



Grant Writing Workshop Results in \$1,000 Seed Funding

by Natascha Wernick

Ukitopia in partnership with Tweed Shire Council coordinated two successful grant writing workshops in February this year. Lesley Buckley Cultural Development Officer for the Tweed Shire Council facilitated both of the workshops. Lesley explained each step of the grant writing process and encouraged hypothetical projects for participants to work on.

Participants developed an understanding of the stages of grant writing from conceptualisation

to the final details of the project. The Ukitopia member who attended learned useful skills and most attendees have submitted grant applications as a result.

In line with the workshops, this last month we have been very busy writing grants for the Youth Arts Program and Youth Arts Festival including Tweed Shire Council Seed Funding; Country Arts Support Program (CASP); Janet Holmes à Court Marketing grant and Tweed Shire Donations. We

are very happy to say that we have received the Seed Funding from Tweed Shire Council for the sum of \$1000, yay! We are still waiting to hear from the others.



Cricket Teams' Reunion

It was a great day for those who turned up for the 30 year reunion of the Gentlemen's Gully and Doon Doon Dragons Cricket Teams held on Sunday 22nd March at Cram's Farm. About 70 people came along for a social match of cricket and to catch up with old friends to talk about those great cricketing days from 1979 to 1981.

Kunghur local Lyn Milsom kept score which saw the Gentlemen's Gully Cricket Team scoring 92 runs to the Doon Doon Dragon's Cricket Team effort of 77. There were some complaints about the bowling being too fast, but despite the

minor grumbling, a most enjoyable day was had by all.

A reunion cake was cut after the match, and a heartfelt minute silence was held for those team members who had since passed away. Many younger local community members joined in the action, and it was decided to hold another social match later in the year.

Many thanks to those who helped to organise the day including Bernie Plater, Dennis O'Brien, Diane Wilder, Alan Cram, the Smith brothers from Doon Doon, and to all the locals from Kunghur

by Diane Wilder

and Doon Doon who made the effort to turn up, making this day a memorable one.



Joan Highfield holds up the original Gentlemen's Gully Cricket Team t-shirt with Ken Vincent looking on.

CRAG UPDATE

by Diane Wilder

According to Tweed Shire Council's Planning Department all the documentation required for Councillors to make a decision about the Nightcap Township development has finally been received. Council was waiting upon certain documentation and responses from the NSW Department of Planning before it could proceed with Nightcap Township being placed on Council's Meeting Agenda. With this information now at hand, it appears likely that the Nightcap Township proposal will be decided at the next Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st April 2009.

Interested community members can check the meeting time and agenda items by accessing Council's website Thursday 16th April 2009 prior to the meeting. CRAG encourages as many community members opposed to this development to attend this meeting, and to lobby our Councillors for their support. Community members may also like to access Council's Community Access Program to speak at this meeting. CRAG will have representatives speaking and we would advise you call John on 6679 7273 to discuss the aspect about the development that you would like to address at the Council meeting. This will avoid any cross over of issues.

CRAG has also been closely following the Kings Forest and Cobaki Lakes Development applications, putting forward objections to both development proposals via submissions. At present the developer Leda is responding to all submissions received which will then form the basis of a preferred plan for both sites. This preferred plan may address some of the concerns raised and it will be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning for a final determination. CRAG urges all community members opposing these developments to write to Kristina Keneally, Minister for Planning, and to Carmel Tebbutt, Minister for the Environment. For more information call John on 6679 7273.

From the Editor...

At Uki News we aim to present differing points of view about local topics. So, if you feel strongly about a local matter, please drop us a line. That's what some locals did to express their views on the proposed World Rally (see Letters to the Editor, pg 3). Like Nightcap Village, it's become a hotly debated topic with some very differing opinions, some not always heard.

Deadline for issue 47 is 18 May.

UKIRA is the Uki Village and Districts Residents' Association Incorporated, a not-for-profit community organisation that provides a forum for residents to discuss and act upon local issues. You can contact President Barry Longland on 6679 5220. UKIRA meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month in Uki Hall at 7pm. Please come along to our next meetings on 5 May and 2 June 2009.



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Letters to the Editor: "To Rally or Not to Rally"



Talking about a REvolution

You're making a compilation for a friend. After some familiar Tracey Chapman you push the local envelope with some Mystic Beats, a Loren, a Murray, a Rebecca Ireland, some Sacred Earth. Lovely vibrations. But as a kind of sick joke you end it with some raucous rock band; some god awful racket from the 70's. But it's not funny. Your friend hates you.

The peaceful vibration of the Caldera is about to be rocked by a motor rally. All the songs we have sung, all the spells we have spun, all the blessings in our temples, public and private, all the hugs and namastes, all the visioning lying on the hall floor at Dru Yoga... trashed.

I write for the native animals who can't defend themselves. I speak for the spirits who travel the Wollumbin song-lines.

Some rev-heads in the towns of Kyogle and Murwillumbah may flicker with vague interest, caterers and hoteliers may make some money but the majority don't want the vibrations of the past here. We have to REVerse car culture. We don't want racing in our valley.

Here is a front-line of global consciousness awakening. People power will get rid of this rally and we have plenty of suggestions for organic economic regeneration. A bicycle race. A big festival of music, art and healing.

None of us want to protest against anything. To be against something is in some sense giving it energy. However, we are faced with an alien invasion which is going to rebrand the culture of the valley for 20 years. I appeal to you Rally Australia. No thanks, we don't want your rally. Take it to the desert. Do us all a favour and withdraw the DA!

Sounds like a whisper.

Richard Bell

Green Cauldron Track

Right now Uki, Tweed and Kyogle Shires have a great opportunity to demonstrate the 'new economy' and how it will benefit our society. There are many ways to increase jobs and the local economy while retaining all that we hold dear in our lives, our community, our environment and our jobs. One such example is to build 'The Green Cauldron Track' the infrastructure needed to create a bicycle/pedestrian trail network that connects the villages and towns of the Tweed Valley with the coast and connects on to the Kyogle Shire.

Economically this trail will entice 100s of visitors, 1000s on weekends and holidays, 365 days a year for decades, offering increased steady trade to Hotels, cafes, B&Bs, art galleries, eco tourism operators etc.

Socially the benefits will be felt across the whole community. It will be a facility that youth, families, the aged, the disabled and many more individuals and groups can take advantage of. It will promote a culture of health and fitness where people can interact and where our stunning natural environment is highlighted.

Environmentally it is a sound proposal as we must be moving towards an economy that is not so heavily dependant on fossil fuels. This trail will support a tourist industry that will still function after peak oil and when we

are limited by the amount of Carbon dioxide we produce as a society. It will also offer an alternative safe way of commuting, taking cars off our roads. With natural area restorations accompanying this trail as it is proposed both Flora and Fauna will be better off.

This proposal is ready to commence construction right now. We should be lobbying all governments to be spending more on a sustainable future especially when it comes to spending from stimulus packages. Talk to friends and governments. Imagine the benefits of such a piece of infrastructure in our community and region.

Eddie Roberts

Why the Uki No-Rally Group Don't Want the Rally

1. Threat to our Eco-Tourism reputation - negating 'Green Caldera' world-wide promotion;
2. Little likely economic benefit to local businesses - short term increase during rally offset by damage to eco-tourism;
3. Risk of injury and death to drivers, spectators and native animals due to motor racing on unsealed rural roads and in national parks;
4. Laws and procedures - proceeding without DA approvals, feasibility studies, Environmental Impact Study. Likely breaches Koala Recovery Plan, Threatened Species, Conservation Act, EPBC Act & various SEPPs);
5. Inconvenience to residents - disruption of local traffic, unacceptable levels of noise, dust, fumes;
6. Fire risk in our driest month - disruption to breeding cycles of rare and endangered wildlife species. Stress myopathy deaths;
7. Encouraging youth to speed on country roads - more accidents and loss of life all year round;
8. Lack of public consultation - Events NSW believed to have paid \$6 million tax dollars to Repco Rally Australia but will not disclose claiming 'commercial in confidence.'

Sue Collins

"Hippiecrites"

There seems to be a media bias towards publishing Word Rally opponents' views. As a Rally supporter I ask the following; if you took in the illegal buildings in, let's say, Byrill Creek (heart of the Rally objections - not saying they're all illegal), their illegal or unserviced waste disposal systems (if you can call them that), calculated their run-off, plus the grey water and storm water run-off, I very much doubt whether the pollutants from the rally would equal the residents' ongoing toxic waste. And what about the old car wrecks lying around their yards, slowly polluting their "pristine" environment. Maybe Council's Environmental Department should look at the run-off from these properties. It seems to me there are a lot of "hippiecrites" out there.

Rally Supporter (I'm a local, but feel unable to speak freely for fear of persecution as do other supporters).

Bopplenut Park Officially Opens

by Julia Hancock

Two years ago a handful of residents living on the eastern outskirts of Uki who were tired of looking at the weed-infested paddock opposite their houses, got together to do something about solving the problem. The Smiths Creek Road Landcare Group was subsequently formed and members immediately set about removing over an acre of morning glory, several tons of detritus from the creek, barrow-loads of Madeira vine and piles of domestic garden waste. On 8 March their hard work was officially acknowledged with the grand opening of their beautiful new park.

UKIRA's Acting President Samuel Quint, who created and donated the sign, said "this park is a wonderful addition to Uki's public open space and residents and visitors alike are encouraged to utilise this new community facility."

Named after the rare and endangered Bopplenut tree (*Hicksbeachia pinnatifolia*) the park contains native trees and understorey plants which were either donated by Tweed Shire Council's Community Nursery or propagated by local residents. The trees have been planted around a central grassy area with plenty of room for kids to kick a ball on.



Smiths Creek Landcare Group proudly open Uki's new Bopplenut Park. Photo: Marcus Sanfelix Hancock

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Uki Moves Towards Sustainability

by Eddie Roberts & Julia Hancock

In celebration of successfully receiving a \$15,000 grant from the NSW Government's Department of State and Regional Development (DSRD), UKIRA hosted a community awareness workshop in Uki Hall on 8 March. The workshop was designed to introduce residents to the concept of sustainability, why we need it, and how we are to achieve it. Guest speaker Julia des Brosses gave an overview of what is happening on a global scale, while Natascha Wernick conducted a carbon calculator exercise. The 30 attendees then held a brainstorming session to come up with ideas on how to proceed from here.

The official 'Unleashing' of the Uki Sustainability Project (UkiSusP) will be held in Uki Hall on Saturday 9 May from 2-5pm. Consultants will be on hand to answer any questions, and to give advice on obtaining grants and technical assistance for any sustainability projects we choose to pursue.

Uki is one of three Caldera villages to receive a DSRD grant and UKIRA will be working closely with the residents' representatives from Chillingham and Tyalgum, together with staff from Tweed Shire Council to achieve positive responses to post-peak oil and climate change.

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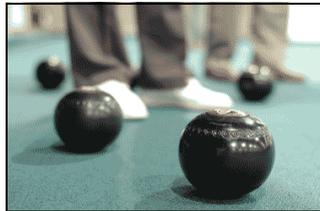
by Julia Hancock

Uki enjoyed its most successful Clean Up Australia Day ever on 1 March, with 12 residents ranging in age from seven to 70 collecting over 30 bags of garbage from in and around the village. This is the sixth time Uki has participated in the scheme and taken advantage of the opportunity to dispose of large quantities of bulky rubbish. The focus this year was on cleaning up the riverbank behind the Butter Factory, which resulted in the discovery of an antique wagon wheel which now takes pride of place in the Uki Historical Society's museum garden. Rusty old car parts and bits of assorted machinery were also hauled up by volunteers and removed by members of Tweed Shire Council's waste management team who kindly donated their time and equipment.

Seniors Have a Ball at Bowls

by Anne Pryke

As part of Tweed Shire Seniors Week the Uki Indoor Bowling Club hosted an evening of social bowls at Uki Hall on 19 March. Nine bowlers came from Aveo Mountainview and the Autumn Club, to give the Uki locals a run for their money. A tea break half way through the evening gave players the chance to get to know each other over a cuppa. Bowls is a game that can be learned at any age, and with big money to be won in national and international tournaments, it's appealing to younger people too.



If you would like to have a go at playing bowls, the Uki group meets every Thursday night from 7.30-9.30pm at the Hall. The cost is \$3 which includes all equipment, tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Anne Pryke on 02 6679 5348.

Recessions and Processions

by Rev'd John Tyman Holy Trinity Anglican Church

To those now forced to budget carefully following the collapse in value of their assets, it might seem both logical and justifiable to reduce our giving to those agencies like OXFAM and "Doctors Without Borders" that minister to the poor in distant lands. But it would be grossly unfair to do so, for if the situation is bad in Australia, it is many times worse in the Third World (where food prices have skyrocketed) and any reduction in overseas giving actually costs lives daily. Every 3.6 seconds someone in the world dies from hunger. 27,000 children die every day from avoidable, poverty-related causes. From measles, for example, because vaccination is too expensive; or from malaria, because their parents cannot afford a mosquito net.

At this season especially we really should consider the **needs** of others and not just our own **wants**. It is "normal" now to give gifts at Christmas; but the greatest gift of all was revealed that first Good Friday when our Lord gave his life for us. He, too, could have put himself first, but he did not, and nor should we.

I would also be delighted if you could join us again on our "Good Friday Walk through Uki", starting from the Buttery car park at 9.00am on April 10th. As in the traditional "Stations of the Cross", we will be stopping at fourteen points, between the Buttery and the Sports Ground, to reflect upon contemporary issues that lie at the heart of Christ's crucifixion, like grief and shame, violence and abuse, rejection and betrayal, loneliness and pain, but above all love and compassion. As we leave each building we will pray:

Jesus who for love of me
Didst bear Thy Cross to Calvary,
In Thy sweet mercy grant to me
To suffer and to die with Thee.
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P.S. Some people read faster than others, but even if you read this article quickly 40 people will have died from hunger since you started on it!



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\$100 Still Up for Grabs

by Julia Hancock

Amazingly, not one person submitted an entry to UKIRA's house numbering competition that was advertised in the last edition of the Uki News. So we've extended it for another month and entry forms (below) should be completed and returned to the box in the CTC, Old Butter Factory, Main Street, Uki by 30 April. If you're not sure of your house number, contact Tweed Shire Council. It's vital that emergency services can find our properties easily when disaster strikes. Judging will take place in early May, so get cracking on your sooper dooper signs.





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Uki RSL Report

by Ray Blissett, Coordinator Uki Chapter

The last three months have been very quiet for the Chapter. Our next activity will be the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. The Service will be held at the Uki War Memorial on Saturday 25 of April, commencing at 4.28am. No. 225 Regional Cadet Unit have been invited to provide the Cenotaph Guard and the Uki Primary School has also received an invitation. Immediately after the ceremony, a breakfast will be served in the Hall. RSL members, their families and members of the Uki Community are invited to attend.

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Pot Luck Success by Julia Hancock

Uki upheld its reputation for being the home of excellent cooking when more than 40 locals met for the inaugural Community Pot Luck Dinner in Uki Hall on 7 March. The smorgasbord table was groaning with vegan, vegetarian and meat delicacies and because diners had been asked to BYO everything, there was no clearing up to do afterwards. The evening was one of joyful camaraderie between young and old, with long-time residents and newcomers to the village getting to know each other. There were calls for the dinner to be a regular event, so watch the pages of the Uki News for future announcements.



Uki Garden Club by Barbara Thomas

The February Garden Club meeting was held at the home of 'yours truly'. My garden is a work in progress at present with a comfrey, lavender and herb mandala garden the main feature. An orchard and rainforest swathe and larger vegetable garden will be worth seeing in a couple of years.

A feature of the day was a talk on Permaculture gardening by local organic grower Joey 'Vegetables'. Many members had expressed interest in the topic and were enlightened by Joey's talk on the main principles and practices of permaculture. A key aspect Joey talked about is to keenly *observe* the elements of our property in terms of natural features and structures which exist and then harness these in a sustainable and productive way.

Our Librarian, Kate, brought along a bromeliad specimen, the flower stalk being multi-coloured and *at least* 600 mm tall, a Vriesia variety (is this the gardening version of 'the fish that got away' tale, they ask!).

Members were asked to bring along a plant which represented themselves, the notable entries being Julia H, a delicate begonia with a white flower which Julia said 'is delicate yet hardier than it looks and pops up everywhere!'; Jean N brought a piece of wilted radium weed which she said is how she feels when she thinks of 'weeding the weed!'; and Diana E brought a mature beehive ginger flower which has a deeper red colour with age, but retains its beauty of form and is long lasting!

The March Food Group met at the home of President Barbara W in Murwillumbah and members were full of stories of seed sowing for the autumn and winter seasons, plus summer produce still being harvested. For enquiries re joining the Club, please phone Barbara W 6672 1660.

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Green Corps in Uki

by Eddie Roberts

The Australian government's Green Corps Team has been making great advances with environmental restoration in riparian areas along Tweed River and adjoining creeks in and around Uki and on similar sites in Tyalgum and Chillingham.

Areas in Uki worked, extend and solidify the great works of past Green Corps teams and locals alike in Centenary Park and also the Park opposite the Mt Warning Hotel. These areas have had extensive additional plantings now that much of their invasive vine weeds of Madeira and Cat's Claw have been controlled by Tweed Shire Council.

Green Corps have also been active in Sweetnam Park with weeding and planting of 100s of native plants. There they have supported the volunteer work of Julia Hancock, Penny Watsford, John Tyman, Sue Philips, Janet Townsend and Bevan and Penny Wighton.

Most of the trees planted have come from Tweed Shire Council's riparian nursery off Smith's Creek Rd. At this nursery much of the work is done by volunteers on a Friday afternoon with all the plants generated going to riparian projects and Landcare sites in Tweed Shire. All volunteers are welcome and training can be given. To find out more call Andrew McCauley on 6679 5585

All these areas in Uki are now showing good signs of regeneration and I invite you to visit and enjoy them.

Hackers, Scammers & Home Page Hijackers

by Robert Harrell

The internet contains URLs that will override your browser's homepage setting and then replace it with their own Home Page. You can correct this by opening Internet Options in Control Panel and under Home Page, click either "use blank" or you specify a URL of your choice. But correcting a hijacked home page is much easier than correcting a hijacked Web Browser itself. This happens when your Web Browser is taken over by such browser hijacking programs as CWS or CoolWebSearch with you having little or no control.

This software appeared in 2003 and is now one of the most invasive web browser hijackers. You know you have been struck when you experience the following actions. There is a noticeable decrease in overall computer performance. User's homepages are Smartsearch or other hijacked files and attempts to remove these are blocked.

Suddenly there appears a new toolbar in your web browser. You are bombarded with porn ads and porn is now being bookmarked in your favourites. Your Internet Explorer browser quickly slows to a crawl. All internet searches are redirected to other sites, in nearly all cases they will be porn. You will have little and sometimes no control over your browser. Watch the files you download. This "software" may sometimes arrive via a download.

If this happens, you need to pay attention to where you are on the web and avoid these locations. Try to avoid downloading free screensavers these are often loaded with spyware, adware, and who knows what other insidious files that lurks within. Do not download free antivirus, spyware and free system cleaners unless you have "Googled" them first to see if they are reliable and worthwhile using. If you do perform such download do a good virus, spyware scan of the file before installing and after.

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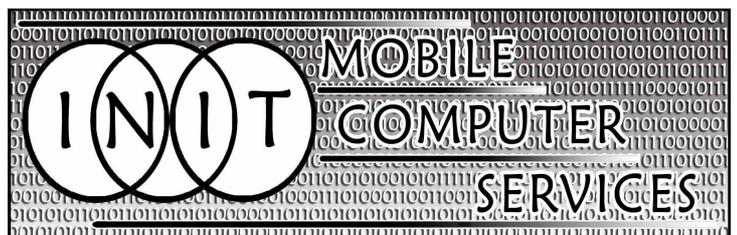
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Astrological Insights

by Paola Emma

Venus is performing its loop until April 17 and remains in Aries for a lot longer than usual, becoming a destiny maker, the way slower planets are at all times. Aries (Mar.21/Apr.15), Libra (Sep.23/Oct.18), Cancer (Jun.21/Jul.17), Capricorn (Dec.21/Jan.15), Pisces (Mar.19-20), Virgo (Sep.22-23), Gemini (Jun.20-21) and Sagittarius (Dec.21-22) will experience this phenomenon more clearly. It's time to re-value your love life and avoid superficial solutions. Venus will re-enter Aries in direct motion on April 24 and Taurus only on June 6, beginning a more prosperous, loving, easy going period for these Signs.

Mars will visit Pisces (Mar.15/Apr.22) and then Aries (Apr.22/Jun.1). For Pisces this could mean a flurry of creative activity and emotional involvement, but also the risk of dissipating physical/mental energy in misdirected, even irrational actions. For Aries this is the once in a two year period when much can be accomplished in a short time if the energy is not squandered in impulse or arguments.

Another Mercury retrogradation occurs between May 7 and 31. This could particularly interest Gemini (May21/23) and Taurus (May12/21). Your thoughts and social life may slow down and you may feel under-stimulated, even bored. This is the time to consider the practical implications of everything you do. Accept the slowing down and notice life accelerating again after Mercury's return to Gemini (June 14).

On May 24-28 the historical conjunctions Jupiter-Chiron-Neptune will occur, remaining active until the end of 2009. This is one of the harmonious convergences we can only hope will help shape a more humanitarian, compassionate world consciousness. Despite the general economic gloom these transits will provide a more philosophical outlook. New technologies and innovative ideas may be upheld by the expansive energy of Jupiter, united with Chiron's healing powers and Neptune's spiritual scope. However, the high hopes inspired by this conjunction should also be scrutinized by reason, as wishful thinking and exaggerated optimism can prove its downturn.

Crystal Wisdom

by Rhiannon Hedley



Crystals are of the Earth and they contain information about all that is. At this time of increasing awareness of our oneness with all things, crystals assist, support and nurture our 'beingness'. The history of the use of Crystals is as long as the history of humankind as they have been found in ancient ruins of all civilisations.

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Local No.1 on JJJ Charts!

by Alchemy Music

Last month Mt Burrell singer songwriter Johnnie Mac's song 'Insecure' raced up to No.1 on Triple J's Unearthed Rock charts and reached No.3 in the J's overall charts. Following close behind were his other songs 'Nicotine Dream' at No.8 and 'The Chant of Namatjira' at No.9

To hear what all the excitement is about, visit the triplejuneearthed.com charts and listen and download Johnnie's songs for free. While there, you can also



Johnnie at his album launch at Sphinx Rock Cafe Mt Burrell earlier this year.

help this local reach No.1 on the overall charts by writing a short review. This only takes a few minutes and could assist Johnnie reach national recognition.

After years of remaining defiantly obscure,

yet active in underground indie music scenes, Johnnie Mac was discovered playing behind-the-scenes with some of Australia's leading musicians. He recently finally recorded his first album "The World Seems Happy" at Nimbin's Bush Trax Studio, together with a group of Australia's top musos and the result is nothing short of indie rock at its absolute best!

Johnnie has also spent the last 15 years planting thousands of native bush tucker and medicine trees to establish Ganngjalah ('Place of Learning'), a cultural arts, food and medicine garden on 100 Mt Burrell acres, working closely with Bundjalung elders.

Johnnie's strong connections with indigenous Australia are reflected in his music. Here's an artist who ignores the hype and is changing the world around him for the better through his music and his tree hugging actions. www.johnniemac.com

Focus on Local Business

by Tessa Martin

When local business owner Lavina Hemming started Sew Cool Embroidery Services on her Blue Knob property in late 2007 with a 4-head computerised industrial embroidery machine, little did she know she'd be purchasing another 12-head machine no less than 12 months later to meet the demands of small and large production orders in the local region.

After running successful embroidery services businesses for 25 years in her native England and on the Gold Coast, Lavina and her husband swapped the hustle and bustle of the city for quiet Blue Knob country life a few years ago. Lavina wanted some time off from her embroidery work which had included major contracts for the Sydney Olympics, Billabong, Brothers Neilson, Byrning Spears and Coca Cola. However, sensing an opportunity in the local market Lavina re-established her business from home in 2007.

In the last 12 months Lavina has built up a local and national customer base including schools, clubs, construction companies and gas and oil rigs. She uses a high tech computerised system that gives perfect embroidered logo results on work wear and uniforms, including shirts, caps, hats, pants, etc.

Sew Cool also supplies corporate wear, office wear, safety work clothes, brand names Bisley, King Gee and Hard Yakka, offering very competitive rates to schools, clubs and teams for uniforms, badges, caps, bags and towels.



Lavina and her 4-head computerised industrial embroidery machine.

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Uki Historical Society

by Helena Duckworth

The Presidents of Tweed and Murwillumbah Historical Societies recently addressed the Mayor and Councillors at the Public Access Session to inform them of the plights of both these Societies' buildings.

Joan Smith, Tweed Society President, spoke of their building's deterioration, leaking roofs and water damage. It houses not only our Maritime history but other vital artefacts. She also spoke of the need of pressing ahead the new Regional Museum at Flagstaff Hill. Its construction is vital as it will house shire collections in a state of the art facility.

Murwillumbah's President, Ron Johansen, spoke of the history of its Museum, celebrating its 50th year in 2009. He told of their building's unsuitable and ad hoc storage. Valuable history is in danger of water damage and they too are hopeful their extensions can be soon to preserve their collections.

You may wonder why the problems of other Historical Societies are mentioned in the Uki Society's news. Remember, Council took over the responsibility of the collections of the Tweed, Murwillumbah and Uki societies, but the Societies are run by separate volunteer groups who all support each other.

Meanwhile, we are looking forward to a very productive year with many projects added to the list. One the history of the construction of the Clarrie Hall Dam. The Pioneers register is nearing completion and will be available to schools and libraries.

The revival match of the cricket teams Gentleman's Gully and the Doon Doon Dragons saw them battle ageing muscles, the weather and younger faster players. A large crowd turned up for the 30th anniversary game at Cram's Farm on 22nd March. The match was won by Gentleman's Gully and in the afterglow most agreed to continue with the competition and not wait another 30 years.

The Society meets in their Office, between the Buttery and the Hall on 2nd Sat of the month, 10-noon. Office is open on Fridays. Phone 66795890.

Uki Public Hall & Recreation Reserve Trust by Jayne Parrott

It was smiles all round when the Uki Public Hall Trustees received a cheque for \$9800 from Julia Hancock on behalf of the Uki Community Fundraising Group. The Trustees thank the group, comprised of Julia Hancock, Natascha Wernick, Judy Magee, Lisa Harrell and Laura Mattock, for this incredible effort.

Trustees were also excited that their persistence in submitting grant applications was rewarded with \$2850 from Dept of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) under their Volunteer Grants Program 2009 and \$2000 from Dept of Lands Financial Assistance Scheme 2009.

With the CDSE grant and the \$1200 granted under the Tweed Shire Council Donations Policy in 2008, this funding has allowed the Hall Trustees to work their way from threatened closure to being very close to completing repairs and upgrades required to meet compliance and necessary fire safety standards. This includes maintenance and repairs to many years of water and termite damage, as well as the upgrade of fire equipment, emergency lighting, fire exit doors (manufactured by North Coast Plantation Shutters) and the major project of the rear exit landing (constructed by K Polglaze of Wood'n'Reflections).

Continuing assistance from Tweed Shire Council officers has been a big part of this success and we would like to thank all of these groups and organisations. With the original section of the Hall over 100 years old, being the first building in the village of Uki, and the main hall area approaching its centenary in 2011, it is no easy task to instigate upgrades in keeping with the requirements and expectations of maintaining a building of historical significance to the area.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our patrons for their co-operation during repairs and the implementation of the new hiring conditions. We are now another step closer to complying with our obligations and updated requirements of managing the Uki Public Hall for the community.



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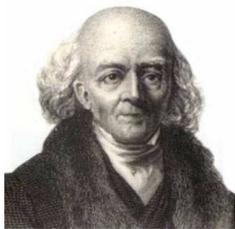
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Happy Birthday, Sam

by Judy Magee



This April marks the 254th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homoeopathy, and the start of World Homoeopathy Awareness Week (WHAW). Hahnemann's outstanding potential and brilliance was evident

early, and fostered, despite objections by his very traditional father. By twelve, young Samuel was helping to pay for his education by acting as tutor in Greek; at the age of twenty he was fluent in German, French, English, Italian, Latin and Greek, Arabic, Syriac, Chaldaic and Hebrew.

He was well versed in botany, astronomy and meteorology and a highly respected thinker and innovator in alchemy and chemistry. He was invited to study medicine at best universities in Europe, an extraordinary achievement in those days, for the son of a china painter. His quest for finding a way to treat gently, curatively, and permanently resulted in the development of the healing art of Homoeopathy.

254 years on, Homoeopathy continues to develop and grow. As the world acknowledges this important modality and the tremendous contribution of its founder, a snapshot of its place in the world includes:

In 1999, The World Health Organisation calls for closer incorporation of Homoeopathy into 'western medical systems'

In 2003, Homoeopathy is ranked with Traditional Chinese Medicine as the top two most popular healing systems in the world.

In Germany, 20% of medical practitioners and 90% of veterinarians use Homoeopathy.

In the U.K. there are 5 Homoeopathic hospitals run by the National Health Service as well as 2 private ones. Homoeopathy has been part of the British equivalent of Medicare since 1948.

In 1999, the French Medical Association called for Homoeopathy to be included in all medical training

A recent meta-analysis, published in the British Medical Journal *Lancet*, examined over 100 randomised, placebo controlled trials. The authors concluded that, even allowing for publication bias, "the results of our meta-analysis are not compatible with the hypothesis that the clinical effects of homoeopathy are completely due to placebo."

In August 2007, Cuba successfully used a homoeopathic preparation to prevent the annual Leptospirosis epidemic, an infectious disease caused by the spirochaete *Leptospira* transmitted to humans from rats, causing jaundice and kidney damage, and even death. Annually, the population is exposed to the disease, most especially after hurricanes and the usual infection rates are around a few thousands, with some deaths included. In Aug 2007, the Finlay Institute (a part of the Ministry of Public Health) put approximately 2.5,000,000 people (2.5 million) on a homeopathic preventative preparation. Within 2 weeks, the infection rate began to drop sharply, with only 10 new cases recorded and no deaths. This dramatic improvement has continued through into 2008, with still no deaths recorded and, infections at less than 10 a month.

For more information about Homoeopathy and how it can assist your health and wellbeing, please call Judith Magee on 02 6679 5855



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"...a thousand words"

So goes the saying. This collection of artist prints selected from the Print Archive of the Print Council of Australia illustrates the myriad of stories that artists often draw upon as inspiration.

A life in lithographs - William Robinson

31 lithographic self portraits.

Gail McDermott

Exhibitions Curator



Cinema Under the Stars

Over the last few months, *Crop That* has screened some very interesting films outdoors in Uki village. Initially inspired by the crop circle phenomenon that is sweeping the planet, a small group of locals decided to start showing informative, thought provoking and uplifting new media relating to crop circles.

The response has been amazing and has led to *Crop That* extending the range of program content. Whilst always bringing the latest crop formations to the public's attention *Crop That* will now be screening films and documentaries that cover the topics of 2012, the Mayan calendar, the evolution of consciousness, the environment and more.

As we become more aware of the effect our thoughts have on the world we live in, now is the time to share the hope, love and wisdom that is appearing in this new format. For centuries the written word has held the knowledge of our species but has remained available to only a few. Now technology allows this information to be shared with many. This is *Crop That's* intention. Unity through knowledge.

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UKI PYTHONS SOCCER CLUB

Uki Pythons Soccer Club is gearing up for a great 2009 season. The first games of the year kicked off with the senior competition on April 4th while the juniors will kick off on May 2nd.

Keeping a club alive and thriving takes a lot of work. President Karen Mitchell and her committee have put in many hours behind the scenes.

Training for the seniors began in late January. Coach Joe Scholl has put the players through many demanding sessions since then. Trial games have resulted in wins over Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah FC as well as a draw with Kingscliff.

Junior sides began training in late March. Soccer helps young players develop their fitness and co-ordination and provides a great social environment.

Uki Pythons are lucky to have the support of some generous sponsors such as Mount Warning Hotel, Mavis' Kitchen, UKIRA, Mount Burrell Fruit, Potters Mowers, Peter Dusi Bricklaying, Mount Burrell Pools and J & B Buses. The Uki News Agency and Jim Murrel have also given valuable support.

Players of all ages are welcome to join the club. Come down to the Sports ground on a Monday or Wednesday for seniors at 6 PM or after school on Wednesday for the juniors.

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Creative Movement/Dance for 3 to 5 yr olds 10.15 to 11.15 am
Wendy's Singing Group 6 to 7.30pm
- Thurs Yoga with Debbie 5.30 to 7pm
Indoor Bowls 7.30 to 9.30pm
- Fri Gl*o Dance 3rd or 4th Friday evening of the month
- Sat Produce & Craft Market 8am to 12.30 pm

The Residents Association meets at the Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. For Hall bookings and enquiries, see Lyn at the Post Office.