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VJ Editorial

I just have to finish this editorial and this month's VJ is in the bag. It is always challenging putting this publication together, with hurdles propping up where and when you least expect them. Such as a call to attend a fire, now that's what I call a proper jinx!

To finish what I started! Every month I have a blank canvas to fill, luckily for you readers we receive contributions from a great variety of people so you don't have to put up with my ramblings too much. As I sift through the submissions, press releases and other material, an image of what it is going to look like slowly forms.

As the pages fill up and the magic of layout is applied, mixed feelings start creeping in. First a sense of joy from the sense of accomplishment having finally completed an edition, some form of liberation! Then doubt sets in and it lingers on right until I get to pick up the Journal from the printer. Even though I have worked on it until my eyes simply cry enough, opening up a box and unravelling the finished product is always a discovery. The feeling of elation doesn't stop there, after distribution, I receive plenty of feedback, hearing your comments and encouragements make it all worth while, so thank you all and keep them coming.

Due to an advertiser pulling out at the last minute (we run this on a sniff of a rag), I've run out of space to let you know the winners of our short stories competition, so I'm doing it here. In the Junior age group, Tolkin Myers has won a gift voucher to the value of \$25 from The Book Warehouse in Lismore, for "the Brisbane River story, Ned

and Inky" a very impressive work on behalf of a 12 year old. The adult category was won only by a whisker, by Paul Harwood for his piece "Void", a true diamond in the rough, a work with true potential, you have won yourself a \$50 voucher from Lismore City Printery. A big thank you to all that participated in willingly giving a bit of themselves for our entertainment. You can read all the entries on our website, we have some really good talent in our area, here's hoping it will inspire more budding authors out of the woodwork.

We are planning our next fundraiser, which will involve music. Lots of live music and good company, we are just working on locking a date suitable to all involved. Oh! If you have an instrument hiding in a cupboard or attic, get it out, you might want to use it on the night. Stay tuned to the bush telegraph and the VJ for updates it's coming soon!

Due to the weather we have been experiencing lately, the bush fire season has been brought forward, meaning that from the 1st of September a fire permit will be required for any burns you want to do. You can find the number of your local fire permit officer in our community directory. With the heightened risk this season, it is a good idea to review your bush fire survival plan now, your local brigade can assist you in this process.

Signing off for now, hope you all find something of value in this months edition, off to enjoy the sunshine before taking on another task. Before I leave, here's one from Rootz Underground, a recently discovered reggae outfit: "Time is just an illusion, invented by your mind to hide eternity."

Didier Marceau

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Letter to the Editor

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I realise that the stock are my responsibility, but I have made every effort I can to ensure motorists' and my stock's safety.

Both boundary fences are a major problem, but despite numerous discussions with my immediate neighbours, with no compliance from either to replace boundary fences. This has become a very dangerous situation.

My neighbours keep talking fixing worst parts, but as I have

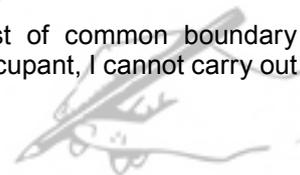
found, as soon as one section is repaired, another section becomes a problem.

I now have no option but to seek advice from local land board and community justice system.

Dividing fences act 1991 section 11:

Adjoining owners must share cost of common boundary fences. As a pensioner and sole occupant, I cannot carry out this work alone.

Jan Upton



Arts and Entertainment

If you're looking for something fun, new and exciting to do over the new year period; The Falls Music & Arts Festival Byron Bay is a great way to welcome in 2014. The festival is giving local residents priority access to the first tickets in town, as well as exclusive access to a NYE only ticket.

The festival is to be staged at the North Byron Parklands from Dec 31 – Jan 03 for the very first time this year with an exciting program of acts from all across Australia and the world.

Local residents (Byron Shire and south Tweed) will have first access to a limited allocation of NYE tickets, 2 day and 3 day passes from 9am TUES August 27.

All local ticket sales will take place online via www.byronbay.fallsfestival.com.au/locals

If you're outside of the 'local resident' areas (Byron Shire and south Tweed), make sure you sign up to the ticket ballot at www.fallsfestival.com before midday Monday Aug 26.

WHAT'S A LOCAL?

To qualify for the 'local' ticket sale offer, you must live in the

Byron Shire or in the Tweed Shire [south of the Tweed River].

NYE BOOGIE NIGHTS PARTY!

This year Falls Festival have introduced a special single night ticket type that will be exclusively available to local residents!

The NYE headliners are hip-hop soul stars THE ROOTS with a bevy of celebratory, interactive performances from The Correspondents, Hot 8 Brass Band, Hot Dub Time Machine, Late Nite Tuff Guy, Legs Akimbo, Mountain Mocha Kilimanjaro, Tom Thum. Their genres range from a Japanese funk band to a New Orleans Brass band to AV DJs to Games Facilitators!

Tickets will be just \$99 including GST + booking fee which will be available until allocations are exhausted.

Dec 28 – Jan 01 in Lorne, VIC (est. 1993) 18+ event

Dec 29 – Jan 01 in Marion Bay, TAS (est. 2003) All ages

Dec 31 – Jan 03 in Byron Bay, NSW (est. 2013) 18+ event

*The Falls
Music & Arts Festival*

The Nimbin Roots Festival is a gathering spanning over 3 days, from October 11th till the 13th. It will be held at the Nimbin Showground, Cecil St just 500 meters from the town centre.

The vision of this festival comes from a desire to unite us all. Xavier Avogniko, the creator of this festival, is a true believer in the oneness and so Nimbin Roots intends to create the best world music festival at an affordable price so that all Australian's can come and enjoy 3 days of Community, Culture and Joy.

For its second time Nimbin Roots has the pleasure of introducing to the Australian scene Africa Entsha, flying especially from South Africa for this occasion and will perform some of their amazing Capella traditional song.

Also this year we have the honour of hosting one of the most amazing acoustic folk artist coming especially from Fiji, Knox.

These 2 talented artist will be supported by 23 equally talented band's & Dj's who hail from all across our beautiful Australian land.

To support our community we are offering an exclusive festival pass for the residents of 37 local town's surrounding Nimbin at just \$35 and \$60 for all other adult. An occasion not to miss.

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Freshened up by an encounter with King Kong

A visit to Melbourne, that city of chic of cold and black, black, black. I went on business but managed, as you do, to squeeze in a trip to the theatre. The gorgeous baroque Regent theatre and there I saw King Kong the musical. It was stupendous! Amazing! Sensational! Any superlative you care to apply. I got to thinking about how the news is dominated so much by misery, war, ills and complaint yet all the time people are trucking along being creative in the most extraordinary way. How, one wonders, can a show be put on that includes a 54 tonne gorilla? With impressive creativity, engineering and skill, that's how. The audience (and it was packed) was spellbound right from the start. I sometimes forget, as I trudge through the daily grind that the world is full of magic and marvel. I forget that people are capable of leaps of imagination and daring that have the capacity to transform ways of seeing and doing. I was very happy after the show. My daughter and I emerged into the icy chill of the city and had hot chocolates and discussed the splendid performance

we had just seen. It's good, I think, to move out of the ordinary and step into worlds of difference and wonder. It good for me to be reminded that there are so many different ways to have a life and I be inspired. Plus the conference I went to was full of insight and wisdom. Both events inspired me. Later I sat in a café and people watched. They came past - the slick and the grubby, the smart and the shabby, plugged into their devices, talking on their phones, listening to their music. Some smiled and laughed, some looked careworn and cold. It was not so different from Lismore, apart from noting that a certain sartorial elegance prevailed. At night, in the cold, people slept rough in doorways. I will be glad to get back to the warm and the relaxed pace of the country. I like Lismore's tolerance and acceptance. I like it that life is manageable there. I like a trip to the Big Smoke as it reminds me what's good and great in the world and that art is wonderful. King Kong freshened up my outlook on life. It's fabulous, I thought, what an encounter with a giant gorilla will do.

Airdre Grant

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Well Howdy!

When you spend half your working day in the car, local radio becomes an old friend! Recently this friend has acquainted me with two things worth sharing.

The first, a young local band called POTATO POTATO (and no, they're not a Wiggles cover band).

I enjoyed listening to them chat about their music, inspirations etc recently on Bay FM, followed by a couple of live tunes. They OOOZE a freshness and vibrancy like the impending spring, have a poppy/folky vibe, great vocals and to top it off feature a banjo!!

You can check out their single on I-tunes, have an EP due in September and will be playing (among other dates) at the

Mullum music festival.

The second thing that's been floating my boat has been a daily reading on local ABC by author Tom Thompson. Tom's book "Growing up in the Sixties" is about growing up in a country town and later, life in a glittering city- a life oh so familiar to myself even though for me it was more the 70's. The daily reading is by Tom himself and is augmented by snatches of sound from Dog Trumpet and King Biscuit.

Nostalgia at its best, and available as a book or an audio book, its well worth a look!

That's all from me this month, next time I'll be reviewing (among other things) the BEASTS of BOURBON 30th anniversary!!

Rockin' Rod

They Are back



Two weeks of Metgasco propaganda, pressure on schools and communities and then bold statements that they are loved by one and all. I don't think so Mr Henderson. And now you are planning to open up a new "production" well at Bentley. Where

prey tell are you going to put the production? Where is the pipe going to go and when will it stop? Where will be the compressor station? Not telling yet? Why?

The majority of the community by a long swath do not want CSG mining in the Northern Rivers. They have stated it in elections, community forums, community activities and direct action. We need to be heard. Now we have another opportunity to make our voice clear.

The Election. There is Two more weeks to make sure our candidates are clear that this area does not want CSG. Tell

your party members what you think, tell the other candidates that they should get on the movements bus because every one who is against CSG has a part to play in this non violent direct action movement. So get out and vote for the people who support the end of CSG in the Northern rivers and the rest of Australia. Put them first.

What can we do to maintain the rage:

- The NSW Upper house has yet to finalise the legislation for the new planning act. It is also sitting on the amendment to the mining act that allows mining companies free access to any land. Write to every member of the upper house asking them to vote out or further stall the legislation.

- Lobby your federal candidates about CSG

- Continue to be vigilant, stay informed and involved and support your neighbours and community.

A big thank you to all those people who stopped by our stall at the Channon.

Lionel Adams-Acton



Rosebank Community Inc. (RCI) met on 19 August. Among things of interest discussed was a tractor fire in a macca orchard on Repentance Creek Road on Sunday 11 August. There are a couple of interesting community events planned for

the upcoming months. The Repentance Creek Hall committee is holding a wood-fired pizza night at the Hall on Saturday 28 September, commencing at 4:30pm. The Village Journal is planning a "Village Jam" music event soon, hopefully in October, and RCI members have volunteered to assist both the VJ Team and the Hall committee with their events. More on these soon.

The next RCI meeting is being held at Rosebank Hall on Monday 14 October at 7pm. This will also be our AGM, so it would be a good time for everyone to come along and get involved. RCI memberships are also due for renewal on the night and the annual fee is still only \$10.

Ross Wilson, Vice President RCI

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Local Sport News

With the weather warming up, that means the cricket season is just around the corner. The Clunes Junior Cricket Club welcomes new and returning players to sign up for the 2013/14 season. The club competes in the Lismore District Junior Cricket Association – our home games are played in Corndale (a great spot to watch cricket and catch up with friends), most away games are played in Lismore and we also venture out to Casino and Kyogle. We expect the season to kick off early in the fourth term but an exact date has not been determined yet.

We hope to again field teams in all age groups but please note this has changed to U13, U15 and U17 for the upcoming season (was U12, 14 and 16 last season). For the younger players and beginners, they can participate in the Kangas and

In2Cricket programs, both great stepping stones for the move up into competitive teams.

Application forms can be (hopefully) downloaded from the website (<http://clunesjcc.nsw.cricket.com.au/>) or you can request a form be emailed to you by contacting us at cjcc@westnet.com.au. Keep an eye out for notices about upcoming sign-on days – the first of which will be Saturday 7th September at 10am at Clunes Primary School (election day). Alternatively, you can directly contact any of the following people:

Darren Watson (President) – 6629 1571

Kel McGrath (Vice President) – 6629 1678

Stev Nicholls (Secretary) – 6688 2310



Clunes Netball Club News

As we say goodbye to the cooler months we are also reaching the end of the netball season. Our younger players who participated in the Net Set Go skills program, finished the year with all our girls achieving their NSG medals. We hope to see them on the courts next year showing off what they have learnt.

If you have a child over the age of 6 who may be interested in playing netball, we are always interested to hear from you. Sign-on for 2014 commences in February.

The competition season has also come to an end. Our team standings after the final round were as follows:

Charms (11s) 3rd

Ladybugs (12s) 2nd

Wildcats (Division 4 Intermediates) 5th

Mix Ups (Division 3 Intermediates) 8th

Cruisers (Division 7 Seniors) 4th

Redbacks (Division 4 Seniors) 1st

Congratulations to the Redbacks – minor premiers for 2013 season!

The finals are now in full-swing and we wish all our players and coaches the very best and hope the ball keeps dropping into that ring!

Annette McGrath - President



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Rosebank Community Inc. (RCI) will be holding its AGM at Rosebank Hall on **Monday 14th October at 7pm.**

It will be a good time to come along and get involved. The \$10 annual membership fee is due on the night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend but only financial members can vote at the meeting.

Ross Wilson, RCI Vice President.

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Rosebank Firey News

Winter is usually a quiet season for our brigade, however the beautiful weather we've been experiencing has meant that many of us have been doing big works that have been put off due to the wet, resulting in higher potential for something to happen.

No prize in guessing, we did receive a call out one fine Sunday morning for a tractor fire opposite Byrne Rd. Eric was first to arrive with the fire truck, closely followed by Didier in his private vehicle. After a rapid assessment of the situation, the fire was cooled down and extinguished with the only noticeable casualties being the tractor and some trees.

During our investigation on the origin of the fire and further debriefing, some important safety aspects came to light and a reminder of these would not go astray. First of all, if you see a fire that needs reporting, RING 000, it is the most efficient way of getting fire-fighters quickly to the scene. Every minute you lose trying to contact someone else other than the emergency number could be vital for someone's safety.

Before the arrival of the fire truck, vehicles and people were all crowding around the incident, as it was a nice sunny Sunday morning it soon became a bit crowded and people were unwittingly putting themselves into a hazardous situation. When there is a fire, vehicles and people should stay clear of the access point and its immediate proximity to immediate proximity, to allow safe and rapid access. Machinery fires produce a lot of toxic fumes, so remain well away from the smoke. With the heat generated, it is not uncommon to see tyres explode, spraying steel and rubber shrapnel in all directions... fast! Simply, use common sense and everyone can get home safely.

It is a good idea to keep a working fire extinguisher on board any farm machinery, the quicker a fire is put out, the less harm it causes.

Now to finish on a brighter note! The RFS is having its annual open day, and this year it's on Saturday 28th September. Rosebank Brigade will be opening its doors from 10 am. Come along for a cup of tea, sausage sizzle, watch our demonstrations or simply have a chat with your **local brigade members**. Kids will love the fire truck and your donations will help the brigade buy new equipment and general maintenance. Hope to see you there!

Didier Marceau President



Animal Matters

Elvis the magnificent Topknot Pigeon

It's a real treat to see the large flocks of Topknot Pigeons which fly, at great speed, throughout the area. Often you can hear them coming well before they even clear the tree line, with their rapid wing beats creating quite an amazing sound.

Topknot Pigeons are a very large rainforest bird with an unmistakable swept back hairstyle. They're completely arboreal (tree dwelling) and don't even come to ground for water, getting moisture from raindrops on trees. Although locally they're not rare, wildlife carers rescue very few.

"Elvis", pictured here, was rescued by Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers from a property at Goonengerry. He was found on the ground very underweight and unable to fly because several flight feathers were missing on one wing. Our best guess is that he was attacked by a bird of prey and being unable to fly, couldn't find food.

After a check up at the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital, where the vet nurses gave him the name "Elvis" returned for a stay in a large flight aviary with Northern Rivers Wildlife carers. Fortunately he fed by himself straight away, consuming bowls of fresh fruit and protein supplement daily.

He was in care for five weeks before his feathers had grown long enough for him to fly again. By six weeks, Elvis was flying well and ready for release. He was taken back to the ridge top property close to where he was found where he flew strongly to a nearby tree.

It's an honour to give such a beautiful bird a second chance at life.

Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers is a local, independent



organisation who has been part of the Northern Rivers since 1992. Dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife, we rescue many animals like Elvis every year. If you find any injured or orphaned wildlife, please call the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers on 6628 1866. Check out our new website and facebook page at www.wildlifecarers.com

School News Goonengerry Public School

Our Year 3-6 students enjoyed a fun day at the Milo Cricket School Cup last Tuesday. This was a free program run by Cricket NSW with valuable exposure to cricket and skill development in a fun learning environment. It was great to join with other local schools and make new friends.

While the K-2 Class visited Eureka School for NAIDOC Day Celebrations with Federal Preschool and Coorabell School. What a fantastic day! All the children had a wonderful time and enjoyed the interaction with our fellow schools.

All students have been looking at Energy and Change in Science this term. The 3-6 Class have been busy making electrical circuits and powering creations, while the K-2 Class are focussing on push/pull energy.

Our Kindergarten Orientation program begins on Thursday, 5 September from 9-11am. Information is available on our web page or call the office if you have any questions. Followed by a Preschool Tabloid Sports Day on Thursday, 19 September. Feel free to join us for a morning of fun sports and games. We look forward to welcoming the new generation of learners!

The famous Goonengerry P&C Parent Team catered for the Zone Athletics carnival in Byron recently with huge success. Our reputation grows as a winning catering team, providing healthy food with energy and a smile. The team will be back in action providing an Election Polling Booth BBQ here at school on Saturday, 7 September.

Our Wednesday Clubs will be starting again next Term with yoga, photography, sewing, weaving and gardening. Thank you to our generous and talented parents who are able to



help offer these opportunities to our students.

Spring is upon us already with School Holidays beginning 21 September and students returning Tuesday, 8 October.

Check out our website for further School info, now available in mobile version also.

<http://www.goonengerr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Tracey Barnes, Principal

Upper Coopers Creek Public School



After being inspired by the authors we saw at Byron Bay Writers Festival, two of our senior students have been chosen to participate in the First North Gifted and Talented Writers program. The students will be working with local author Jessie Blackadder to write a story which will be published in an anthology of stories written by talented young, writers from local schools.

We are excited to have Graham Jessop coming to our school to start filming on the imovie project. This year's theme is "The Journey", we are looking forward to seeing where our creative minded students take this theme and can't wait to see the finished movie at the Lucinda awards at the Star Court Theatre in December.

We are very proud of our PP6 relay team and Conrad who

recently competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Lismore. Here is their account of the day.

First we were getting ready for our race. We all were nervous. Then our race started, Conrad was running his heart out until he passed the baton on to Bryce, who passed it on to Aeryn and Aeryn passed it to Isabella. Isabella ran to the finish line, we came 5th.

Then Conrad's race was on. He ran his top speed to the finish line and he came 5th.

We had a fantastic day!

By Isabella, Bryce, Conrad and Aeryn.

If you would like to find out more about our school please contact us on 6688 2128 and we can arrange for you to meet our students and teachers. We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards,

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Eureka Public School

This Term, Term 3, is my favourite term of the year as we get to see our students compete in a wide variety of amazing extra-curricular activities from Zone and District Athletics Carnivals to the Lismore Performing Arts Festival, to the Lismore Schools' Public Speaking Competition and the Gifted Writers' Program.

Our school relay team of Mali Oliver, Nisha Giri, Max Fitzpatrick and Ashe made it all the way to the District Athletics Carnival and Nisha was also successful in the 11 years girls' 100 metre sprint. We are so proud of our students sporting success this year and congratulate them all on their achievements.

Our Senior Class have been training hard during our weekly dance class to perfect their item titled The Dancing Dead for this week's Lismore Performing Arts Festival. The item is inspired by the genius of Michael Jackson's Thriller. The Festival runs over 3 nights at Lismore Workers Club. Be afraid....be very afraid!

One of the most special aspects of our local community is the Federal Community Childcare Centre and the wonderful work that Mandala and her staff do should be celebrated. We were very proud to host the FCCC, the K-2 students from Goonengerry PS and the K- students from Coorabell PS recently for NAIDOC Celebrations. We had the most amazing weather and we all enjoyed dancing, storytelling and art workshops. We hope to make this an annual event. Over the next few weeks we will be enjoying some other activities with the FCCC, including a musical performance by our Junior Class at the FCCC open day on Saturday 31st August and we are really excited to have the FCCC coming back to Eureka for our annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Wednesday September 4.

We have a very strong literacy program at Eureka Public School and our senior students have been putting all their skills to the test in two very challenging but rewarding programs this term. The Gifted Writers Program has seen Nisha Giri, Elijah Buckle, Zephyr Mules-Sherrin and Luka Gregory working with multi-award winning local author Jesse Blackadder on short stories that will be



published in an anthology later in the year. The Lismore Schools' Public Speaking Competition is on this term and our school's heats will be held on Friday September 6 in our school library.

Information regarding our Transition to Kindergarten 2013 is available now from the school. We look forward to meeting all interested families and welcome you all to contact the school to arrange a meeting so that we can show you around our beautiful school and explain all the benefits of choosing Eureka Public School as the local school for your child.

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Rosebank Public School

Zone Athletics

The Northern Rivers Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 16/8 at Riverview Park in Lismore and we were represented by Leo, Lucais, Jamilla and Taidgh in the PP5 relay and Sai (9 years boys 100m), Baxter (Junior boys 800m), Lana (Junior girls shot put), Leo (Senior Boys high jump, long jump and 100m), Jamilla (Junior girls 800m, 200m, 10 years girls 100m, long jump, high jump and First North junior girls relay) and Taidgh (Junior boys 800m, 200m, 10 years boys 100m, high jump, long jump and First North junior boys relay). All of our students performed exceptionally well with the PP5 relay team coming first and going on to represent at the Regional level on 30/8. Leo also went through to the next level in the long jump, Taidgh in the 100m and 200m and Jamilla in 100m, 200m, long jump, high jump and First North Junior girls relay. Jamilla performed outstandingly on the day in the Junior girls long jump breaking the zone record with a jump of 3.91m. The previous record of 3.72m has stood since 2001.

School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Felix (Stage 3) and Aimee (Stage 2) who were the winners of our school spelling bee and Finley and Torin who were the runners up in Stage 3 and 2 respectively. There were some very challenging words across both stages and these students demonstrated outstanding oral spelling skills. They will go on to represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals later this term.

iPads in the Classroom

Our "iPads in the classroom" initiative is now operational in our 3 classes and the 15 iPads are being used in many different ways to support literacy and numeracy learning across our 6 key learning areas. Students have been exploring apps, creating their own stories, composing music and making movies to share. We are looking forward to using the iPads as part of our animation project later in the term.

Excursions

The senior class is off to Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre from 2/9 - 6/9 and excitement is growing about the various activities including sailing, canoeing, marine studies



and archery. The 2/3 class is completing an overnight stay at Dorrroughby Environment Education Centre from 2/9 - 3/9 and will be travelling to Minyon Falls as part of this excursion.

The K/1 class will be joining them for a day of activities at the centre on 3/9.

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Coorabell Public School



Matilda Mayson with her sewing

Coorabell PS children enjoyed a variety of experiences to celebrate NAIDOC week this year. Every child visited The Pass to listen to and learn from Aunty Delta and the Dolphin Dreaming experience. Possums and Lizards participated in a great day at Eureka PS where they joined with other children from local schools to dance, make art and craft and listen to stories from the dreaming. Back at school, Eagles class have been busy sewing with Mrs. Brown in CAPA. We are all very busy preparing for our end of year concert which will be held on 16th September in Byron. The theme is "Gotta Read."

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In August, at the unofficial Lismore Wine Club (first Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Station Hotel), we tried Tempus Two (Hunter Valley), and I'd recommend the wild ferment Chardy (2012). It's a mid-gold in colour. On the palate it's like apple and creamy pear perhaps, with a touch of almonds. It smells of citrus, but perhaps, also, a lemony apple we have in our home orchard. It has sweetness in a long palate of under-ripe apricots, followed by acidity. This wine is one you'd be proud to take to a dinner of serious Chardy drinkers – neither simple nor cloying.

The Clunes Stores has a Fairbrossen Margaret River Blanc de Blancs sparkling Chardonnay (stelvin cap) I bought for \$25 in commiseration of a recent diagnosis of terminal cancer for a friend of one of my sisters. In a gorgeous sparkling light gold, it smells of honey, and on the palate it is very, very dry with sharp citrus. Elegant, even severe. You would never disappoint friends with discerning taste by bringing them this sparkling. It's a kind of lemony delight, just dry enough to keep you sensible and adult, not mad and hyper. It's on the verge of fizz and sherbet, but doesn't tip over. This sparkling would be good with food: fish, surprisingly. Salmon. A sharp, salty cheese. Some snack with preserved citrus.

The Clunes Wine Store also has a 2011 S C Panell McLaren Vale Tempranillo and Touriga which is wonderfully peppery on a beautiful palate, with red berry in the perfume, and a fab royal crimson or dark blood in colour. \$25.00 is probably a very



fair price to pay for a good Temp.it comes in a medium-heavy bulbous bottle.

A Grande Sud Chardonnay is available from Bex Hill Store for \$12. It's in a very heavy, embossed bottle, with a yellow-butter label printed vertically, and with a strong greenish-gold colour. It has fruity aromas which could also be deemed medicinal, and a roundness and richness on the palate which could also be deemed tart and unrelenting without the traditional sense of stone fruit.

Moya Costello

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Natural Law with Helene Collard

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Greetings Friends:

With the beginnings of September, we continue to face obstacles, particularly until September 19. Know that this cycle is a test of our strength, endurance and intelligence - so rise up to it. Overcome challenges by undertaking an approach that feels opposite to what you 'normally' do - and witness the beneficial results! This will take us out of our comfort zone and invite us to respond to situations in a new way.

Not surprisingly then, there is a strong element of unpredictability during this period, and it is wise to create positive, open situations and solutions to everyday, and more unique happenings.

Embedded in the first half of this challenging period, is an opportunity to discover a new niche or mission. Summon your willpower and focus your intellect, especially when you feel 'directed' to search for information...

September 10 heralds a new 52 day 'season' in the Mayan Calendar and in the first 13 days we are asked to 'go with the flow'. During this time we may feel challenged to surrender and let go of people and/or situations. The Moon is a perfect representation of the natural rhythm of life, death and rebirth - of the impermanence of all states of being. The Moon assures

us that wherever we are now, will surely change in some way and continue to change and change and change...

Change is not a bad thing, but the core truth of all life.

Study the basic symbolism of the Moon's cycles to learn more about letting go, and to avoid the confusion and frustration experienced when we consciously or unconsciously attempt to control people and situations.

On September 20 we begin a new Mayan Moon and shift into the themes of 'giving and receiving'. When carried out with humility, grace and un-attachment, these two simple acts have the potential to mend the fabric of society. To give and receive can restore our faith in each other, in humanity. To give and receive can balance inequalities in our perceptions of people. Giving and receiving is the basic thread in the web of life.

If you are a 'giver', try receiving. If you are a 'receiver', practice giving. Aim to achieve balance in giving and receiving as both represent true service - service to yourself, your local community, and our collective counterparts internationally.

During the last week of September your ancestors and deceased loved ones will be very close with you. This will be a good time to open communications with them and light a candle beside their photo. It is important to give and receive with them too.

Spirit dreaming...

Love Helene

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Jannese Parkes, Clinical Hypnotherapist

Any mention of hypnosis grabs attention. But mystique aside, hypnosis is a very effective therapy, where the unconscious mind, rather than the conscious mind, does the work. Often conscious minds can't see the wood for the trees, and this relative lack of flexibility gets us stuck in places we don't want to be.

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The Tour de Rosebank

Calling all cyclists!

The Tour de Rosebank is on again, Sunday 22 September 2013, with a 9am start at Rosebank CBD (cnr of Rosebank and Eureka Roads).

This is a 42 Km mountain-biking challenge that takes in the Rosebank boundaries and provides an opportunity to connect with the diverse landscape of our local area. The ride is not envisioned as a competitive race but rather a circumambulation of Rosebank and surrounds.

For Rosebankians this may be something of a pilgrimage to re-affirm our sense of place and belonging. For others a gloriously potholed, personal challenge – 42km of fabulous farms and forests. This is a fun and energetic outing, which promises to be a memorable experience.

The ride finishes at the Rosebank Recreation Reserve (Armstrong Rd – 1km from the start line), where riders will have an opportunity to socialise in beautiful surrounds and review the morning's ride over a BBQ lunch (provided).

A detailed map and route will be available on the day.



This is an unsupported ride, and all participants ride at their own risk. Please phone Benny Glasman for more details – 6688 2294

2014 VJ Calendar photos

Hopefully you've all been able to enjoy the sunshine, awake to bright mornings, succumb to the magnificence of those scarlet evenings as well as anything in between and thought about taking a snapshot of that moment. If you haven't yet, get to it! We need your photos to illustrate our 2014 calendar so get cracking and start snapping as we will be picking the crème de la crème next month so that we can have it on sale in time.

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Fri 6th @ 7pm	Slingshot Jack Duo
Sun 8th @ 2pm	Leigh James
Thurs 12th @ 6.30pm	Brainteasers Trivia
Fri 13th @ 7 pm	Conspiracy of One
Sun 15th @ 2pm	Nicole Brophy
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Fri 20th @ 7pm	Michael O'Grady
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Rainfall Report

July 26 - August 25

Sheath's Rd. Goonengerry..... 23 mm

Wean Way Federal..... 33.2 mm

Byrne Rd Rosebank..... 15.8 mm

Thanks to Jean McCall, David Dynes & Heron Lee, Ross Wilson

Totals are calculated from 25th of previous month to 25th of current issue month.

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September 2013

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2 Rosebank Fire Service Meeting Clunes Playgroup 10am @ Clunes PreSchool	3 Rainbow Region Organic Market @ Showground 7.30-11AM	4 Whian Whian Playgroup WW School @ 9.00am	5 Byron Farmers Market Trivia 6.30PM @ Eltham Hotel Lismore Produce Market 3.30-6.30PM	6 Mullum Farmers Market Slingshot Jack Duo 7PM @ Eltham Hotel	7 Lismore Farmers Market	8 Leigh James 2PM @ Eltham Hotel The Channon Market
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