, little money to spare. Why are they backing this inappropriate trashing of heritage with their own funds? I have been told that the planned development on the plateau is the biggest project ever proposed on the North Coast.

Surely this is not the time to be ruining what we have left of our green hills. On the current trajectory, Lismore is set to become a look-alike to any other town, with Sydney-style suburbia along our ridges, dominating the landscape.

No amount of careful planning and "offsetting" ever saved irreplaceable vegetation, and the animals that depend on that vegetation, from the bulldozer, humans, their cats and dogs. It would be a lovely surprise if our governing bodies learnt to say "No" to development money. I would very much like to be able to boast about my council again to the Queensland relatives.

After reading this piece, I hope Lismore residents take a moment to please "Have Your Say" on the Lismore Council website.

*Yours sincerely,
Dot Moller*

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In the last issue of the *Gazette* I reported that I had been offered some free lessons in German online when the COVID lockdown was beginning.

I explained that I had been looking for such an opportunity since 1992 when I found myself in Germany and quite unable to cope with public notices in German. Since then I have learnt some Spanish and even some Russian with ACE but whenever I enrolled in German the course did not proceed.

I am still wallowing with three short lessons a week corrected instantly and often frustratingly. English is a Germanic languish and in some ways the two languages are very similar. They even have Gut Besser Beste where we have good, better, best. They even have a verb “geben”

(to give) which actually changes to gibe and gabe. But that is where the similarity ends.

We have the man, the woman, and the house. They treat the equivalent as masculine and feminine and neuter and have four different cases – nominative, accusative, dative, and genitive – that affect not just the noun but the definite article as well.

There are several different ways of making a word plural. We have strange things like ox, oxen; child, children. Oddly enough the plural of kind is kinder. But they do not have the equivalent of ‘s’. We borrow their word ‘kindergarten’ in much the same way as we borrow all sorts of words without giving much thought to the fact that English has abandoned so many rules of grammar that other languages still retain. I am still reeling from the

shock of learning that the word for ‘girl’ in German is not feminine but neuter.

Denis Matthews

STAYING SAFE

Having been gardening at home each day since early March, I have become aware of the similarities between the coronavirus and that popular weed killer on sale in Australia.

After 14 days we can clearly see the havoc the weed killer’s inadvertent splashing has caused. Fourteen days after contact with COVID-19, its damage is also obvious, tragically.

A bouquet of ‘Thank You’ to everyone, especially for helping keep people of my age group SAFE.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello Members and Community. Firstly, the board and I would like to thank you for your patience and ongoing support.

We have exciting news – the wait is over!

The government recently announced news about the easing of restrictions relating to the operation of clubs.

It brings me great pleasure to announce we are reopening Friday 5 June.

The health and safety of our members, guests and staff is of the utmost of importance.

To keep in line with requirements to open, things are going to be a little different.

Opening hours for the moment will be from 5pm–9pm Friday and Saturday.

Everyone will also need to be seated and will receive table service from our fabulous staff.

We have been very busy during the shutdown and have used the time to give the Club a real freshen up. With the help of a group of dedicated volunteers and some generous donations, we have been able to paint inside and out, replace the shade sails over the deck, refresh the deck area and update furniture – see the photos below.

In more exciting news, I am happy to introduce our new kitchen,

Maroochi on the Field.

Maroochi on the Field is run by Sarah Williams and she will be bringing a wealth of experience and a passion for fresh local produce.

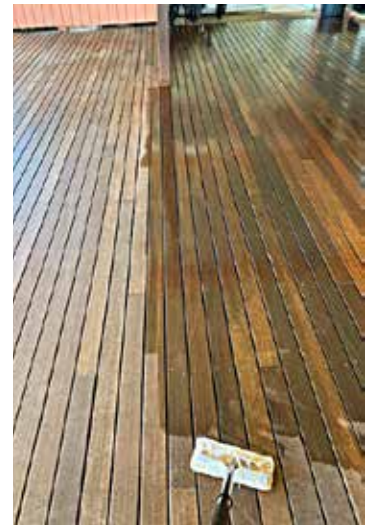
The name itself gives a gentle nod to our village reputation and history as Macadamia producers.

On the menu you will recognise some old favourites and spy some delicious new additions.

With limited seating due to government restrictions, pre bookings are essential. Call 0402 308 307 for reservations.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Dunoon Sports and Recreation Club.

*– Brenda Reyes
President*





MAROOCHI ON THE FIELD OFFERS EXCITING NEW MENU!

Maroochi on the Field is the exciting new restaurant coming to Dunoon Sports Club, offering classic club favourites and delicious fresh modern dishes.

I'm excited to open this new restaurant – 15 years of experience has gone into developing this menu and I'm very passionate about using fresh high-quality ingredients. Maroochi on the Field has a diverse range of dishes including mouth-watering vegan options, a

hearty bar menu, and fun kids' meals.

While planning my menu, I've taken a range of dietary needs into consideration. I am doing my best to source local ingredients and support fellow local businesses with this becoming part of the inviting Dunoon community.

Bookings essential on 0402 308 307 or dunoonkitchen@gmail.com

– Sarah Williams



Chef Sarah Williams.

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DF – DAIRY FREE GF – GLUTEN FREE		STEAK SANDWICH WITH A HOUSEMADE TOMATO RELISH, LETTUCE, TOMATO, BEETROOT, CHEDDAR CHEESE, GARLIC MAYO ON CIABATTA	\$18
		VEGAN SMOKEY MUSHROOM BURGER WITH GARLIC SOY MAYO, HERBED SLAW, LETTUCE, TOMATO, CUCUMBER	\$16

A sample of the menu – book on 0402 308 307.

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WHALE MIGRATION HEATS UP WITH HUMPBACK NUMBERS TIPPED TO INCREASE

Australian Eastern Humpback whales are on the move to the warmer northern waters and breeding grounds of the Great Barrier Reef.

This year's annual migration is a different experience for whale watchers, with COVID social distancing restrictions meaning fewer boats on the water. Southern Cross University researcher Dr Wally Franklin said whales have been making their way past Byron Bay and into Queensland waters. He said younger males tend to take the lead, followed by mature whales, then mothers with their calves. "Sightings will certainly start to build up now that we're in late May. The end of June tends to be the peak of the northward migration as the whales head up into the Great Barrier Reef area with August being their peak birthing and breeding month," said Dr Franklin, from the University's Marine Ecology Research Centre. "The humpback whale population could be around 40,000 this year, which is getting near to where we estimate they were prior to whaling after World War 2. In the 1960s there were only about 150 whales



Fluke of whale, photographed by Dr Trish Franklin.

left so we are very privileged to have this group."

Dr Franklin and his wife Dr Trish Franklin have been involved in humpback whale research for more than 30 years, founding The Oceania Project in 1988. This year they are publishing three major research papers on whale behaviour from their long-term study of humpbacks in Queensland's Hervey Bay.

The couple has observed and photographed more than 16,000 whales since 1992 – the year they first met Migaloo the famous white whale.

"The whales start coming into Hervey Bay from mid-July to mid-October and use it as a nursery to teach their young, then start

migrating south again with the southern migration past the east coast running right through to early November," he said.

When current restrictions ease and whale watching tours begin again, Dr Franklin reminds operators and private vessels to maintain legal distancing requirements around whales. Vessels must not approach any closer than 100m to a whale or 50m to a dolphin, with Migaloo given a special exclusion zone of 500m. Boats are only allowed to approach whales from their right or left flank and never directly astern or ahead which could interrupt migration behaviour.

"Migaloo is outstandingly special and garners a lot of attention when he arrives, which is usually around

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early July. Sometimes he turns up off the west coast of New Zealand in June then arrives off Byron and Gold Coast area in July.”

SIMPLY THE BEST: LEAGUE PRESENTER KATIE BROWN READY FOR NRL RESTART

NRRL fans are rejoicing, with the restart of the 2020 season kicking off tonight. Among them is Katie Brown, co-presenter of *Inside the NRL* and Southern Cross University media graduate.

Katie is proof a small town girl can make it big in the sports broadcast arena of Sydney.

Born and bred on the NSW mid north coast, Katie has been with the online TV show since it launched in 2018. The panellists – Katie plus sports journalist Michael Chammas and former NRL player Jamie Soward – debate the hot topics each Monday during the national rugby league season.

“I got a call one day, out of the blue,” she said, reflecting on the experience of being headhunted by NRL.com three years ago.

“They said ‘We’re starting NRL digital and we’d love you to be part of it. Would you consider moving to Sydney?’ This opportunity was too good not to have a go at. It was the

best decision I ever made. It’s been unreal.

“I feel quite humbled and in hindsight I’m pretty lucky. I certainly made the right decision.

“My experience shows that a girl from Grafton can compete in a metropolitan market. People appreciate that I am down-to-earth. They find me relatable.”

Katie also co-hosts *Our Way*, NRL.com’s weekly program during the women’s rugby league season, and does rugby league sideline commentary for Crocmedia, the largest syndicator of sports radio content across Australia.

It’s a dream come true for Katie whose career goal was to be an onfield reporter for the NRL. Initially she was going to study to be a PE teacher but pursuing a media degree with Southern Cross

University changed that.

Katie says her experiences of working in a male-dominated sport have been positive.

“I’ve felt comfortable. I honestly haven’t had too many negative experiences and everyone has made me feel included. It was on my own bat to make sure I knew what I was talking about. Purely because if you’re enthusiastic and passionate about it, it’s going to come quite naturally to you anyway.”

During the NRL season suspension – which put *Inside the NRL* on hold – Katie kept herself motivated and fit by developing the [NRL Iso Inspo Challenge, a body weight exercise for every letter of the alphabet](#).

“You can pick your favourite NRL player and you do as many reps and rounds to each letter of their name as you’d like,” Katie said.

“We got it sponsored by Rebel and it’s been really fun for fans to engage with and tag their mates.”

Katie says her education at Southern Cross University was the best foundation for her career.

“The uni helped me push the boundaries to make sure I was giving myself the best chance. For somebody that didn’t know that becoming a sports presenter or a rugby league presenter was even a possibility, it was the best start.”



Katie Brown on the set of Inside the NRL with Michael Chammas (left) and Jamie Soward (credit: NRL).

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A POEM...

This poem was first sketched out in December 2011 when there were extensive fires and floods in Australia. It can relate to any time, any disaster, any country the whole world right now but we must remember that there are positives emerging from this chaos, just like the new growth sprouting from the blackened trunks of burnt trees and that gives me hope for the future.

As an untutored poet, ignorant really, I'm never quite sure of where to place commas and full stops. I feel happy with its flow and hope others read it the same way as I do.

I refer to the screen as a box as it conjures up the image of containment.

THE BOX

It's all going on... isn't it?

Just inside the box.

It can't be happening... can it?

It's not outside my box.

I look through my window.

Everything is fine... see

The birds sing, trees are wet with rain.

I walk in the garden, pick the vegetables,

Return into the quiet peace of my home.

But the box, this other window
Contains so much pain.

Earth's pain, people's pain,
Fire, drought, floods, cruelty,
crimes, war,

So much pain, so much untimely death.

How can this small box, hold so much?

It's only happening in there isn't it?

Just inside this box.

It can't be happening outside the box can it?

It's not outside my window.

If I take the power from the box,
Take away its energy
Then it won't be happening will it?

I'll pull the plug, switch channels,
look away

Then the pain will stop won't it?

There is so much going on in there inside the box

But I'll switch it on, try to connect, try to feel and understand the pain.

Then I'll turn around... gaze out of my window,

And with an outpouring of gratitude give thanks.

- Elaine Thornhill

POEM BY KATH OF THE KATHGERARD TEAM, WIDGEE, QUEENSLAND.

ONE WORLD

As we sit with idle hands and an idle mind,

We scroll through Facebook to see what we can find.

Our eyes alight on views galore,

All corners of the world through someone's front door.

Views through your window, some resplendent in snow

Showing us places we currently can't go.

Sharing visions so different, yet of all the same

Timing is the now, and co-vid is the game.

We join as one as we travel afar

From the comfort of our chairs; no need for a car.

No money is spent on flights or fares

We rejoice in the beauty and share in the cares.

Thank you for sharing your home with us

Our connection is one, we unite with no fuss.

This time will pass and we'll move around once more

Let's retain the kindred spirit and leave open our front door.



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NORPA READY TO LIGHT UP LISMORE'S NIGHTLIFE

NORPA is looking forward to re-opening Lismore City Hall as upgrades make it the premiere arts centre in our region.

In 2019 NORPA received a \$1.16 million dollar grant from the NSW Government's Regional Cultural Fund to upgrade the audio and lighting equipment, along with outside signage and illumination at Lismore City Hall to elevate the venue to the standard of contemporary performing arts venues.

The upgrade increases the profile of Lismore City Hall and awareness of the cultural activities that happen in and around the building. In addition, a large LED digital sign will soon be added to the corner of Molesworth and Bounty Street, establishing the Lismore City Hall precinct as a prominent gateway to Lismore and the CBD.

NORPA Artistic Director and CEO Julian Louis says the upgrade is a turning point for NORPA and the community.

"We can't wait to open the doors to our community in Lismore and beyond, when we are able to do so legally and safely. Lismore City Hall and NORPA, are crucial to the nightlife and night-time economy of Lismore. Local businesses know when there's a show on because there are more people around and they are busier," Mr Louis said.

"We're looking to expand this even further with our live music program which will include showcasing local talent at our new Courtyard Bar and regular band and cabaret nights in the Studio. We will continue to build on our relationship with Kate Stroud, formerly of the Dusty Attic live music venue, in making Lismore City Hall a space



for our music loving community to come together."

State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin congratulated NORPA on transforming Lismore City Hall into a vibrant contemporary performing arts centre by using the Regional Cultural Fund grant to best advantage.

"It now looks like a performing arts centre. I have been watching this take shape as I do my afternoon walks," she said.

"You simply cannot go past this venue now without noticing its entrance signage. I congratulate NORPA's artistic director and CEO Julian Louis and his team, and chair David Wolff and his board on a job very well done."

Lismore Mayor Isaac Smith was equally positive about the improvements, saying: "It's a major boost to the cultural vibrancy of our city."

Venue and Events Manager Jumana Schriefer is excited to get the lights back on: "Lismore City Hall has gained recognition amongst national and international promoters and touring companies as a premiere venue to include on their national tours. We're actively talking with the industry during the lockdown as touring is expected to increase

dramatically once restrictions are lifted."

The upgrades will significantly reduce electricity consumption and the costs of maintenance, equipment hire and labour. It provides opportunities for established technicians and young people in the region interested in production.

Production Manager Karl Johnson, who has worked at NORPA for 20 years, says the venue improvements shine a light on the importance of NORPA and Lismore City Hall to the broader arts and culture economy of our region.

"The venue improvements cement Lismore City Hall's place as vital infrastructure for our community. NORPA is an anchor employer of lighting, sound and staging technicians in our region."

Mr Louis is looking forward to gathering the community together to mark the reopening of an important cultural asset for Lismore.

"When the time is right we'll invite the community to come together and celebrate Lismore City Hall. It holds a special place in our hearts and history as a meeting place for our community for some 55 years. There is great pride and responsibility in managing and carrying this tradition for our town."

ANZAC DAY ON JAMES ST

Wasn't it wonderful that so many people came out of their houses and stood at the end of their drives at 6 o'clock on Anzac Day morning?

It made me very proud to be an Australian.

I walked a little bit further, to the end of Munro Road and onto James Street at Tamarind Park and I was so glad that I did because Scott Davy came out of his driveway with his family AND his saxophone.

He played *The Last Post* on the saxophone and it was truly moving. He played so well. Well done Scott!

– *Gina Murray*



Scott Davy and family on Anzac Day.

SAFFIN BACKS FARMING FAMILIES IN PUSH TO REPLACE UNSAFE BRIDGE

Lismore MP Janelle Saffin is lending her support to replace the unsafe Disputed Plains Bridge on Bungabee Road, Bentley, so local farming families can get back to business as soon as possible.

Ms Saffin said she was contacted by families whose farming operations were severely impacted by a recent decision by Lismore City and Richmond Valley

councils to impose a 2-tonne weight limit on the boundary bridge. "One couple no longer has heavy vehicle access, which is essential for transporting cattle, fodder, seed or construction materials. At present, they have about 250 tonnes of silage cut, baled and stacked, ready for sale, but cannot move it," Ms Saffin said.

An engineering consultant has recommended the bridge needs urgent replacement within three months at an estimated cost of about \$500,000.

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Here are just three of my ten 1954 photos of a most fantastic bicycle I bought from the Harris Cycle store in Keen Street in Lismore.

It was in 1954 that I first purchased my Healing bicycle and over the following months I became Harris Cycle Company's best customer.

I added many more accessories to my bicycle, including four dynamos to power up the many accessories – triple headlamps in one cluster and turn indicators, rear traffic lamps and two larger bicycle headlamps, four rear vision mirrors, rear reflectors on the rear mudflap, two cyclometers that told you the speed you were travelling as well as the number of miles travelled.

The most 'treasured' item was a special bicycle radio imported from Germany. This bicycle radio was



fitted inside the shape of a Millar headlamp looking back towards you (as seen on top of the handlebar). The 90-volt dry cell battery and two 'D' size batteries fitted inside the



special leather pouch attached to the cross bar.

The rear traffic indicator and brake light indicator were encased below the rear of the bicycle seat and down each side of the mudguard were six rear tail lamps and rear reflectors. At the bottom of the rear mudguard was a special mudflap I had made up with 'E 11 R' on it – I made that special flap up when the Queen visited Lismore in 1954 (which was followed by a disastrous flood shortly after).

I rode that bicycle all over the place from Brunswick Heads to Evans Head (and in between) and westward to Casino, Kyogle and many other places also in between. Yes, my bicycle became a sensation wherever I went. In those days (1956 onwards) I never wore a safety helmet. I also rode my bicycle up in Brisbane for three years – yes, my bike went with me but with far fewer accessories. All up, I rode a total of 2504 miles on it.

I took my bicycle back home to South Lismore in early 1960 for it was then that I was sent up to Port Moresby in PNG (but not my bicycle). The only thing I had left of

it a few years later was my bicycle radio and the old bike itself – all other items were given away to a friend across the road from my sister's place in South Lismore. Of the old bicycle radio, two of its four valves had broken down and the old radio was beyond repair so I had to finally throw it away, as the type of miniature radio valves in it were no longer manufactured. Yes, I still have fond memories of those "good old days."

– Charles Betteridge



Over the past few weeks instead of going to Mass in our church at St Dymphna's we have been watching Bishop Gregory, along with Fr Bing and Fr Alex assisting, celebrate Mass at the Carmelite Monastery in Goonellabah on You Tube.

We may not be present physically though we are there in Spirit!

The small group of parishioners who usually go to the church every Wednesday afternoon to pray the Rosary have been doing it from their



home, keeping to the same time.

The day of the unborn child was to be held on 29 March but now will be held later in the year.

We are praying we will be allowed back participating in the Mass very soon – keep your eye on the front door of the church for any notices.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST MATTHEW'S

Well! What can I say? Here we are in the middle of a pandemic with nowhere to go! Not even to Church.

But a church does not necessarily need bricks and mortar to survive. It's the people who make a church! We have done this before - when our church was blown down in the Tornado of 2007 we survived to come back with our beautiful new building in 2010. It is such a shame that the building is standing there unused for such a time but it is much better to be safe from the Covid-19 than sorry. Hopefully, once restrictions ease, we might be able to return albeit with many different constraints.

In the mean-time, we all keep in touch with each other by telephone and everyone seems to be coping reasonably well. The average age of our congregation is quite high so we must be very careful!

Every Sunday morning we have a Church service produced in Lismore and broadcast to us via YouTube and Facebook. On a couple of occasions, Narelle playing our organ at St Matthew's has accompanied the singing of the hymns. Anyone and everyone is invited along to these on online services via Lismore Anglicans You Tube. We now have quite a collection of services there for anyone to watch because several



extra services were produced over Easter. So it all starts with The Fourth Sunday in Lent which was the first week we had no Services, then Lent 5, Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day, 2nd Sunday after Easter, 3rd Sunday after Easter, etc. etc. etc. It will go on for as long as we have no services in the Church. Please log on and enjoy!

I am hoping that one day soon we shall be able to return to Church and recommence our weekly worship services. When that happens I would love to see you there. In the meantime, please stay safe.

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

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	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 Woodlark St	9:00
	Molesworth St	9:05
	Lismore Bus Terminal	9:07
DEPARTS	Lismore Bus Terminal	3:30pm
	Magellan St near Lismore Library	3:33

FIRE PERMIT OFFICERS

DUNOON	
Barry Watts	6689 5359
Aline Feebrey	6689 5438
Paul Cox	0481 186410

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John Hildebrand	0408 282 224
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THE CHANNON

John Hutchison	6688 6480
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Neale Hayter	6688 6171
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Dave Hughes	6688 2023
Didier Marceau	6689 5716

WILDLIFE CARERS



Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers **6628 1866**

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Tuesdays Week 2
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Phone 6625 5100

Clunes	9–10am School
Dunoon	11:15am–12:15pm School
Modanville	2:00–3:30pm School

See full Jan-June 2020 timetable next page.

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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

LOCAL BUSINESS PHONE DIRECTORY

Advertising	Dunoon Gazette	0439 842 237
Aged Care & Respite	Nimbin Aged Care & Respite	6689 1709
Bottle Shop	Dunoon General Store	6689 5225
	Mary G's	6622 2924
Bus Service	Dunoon	6624 8734
	Whian Whian	0421 566 460
Carpenter	John Ferronato	0429 895 130
Childcare	Pixie Hollow	0488 369 139
Doctor	Dunoon General Practice, James St	6689 5811
Destiny Card Readings	Read your cards – Donna	6688 6286
Earthmoving	Tom Thumb – Jeremy	0457 895 414
Excavators	Dugright – Michael	0412 230 982
	DigWise Earthworks	0403 721 876
Electrical Services	Warren Lewis, Whian Whian	6689 5034
Electrical/Air Con/Solar	Norfell – Richard Temple	6688 2205 0410811654
Funeral Services	Sacred Earth Funerals	1300 585 778
General Store	Dunoon General Store	6689 5225
Holiday House	Dianne Flynn (Port Macquarie)	0408 614 113
	Ballina Holiday Let	6686 2711
Insurance	Dudgeon & Berry, 5/76 Woodlark St	6621 3000
Laundry Service	Clean & Green Laundry, 50 Terania St	6622 1359
Natural Therapy	Kinesiology & Cranio-Sacral Therapy – Leila Walker	0466 641 047
Plumber	Nik Hyde	6689 5174 0428 753 796
	Barcoo Plumbing	0427 445 555
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Real Estate	PRD Northern Rivers	6632 3380
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Restaurant	Dunoon Sports Club, Cowley Rd, Mary G's, Cnr Woodlark/Keen St	6689 5469 6622 2924
Septic Tank Pumping	Summerland Environmental	6687 2880
	Motion Mover	0428 813 310
Sports Club	Dunoon Sports Club	6689 5444
Swimming Lessons	Sue Attwood – Dunoon	0427 883 130
Takeaway	Modanville Takeaway	6628 2005
Towing Service	Bruno Zambelli, OL90247, Modanville Lismore Tractor & Machinery Centre, 30 Tweed St, Nth Lismore	6628 2230 6622 2842
Tractor Repairs	Northern Rivers Community Transport	6628 8806
Transport	Pirlos, 30 Union St, Sth Lismore	6621 3561

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOLS PLAYGROUPS

Dunoon Public School	6689 5208
Modanville Public School	6628 2234
Corndale Public School	6628 4305
The Channon Public School	6688 6236
Whian Whian Public School	6689 5240
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Mobile Library Timetable

2 January to 30 June 2020

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	STOP LOCATIONS
MONDAY	MONDAY	BALLINA SHIRE
FEDERAL 9am - 10am	BOGANGAR 9.45am - 11.30am	Empire Vale 1 Teven-Tintenbar 2 Wardell 3 Wollongbar 4
TEVEN-TINTENBAR 11.30am - 12.30pm	BILAMBIL HEIGHTS 2.15pm - 4.00pm	BYRON SHIRE
TUESDAY	TUESDAY	Bangalow 5 Federal 6 Ocean Shores 7 Suffolk Park 8
OCEAN SHORES 10.15am - 12noon	CLUNES 9am - 10am	LISMORE CITY
SUFFOLK PARK 2pm - 4pm	DUNOON 11.15am - 12.15pm	Clunes 9 Dunoon 10 Goolomangar 11 Modanville 12 Nimbin 13 Nimbin 14
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	TWEED SHIRE
EMPIRE VALE 9.30am - 10.30am	TYALGUM 11am - 12.15pm	Bilambil Heights 15 Bogangbar 16 Burringbar 17 Pottsville 18 Tyalgum 19
WARDLELL 11.15am - 12.15pm	BURRINGBAR 2.30pm - 4pm	
WOLLONGBAR 2.15pm - 4pm	THURSDAY	
THURSDAY	GOOLMANGAR 9.15am - 10am	
BLAKEBROOK 9.30am - 10am	NIMBIN 10.45am - 12.30pm	
EMPIRE VALE 11.15am - 12.30pm	NIMBIN 1.30pm - 5pm	
WOLLONGBAR 2.15pm - 4pm		
WEEKLY	SATURDAY	
FRIDAY POTTSVILLE 9.45am - 12noon 1pm - 3.30pm	BANGALOW 9.30am - 11.30am	
First visit 3 January Last visit 26 June PH 10 April	First visit 4 January Last visit 27 June PH 11 April PH 25 April	

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