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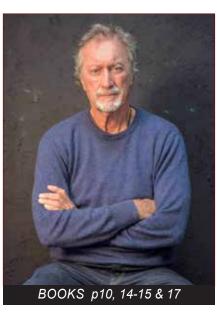












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A FEW WORDS FROM THE EDITOR...

Help Us Preserve Dunoon's Story – and Be Part of It!

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Gazette has been the voice of
our community for decades
– sharing our stories, achievements,
and local history. We're now
working to make sure that this
history is recorded and preserved for
the future, and we'd love your help.

If you have any old editions of the Gazette tucked away in a cupboard or shed, please take a look! Our archive is missing some issues, and every rediscovered copy helps us complete the record of our shared past. If you find any, we'd love to borrow or photograph them for our collection. We are particularly looking for the Oct/Nov 2010 edition.

We're also looking for a few new hands to join the Gazette team. Editing, layout, ads, accounts, and website updates are currently being juggled by just one or two people, so an extra set of hands (or two!) would make a world of difference. Whether you're interested in accounts, layout, editing, proofreading, or distribution, we can provide some equipment, guidance, and a warm welcome.

It's a wonderful way to get involved in your community – and help keep our local stories alive. Contact us at **editor@dunoongazette.com**

Bronwen Campbell
Dunoon & District Gazette Editor





Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank the person for giving up their time and painting around the potholes you have saved my car numerous times.

From J



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MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS WITH SONYA ONSLOW

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

f you've never heard of it, The Performing Arts Festival or PAF Las we call it, usually involves up to 1000 students from around 30 public schools in the Lismore area. It showcases the collaborative talent of our public primary schools. It is run by teachers to provide our students with a high-quality performance experience to further their experiences in arts' programs. Modanville Public is lucky enough to have Miss Kerr take on the role of PAF choreographer each year. This year she opened it up to all students from K-6, giving them the opportunity to participate in this fantastic program. Together with Miss Kerr, the students helped create a dance that they spent many hours refining, practicing and then performing. The remaining students from our school who didn't participate, went along to watch the matinee performance. It was fantastic and enjoyed by all! Well done to our awesome PAF group!

BOOK WEEK

Book Week celebrations at Modanville Public School, themed "Book An Adventure," were a fantastic success, filled with excitement and creativity. Students and staff embraced the spirit of the week by dressing in imaginative costumes inspired by their favourite books, bringing stories to life throughout



the school.
Congratulations to Mateo, Fleur and Maddox for winning the dress up competition for their class.

The library was beautifully

decorated, including a special Braille display to promote inclusivity and raise awareness about accessibility in reading, creating a vibrant and inviting space for all to enjoy. Classroom doors were transformed into colourful displays that captured the magic of reading and the adventurous theme.

The book fair was a highlight, offering a wonderful selection of books that sparked enthusiasm among students. The paper aeroplane throwing competition was definitely a hit, adding an extra element of fun to the celebrations. A big thank you to all the staff and parents whose support helped to continue with fostering a love of reading and learning at Modanville Public School.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

he Modanville Public School SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DISCO IS COMING! Save the date for **Friday 24th October** at Modanville Public School and start brainstorming your spine-tingling costumes. There will



be a bone-rattling family disco, ghoulish games, spookiest costume prizes, tick-or-treat snacks, haunted bites and a tasty feast available to purchase.

The spookiness factor in the legendary House of Horrors will be dialled up to 11! All are welcome to come along to our school for this spooky evening.

All proceeds will go to MPS, so come along and support our little monsters!

MINYON FALLS

n Wednesday the 10th of September, students from Kindergarten to Year 4 boarded a bus shortly after the morning bell and set off for Minyon Falls in the Night Cap National Park. The students were met by two teachers from the Durroughby Environmental Education Centre. They were our insightful guides for the day. We had fantastic weather and participated in several interactive activities. Students learnt about managing one of our World Heritage National Parks, exploring





MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS continued







how the area was formed and its significance. They investigated local plants and animals using maps and binoculars. And finally, the students



in year 2-4 enjoyed a bushwalk down to the

bottom of Minyon Falls, discovering the park's natural beauty. It took great resilience and determination to complete the walk as it wasn't easy! But they all did it and were so proud of their efforts when

they reached the end. The view down at the bottom of the waterfall made it all worth it.



Kindergarten Transition

Do you know any children looking to start Kindergarten in 2026? Please inform them about our upcoming transition days starting in Term 4.

Dates 2025:

Time: 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM **Dates:** Thursday 23 October, Thursday 30 October, Thursday 6 November, Thursday 13 November

We look forward to welcoming new families to our amazing school!

NUMULGI HALL NEWS WITH LISA R continued on p 11

COMMUNITY BBQ Sunday October 19 at 4.30pm

- Free Sausages, BYO drinks and comfy chair.
- Auction of the old Hall Stumps take home a bit of history.
- Launching our book Tales as Old as Time
- Awarding Life Memberships to our treasured locals.
- VIPs attending

Debut concert from 'Smells Like Deep Heat' a group of local lads from 6.30pm onwards. All locals and friends of Numulgi Hall welcome.

Inter hall meeting

Sat 8 Nov 10am–12pm. Our hall is hosting this meeting for all Lismore surrounding village halls.



Nov 11–20. Free Old Time Dance Lessons with pros Roni and Adrian. Let us know your interest... SMS 0418 685 020

ART EXHIBITION & FREE WORKSHOPS

Susan Doherty ('found object' artist), together with artists Warwick

Wright, Dirkje Pera and friends, invite you to a fun weekend of art, exhibitions and free creative workshops. \$5 donation to enter.

Saturday 22 November

- Introduction to Watercolours with Dirkje Pera – 11am–1pm Book via text: 0497 633 882
- Wild Tassels Workshop with Susan Doherty 1pm–3pm Book via text: 0437 223 439

Sunday 23 November

• Basketry Coiling Basics with Susan Doherty – 1pm–3pm Book via text: 0437 223 439 Also featuring The House of Herbs with Sally Leederman.

ALL WELCOME

(see more event info on p11)

DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS WITH GAVIN HENDERSON

reetings from Dunoon School! It's a pleasure to share with you some of the amazing things happening at our school lately. Term 3 was certainly full of activity.

Our girls' district soccer team continued their incredible run with another win against Terania District, before finally meeting their match against Alstonville in the quarter finals of the North Coast division. Progressing that far in the knockout was an outstanding effort girls!

Our formal Public Speaking program took place, and every student was able to give a speech in front of their class. Selected students participated in the school finals and Luca, Frankie W, Evie D and Evie B represented Dunoon at the District Finals. They all did us proud!

The Senior Marimba Ensemble performed at this year's Lismore Performing Arts Festival as the opening act for two shows. I am a little biased, so don't take my word for it, but many people commented on the quality of their playing- the feedback was overwhelming! They performed with great confidence and flair, which was a result of lots of hard work learning parts and playing together. It is really exciting to see so many younger students now tapping away at any opportunity. Marimba madness, you might say.

Grandparents were invited to a Paint and Sip (tea) morning with their grandchildren. It was a wonderful, and memorable occasion, with lovely portraits created in



the impressionist style. It seemed that grandparents thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to sit down and paint with their grandchildren. It was quite a sight to behold!





One of the highlights of Term 3 was the unveiling of our latest sculpture- a giant echidna with succulents for quills. Firstly, a huge thank you to Daniel, Bec and Leo for the incredible creation, and to Jo and Anton for providing so many succulents. At a time when volunteering is diminishing, we are so lucky to have parents that invest a lot of time and effort into our school. We spent a beautiful, and very unique evening launching the sculpture and selling succulents to raise money for the senior camp. Students had made colourful, crafty ants for the echidna to feast on. Ms Currie made delicious dahl and there was an art exhibition in the library. It was a great example of community coming together to support students and celebrate creativity, and as staff, we all felt extremely proud to be part of this school.





The term rounded out with a big day at The Channon for Teams Day. It was nice to be in the sunshine (remember all that rain?) getting lots of exercise. Soccer, Danish Rounders and Cricket were all in full swing. And again, a big thank you to our parent volunteers- Lilly, Michael and Will for overseeing some of the teams.





6 Oct - Nov 2025 DUNOON AND DISTRICT GAZETTE

LISMORE ART CLUB / LISMORE THEATRE / REGIONAL GALLERY

LISMORE ART CLUB

Celebrating 65 Years of Creativity with Milestone Annual Exhibition

On Friday 1 August, this landmark show marked an extraordinary legacy of artistic expression, community engagement, and cultural continuity in one of Australia's most vibrant regional arts communities.

To join Lismore Art Club or for more event information, please visit

Website <u>lismoreartclub.com.au</u>
Facebook <u>Lismore Art Club Inc</u>

LISMORE THEATRE COMPANY

Rochdale Theatre

The Female of the Species opens on Oct 24. This is a well written, witty satire that explores complex ideas of gender stereotyping, what it means to be a woman in the modern world and parental responsibilities.

The cast & crew are hard at work bringing another comedy to the Rochdale stage.

Remember to book your tickets soon to avoid disappointment - shows from October 24 to November 8.

https://www.trybooking.com/ DEFQO



Christmas has come to LTC early!

Some elves are busy in the theatre preparing for our final show of the year, **A Holiday Dream**.

Tim, a young boy with low selfesteem, avoids his family's holiday celebration and escapes into the world of his storybooks. Piper Pixie, a mischievous holiday elf, appears and encourages Tim to venture into Storybook Land to rescue Hansel and Gretel from the wicked witch. Little Red Riding Hood from the Big Bad Wolf, and Jack from the menacing giant. Through these daring rescues, Tim learns the power of courage and realises that his fears are only figments of his imagination. This interactive family show will be a great way to get you and your loved ones into the holiday spirit.

LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY

There is so much happening!

Gathering space first Sunday of every month 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Collage Club every Thursday from 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Estefania Minniti: El tiempo es oro (time is gold)

10 October – 30 November 2025

Sound Alchemy with Rohani Binti Wednesday 29 October, 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Read to me II Thursday 6 November, 5.00pm – 6.00pm

For more information:

lismoregallery.org

www.facebook.com/ LismoreRegionalGallery

DUNOON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS continued



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DUNOON PRESCHOOL NEWS WITH KATE SCANLAN

SPRING DAYS AT THE PRESCHOOL

ur preschoolers have been enjoying a wide variety of learning experiences over the past few weeks. Excursions have been a highlight, with children visiting Dunoon School to be part of their book week celebrations and their grandparents' day portrait painting event.



Both were wonderful opportunities to connect with the children, teachers and environment and enjoy being part of their welcoming community.

We also took part in a morning of soccer skills with the lovely Jess at Dunoon United Football Club. Children learned some great skills through lots of fun games, down on the oval. These outings help build confidence and foster connections with our broader community.

Back at preschool, the children have observed the annual peach trees blossom and have welcomed back our resident water dragons! In the back garden preschoolers have been using our fine motor skills through hammering activities, showing determination and care as they work with real nails and hammers.





Storytelling has also been a big focus, with children retelling familiar tales like the continual favourite Wombat

Stew where we use puppets and lots of nature to recreate the story. Our preschoolers have also been interested in creating their own imaginative stories using white board drawing. This might be a shared story where children draw a picture that represents a sentence to a group story or have a go at making their own individual story.

Finally, we had the honour of using a Val Smith artwork – Bundjalung Jugun - to draw inspiration from. Like Val's artwork that represents the nature she sees and feels on her way to work each morning, we sketched what we see on our way to preschool and then joined these together to map a beautiful collage of our area using upcycled plastic bottle tops, found materials and nature to bring the sketches alive. These experiences support creativity, language development, and self-expression.



Looking Ahead we have our first ever Art Exhibition on the **October 25!** You're invited to visit our beautiful preschool between **10am and 1pm** for a wonderful celebration of creativity! Come and enjoy amazing artworks by our preschoolers, plus a special

Community Section featuring talented local artists and crafters of all ages.

There'll be something for everyone: BBQ & cake stall; Fun art activities and Silent auctions on selected pieces (Thank you to our generous donators!)

Entry:

- \$10 per family includes art activity bundle (3 experiences)
- \$5 single entry
- \$5 per extra art activity bundle (3 experiences)

Interested in displaying your art or craft? Want more information? Please get in contact : info@dunoonpreschool.com / 0447 456 079.

In addition, we are now taking enrolments for 2026. If you or someone you know has a child approaching preschool age (2.9y-5), we encourage you to get in touch early to secure a place. We would love to show you around and you will find information about enrolment on our website dunoonpreschool.com. Our preschool is proud to provide a welcoming, play-based learning environment that nurtures each child, helps them build strong connections with peers and the environment, and develops holistic foundations for school and beyond.

Dunoon Preschool, the village preschool that advocates for play, friendships, nature and community. Thanks.

Kate Scanlan

DUNOON PRESCHOOL NEWS continued

An Update from Your Local Community Preschool Committee

e are very excited to share some wonderful news! Our Preschool has been successful in receiving a grant from the Community Building Partnership Program, funded by the NSW Government.

This grant will allow us to move forward with creating our "Collaborative Corner" – a dedicated space for teachers, allied health professionals, families, and the community. This fresh new space will be used for collaboration, programming, meetings, and preschool management. Most importantly, it will ensure our preschoolers, families, and educators continue to enjoy the very best early childhood experiences in our beautiful community preschool.

While the grant is very generous, we still need to fundraise to complete the final touches and furnish the space. We would love your support in making this vision a reality.

One way you can help is through our "Buy-a-Brick" program. By purchasing a brick, you can have your family name, child's name, or business name displayed on the front of the preschool building for years to come. This not only contributes to the project but also helps tell the story of the wonderful people who have supported our not-for-profit community preschool – something so rare and valuable today.

Here's how to buy a brick...

Follow the link-https://www.dunoonpreschool.com/don

Contact the Preschool at **info@ dunoonpreschool.com**

We are also fundraising through "Return and Earn" now. When you return your cans and bottles,

you can nominate us to receive the funds.

We are grateful for all of the community's help to ensure our beautiful preschool continues to grow and provide a safe and educational environment for our little ones.

Dunoon Preschool Committee

WORKFORCE CRISIS IN NSW

orthern Rivers Preschools join Day of Action, calling on the Minns government to fix preschool funding

The state government has announced a plan for community preschools to extend operating hours, open more days, and cater for children from birth through to school age, however declined to provide any funding for wages or staff costs.

While local preschools have an excellent record of child safety and provision of high quality education in the years before school, they are struggling to keep their highly qualified staff. Teachers in community preschools earn up to 35% less than their colleagues with the same qualifications and responsibilities in schools and up to 20% less than teachers in Commonwealth-funded long day care centres.

Bridget Isichei, director of Byron Bay Preschool and president of the Northern Rivers Preschool Alliance said: "We're experiencing a staffing crisis that is growing by the day, as





experienced teachers and educators leave the sector and community preschools struggle to attract new staff. We cannot fund wages without government support as the current funding is too low".

There are more than 700 community preschools across NSW that provide a vital service to educate and care for children aged three to five years, and over 40 of these are in the Northern Rivers region.

Bridget Isichei said: "Preschool is a flagship model and one that has children's wellbeing and safety at its heart, so we must fight to retain it. Without an increase to NSW government funding to lift pay and conditions, many community preschools will be forced to turn away families."

Preschools around NSW are holding a Day of Action on Wednesday 15th October to highlight the government's poor response. Teachers, educators, and families from Northern Rivers Preschools will be marching from Spinks Park in Lismore at 9am, to the Lismore Quad, where they will rally to protest the NSW government's lack of action. The Day of Action is supported by the NSW Independent Education Union. You can read more about the Day of Action at https:// www.ieu.asn.au/start-strong-payfair/ and follow our Facebook page **Start Strong Pay Fair**

FROM DAPTO TO DUNOON – THE DORROUGH FAMILY STORY

Part 5: From Dapto to Dunoon: The Dorrough Family Story by Peter Dorrough.

The full story is available on Trove at https://nla.gov.au/nla. obj-3253686100/view. Parts 1-4 of this story were in previous editions.

DORROUGHBY

Paraphrased from the book "The Arthurs – 150 Years in Australia"

"At Dunoon the investigation for potential land would have been undertaken over a number of weeks. The land was generally covered with forest giants of various descriptions forming a gloomy atmosphere broken intermittently by the sunlight streaming through gaps in the overhead canopy.

Normally Red Cedars are natural individualist, but at this location they formed a grove some several hundred yards across and extending from the eastern side of Dunoon, through Dorroughby and then to Corndale. The land had gentle inclines and was dissected by a number of creeks, flowing north to south."

And from the book "The Bush" Don Watson

Also in some locations, there were natural clearings or frost hollows which had been hunting grounds and ceremonial places for the indigenous people. It was the cedar-getters who called them grasses like ChilIcott's Grass, Dans Grass and Dorroughby Grass (Dorrobbee Grass) because they were essential fuelling stations for their bullock teams and made good staging points for their forays into the "big scrub".

The Dunoon Parish Map, 2nd edition shows the following land grants to Dorrough and Arthur members which amounts to a total of 3,043 acres of land:

Portion No:	Grantee:	Area (Acres):	Relationship:
11	John Arthur	147	Husband of Margaret Dorrough
84	Robert Young Arthur	640	Son of Margaret Domough / John Arthur - Married to Elizabeth Domough / Knight
103	Alexander Arthur	198	Son of Margaret Domough / John Arthur - Belvedere
104	Gavin Young Arthur	38	Son of Margaret Domough / John Arthur
105	Gavin Arthur	496	Gavin Young Arthur - Son of Margaret Domough / John Arthur
106	Matthew Dorrough	434	Sold to John Dorrough 17 July 1903 on his son's passing
107	Matthew Dorrough	191	Transferred to Robert Young Arthur on Matthews passing
Not Numbered	G. Arthur	496	Page 156 The Arthurs
110	Gavin Young Arthur	64	Son of Margaret Domough / John Arthur
111	James Arthur	339	Son of Margaret Dorrough / John Arthur

Transposing those Portion numbers onto a current plan shows the ownership layout at the time.

Matthew Dorrough (the younger) was 21 years of age when he took up his land grants. With help from his father John and from his cousins the

Arthurs and the Knights, he set about clearing land. It is unknown if Matthew lived on the site by establishing a farm, however it is anticipated he did. Whether it was a natural grassland as alluded to by Don Watson is unknown.

By 1883, there is evidence Matthew held a General Licence to cut Timber on Crown Lands which suggests that he was ranging into the big scrub. By 1887 he was wed to Annie Eliza Francis in Grafton and in 1891 the census records Matthew Dorrough in a dwelling at Dunoon with 1 other male and 2 females.

When the Arthur families moved to Dunoon they initially sought to grow sugar cane, a crop that had some success in the Clarence River valley. With this in mind, James Dorrough on behalf of all, started to investigate the potential of a sugar cane mill. A company was formed that included capital contributions from Dorrough / Arthur families.

In about 1884, a mill was built on Portion 106 to crush the cane, or in another version of events, on a property occupied by David Missingham Jnr. The mill worked for two or three years when it closed down. The sugar cane venture proved a failure and financially hurt



turn other agricultural activities including seed harvesting, dairying and breeding.

John Dorrough was becoming a well-known builder in Lismore. Like the school in Kangaloon, he built the first school at Dorroughby which was located on his son's land, Portion 107. Robert Young Arthur's daughter, Margaret was the first schoolteacher and placed on a subsidised salary until the appointment of Mr. Spalding. Later in 1907, approximately two acres of land was resumed from Portion 84 for school purposes, the site of the current Environmental Education Centre, suggesting the school was relocated or rebuilt.

Curiously on the second edition of the Dunoon Parish Map circa 1889, the "Dorroughby Post Office" is noted on Portion 106.

Notwithstanding John Dorrough's involvement in the Dorroughby location with his son Matthew, he constructed several commercial buildings in the Lismore district. He also ran a dairy farm, called "Newtown View" located on the Tweed Road at North Lismore.

Peter Dorrough - To be continued

RURAL FIRE SERVICE WITH MIKE BERRY

Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) Begins 1st October 2025

his year, the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) for our region was pushed back and will begin on 1st October, rather than the usual 1st September.

As the weather warms up and the landscape continues to dry out, now is the time to prepare your property for the potential threat of bush and grass fires.

Steps You Can Take Today:

- Clean your gutters to remove dry leaves and debris.
- Keep grass short, especially around your home and other structures.
- Rake up leaves and clear away flammable materials near your property.
- Ensure you have a hose (or hoses) that can reach all parts of your home.
- Check hoses and fittings to make sure they are in good working order.
- If you have a fire pump connected to a pool, dam or tank, test it now—don't wait until it's too late.



This Year's Focus: Ember Attacks

The NSW RFS is placing a strong focus on the impact of embers this fire season. On hot, windy days, embers can travel many kilometres, sparking fires far ahead of the main front. In past fires, many homes were lost due to ember attack—even when the fire never directly reached the property.

One ember landing on dry leaf material in a gutter can easily start a fire that spreads into the roof cavity, often without the homeowner even knowing.

Don't assume you're safe just because you live in a town or away from the bush.

In the Northern Rivers, ember attack can impact anyone regardless of location.

Make a Bush Fire Survival Plan

We've all seen how devastating bush fires can be to people, properties and communities. Preparing now can make all the difference.

• It takes just five minutes to create your bush fire survival plan.



- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan and what to do.
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Burning in the Open: Permit Required

From **01/10/2025**, you must have a permit to burn in the open unless the fire is:

- For heating or cooking, and
- In a permanently constructed fireplace, and
- Located on cleared ground (minimum 2 metres radius free of combustible materials), and
- Fully extinguished before leaving

How to Get a Permit

Search online: "NSW RFS permit to burn" or call: Northern Rivers Fire Control Centre at 6663 0000

Compliance & Conditions

- Follow all permit conditions
- Check weather forecasts for the day of burning and subsequent days
- Do not burn during a Total Fire Ban
- Fires must be extinguished by midnight on the day a ban is declared
- Penalties apply for noncompliance, including fines or criminal charges

Current Fire Risk

- Rapid drying of vegetation since early September has led to a spike in fires across northern NSW
- Stay alert and monitor conditions as we move into warmer months

If you're planning any outdoor burning, it's crucial to stay informed and act responsibly. You can check the current fire danger rating or weather forecast for your area on the RFS website.

Mike Berry - Captain

DUNOON & DISTRICT SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB - www.dunoonclub.org.au

the Dunoon Sports Club and enjoy the familyl friendly environment and lovely food.

We have a great week ahead:

Free Trivia

Wednesday nights at 6.30pm

Happy Hour

4:30pm-5:30pm

Friday Raffle

Trays from Goonellabah Quality Meats and Farmer Charlies Lismore

Karaoke

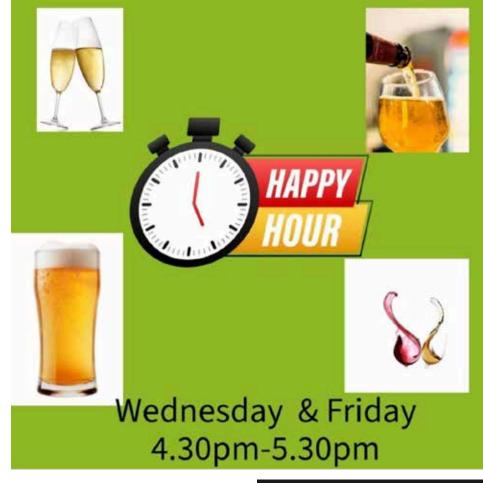
Come along to Karaoke by Northern Sounds on the first Saturday of the month.

EVENTS COMING UP:

Event updates are on our Facebook page, so make sure you like our page and stay up to date with what is happening at your local club.

PLUCKERS AND POETS

Second Sunday of the month, after The Channon Market.





Yellowglen Light Pink Sparkling Rose \$5 (150ml) Member Price

FAMILY FRIENDLY, COMMUNITY OWNED & RUN CLUB WITH RESTAURANT & PLAYGROUND

With our free pool tables, ping pong tables and huge outdoor kids playground - kids can relax knowing they do not have to worry about their parents...or is it the other way around?

Our restaurant provides something for everyone with regular specials and desserts as well as kids meals and options for all dietary requirements to tantalise your taste buds!

Club Opening Hours

REGULAR TRADING HOURS



Wednesday-Saturday 4pm till late

Check updates on our website and Facebook pages. See you there!

Details are correct at time of printing

To confirm details phone **Dunoon Sports Club**

6689 5444

or visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/Dunoon-Club website www.dunoonclub. org.au

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DUNOON & DISTRICT SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB - www.dunoonclub.org.au





DUNOON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS / DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT INFO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Il members are invited to attend the AGM - all positions will be open for nominations.

Followed by 1st meeting of the new committee.

Email dunoonunitedfc@ffnc. net.au if you are interested in volunteering for your club

Wednesday 23rd October 6:30pm Sports Club verandah

Dunoon United FC glad to have defibrillator at Balzer Park ground

LISMORE MP Janelle Saffin is encouraging more local sporting and active recreation organisations to apply for up to \$3,000 in funding under the Minns Labor Government's Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.

Ms Saffin said Dunoon United Football Club was one of eight recipients from the electorate in the program's 2024-25 round and had installed an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at its Balzer Park home ground.

DUFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 22nd October 2025 6:30pm start

Club President Simon Webster said: "As a rural community football club we believe it's very important for us to have a defibrillator on site.

sports club veranda

"Hopefully we will never need to use it, but it is reassuring to know that it's there, and that if anything should happen to a player, match official or spectator, we will be able to help," Mr Webster said.

Ms Saffin said since the popular program started, more than 2,300 potentially life-saving defibrillators had been funded for use at sports and recreation facilities across New South Wales.

Applications for the 2025-26 Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program close 1 December or when funding is exhausted.

For further information, including eligibility criteria, visit: https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program

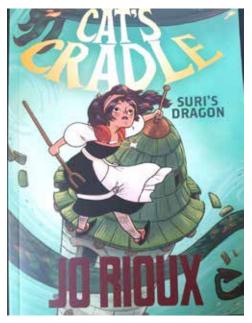
Minister for Sport Steve Kamper also announced that the Heartbeat of Football Foundation will use a \$150,000 NSW Government grant to map facilities that have AEDs and those which do not, guiding future government investment in this critical equipment.



BOOK REVIEWS - CHILDREN'S LITERATURE WITH MARY MAC

CAT'S CRADLE. SURI'S DRAGON

anime-illustrated frames in this adventure fantasy take you on a journey through a kingdom of long ago. Suri and her companions are travelling to sell their enormous dog Byron. The villains, magical caitsiths Lady Siska, Toska and Mouska, are following them and have secret plans to stop them and break a curse put on them by stealing Suri's golden thread. When Suri, Byron, Caglio and Koyla enter



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Phone: 6621 3000 Fax: 6621 7773 the well secured Bridgetown they decide to help the villagers who are scared. A particular dragon Suri vaguely recognises is causing havoc to all. Suri has a strong hunch about the dragon and how to solve the problems, and she also has to protect her golden thread. If you like reading comic strips, this is for you. There are three books in the series.



BLUEBERRY FARM

Published in 2025 by Stephen Michael King, an award winning Australian author and illustrator, this is a picture book suitable for early reading with young children. Beautiful pen ink and watercolour images spread across the pages showing the reader how another beautiful day at Blueberry farm begins.

The book reads along with animal sounds and greetings from all its happy members and paints a picture of Henna and Moe's friendly interactions and daily activities, like breakfast with everyone!

SUPER EPIC DRAGON QUEST

he Slimy Eyeball is book 2 in the Super Epic Dragon Quest series. The first book is *The Deadly Fang*, where two heroes Arlo and Julia go on a quest to retrieve four magical remnants of the long lost Super Epic Dragon to restore their forest home and hometown of Ticklebrook.

In book 2, The Slimy Eyeball, they



adventure through the Icky-Wicky-Ooey-Gooey Forest to retrieve the slimy eyeball, one of the four magical remnants AND there's a twist to the story that keeps getting more intriguing for our heroes as the real villain emerges. Oh no! Will the heroes get the slimy eyeball?

Fantastic Australian author Adam Wallace and illustrator James Hart have created plenty of funny action packed adventure and plenty of illustrations, slime and smells in this easy read. Read the next episode out soon, Book 3 The Mighty Wing, to continue this exciting adventure.

Mary Mac

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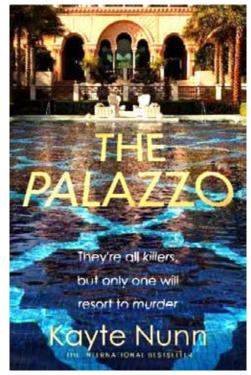
THE PALAZZO

by Kayte Nunn

he setting for this book is stunning. The Palazzo Stellina, a former convent, is in the foothills of the Italian Alps. It is now a place of rented accommodation and wonderful Italian food presented by gorgeous Michelin chef Marco.

This book was recommended to me by Lea at The Book Warehouse. Both she and Caz are very good at pointing me in the right direction reading wise.

There are some very interesting characters here to discover. All connected but also with their own shameful secrets. In the first 3 pages we have a body in the Palazzo's pool, but we won't know who they are or why they died until near the end of the book. The main character is newly widowed Vivi Savidge, who founded a successful Beauty Empire. Her 40th birthday is nearly



here, and she has rented the Palazzo to celebrate. She has invited her sister, Alice, with her twin teenage daughters, Mia and Isla, who will be flying in from Brisbane to join her. There will also be Peter who previously worked with her along with his young husband Nick. And

Caroline, a friend from her Uni days who now lives in Turin. Vivi also brings along her assistant Jade. At the Palazzo we have Marco, his elderly Grandmother, Stella, and his helper Defina.

We will get to know these characters and will slowly discover more about them, especially as more and more alcohol is imbibed over wonderful meals. And we will wonder if any one of them is capable of murder. The real tension comes in the last 50 pages of the book when the secrets and lies come out. We have blackmail, betrayal and even a stalker, all of which provide plenty of motives for murder.

I had not read any of Kayte Nunn's previous books but will now chase some up as I enjoyed this book very much. I also liked the fact that while she was brought up in England, she now calls The Northern Rivers home.

Lyn Armanasco

LISMORE COUNCIL

RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING 2025

he 2025 NSW Rural
Women's Gathering will be
held in Lismore on Saturday,
25 October 2025. This year's theme
'Connect to the Heart' – will bring
women from regional, rural and
remote areas of NSW together in the
heart of the Northern Rivers Region,
to engage with themselves, their
communities and the world around
them.

Attendees will be treated to a diverse range of activities and workshops, each offering new experiences and skills-building opportunities. You will also be immersed in Lismore's arts and cultural scene, feel inspired by the stories you hear, the people you meet, and be entertained and hosted like never before.

The annual Gathering is a fantastic opportunity for women living in regional and remote areas of NSW to come together and connect, celebrate and learn. You will meet new people, learn new skills, visit new places and overall, have a fabulous time.

Registration for Saturday's program is \$85 which includes three workshops, catering, keynote speakers and hospitality you will not forget.

Register by 19 October for the event on 25 October - read more and see the link to book tickets at:

https://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/ Community/Community-eventsand-venue-hire/Rural-Womens-Gathering-2025

WORKS NOTIFICATION Whian Whian Road

What's Happening We are replacing and upsizing a pipe culvert under Whian Whian Road near Leeson Road. The culvert was damaged during the 2022 natural disaster. The increased pipe size will mitigate the chance of stormwater overtopping the road at this location during extreme weather events.

When Construction activities are scheduled between TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2025 and TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER 2025. These activities will occur within Lismore City Council's standard operating hours of 6:30am and 6:00pm on weekdays (Monday to Friday) and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays. Subject to change due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.

FRUITY FARMER

WHATS FRUITING

by the Fruity Farmer

There's a buzz in the air with all that's fruiting at the moment. Mangoes and stonefruit are exploding with flowers, all forms of citrus are flooding the air with their beautiful scents, joboticaba flowers are sending honey bees into raptures and the macadamias are showing a big flowering comeback after last season's washout. Fingers crossed we will see no big rain events for a few weeks while all these lovelies set their fruit.

On the ground, so much clover is flowering everywhere and pumping the bees up, it's as if on steroids. The bees certainly need a boost





(and the beekeepers) with all the challenges they have to overcome with European honeybees under siege from pests like Varroa mite and the spectre of colony collapse disorder overseas. It's natural to wonder what happens to our fruit and nut crops if the familiar hum of the hive grows faint. Without pollinators our food variety and

quantity would be looking grim.

Honeybees certainly stand out and do most of the heavy lifting but fortunately there are lots of other more quiet achievers out there. The little stingless native bees are getting some long overdue credit for their quiet thoroughness in pollinating. Also, the blue banded bees, native leaf cutters, and dozens more are all doing their bit. Patches of native scrub are important to give these workers a home.

Then there are Custard apples which are a curious plant. Their flowers are too tight for honeybees to fit inside. But nature has provided a helper in the form of a tiny nitidulid beetle that lives in the soil beneath the trees. These beetles crawl up into the flowers and in the process of wriggling about, do the pollinating. Leaving mulch and rotten fruit under the trees ensures a comfy home for them and an abundance of pollinators.

As farmers it's tempting to put faith in the one main pollinator. They are visible, they are mobile and produce lots of honey. But as we have found, native bees, flies and even tiny beetles all play a role in getting a good crop.

With the hum, the buzz, and even the quiet rustle in the soil, it's a team effort putting fruit on the sideboard.

The Fruity Farmer

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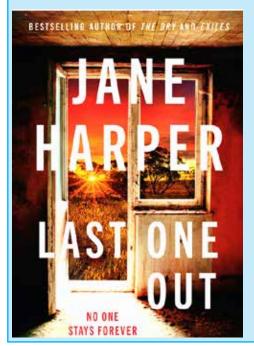
When: Wednesday 22 October,

6:30pm

Where: A&I Hall, Station St

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Tickets: \$40 General | \$35 Festival Friends (+ booking fees)



BRYAN BROWN IS BACK WITH A NEW THRILLER

Bryan Brown's distinctive storytelling voice returns in this unflinching, gripping novel from the bestselling author of The Drowning.

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About The Hidden

The Heads was once a small village on the NSW north coast. Now it's a large village with a lot of action below the surface. A shipment of coke, a crime squad investigation and a drug overdose keep the local sergeant pretty busy.



Someone is preying on the women of The Heads. And what does the discovery of buried roosters in the forest mean to a young boy?

Will Sergeant William Jarrett uncover what is really going on or will it all remain hidden?

'Tight, tense, this mystery rockets along. All you can do is hang on and hope your favourites survive.'
—Candice Fox, author of Crimson Lake and Redemption Point.

Bryan Brown is a celebrated actor who has appeared in over a hundred film and television productions. He has worked in some twenty countries, including his home country of Australia. Sweet Jimmy, seven short stories on crime, was released in 2021. The Drowning was his first novel, released in 2023. The Hidden is his latest thriller.

He'll be in conversation with Nell Schofield, a performer, writer, broadcaster, activist and producer. She is also President of Byron's BayFM where she co-hosts Roadtrip.

When: Thursday 6 November 6:30pm

Where: A&I Hall, Station St Bangalow

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New federal battery rebate and solar support for Australian households and businesses

The Australian Government is significantly expanding support for clean energy, with new incentives aimed at making solar and battery storage more accessible for homeowners and small businesses. In addition to the existing Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES), which provides upfront discounts for solar systems, the government has now introduced a federal battery rebate - a game-changer for households looking to store their solar energy and boost energy independence.

Under the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme, eligible solar systems generate Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs), which reduce the upfront cost of installing renewable energy.

The number of STCs depends on:

- The amount of electricity the system is expected to produce or offset.
- The location of installation (climate zone).
- The size of the system in kilowatts (kW).

Currently, the federal government contributes approximately \$300 per kilowatt (kW) toward the cost of a solar system. For example, a 6.6kW solar system may attract over \$2,000 in government-backed discounts, helping reduce upfront investment significantly.

Introducing the federal battery rebate: \$350 per kilowatt-hour

To further accelerate the transition to renewable energy and energy resilience, the government has now introduced a federal battery rebate of \$350 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of usable battery storage. This means a standard 10kWh home battery could attract up to \$3,500 in rebates, significantly lowering the barrier for Australians to adopt battery technology.













Hope and Jesse are considering a 10kW solar system plus a 16kWh battery, supplied and installed by ProSolar for \$25,300. The federal government discount for this system is \$8,782 (at time of publishing). This brings their system cost down to \$17,533, saving them \$6,000 per year, enabling them to pay back their investment in 2.92 years! Alternatively, the same system can be financed for \$90 per week through Brighte Finance.

This system provides full power to your home during a blackout and you can even sell your battery power back to the grid with the VPP (Virtual Power Plant Program).

ProSolar provides advice and guidance in a simple and easy way, to ensure you select the optimal solution for your home and budget. This is the best opportunity Northern Rivers families and business owners have ever had to generate our own power.

For more info, call ProSolar on 02 7912 0760 or 0482 082 304.

ProSolar has designed three solar and battery packages to help you take advantage of the federal government discounts this year 2025:

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- Total cost after discount = \$15840 or \$80 per week financed

8.8KW SOLAR SYSTEM + 19.2kWh BATTERY STORAGE

- 20 x Trina Vertex S+ All Black with a 25 year warranty
- 1 x Sungrow 8kW Hybrid inverter with a 10-year premium warranty
- 1 x Sungrow 19.2kWh Battery with a 10-year premium warranty
- Total cost after discount = \$18960 or \$\$96 per week financed

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The above prices include supply, installation (standard installation on a tin roof) and GST. The federal government discount is subject to change at anytime.



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RICHMOND RIVERFEST

cross the month of October, Riverfest brings together Custodians, community groups, artists, educators, and conservationists in a shared commitment to honour and heal our waterways through celebration, connection, and action.

This year's theme, "From Sea to Source – the river connects us all", highlights the way our river system links people, places, and life itself - from the saltwater at the mouth to the freshwater springs upstream.

Over four weeks, Richmond RiverFest 2025 will bring communities together through cultural events, on-Country activities, creative projects, and hands-on restoration, all designed to inspire action for the health of the Richmond River and its tributaries.

For more details, visit: www. richmondriverfest.com

Science in the Club: Nature-**Based Solutions for a Flood-Resilient Future**

Community members are encouraged to come along, enjoy an evening of science and conversation, and be part of shaping a more resilient future for the Richmond catchment.

Event Details

When: Thursday 16th October 2025,

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Where: Lismore Heights Bowling

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September and October celebrate many Saints feast days, just to name a few:

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John Paul II, Luke, Simon and Jude the Apostles.

Three of our local parishioners entered an art competition spanning over



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

Christmas, the Anglican Church in Dunoon continues to provide a weekly service on a Saturday afternoon at 5:00pm. If you wish, you are very welcome to come earlier for the service and a enjoy a cup of tea with us, from about 4:30pm onwards.

Lismore is still without a resident rector, but a new rector, Rev. Roxanne Addley will be

four Parishes, they were on display for five days in St Carthage's church and they will be judged in early December. We have many talented parishioners. A big thank you for your hard work and the time you put into your art.



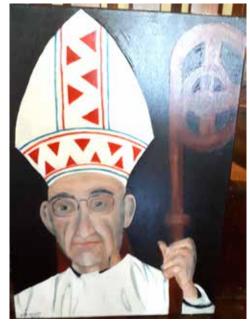
commissioned on 4th November.

We had our 'Blessing of the Pets' Service on October 4th. Anyone with a pet was invited to come and bring their pet for a special blessing. In the past, we have had chicks, dogs, cats and rabbits.

The Dunoon Book Club now meets on the first Friday of every month 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm in the Undercroft of the church. Lismore Library has a terrific range of recent releases for us to choose from. Please call Melanie on 0439 895 395.

We now have a regular monthly

Fr Jim celebrated his 50 year GoldenJubilee to the Priesthood with a Mass and refreshments, what a commitment



meeting at Annies's Bakery (Modanville) with the intention of trying to encourage other local people to come to visit us in church. Anyone in the local community is welcome to come along and have a chit-chat.

Don't forget, our weekly service is every Saturday evening at 5:00pm. Why not come along and join us?

I would love to see you at church some time, remember 4:30–5:00 pm every Saturday for tea and coffee.

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Yet the work must go on. Each loss strengthens our determination to fight for the survival of koalas in the Northern Rivers. Our dedicated team continues to respond to every call, provide round-the-clock care, and advocate for the protection of vital

Encouragingly, recent developments give us renewed motivation: the

approval of the world-first koala Chlamydia vaccine, and the NSW Government's commitment to the Great Koala National Park alongside a ban on logging in key habitats. These milestones remind us that progress is possible and that collective action - through science, advocacy, and community support can deliver real change for koalas.

Together we can ensure a brighter future for koalas. If you can, we invite you to support our work in any which way you can, koalas need it now more than ever. Please help us to keep koalas safe on our roads. If an accident happens or you see a koala close to or on the road, please stop and call Friends of the Koala



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