



# Uki News

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Edith Steiner

## Report from the Fire Ground



Brett Ryan (Captain Uki Rural Fire Brigade)

*Photos courtesy of Kunghur & Cudgen Rural Fire Brigades*

On Thursday August 22 around lunch time, fire started at Kyogle Rd Terragon. Conditions meant that the fire travelled rapidly up Mt Misery in the direction of Clarrie Hall Dam, directly threatening properties. Kunghur, Uki and Murwillumbah crews were first on the scene to protect properties facing intense and hectic fire conditions. The land owner and a couple of locals passing by assisted crews at a residence near the top of the mountain, where the fire was most fierce. Further Brigades were quickly sent along with a range of firefighting aviation.

Hot driving winds sent embers kilometres ahead of the firefront, across Uki and Rowlands Creek. This was the potential threat which caused an Emergency Warning for parts of those areas.



The NSW RFS 737 VLAT (Very Large Air Tanker) 'Marie Bashir' came from Richmond Air Base for multiple runs, refilling twice at Coffs Harbour Airport. Winds eased off by the evening, greatly reducing the threat level. Unfortunately, a house was lost in the afternoon of the following day. For almost a week, crews worked in shifts day and night, staging themselves in the field on the corner of Kyogle and Palmers Roads. Multiple aircraft came from Casino during the days. Seventeen different Rural Fire Brigades from Tweed, Byron and Ballina Shires, attended the fire, as well as all local Group Captains and the Support Brigade (Catering). A NSW RFS Remote Area Fire Fighting Team came for one day. Fire Control Officers provided invaluable support from behind the scenes.

Approximately 250 hectares burnt and isolated hotspots remained benignly active for the following month. The initial afternoon of the Terragon fire was the most furious fire event in the Uki area for a very long time, providing a

serious reminder of the importance of being prepared.

On behalf of local Fire-fighters I would like to thank the Uki Community for their generosity towards us. Wonderful homemade food was regularly delivered to the crews. Uki Pies offered free food to the Fire-fighters. Significant donations have come from businesses and individuals. Our Donation Helmets are full and recent raffles have been very successful. We intend to share this money amongst our neighbouring Brigades and the Support Brigade, for the benefit of Volunteer Fire-fighters across the Far North Coast.

The Uki Community is always generous when it comes to our fundraising efforts, like meat tray raffles at the pub, Picnic in the Park and Glenrock. I particularly want to thank the Mount Warning Hotel, Gary at the Uki Post Office, Jean Bambery, Gunter's Flammenkuchen, Vietnamese Lotus, Have a Ball Event Catering and the Glenrock organisers. Uki Sawmill and Communities such as The Hamlet, Pretty Gully and Ferndale send regular donations. We use these funds to purchase equipment to always be better prepared. ✨

# From the Editors

Welcome to Uki News Issue 108. This issue is full of up to date information on all things Uki.

Review some of the highlights and successes of the recent 'Images of Uki' and 'Ukitopia' events, catch up on the selfless efforts of the Rural Fire Brigade and the Terragon fires with a first hand report from Captain

Brett Ryan plus our usual features from regular Uki News contributors. We thank all our contributors for your efforts whether written or with advertising contributions for without them there is no Uki News.

As with any news format there are always deadlines to meet. In order for us, the Editors to meet those

deadlines we rely on contributions and advertising material to be emailed by the **close off date** so that we can assemble all the material into the paper, review and print prior to the distribution deadline. Regular contributors will receive an email with a reminder but you can also contact CTC to check.

The Editors



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## Letters To The Editor



I have recently been in contact with Esma Thompson, who I taught, long ago, in the one-teacher school at Numinbah on the North Arm of the Tweed. I have a long connection with the Tweed, especially the South Arm where I grew up at Doon Doon.

My parents, Jim & Thelma Egan, raised our family of seven children on Jim's father's farm on Pine Log Creek, Doon Doon. Dad's father Mick, was a returned soldier from WWI & he selected the farm, originally rain-forest, in 1925. This was the family farm until the early 1960s.

My mother Thelma, was the eldest daughter of Joe & Annie McNellee. They worked on various farms around the Tweed and Thelma attended school at Limpinwood, Dum Dum and Uki, along with her sisters, Mavis, Alma & Violet. The younger girls went to Doon Doon school. When they moved from Dum Dum in 1925, Mum, aged 15, rode the family horse from Byangum to the "top end" of Doon Doon.

My dad, Jim was also the eldest of his family & had brothers, Jack, Ray, Bob & Wal & a sister, Joan. Dad attended school at Kunghur & Midginbil. (one of his classmates was Clarrie Hall). Dad's brother, Jack, died as a prisoner-of-war in Changi, Singapore, aged only 26.

We'd love to hear from you... Send your letters to [theukinews@hotmail.com](mailto:theukinews@hotmail.com).

I was born in Murwillumbah in 1939 - the month WWII began! I attended Doon Doon school in 1946 & 1947 - I rode to school on our horse, "Dolly", with my sister Carmel, on behind. Brother, Gordon rode his horse "Victory", named when the war ended! From 1948 till 1951 I attended Uki Convent, where I won a State Bursary to attend boarding school at "Woodlawn" in Lismore.

After finishing the Leaving Certificate in 1956, I attended Armidale Teachers College on a Scholarship for two years. My first teaching appointment was on the Tweed at Numinbah which closed in 1962. My next appointment was between Yass & Gundagai! I became a school Principal at Springwood, in the Blue Mountains, and at Bathurst. I retired in 1996 after 38 years in classrooms.

I have many happy memories of the South Arm. Living on a farm was a busy life, but full of fun & open spaces. I remember the dances & concerts in the Doon Doon Hall; swimming in the creek; sports days; floods; Ernie Cox's Bus & Ray Hall's truck; and the sky full of blazing stars!

The South Arm will always live in my memory as "home" to me.

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# Relationship Health:

Heather McClelland

Our relationship with the environment matters. Our health is bound up with the health of the planet. Our children know this and they are rightfully anxious about Climate Change and the ramifications so evident in our recent weather events. The worldwide Climate strike this week initiated by the younger generation demonstrates how vital a large portion of the public consider it urgent that politicians stop impeding effective policy development. Let us not lose heart as ordinary people are leading the way!

In Bangladesh women from a hundred thousand farming families have set up the Bangladeshi Nayakrishi Andolan or the 'New Agricultural Movement'. Their slogan is: 'Keep the seed in your hand, sister'. They have resisted the trend towards high yields and fashion foods. They have set up seed banks of traditional varieties that they call 'Community seed wealth centres' and by swapping seeds they bypass commercial seed entirely. This not only maintains their self-reliance but also agricultural biodiversity. They have over one thousand varieties of rice and a multiplicity of vegetables. Diversity like this is not just interesting, it is vital for continuing life. Their 'take' on agri-culture is the importance of nurturing the seed and depending more on local farmer's knowledge than on cash investment.

All seeds including beans are magic in different ways.



The Happiness Co-operative on the edge of the Peten Rainforest in Northern Guatemala uses the Macuna bean as a free fertilizer. These magic beans are planted between rows of maize and allowed to decompose, making bean manure which leaves the soil visibly richer and increases cereal yields naturally and sustainably.

Australian farmers are sequestering carbon and researchers are also leading innovations that are transformative. For example, a puffy pink seaweed species, called Asparagopsis, which grows prolifically off the Queensland Coast has been shown to be able to stop cows from burping out methane and it is being readied for mass farming. If Australia can grow enough seaweed for every cow in Australia we can cut our country's greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent!



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Mt Burrell Store	8.18	Mt Burrell Store	2.52
Twin Bridges Mt Burrell	8.20	Twin Bridges Mt Burrell	2.55
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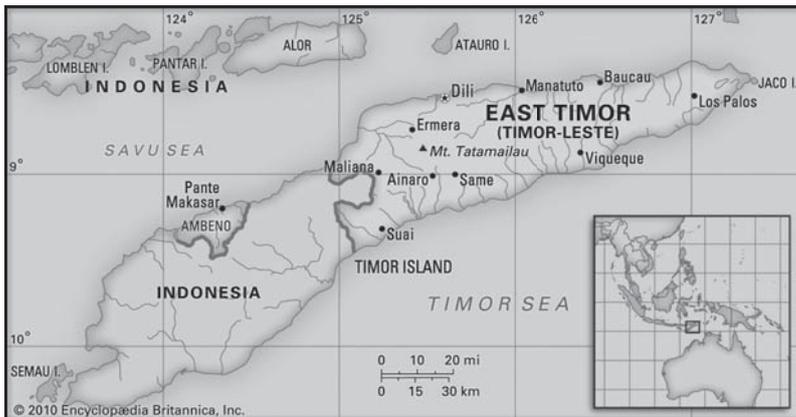
# Shame Without Equal

John Tyman Holy Trinity Church

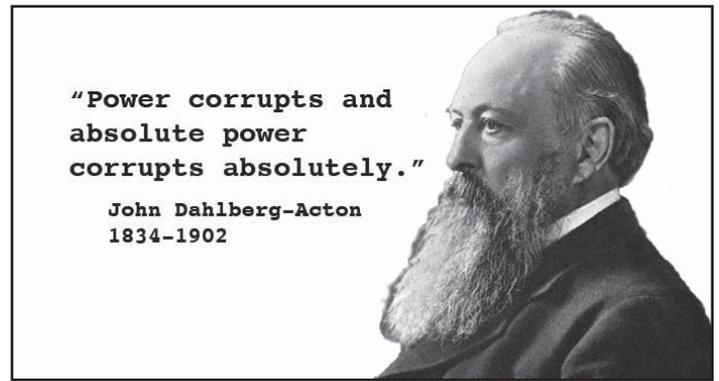
My memories of studying history in high school 70 years go are not as clear as they once were, but two phrases have come to mind in recent weeks ... Lord Acton's declaration that "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely" and Count Cavour's revelation: "What scoundrels we would be if we did for ourselves what we are ready to do for our country". Their words are revealed as self-evident truths as our government prosecutes two brave men ashamed of their country's betrayal of Timorese trust ... in our unconscionable actions during the initial negotiation of oil and gas rights in the Timor Sea. And they do so now after seizing documents of the defendants.

Australia has longstanding links to Timor but the Timorese record is more honourable than ours. During the Second World War, Timorese freedom fighters fought and died in support of the small Australian force that was sent to Timor in 1942 to obstruct the Japanese invasion.

Somewhat later in 2007, when it was the turn of Indonesians forces to invade Timor, five Australian journalists went there to tell the world what was happening and were killed by Indonesian Special Forces. Our government refused to investigate, to avoid damaging relations with Indonesia.



Later of course, we had a peace keeping force there following the withdrawal of Indonesian forces, and we were lauded internationally for so doing ... at least till it was revealed that when the newly independent nation (one of the poorest in the world) sought to negotiate a fair



settlement of the division of oil and gas rights in the Timor Sea, the process was subverted by our bugging the offices of the Timorese negotiators. The result was that tiny nation was cheated of many millions of dollars. (Just now of course, our government is pursuing Centrelink clients who are accused of owing them a few dollars!)

I can remember Alexander Downer on his return from Dilli declaring that Australians could be sure that this agreement was in Australia's best interests. I can remember feeling sick to my stomach when I heard him ... and I did not even know then how he had manipulated the negotiation process. And when Timor appealed to the International Court of Justice, Australia's government refused to abide by any decision it might make. Recently

a fairer agreement has been negotiated but the stain on our international reputation remains ... and always will. I'm sure both Acton and Cavour would have felt at home in the company of our government's ministers!

The only bright lights in this dark world are Witness K and his lawyer Bernard Collaery. Witness X was the one who was ordered to install the listening devices ... as part of an avowedly generous offer by our government to renovate the building! He was later so ashamed at what he had done that he spoke to Collaery ... in an action which demonstrates Cavour's assertion that the demands of personal conscience have nothing to do with

government decisions. Now X and his lawyer are to be tried in court for breaching national security! This is surely but a short step from President Trump's "politics without truth" to Australian "politics without principle or shame!" And may be it involves no step at all!

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# Community Labyrinth and Spiritual Garden

Heather McClelland

In Uki we celebrate many spiritual pathways, as we are drawn mystically, metaphorically and in our day-to-day living, to an ever greater connectedness to ourselves, to each other, to the earth and to something cosmic that transcends all that we can understand with our reason or our senses. While we may celebrate our spirituality differently, we all do it with a sense of great awe and wonder. It is hoped that this Labyrinth and garden will be expressive of what that means for us all.



Greg O'Donnell will open Uki's new Community Labyrinth and Spiritual Garden on Friday 18th October at 5pm. Come and walk the Labyrinth and enjoy some refreshments together. The exquisite art of accomplished artist Peter Abrahams can also be viewed inside the church building at that time and at further times as per flyer.



## COMMUNITY LABYRINTH and Spiritual Garden

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# CTC 2020 Calendar

Wendy

Uki Community Technology Centre (CTC) has released a Limited Edition, Uki Village full colour A3 size wall calendar. The year 2020 calendar features the artwork of local artist Marie-France Rose. All the paintings featured in the calendar represent an aspect of Northern Rivers as interpreted by the artist.

As 2019 marches on, now is a good time to grab a calendar or two. At \$20 they represent good value and make great gifts for family or friends as well as a conversation piece for your wall.

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Louise Bally

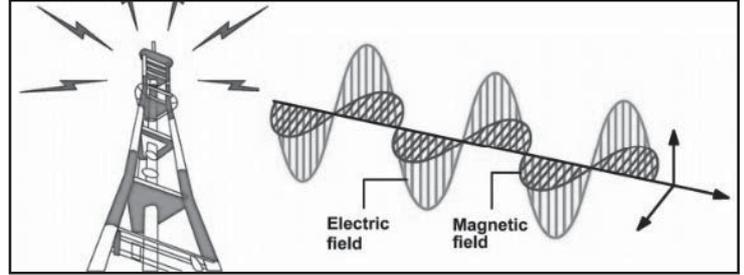
It is a sad reality today that our home is possibly the most electro-polluted environment that we face on a daily basis, but being informed about the subject will enable you to offer your family members some protection. Electro pollution has negative effects on DNA especially on young developing bodies so parents need to take this issue seriously, before too much damage is done. Commonly used devices that emit EMFs include, Microwave ovens, smart TV's, Google Home hubs, baby monitors, Wi-Fi, CCTV cameras, routers, mobile phones and tablets to name a few.

## Router Guards

Router guards can be used to help reduce your EMF exposure. As EMFs cannot travel through parallel lines of quality, highly conductive metal easily, placing your router in a especially designed mesh box will reduce EMF emissions by 90 – 95%. Although they can reduce the range of the Wi-Fi signal slightly, they still allow sufficient reach for an average 3-bedroom house without using a booster. Placing your router in a router guard will protect family members from developing EMF sensitivity. Guards can also be used to house other devices around the house.

## Distance is Your Friend

By doubling the distance from a source of EMFs, our exposure to its harmful effects is quartered; so the further



away we are from the source, the less harmful it is. This theory is called the Inverse Square Law. When we are asleep we are more susceptible to harm from EMFs, so it is important to keep bedrooms free of smart TVs, Wi-Fi routers, mobile phones with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth turned off and any other Bluetooth or Wi-Fi devices, such as baby monitors. Google Home devices should never reside on bedside tables. Make your bedrooms as EMF free as possible.

## Safe Mobile Phone Habits

Use your mobile phone on speaker phone, or using wired headphones, held out in front of you instead of up to your ear. This makes a massive difference to your exposure to EMFs.

- Never keep your phone in your pocket, bra or next to your body.
- Put the phone at a safe distance from you when you are not using it or sleeping.
- Never put your mobile phone under your pillow when you sleep

## Crystals & stones that help protect against EMF saturation

Useful stones fall into two different groups. Some stones can help the body to naturally heal the effects of electrical sensitivity, and others that can actually help to block EMFs.

**Shungite, Black Tourmaline, Fulgurite, Eucryptite, Aventurine, Aegirine, Black Moonstone, Fluorite, Amazonite and Flint** can be useful for healing the effects of EMF's. Black Tourmaline especially is believed to transmute negative energy into positive energy and can be placed near devices to minimize their negative effects. This is a large topic and goes beyond the scope of this article. Caution should be taken as some crystals can actually magnify the effects of EMFs. ✨



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# Uki Village Gardens Grand Opening

Greg O'Donnell

On Saturday 5th October long weekend, Uki Village Gardens will be celebrating its grand opening with "Magic in the Gardens".

There will be delicious food for lunch, hot and cold beverages, live music and lots of activities for the whole family. The fun will include face painting, magic photobooth, Chai Harem, cubby making, circus skills and novelty races. So bring a rug and/or chairs and relax with the family in the beautiful natural surroundings on the delightful banks of the Tweed River.

Tweed Shire Mayor Katie Milne will be conducting the opening ceremony at 1pm. Everyone is invited to bring along a fruit tree to donate to the gardens and encouraged to help plant and maintain that tree as it grows.

Already some garden beds, compost bays and shade house have been built. We also have a working bee every Saturday morning 9-12 noon and all are welcome.

For more info see:

<https://www.facebook.com/UkiCommunityGardens/>  
or contact Greg O'Donnell 0403 203 963.

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## "Magic in the Gardens"

**When :** 10am to 4pm Saturday 5th October (long weekend)

**Where:** Cnr Kyogle Road and Smiths Crk Rd Uki

**Parking:** Between Smiths Creek Bridge and Sweetnam Park



## NSW Rural Fire Service

### 'Get Ready'

Brett Ryan (Captain Uki Rural Fire Brigade)

Following our very successful 'Get Ready' weekend event during the September Buttery Bazaar I would like to thank the Uki Community for their continued support of the Uki Rural Fire Brigade. Given the impact of recent fire events close to home, I would like to reinforce the 'Get Ready' message as the 2019 fire season is only just beginning.



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# 'Images of Uki' and 'Ukitopia'

Heather McClelland & Lisa Young

The weekend of September 13-15 began with a buzz on the Opening Night of the 'Images of Uki' art exhibition. The dulcet tones of the recorders and voices of the students of Aetaomah Steiner School, followed by the Nick Clow/Bernie Spiller duo on guitar and recorder were magnetic. Then, with their combined art-entry and original song, the after-school Oosh children challenged us all on behalf of Jeffrey the fish! Delicious food was provided by the Uki Supermarket and superbly presented by Az Williams of Pure Love Catering. Complimentary wine was generously provided by the Mount Warning Hotel.



Over the weekend, the superb presentation of art and the high quality and diversity of the different imagery, styles and mediums used by the fifty local entrants were repeatedly admired. By exhibition's end, nine hundred and fifty people, young and old alike had shown their appreciation by voting for their favourite piece of art based on the theme 'Looking up'. The public's top ten are honoured here.

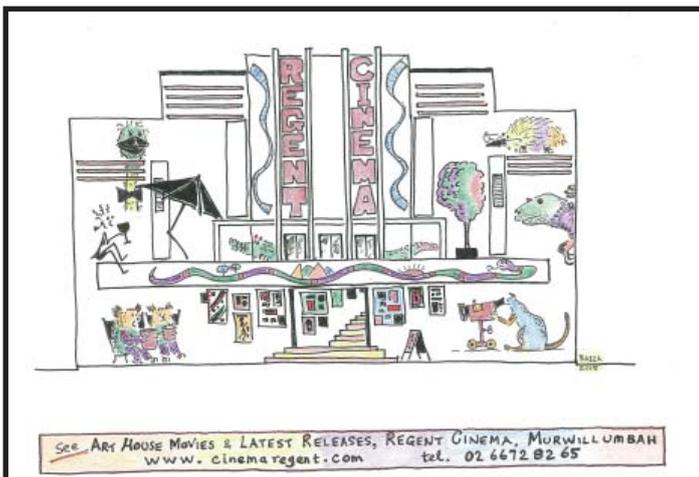
1. Di Johanson, 'Looking up', 2. Di Johanson, 'Bug's eye view', 3. Stephanie Wright, 'Jennifer, Saskia & Vikki', 4. Roslyn Oakes, 'The birds and the bees', 5. Jocelyn Edwards, 'Good morning Mt Warning', 6. Lynden Stone, 'My dislocation', 7. Holly Norton 'Cat', 8. Di Johanson, 'From the forest floor', 9. Jake Bloor, 'The universal conversation', 10. Brenda Bryant 'Celebrating Dawn'



Saturday began with the Farmer's Market and an art twist under the trees, free yoga and activities for the kids with the magic theatre playground and Pony rides from 'Little Pony Tales'. To quote one grandmother: "My grandchildren had a ball!" Music rocked in the afternoon and into the night with 8 local bands and the opening of the newest art studio – The Silver Mill. On Sunday the musical variety continued with an expanded Buttery Bazaar Laneway party. Our wonderful fire-fighters were also on hand Sunday to help us with our fire-preparedness.

Our thanks go to our business sponsors - Harding's Earthmoving, Ukira, Art Post, Uki Supermarket, Pure Love Catering, The Magic Theatre, CTC, Uki Imaginerium, Happy Herbs Company, Uki Cafe, Mavis's Kitchen, Mount Warning Hotel, Uki Fair Trade Shoppe, Jewel of Uki, Uki Antiques and Collectables and Handmade Uki.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, performers and stall-holders. Your collaboration and flexibility helped make the weekend special. The Event Coordinator for 'Ukitopia' was Lisa Young; the Artistic director and organizing director for 'Images of Uki' were Edith Streiner & Heather McClelland.



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# Uki Buttery Bazaar Entertainment

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 Uki Buttery Bazaar Market

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## OCTOBER Buttery Bazaar

Sunday 20th OCTOBER

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*Yoyo will be joined by some special guests tbc..*



## NOVEMBER Buttery Bazaar

Sunday 17th NOVEMBER

### LunaSea, Mantlepeace, Leash

These ladies love to collaborate, and along with Jake Mann and Dan Smith they support each other in these 3 line ups.

#### LunaSea

Under the deep blue sea... the melody begins.... travelling up on the octopus back moonlight shines as the Circus pirate ship tacks.. its a new journey.. LunaSea are an all babe band who met in the hills of Uki NSW playing a unique style of gypsy/pirate/jazz folk.. incorporating circus arts to ice the cake.. between these babes they have done 4 world tours with bands such as The Sea Gypsy Orchestra, Rosie Misschief band, Skankstarz, 420 Sound, MantlePeace and Blue Star Enigma. Come get ya fancy frocks on and dance to our song.

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Mantlepeace is the musical collaboration of Sanne Kenna & Jake Mann, both innovative multi-instrumentalists and composers.

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As a duo Sanne & Jake perform with bass & guitar and incorporate percussion and effects to enhance Sanne's lyrics and melodies. As a band, Mantlepeace play with other guest performers, including Dan Smith - drums, and special guests on keys, sax & flute.

Mantlepeace have been performing far and wide for over a decade, at festivals, community events, hotels,



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Leash is an original Artist who shares her story through heartfelt songs, from Soul Grooves to Blues Rock.

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Homegrown in Melbourne, Leash has performed at Triple RRR Studios and 3MDR. A powerhouse that will fill any room with her electric vibe, playful energy and warm presence.

Now a local to the Northern Rivers, meet blues rock Goddess... Leash!



# Midginbil School 1911-1969

Esma Thompson

On the 27th September 1910 an application for the establishment of a Provisional School at Midginbil was made. The Inspector reported to the Department that 21 blocks of land had been taken up within seven miles of the proposed school site and most families had several young children and he recommended to the Department that a school be established. Mr Arthur Clark's tender of £80 was accepted for the construction of a single-room, 18ft. by 16ft. with no verandahs. The school was built by Arthur and Hedley Clark. The timber, red stringy bark and rosewood, came from a saw-mill at Murwillumbah. There was some delay in finishing the school because of haulage problems by the bullock wagons having to cross the four flooded creek crossings between Midginbil and Uki. The school was finished by June 1911 and opened on the 17th August 1911, with ten children enrolled. There were now three schools on the South Arm, Midginbil, Byangum and Uki. In 1912 the number of enrolments had risen to 26.

Children were now crossing the hills from Mt Burrell, Terragon, Doon Doon and Kunghur for lessons. The Midginbil Selectors' Association, by this time a very active organisation, petitioned for the status of the school to be raised from a Provisional to a Public School. The Inspector believed the school was adequate for its present needs, so the status remained unaltered. The teacher reported that the children urgently needed protection in wet weather and applied for the addition of a verandah on one side. This was granted and erected by the end of 1912 with one end enclosed for a hat room. By 1915 the enrolment had reached 35 and the Midginbil Progress Association made a request to the Minister for Education to have the school room enlarged. The answer was no.

At this time WW1 was under way and public buildings throughout the state were practically at a standstill. Owing to a teacher shortage due to war enlistments, when the teacher left at the end of 1917, the school was without a teacher for eight months. Of the 35 pupils, some went to Terragon School five miles away, some went to Mt Burrell School and some had an extended holiday until a new teacher opened the doors again in August 1918, to an enrolment of only 12 which increased to 16 by the end of the year. By 1921 the number of students had risen to 44, uncomfortably housed in the same 18ft. by 16ft. classroom.

The school Medical Officer had previously complained of the over-crowding when the numbers were 30 and now at 44 the Inspector immediately recommended improvements. Enlargements of £262 were made. These were an extension to the classroom, a second partly enclosed verandah and a second galvanised iron water tank with two taps which provided water for two enamel wash basins which sat on a wooden bench. Although strainers were placed in the top of the tanks on occasions the contents had to be drained away when a frog ended its days in them.

Older boys did chip carving, basket work and tin work. Girls were taught needlework. The school week began with an assembly when the Australian Flag was raised and the

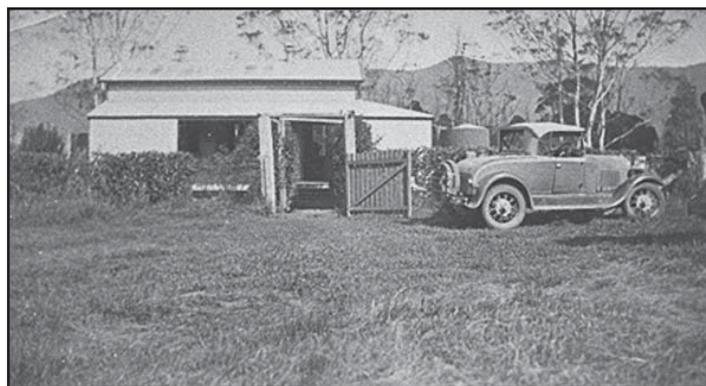
children would recite "I honour my God, I serve my King, I salute the Flag" before marching into the school room, girls in one line, boys in the other.

It was decided by the ladies of Midginbil to form a Ladies Auxiliary with the idea of helping the school in any way possible. The first meeting took place 29th October 1946. The first participation of the Auxiliary took place on 9th December 1946 by the running of a Bazaar and cookery competition at the school's annual Christmas Tree get-together.

The teacher William Connolly, (1958-1960) recalled that male teachers were expected to wear a collar and tie to school. One day, through the bush school's "ring around" system, a teacher in a neighbouring school rang to say the Inspector had left his school and was on his way to Midginbil. Alas Mr Connolly didn't have a tie on. The Irvine's lived across the road from the school, so he sent young Irvine home to his dad with the instructions "could he please lend me a tie". A long time elapsed, young Irvine was nowhere in sight with the tie and the Inspector was just arriving. Just then, young Irvine came out of their house, across the road and into the school ground bowling an old "tyre". Apparently there was a breakdown in communications and young Irvine's dad, wondered why the teacher wanted to borrow a "tyre" for the Inspector.

Midginbil Creek winds around the school grounds and one big hole was cleared of snags by the parents so the children could have swimming lessons and swimming carnivals. The school children won the Royal Life Saving Society Shield for 4th Class Schools and gave demonstrations to teachers and other Schools at Uki and Murwillumbah.

Midginbil School closed in 1969.



Midginbil School

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For more information or enquiries, the Historical Society is open Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am to 3pm. Visitors are welcome.

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# Mount Burrell School 1915-1963

Esma Thompson

The official application for a school was sent to the department of Public Instruction on the 8th November 1913.

According to a booklet printed in 1948, the surveyed school site was originally where the road to Kyogle via Blunobia now branches from the road to Lismore. The School was built on two acres of fairly level land donated by Mr James Kirkland and built by Mr Alfred Modini he was ten weeks over his contract time and was fined £1 per week a total of £10. However his fine was waived by the Department as they understood about the isolation, wet weather, and impossible roads and although the furniture was ordered in good time the Department sent it late necessitating a special trip to Murwillumbah which was 28 miles away.

The first teacher appointed to the school was Mr Willonghby Maunder who sat for his final exams in Sydney on Friday 9th April 1915. He was to report for work at the school on Monday 12th April. He embarked for Byron Bay from Sydney on Saturday and arrived there on the Monday. He then caught the train to Lismore and drove to Nimbin (20 miles) arriving at 9.30pm Monday. He made his way to Goonenbah on Tuesday. The Department said "it appeared Mr Maunder made no effort to start work before the 14th April" and he was not paid for the Tuesday. Getting from Nimbin on the Tuesday to be there by 9.30am would be "no trouble" said the Inspector.

When the school was to be built it was expected that a Local Post Office was to be established shortly bearing the name of Goonenbah, so when the school opened in 1915 it was also named Goonenbah, but instead the Post Office was named Mount Burrell. The school name was changed to Mount Burrell in either 1922 or 1931 depending on what publication you read. A story is told by Mr Morrissey of a teacher named Mr J. K. Howden who was appointed to Goonenbah in 1922. He spent two days in trying to find his way. He arrived in Lismore and at much expense to himself he visited first Goonellabah and then Goolmangar. By chance he heard that Mount Burrell School was without a teacher so he rang the Telegraph Office there and as a result he commenced duty the next morning at Goonenbah.

The school seemed to run smoothly from January 1915 until 1918. Then for two years the school had periods of closure as accommodation for the following young female teachers was difficult. One farmer Arthur Russell lived one mile from the school and offered board for the new teacher with the offer of supplying a horse to get to and from the school. These arrangements were very difficult for teachers from the city.

About 1922 a flagpole was lofted in the garden area. In 1936 the pole was shortened to 30 feet and was then used as a wireless aerial pole.

Mr Chas Gordon was appointed as the teacher in 1934, he lived a quarter of a mile from the school and surprisingly was given permission to go home for lunch and leave the supervision of the children in the hands of the oldest boy

and girl of the school.

27th March 1936 the school was closed for the funeral of W. Dunlop... "having taken such an interest in the affairs of the district and school, practically every adult of the district was attending the funeral and so there would be very few, if any, children attending school that day".

**Tweed Daily 10th August 1936:** *A very impressive function was held at the Mount Burrell Public School for Arbour Day, when a scheme of tree planting was commenced. The proceedings began with a basket picnic, after which relatives and near friends were asked to plant trees to the memory of P. and C. workers. The first, a Himalayan Cypress, was planted by Mrs Kirkland in memory of the late J. Kirkland, who donated the land on which the school is built. Mrs Ronan next planted a Christmas Bush in memory of the late Mrs Bailey. Mrs Betteridge planted, on behalf of Mr E. Deal, a Brush Box to the memory of the late Mrs Deal, and Mrs O. Bellamy planted a Jacaranda on behalf of the O'Brien family in memory of Mrs O'Brien [a share-farmers wife]. An avenue of white magnolias was then planted, leading from the gate to the building, in memory of the late W. Dunlop, who was one of those instrumental in having the school built in 1914 and who did outstanding service to the school during his lifetime...*

Mr Chas Gordon in 1936 began using his own private film projector at the school, with the P. and C. hiring the films. The P. and C. erected the weather shed in 1938. In 1942 Mr C. T. Grant lent his gramophone to be used by the school whilst ever it remains open. The gramophone was made use of with records lent by the Department. On the 20th February 1948 a Philips Mantel Model radio was sent in after Mr H. Dunlop had fitted up the wiring. The radio was officially switched on by the P. & C. president Mr C. T. Grant. Over the years residents co-operated with the teachers in educational activities, School Banking, Junior Red Cross, Gould League, Tree Wardens, Special Day Celebrations, Inter-school sports, Health and Temperance and Patriotic efforts.

In 1948 the school library had over 200 books. In 1943 the opening of the Blunobia School decreased enrolment and in 1945 a survey was taken which showed that 5 out of 6 families showed a preference for a free bus to take children to Uki Public School. On the 11th January 1945 a P. & C. motion declared that the Association was in favour of supporting an area school. The Mount Burrell School closed in 1963. The old school is now the proposed site for a Mount Burrell Community Centre.



Mount Burrell School 1947, Neville Arkinstall teacher  
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# Brave Web Browser

Nick Zijden



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The CTC is currently also selling refurbished computers, memory, hard drives, video cards - feel free to drop in and come checkout some great deals!



**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL**

## Notices

### WATER WATCH

Monday 23 September, 2019

**T**wweed residents urged to save water now to delay restrictions. Dam level falling one per cent a week; Tyalgum supply critically low.

Recent rain has brought no relief to the water situation in the Tweed and all residents are being reminded to save water now to delay the start of water restrictions.

Last week Council banned water carting from the Tyalgum supply, adding to the water carting ban already in place on the Uki supply. This means water carters are not permitted to fill tankers from these supplies. Further water restrictions on the Tyalgum supply are likely to be imposed soon as flows in Tyalgum Creek have all but stopped.

Water restrictions on the town supply fed via Bray Park Water Treatment Plant will be imposed before Christmas if there is no significant rain.

Currently Clarrie Hall Dam is sitting at 96 per cent but dropping about one per cent a week as Council continues to release 40 megalitres a day to supplement river flows and guarantee supply at Bray Park Weir. **“Level 1 water restrictions will be imposed when the dam reaches 75 per cent full, which could be as early as Christmas,”** Manager Water and Wastewater Anthony Burnham said.

Meanwhile, Council continues to work towards ensuring a safe and secure water supply into the future. Council expects to award a contract for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for raising the wall of Clarrie Hall Dam by the end of October.



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# Uki Refugee Project - Request For Groceries

Bryan McClelland

## Donations are needed by Saturday 12 October (at the latest).

The Romero Centre provides food, accommodation, trauma counselling and English classes to help asylum seekers who have no or limited income. As you probably know, asylum seekers from Romero take part in our Uki Friendship Visits.

Romero has let us know that they have a critical need to replenish their pantry of essential grocery items. Shopping Vouchers (Coles, Woolworths, Aldi) are most welcome as they allow refugee families to buy fresh food and items that they specially need.

If you are able to make a contribution within your means, that would be wonderful.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

If you are able to help, Romero is most in need of the following items:

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
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- Honey
- Lentils
- Tinned Tuna
- Coffee
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- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Powder
- Tea
- Tinned Corn
- Red Kidney Beans
- Coconut Milk
- Razors
- Hand Soap
- Dishwashing Detergent

### WHERE TO DROP YOUR DONATIONS:

The following is a list of locations for your to drop your donated goods:

- UKI: If you live in or near Uki please drop your donations at 5 Grants Road, Uki (contact Bryan on 0428 166783).
- MURWILLUMBAH: If you live in or near Murwillumbah please drop your donation at 10 Tulipwood Ct, Bray Park (contact Penny on 0491 083043).
- KINGSCLIFF: If you live in or near Kingscliff please drop your donation at 6 Quirk Pl, Kingscliff (contact Steve on 0458 799129).

It may also be possible for us to collect your donation if you cannot deliver it. Please do not donate fresh food, clothes or household items. These items are difficult to store and manage and cause logistical problems and expense.

If you would prefer to make a direct financial donation to Romero this is the link.

<https://romero.mercycommunity.org.au/donate/>

Thank you for considering this request.

### NEXT FRIENDSHIP VISIT:

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November. Please save the date for our next refugee friendship visit, and join us on either Saturday 2nd November or Sunday 3rd November for a variety of activities to welcome guests to our area. More details to follow in the coming weeks. Thank you and best wishes from all the team at the Uki Refugee Project. [uki.refugee.project@gmail.com](mailto:uki.refugee.project@gmail.com)



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# Astrology

Paola Emma

## Welcome to Paola Emma's Astrology for October- November 2019

A part from a gentle angle (60 degrees = sextile) between Saturn in Capricorn and Neptune in Pisces, exact on November 9, encouraging a practical take on our ideals and aspirations, there are not, at this time, other significant alignments between the slow moving planets, time keepers and destiny makers of our solar system.

Big events are on the cards for the near future, but, at present, all is calm in the far reaches of the solar system, from Jupiter outward. The historical alignment of Saturn to Pluto, at 22°46' Capricorn, will be exact only on January 13, 2020. Saturn is now moving again in direct motion and accelerating toward that conjunction, but it will be still several degrees away from it in October and November. Before that anxiously anticipated event mighty Jupiter will enter Capricorn too, on December 3, a once every twelve years transit and a promise that hopefully (a Jupiter's word!) we may find more just ways to govern ourselves in the coming year.

October and November will not be uneventful however; on the contrary. The Sun itself, as well as the fast moving planets closer to our Earth (Mercury-Venus-Mars), will form such angles with the slower planets to set them off, so to speak. The faster celestial bodies perform in fact the function of 'go between' the Earth and the slower moving giants, being the channels through which the latter transformative energy can find expression in our lives.

Here are the critical days for these planetary channelling.

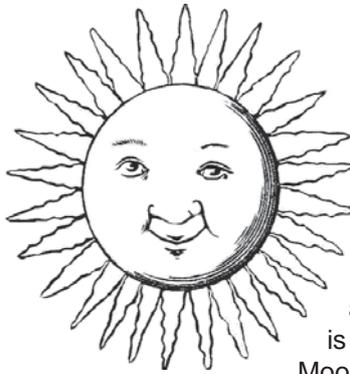
**October 1:** Venus in Libra at right angles (square) to Pluto in Capricorn, when intensity of feeling need to find positive outlet or could otherwise cause destructive episodes in intimate relationships, jealousy, resentment, wilfulness. It could be a great stimulus for creative output and to express passion, but with the risk of going to extremes.

**October 7:** Mercury in Scorpio in opposition to Uranus in Taurus. Here the collective mind is highly stimulated, even over stimulated, a tight rope between genial ideas, eureka moments and wacky, unpractical flight of fancy. Keep one foot on the ground if you can.

**October 8:** Sun in Libra at right angles to Saturn in Capricorn. Hard work seems not to deliver the desired results, fear of failure and lack of confidence could make any enterprise feel more arduous than it actually is. Do your best now; in a couple of days you will see things in a different light.

**October 13:** Venus in Scorpio in opposition to Uranus in Taurus. A strong desire for independence and freedom may clash with that for intimacy, trust and emotional security. We may feel inclined to defy relationships that in any way stifle our individual self expression. Separate yourself from the situation, remain objective. The picture will not appear so black and white in a few days.

**October 14:** the Aries Full Moon and the Libra Sun, from



opposite hemispheres, are both at right angles (square) to Pluto in Capricorn. This is an intense and deeply transformative Full Moon energy that could help you move on from toxic situations or relationships, but not without some drama and danger. Combined with the lingering effect of Venus' yesterday transit it could be a real challenge to avoid emotional extremes.

**October 28:** Mars in Libra at right angles to Saturn in Capricorn. Restrictions and delays seem to frustrate our best plans; our ability to act and our patience are severely tested by less than ideal circumstances. If we proceed, progress could be slow but the end results will repay the effort, in due time.

On the same day the Scorpio New Moon will see Sun and Moon opposing Uranus in Taurus, another transit full of unpredictable and exciting potential. We had better be ready to embrace the new in the lunar month starting today, or we will be left behind.

**November 1 to 21:** Mercury turns retrograde between the 27th and 11th degrees of Scorpio, another proof of the mental and emotional intensity of this period. A little walk on the dark side could reveal the ambivalence of every situation and relationship, the secret side of every interaction. Putting on our psychic goggles will help us see things usually kept secret, in ourselves and others, thus deepening our understanding of the hidden dynamics of every relationship.

**November 5:** Mars in Libra at right angles to Pluto in Capricorn. This is perhaps the most volatile aspect of the whole period, with the potential for escalating conflicts on many levels. There is a risk of becoming ruthless and judgmental while we confront what we consider negative or obsolete in our life, be it our work, career or relationships. Extreme measures could work but also prove emotionally costly.

**November 15:** Venus in Sagittarius at right angles to Neptune in Pisces. Things may not be quite what they seem during the few days around this date. We may be deceived by other's promises and flattery or simply deceive ourselves that the situation is rosier than it actually will turn out to be, when the fog will lift. Enjoy the dream remembering it is a dream and you will soon have to wake up.

**November 25:** Mars in Scorpio in opposition to Uranus in Taurus. This is another intense transit that could force separation, ending in the pursuit of our individual goals. There may be an exceptional flaring of activities, sleepless nights, over excitement and nerves. Like high voltage electricity the advice is to handle with care. This week could be very productive but also disruptive of our peace of mind and harmony in relationship.

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