

Coronavirus Pandemic – What We Can All Do

Compiled by Uki Residents Association

We hope that everyone keeps safe and well during this challenging time.

In order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus, governments and doctors are advising all Australians to follow a few basic guidelines (current at time of printing):

- Wash your hands often and with soap.
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Try to keep 1.5 metres away from others.
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- Work (and school) from home if you can.
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Cap on Water Bottling Facilities

Philip Carr

In response to widespread community concern expressed about the water bottling industry since 2018, Tweed Shire Council has moved to disallow new water extraction facilities in the Tweed.

At its meeting on 19th of March, Council voted unanimously to remove clause 7.15 from the Tweed Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014, thereby prohibiting 'water bottling facilities' in Zone RU2 (Rural Landscape). However, existing facilities can continue to operate.

The LEP defines 'water bottling facility' as "a building or

place at which groundwater from land in Zone RU2 Rural Landscape is extracted, handled, treated, processed, stored or packed for commercial purposes."

The Tweed Water Alliance (TWA) welcomed Council's decision, but spokesperson Trevor White said that "TWA will continue to monitor the existing operators to ensure they comply with their consent conditions, and we will strongly oppose any future applications by those operators to expand".

From the Editors

Welcome to Uki News Issue 111.

Well it's a case of 'from the fire into the frying pan' as it were. No sooner have the raging fires subsided and a raging virus rears its ugly head. The fires brought the community together at a time of trouble but the virus is determined

to keep the community isolated from each other. Like the fires, the virus will eventually run its course, at what cost is yet to be determined. As with any community there are those who are more vulnerable than others. As a community, it is incumbent upon us to continue to support those vulnerable

members even if only through a phone call. Let us be proactive rather than reactive to ensure we take the best and most appropriate steps to care for ourselves and others.

The Editors



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Letters To The Editor



We'd love to hear from you... Send your letters to theukinews@hotmail.com.

Uki Post Office Restoration

As you may be aware, next month, we will be commencing a large restoration project of the Post Office. This project will run over several months with completion due in September. The DA is estimated to be approved within 6 weeks. The restoration will include the following elements:

- Relocation of the PO boxes to eastern side of building
- Repair and restore eastern wall, windows and door.
- Installation of the original looking windows in place of the PO boxes
- Installation of a disability deck in between Uki Hall & Uki PO. This will be used by Uki Hall patrons & PO Box customers

- New PO signage
- Refresh of PO wooden flooring (light sand, treat & polish)
- Repaint entire building in original heritage colour scheme

I thought this may be a good way to outline what is happening to our wonderful building which has been cherished by locals and visitors for over 100 years. Please let me know your thoughts as I would be happy to talk over a coffee (my shout) about a plan of action.

Gary Wall



Surprise Unanimous Vote on Water LEP

Would the sudden turnaround of Councillors Polglase, Owen and Alsop to now support the community's will to stop water mining be related to the council elections due in September?

Trevor White, Tweed Water Alliance



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Relationship Health: Imagination and Re-Connection

Heather McClelland

“There’s not a moment to lose to nourish survival skills and practices and to take care of each other, because being thrown into panic mode is messy”.

These are the words of writer and facilitator Joanna Macy.

Early trauma teaches our brain how to panic and go into Fight/Flight reactivity at any and every stress. This is why in our present climate, health and economic emergencies we need to learn how to calm ourselves and draw strength from nature, from movement, from our senses and each other.

The consumerist society has crippled, isolated and condemned us to a stunted view of who we really are. It has taught us only to want and get and devour, for ourselves alone. The Corporations that presently drive our society only want profits. Governments hold to the myth that a growing economy comes first and that advantage will trickle down. Profits used to be balanced by social equity and ecological sustainability. In our age the profit motive has become the single driver of systems. Macy points out that this lacks balance and is in the process of self-destruction.

What kind of world do we really want to be part of? What are the values and behaviours worth cherishing that make us **resilient**? What values and behaviours do we need to **relinquish**? What could we **restore** from our past or



from other cultures that would help us contribute better as part of the Living Earth? Where do we need to bring about **reconciliation**?

The impact of Covid 19 is being hugely magnified by fear. Staying calm will strengthen our immune systems so the virus loses its power. We can all follow best health practice and wash our hands etc. The fight in Woolworths over toilet paper seems symbolic. Consumerism is empty and its system is unravelling. The demise of such old systems can free us to enthusiastically face the challenges before us, drawing on our deep-seated spiritual resources to honour the life in each other and in the natural world and to build a new less individualistic way of living.

Concepts drawn from an interview with Joanna Macy in Dumbo Feather magazine 2018





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A Word from UKIRA

Philip Carr

In 2018, the Uki Residents Association (UKIRA) approached Council's busy landscape design team seeking ideas for enhancing the Uki Village centre. We are delighted to report that this process is now under way, and Council's Jodie Hewett has provided the following summary.

"In October 2019 Tweed Shire Council, UKIRA, Uki & South Arm Historical Society and Uki Public Hall & Recreation Reserve Trust discussed the proposal to develop a draft concept plan for the village of Uki.

The plan was to consider land ownership and management, village amenity, pedestrian safety,

improvements to park facilities (including a drinking fountain), shade and to enable the celebration and protection of Uki village's history, culture and its diversity. Council is currently working on the draft concept plan incorporating the ideas discussed at the initial meeting.

A draft plan will be presented to the local community for their input in the coming months.

Regarding the community's specific request for a drinking fountain, it is Council's intention to ensure the placement of the drinking fountain is integrated into the overall plan for the village centre to improve accessibility and to contribute to the overall amenity of Uki village."



Buttery WiFi Hotspot

Uki Community Technology Centre (Uki CTC)

As a community service Uki CTC have posted our Wi-Fi log in code on the outside of our door so that anyone with a mobile phone can access the Internet free of charge, essentially creating a Wi-Fi Hotspot at the Uki Buttery.

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Uki Refugee Project

Fundraising Concert in the Holy Trinity Church

Bryan McClelland

On a balmy Friday night on 21st Feb around 90 people filled the Uki Church to raise funds for refugees. After expenses, \$1746 was raised to enable the Uki Refugee Project (URP) to host Friendship Visits and assist asylum seekers and refugees in various ways. URP is thankful to Susan Gallagher, Ben Reynolds and Beth Brookes for generously providing the 'full house' with an enthralling night of song. Especially memorable were Sue's rendition of 'If' from the musical, 'The Diary of Anne Frank' and Ben's delightful production of 'The Stars' from Les Miserables.



The audience enjoyed wine and quiche on the lawn at interval and signed petitions and letters to the Prime Minister. URP is connected to Rural Australians for Refugees and joins a coalition of Australians from all walks of life being put together by ex-Socceroo Craig Forster. It seeks to end the inhumane offshore detention that has seen innocent people incarcerated for over 7 years.

Raffle prizes were drawn to conclude the evening. Surprisingly several winners chose to give their winnings away. A refugee family of four from Brisbane were able to spend two days in the Sunshine Coast hinterland (donated by owner Everlyn Druce). Other prizes were similarly shared with families for whom the government continues to provide no news of a future in Australia...just endless waiting!



1. Performers with gifts and audience
2. Sue Performing
3. Ben and Beth Performing

Next Uki Friendship Visit: June 13 -14 weekend. You can help with catering or come along and join in activities with the refugee families and help them to feel at home in Australia despite the lack of official welcome.

We mourn for the small family from Sri Lanka with their two Australian-born children, beloved by the people of Biloela Queensland, still languishing on Christmas Island after almost two years in solitary confinement.



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The Fear-Fueled Ugliness of Racial Prejudice

Rev John Tyman

In the days when I toured schools with programs promoting cross-cultural understanding, based on my own experience of living in a variety of communities worldwide, I used to explain my commitment to tolerance by referring to the families I lived with in the far north of Canada, close to the Magnetic Pole. They refer to themselves as "Inuit" (meaning simply "People"). We have long considered them to be "Eskimos".

Well, the word "Eskimo" was derived from the language of the Indian tribe that lived south of them, in the forest. It meant "eater of raw flesh", which sounds yucky, till you realize that they lived on the treeless tundra north of the Indians, and had no firewood with which to cook their meat.

When I told the children that, they realized that eating meat raw was not yucky after all. Doing so made sense. The underlying message, of course, was that tolerance grows with understanding, whereas prejudice was, and is, a sign of ignorance and fear of the unknown.

I say this now because many months ago I was foolish enough to email my response to a letter published in this paper, which I believed promoted a form of religious education that would be both elitist and divisive. And ever since then I have been on the mailing list of the author of that letter, who continues to flood my computer with messages charged with bitterness, hatred, and fear of the unknown. I have several times asked him to stop, but he ignores all such requests. In recent weeks I have actually been on the receiving end of 3 or 4 emails every day!

His latest communication was clearly an incitement to racial hatred. It was entitled "The followers of Islam have been killing Aussies for over 100 years". The first entry on his terriblelist, dated January 1, 1915 read: "Seven murdered in Broken Hill by 2 followers of Islam". The last entry, dated March 3, 2020 refers to "3 stabbed in Sydney" and a "perpetrator Mohammed Ibrahim". The sad thing is, his email reached me on the very day that the people of Christchurch, New Zealand joined together to mourn the massacre of 51 Muslims while they worshipped ... something my correspondent conveniently overlooked.

RACIAL PREJUDICE

I assume, too, that he had closed his mind also to the declaration by the president of the mosque that suffered the most casualties, that he understood and forgave the man who had murdered his friends.

The murderer Brenton Tarrant, was a "white Australian supremacist". He will no doubt consider himself to be "a Christian", just as the perpetrators of the World Trade Fair's destruction claimed that they honored their God in so doing: but neither Brendon Tarrant nor the followers of Fundamentalist Islam have honored God by destroying precious elements of His/Her creation.

As a footnote, let me share this with you. I was confined to a hospital bed for two months over Christmas, having broken my shoulder and shattered my pelvis. To my surprise, one day 11 Iranian asylum seekers drove down from Brisbane to encircle my hospital bed and pray for my recovery. And their prayers have been answered in a way which my doctor, among others, rightly considers a miracle!

It is so wonderful when people tear down the walls that divide us, instead of building them.



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Anzac Day Dawn Service Uki

Derek Sims

My name is Derek Sims, I am a member of Murwillumbah RSL Sub Branch. There is an old song that has the words, "Old soldiers never die they simply fade away". That is happening fast in our district to the point where it is left to me an 84 years old, having the responsibility fall upon to be the MC for Uki's ANZAC Dawn Service. I too am fading but trying hard not to.

The problem is, that if I do not carry out the task then the ANZAC Day service is doomed to fade away also. When I look at the Uki War Memorial, and read the names of the locals who served their country in time of war' especially those with the cross against their name signifying they never came home to Uki, but stayed on "some far flung battlefield". They deserve to be remembered. Those who did return saw this land through different eyes. They came home to the realisation that their mates sacrifice was not to be forgotten. ANZAC Day became the day they remembered those who never returned and those returned but were never the same. ANZAC Day was theirs only for some time. Now ANZAC Day has become everybody's day.

At the start of First World War they were there for King and Country meaning Britain, after four years away from Australia they became more aware of being Australian and what Australia meant to them. Many of them went away migrants and came back Aussies. After WW1 they helped to change the way their fellow Australians realise it was not the "Old Country" they were proud of, it was Australia, that was their country. and they were a part of it. For all

its faults it was theirs. ANZAC Day has grown to mean as much to those who have not served, as it does to those who did. It is a part of our inheritance. Surely, we cannot let it "fade away".

I am sure there are younger generation veterans in this area who, if they knew of our problem, would be willing and able to ensure that does not happen, ANZAC Day is a part of the younger generation of veterans heritage. I am sure they want to see that this day is observed properly and with dignity. This day is not, as some uninformed people see it, a glorification of war. Far from it. Ask anyone who has been involved in war, if they saw any glory in it. It was far from that, we all believed our job was to ensure that war stayed away from our shores, by helping other countries first. We may not have been as successful as we wished, but we kept Australia at least a little safer.

It is my belief that this day and Remembrance Day (Nov 11), of all days, should have veterans involved in its organization. What you give is a pittance of time, what you get is a sense of duty done.

So, you young blokes please help us to remember your mates and the mates of those who went before. We are not asking you to join the RSL, although you will need our support to deal with the red tape. Please contact us at the Murwillumbah Services Club 02 6672 1388 or visit us any Tuesday or Wednesday morning.



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Grief - a Form of Love

Claudia Gross (Registered Psychologist and Grief Counsellor)

Grief is a form of love and an inevitable life experience. Death of a loved one is a highly visible loss and typically accompanied by families and friends engaging in culturally acceptable rituals including a burial or cremation, celebration of the person's life and sharing stories about the person.

Different cultural groups deal very differently with loss and there is no right or wrong about it. It depends on how we have dealt with other losses, the meaning of the loss and our general life circumstances. Through social experiences, people somehow have learnt how to deal with a visible loss.

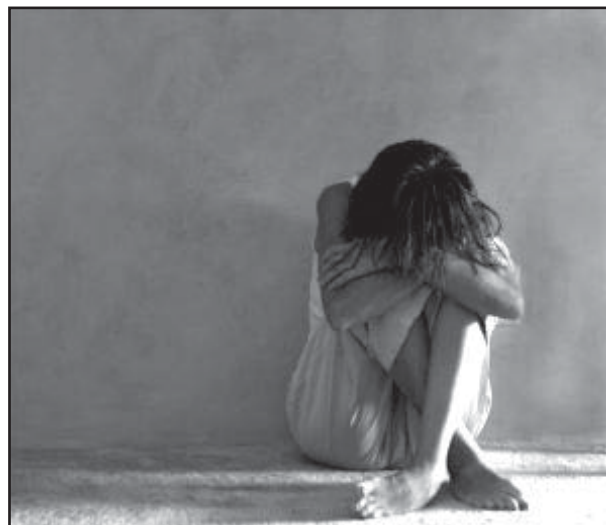
But what do we do with loss that is invisible to others and possibly not really acknowledged by ourselves? For example, when relationships change because one partner becomes chronically ill, when moving to a different country dealing with a foreign language and unknown customs, when it's hard to have children and pregnancy losses become part of your life story, when our children suffer with mental health issues, when we lose our jobs, move cities or contemplate separation and divorce or experience profound grief about our environment and the natural world.

It's not uncommon for others to dismiss our loss and tell us to move on, find another partner, look at the bright side, be resilient or tell us we are still young or that the pregnancy was only a few weeks along. Or caring for a loved one, we might be told that we are lucky because our partner is still alive.

Such well meaning advice often comes from being uncomfortable with invisible loss, not knowing what to say or do. However, this discomfort silences the grief and makes it even more complex to deal with.

So what can be some useful and empowering steps when life has thrown us into the experience of invisible loss? Most people need to express their grief through words and when it is not being talked about it will find its way into our life when triggered enough.

First of all, acknowledge the loss to yourself. It is helpful to find people who are going through similar experiences so consider seeking out groups that offer support. Know that grief affects us on different levels (feeling, thinking,



behaviour, spiritual), spend some time in nature, exercise gently and show compassion to yourself.

The acuteness of the emotional pain often naturally progresses into a more integrated form of grief. In particular, when taking action in a desired direction, life will eventually be restored and the loss will have found a more peaceful resting place in our life story.

"Just because we do not perceive something, it is not correct to say it does not exist." - Thich Nhat Hanh (Buddhist Monk, Teacher, Poet and Peace Activist)



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Paola Emma

April/May Astrology: Unprecedented Challenges and Opportunities

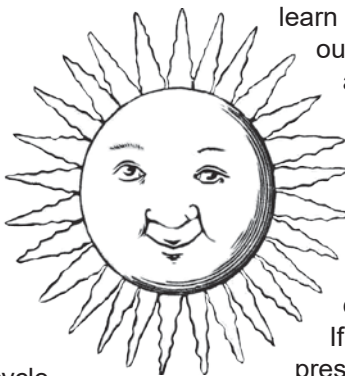
Welcome. The January Saturn-Pluto's alignment is delivering a more powerful punch than was expected. It is a truly global, profound, unprecedented experience. Viewed astrologically these events are part of a slow cycle of becoming. So, no matter how dramatic the transits may seem, they too will pass. They may leave behind an extended period of difficult re-adjustments, a joint exercise in practicing mindfulness and patience.

At the time of writing we are asked, not just by the government, but by our own common sense, to be self disciplined and vigilant, accepting necessary limitations for the good of all (Saturn). The older among us are the worst impacted (Saturn rules old age). But, due to the strong emphasis on Capricorn, our protective instincts are strong.

We could easily fall into sadness, loneliness, depression, common Saturn effects too; while Pluto is forcing us to look into our deepest fear, the unknown. If mismanaged, personally and collectively, this calamity will not only affect our physical health and wellbeing. As importantly it may impact on our mental health and relationships.

We could experience the tightening grip of authoritarianism, bigoted nationalism and xenophobia too. It seems to me though that there is here also an opportunity to begin ending the sort of globalization that is destroying the natural world and obliterating ancient cultures; escalating climate change and making us into shopaholic, globally wired robots. With the passage of Saturn into Aquarius (right now until July 2, then from mid December) we may embrace the globalization of good will and cooperation instead, for a greener, cooler, more peaceful world. Aquarius, Sign of universal cooperation and reforming spirit, could be the light guiding us out of this dark tunnel; presently and even more next year, when Jupiter will be there too.

The famous phrase 'think globally, act locally' fits this era well, individually and as individual countries. We could be brought down to our knees by the severe economic downturn that seems now unavoidable, but we could also



learn to live more simply, growing our food, cooking our meals, mending our socks (exaggerating a bit here for good effect). Apart from nasty viruses, more sustainable lifestyles will also protect us from climate change and the wanton destruction of the natural world. So it is time to toughen up while staying optimistic and calm, there is no other way, neither Saturn or Pluto are much open to compromise.

If I had to choose an arbitrary beginning to the present situation it would be the ingress of Jupiter in Capricorn, on December 3 2019. Why? It was the first sign that emerging issues pertaining to the Saturn-Pluto's conjunction were going to be magnified during the year long of transit of Jupiter. Capricorn has a lot to do with the orderly working of government and business, our collective planning and practical concerns that have been so heavily disrupted.

In the short term Mars in Capricorn (February 16-March 31) has clearly acted as an accelerant of the slower unfolding effects of Jupiter-Pluto-Saturn, his conjunction with Jupiter marking with a bang the start of the new season (March 20 Aries Equinox). Then Mars aligned with Pluto on March 23, an even more intense aspect, with mounting fatalities and suffering, a cruel wakeup call. On April First Mars will align with Saturn, with potentially more restrictions and deeper frustration coming up. In early April Jupiter could contribute also to the further escalation of the crisis, forming the first of three alignments to Pluto. I cannot see how this crisis could end much sooner than November or even later, not necessarily for Australia but at the global level: the epidemic abating in one place and surfacing in another, perhaps. The following are just some of my reasons:

- Jupiter's three passes over Pluto, on April 5, June 30 and November 13. Jupiter seems to want to expand the situation, to its limits. This is a challenge to embrace a more grounded philosophy of life, to transform our beliefs into full blooded knowledge.
- The Retrogradation of Mars in Aries (September 10-November 14), interacting three times with Pluto, Saturn and Jupiter, well into January 2021.
- Solar Eclipses close to the Capricorn and Cancer Solstices.

Sending best wishes to our great community that we may all navigate this storm with courage and hope, emerging from it happier about our lot and more resilient.



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Notice from Uki Residents Association

As organisers of the Uki Buttery Bazaar Market, our utmost concern is the health and safety of visitors to the market and to our stallholders.

Due to the health risks associated with the coronavirus pandemic we have decided to cancel the Uki Buttery Bazaar Market for April. At this stage, we can also say that the May market is likely to be cancelled, but a final decision on that will be made as the situation unfolds.

Further advice will be communicated through the Uki Buttery Bazaar Market facebook page.



Notice from Uki Public School

The Uki Public School 125 Years Anniversary event that was scheduled for June 6 & 7 2020 has been postponed until further notice.

Rachel Watkins Principal, Uki Public School



Understanding what an Internet of Things (IoT) Device is

Louise Bally

Happy New Year.

The last 10-20 years has seen what is probably the biggest change in lifestyle the world has ever seen, due to the emergence and growth of the digital transformation initiative. Apart from making our lives more connected, technology has had a massive impact on the privacy of individuals, companies, governments and community organisations. Data is now the world's most valuable asset; it's collection and storage requiring large secure servers.

The Oxford Dictionary definition for The Internet of Things (IoT) is: "The interconnection via the Internet of computing devices embedded in everyday objects, enabling them to send and receive data."

Everyday appliances including fridges, stoves, dishwashers, light bulbs, sprinkler systems, home security systems, Google Home, baby monitors... are now being controlled remotely via the Internet through smart phone apps. Integrated into this technology and perhaps it's greatest underlying danger to personal security and privacy, is the collection and sharing of data. The companies behind many technologies collect and store vast amounts of data from users, which they retain ownership of and can sell and share it with other companies for use in advertising and economic statistics.

Security will become a huge issue as this technology grows. The more basic appliances like toasters, doorbells and light bulbs will pose a higher security risk from cyber attacks, getting access to home networks and all the data



they share. Smart phone apps are a gateway to personal information accessing calendars, contacts, email, fitness programs and health care devices. Mobile phones getting lost or stolen pose increasing dangers making people more vulnerable as they accumulate data and control everyday appliances.

Going forward as people seek to understand how the IoT will impact their lives, families and businesses, the opportunities and challenges will become more apparent. Secure passwords and the use of encryption are becoming more and more important. See my article in the last issue of the Uki News for tips on secure passwords that are easy to remember.



Uki and South Arm Historical Society Inc Uki Public School

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In August 1912 the newly formed Uki Tennis Club asked if they could erect an asphalt tennis court at the school. Permission was granted as long as it was under the supervision and control of the teacher. The area taken up by the tennis court was not excessive, and its construction would still allow room for a horse paddock for the nine horses being ridden to school.

In late 1912 and again in 1913 Mr O'Kelly was given departmental permission to hold swimming classes in Rowlands Creek, which was about two minutes walking distance from the school, as long as swimming conditions were safe and the teacher could swim. These lessons were subsequently held each Tuesday at 3pm.

1916 there were two teachers teaching about 100 children.

1917 Inspector Dunlop recommended that another assistant be appointed immediately as 127 children in two rooms was "uncomfortably overcrowded". During World War 1, a Junior Red Cross Branch was formed. The school children knitted socks, scarves and balaclavas for the soldiers in lieu of their usual sewing lessons (the children even sang a knitting jingle to help their work along).

The school supplemented its own collection of books with the use of the Uki "School of Arts" Library around this time. Junior Cadets for boys twelve years of age began in 1917. Cadets received regular drill instruction. The school was closed on Friday 6th December 1918 to celebrate the end of World War 1 with a children's Grace Picnic.

In June 1919 an epidemic of pneumonic influenza struck the district and on the 13th June 1919 Uki School was converted into an emergency hospital. 66 patients were treated and recovered at the hospital. The hospital closed on Saturday 9th August 1919. One patient Jim Barnsley remembered the huge yellow bottles of medicine they had to take. He also recalled that the meals were mostly junket which he could never bring himself to eat again.

On the 8th June 1923 the P. & C. Association held a Juvenile Fancy Dress Ball. A grand march took place and £18 profit was raised. In July of that year the P. & C. decided to form a Boy Scout Corp. In the following month the first floral reserve of 2 acres 9 perches on the southern side of the school was added to the school site to cater for the children's horses. There were 18 horses being ridden to school at that time. The saddles and bridles were stored in the school weather shed during the day.

By 1924 parents of the school children had added a cricket pitch in the school yard. Also in 1924 repairs and painting of the school and school residence took place at a cost of £239/7/6. A fence and pergola entrance to the school were added and a large gate was moved to the Rowlands Creek Road side of the school.

In December 1924 the teacher Hector Lang successfully requested permission to install a telephone in the school residence at his own expense. The local Agricultural Bureau were given permission to hold their monthly meetings at the school in 1927.

On the 10th December 1927 the Uki War Memorial was

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unveiled. It had two large clocks embedded in the two faces of the memorial. These clocks were controlled by electric batteries installed in the school. During the 1920's and 1930's the Uki football team trained at night in the school yard by car lights.

On the 4th May 1932 Empire and Commonwealth Day was celebrated at Uki. The children saluted the Union Jack and Commonwealth Flag [I honour my god, I serve my King, I salute my flag] and then marched into school. After addresses by the P. & C. President, the Reverend W. Avery and the school teacher the children then sang "Advance Australia", "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Rule Britannia". This was followed by a sports afternoon and a basket picnic lunch in the school grounds. The day finished with a lolly scramble. (Empire Day continued to be celebrated at the school until the 1960's. The children were sent around the village prior to the day to collect money to sponsor the event to pay for ice-cream, etc.)

The Uki school choir competed at the Murwillumbah Musical Festival during the 1930's. When the sanitary service began in Uki July 1933 the school cess-pits [toilet pits] were filled in. The service cost 1 shilling per service.

Teacher Richard Lennon (1934-1941) applied and received permission for his wife to teach sewing to the girl pupils for not less than 4 hours a week for £39 per annum. A film projector was bought for the school in 1939, which meant blinds had to be hung at the windows to darken the room.

In 1943 free conveyance for primary children was inaugurated and a school bus service was established. During WW2 a zig-zag trench was built at the school in case of enemy invasion. Jock Robson was the Headmaster from 1941-1968. It was during this time that a school tuckshop was started from the school residence. On the 30th September 1967 Uki School celebrated its 72nd Anniversary. A gate and rendered brick columns were built at the front of the school in memory of the pioneer men and women and to commemorate the establishment of Education in this district.

By 1975 there were three teachers and approx. 86 students who were taught in the three wooden class rooms which were built in 1908 & 1912. The library operated out of a closed in area at the end of the verandah. The school tuck shop operated each Monday out of the Uki Hall kitchen, lunches were sandwiches only (specialities being fruit salad sandwiches or Devon Sausage with tomato sauce). They also served a scoop of ice-cream in a cone and for recess the tuck shop sold donated home-made cakes etc. In 1976 a fourth teacher was appointed which necessitated the first demountable classroom.

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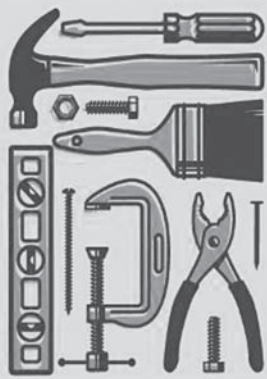
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