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VJ Editorial

Haven't we all been busy bees lately? With the sun showing its face everyday and the temperatures on the up, it seems that quite a few projects that had been put on hold for a while are now in full swing. Spring has always been one of my favourite seasons, witnessing nature's revival always has me in awe. Watching and listening to all the critters waking from their sleep and busily going about their business, I can't help but notice that we are not too dissimilar to the creatures we share our land with.

Like them, as the warmer weather shows itself, we feel the need to open up our houses, cleaning and beautifying them so that we can ourselves benefit from this renewal, soaking in all this natural energy, something that is hard to do when you live in the city.

On the entertainment side of things, our region is really spoilt for choice with so many different festivals and community events being held, it can be hard to make choices but that's got to be a good thing.

Now with most of our winter sports finals having been played, it is time to look forward to the summer activities and I for one will continue on my path to fitness, or something approaching that. I even added another physical activity on my to do list, with the instigator even busier than me, I don't know where we're going to find the time, but when there's a will...

I would like to give a big thank you to Melissa Coleman for all the hard work she has put in for the VJ, looking after the accounts and advertising for us. Sadly, she has no longer the time to dedicate to our publication and has

decided to hand over her duties. All the best for the future, your hard work and dedication will be missed. If any of our readers think that they might be able to fill in for Melissa, please make yourselves known!

We have received a few more submissions this month, that can't make it to the print version, log onto our website to view the bonus contents of this issue. Our closing date for submissions for our calendar is the 20th of this month, as we do need to take some time to choose the best ones and organise the printing. We will be looking for sponsors to grace the pages of our calendar, if you know of any businesses interested get them to contact us.

This issue has been fun to put together, thank you to our first time contributors, great to see that some have listened to me and actually took the plunge, great effort, hopefully this will entice more to come out of the woodwork. You never know, your efforts could be rewarded by international fame! Yes, I do have it from a very reliable source, the VJ online version has a growing overseas following, so here's to you online readers.

I wish you all a wonderful start of the season and talk to you next month. Do keep the feedback coming, it is always helpful and encouraging. Don't forget to support our advertisers, it is yet another way of showing your support to the VJ. I'm still looking at discovering some more music for my driving songs, will be compiling a short list of favourites soon, so keep sending suggestions in.

Enjoy the read!

Didier Marceau



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Ed;

The Dividing Fence Act is a misnomer. It should be called the Boundary Act. Cattle proof fences are not a requirement of the Act. This is how the Act legally defines a fence: "a structure, ditch or embankment, or a hedge or similar vegetative barrier, enclosing or bounding land, whether or not continuous or extending along the whole of the boundary separating the land of adjoining owners,..."

Prior to 1980, almost all farms had bovines so the boundary was marked by a standard 3 or 4 strand and post barb wire cattle fence.

However, in 2013, cattle on property in our area is minor. Adjoining owners without cattle do not replace beyond repair cattle fencing with more of the same.

The reason many non-cow owning landowners do not want to pay a 50% contribution as required by the Act for cattle fencing is it is morally wrong. If you choose to graze animals, why should I have to subsidise a basic cost of your business / hobby?

Regrettably, the current members of the Land Board are reactionary making decisions as if it was 1938 and everyone had cattle. In our area, the board always comes down on the side of wooden post and barb wire fence.

Letter to the editor,

Essential CSG

I'd just like to inform VJ readers that if you didn't already know, Essential Energy Co. is involved in the CSG industry.

I live in a 3 way household and we all agreed to give up Essential Energy as our electricity provider and have gone to one that isn't involved in the CSG industry.

Imaginal exercise. Neighbouring properties that have had no effective cattle fence for 25 years. The new owner decides to buy a Shetland pony for the grandkid and wants a fence. The 'victims' neighbour will have to pay up to 50% of the cost for a new post and barb wire fence.

The Dividing Fence Act as well as the Impounding Act are well past their due date for revision

4 Determination as to "sufficient dividing fence"

In any proceedings under this Act, the Local Court or a local land board is to consider all the circumstances of the case when determining the standard for a sufficient dividing fence for the purposes of this Act, including the following:

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- (b) the purposes for which the adjoining lands are used or intended to be used,
- (c) the privacy or other concerns of the adjoining land owners,
- (d) the kind of dividing fence usual in the locality,

Fruitfully Yours,

Paul Recher



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I hope it works out OK for you all folks.

Paul Brecht, Mullumbimby

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A night in Singapore

Travel broadens the mind, I thought, as I looked out the window of my hotel onto steaming, sultry beautiful Singapore. In my desire to be a clever traveller I had booked a 'budget' hotel online and here I was, in a short stay hotel in the red light district. In the tiny foyer sulkily looking women walked past with swarthy men in tow. Everyone studiously avoided eye contact. I was given the key to a small clean room with threadbare towels and thoughtfully placed tissues and, helpfully, two shower caps. I had to laugh. Clever traveller me decided it was time to eat and went out onto the busy street where men in shorts and singlets sat on plastic chairs eating bowls of noodles. There's got to be good food around here. After all, sex and appetite go together.

I went into a busy street restaurant and pointed hopefully at the rather lurid picture on the menu. I think one of my favourite things in the plush world of food styling are the plastic meals displayed in the front of Japanese restaurants. I find those mini sculptures enormously appealing. The photos on the menu looked quite unappealing really but I had to eat so I took a guess. A delicious bowl of chicken broth with noodles and dumplings and some greens appeared. After a long trip from Lismore the broth was satisfying and nourishing. Revived, I sat on my plastic stool and watched the passing parade. Glossy duck bodies hung off tables in cases, motorbikes buzzed past, little children hung off tables and stared at me. I was very comfortable. I should do this more often, definitely. Bust out of

my regular little rut of work-eat-sleep and worry-about-money-the election-the environment. My hotel was definitely seedy but way more interesting than the up market sanitised ones that had been offered. I went into a street shop and bought tooth paste and some odd looking snack things. Back in the tiny foyer the girl behind the counter looked up from under her purple fringe. "Everything okay?" She asked smiling. She had elaborate eyeliner that made her eyes look like Cleopatra. I should be more adventurous with makeup, I thought. "Oh yes," I said, smiling back. "Everything is quite okay." Back in my room I lay on the mattress and listened to the street buzzing and whirring outside. In the morning I rose early and whizzed in my taxi through the never silent streets. Changi airport with its butterfly gardens, sleeping lounges and fearless efficiency would process me and send me upwards and onwards to the Indian subcontinent. Who knows what awaited for me there.

Airdre Grant



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Photos for VJ calendar

Hopefully most of you would have taken opportunities in snapping away at your surroundings, if not this is your last chance. With the end of the year looming ever so closer, we are now looking at putting together our calendar and we do need quite a few more photos to chose from.

Subject matter is unrestricted, it just has to

depict our area or lifestyle. Please send your photos (electronic versions), one at a time so as to ease download. Forward your pictures to editor@villagejournal.org before the 20th of October for a chance to grace our calendar.

Thank you all for contributing, we are hoping to pull off another great calendar with your help!

The VJ team

It's time once again for **Sculpture by the Tree**, which is a one day sculpture exhibition held bi-annually in Federal Park as an adjunct to the Federal Park Party.

A community event, this is the third exhibition that has been held.

There is a \$2000 acquisition prize and a people's choice prize. Geoff Harvey, renowned Sydney based sculptor and painter, will be judging the exhibition, and the winning sculpture will be installed amongst the Park's growing collection.

Sculpture by the Tree is essentially a 'grass roots' sculpture show aimed to showcase local sculpture and to grow a public art presence right there in the Federal Park. The community of Federal loves art, and all sculptures are able to be for sale.

Jane Fullerton, Sculpture by the Tree's Exhibition Coordinator, says "Sculpture has been a vibrant thread in Byron's creative tapestry. This professionally curated and developed exhibition will build on the previous wonderful exhibitions that have

resulted in the acquisition and subsequent installation of sculptures in Federal Park."

Renowned local sculptor Suvira McDonald is the curator of the exhibition. Suvira says "For an artist, this is a fantastic opportunity; exhibiting ones' sculptural work in a glorious natural setting, before thousands attending at a community festival is a rare opportunity."

Sculpture by the Tree at the Federal Park Party is on Saturday 2nd November 2013, in the beautiful Federal Park opposite the shop in Federal village. More information can be gained from www.sculpturebythetree.com or phone 02-66884016.

The 11th Federal Park Party 2013 will take place in Federal on November 2nd from midday to 8pm

This event is one of the biggest in the VJ area and a highlight for residents of the hinterland-both old and young.

This year's party sees the return of the Sculpture by the Tree, with over 30 sculptures and the opportunity to vote for the people's choice award. The winning sculpture will be purchased for permanent installation in the park.

Other favourites include the opening ceremony, wonderful music, amazing food and chai and artisan stalls which form a circle inside the beautiful ring of trees in Federal Park.

For the kids and teens the day will start with a busking competition with prizes, an all day jumping castle and the Byron Bay Skateboarding coaching and demonstration with Jai.

All day there is fun, shows, dance music and activities so be sure to head down to Federal on Saturday November 2nd for the 11th Federal Park Party.

It's free and it's great fun.

Julie Lipsett



Just a quick reminder that RCI is holding its AGM at Rosebank Hall on Monday 14th October at 7pm. The annual \$10 membership fee is due on the night and all financial members are entitled to vote. Hope to see you you all there.

Ross Wilson,
RCI Vice President.

Thanks to all the cyclists that joined us in the 2013 Tour de Rosebank.

Special thanks to the helpers on the day: Christine Shewell, Joan and Alan Davies, and a big thanks to our 'sweeper' Mike Dahm.

Thanks,
Cat and Benny



Eureka FC has had a fantastic 2013 season and now looks to 2014 with a maniacal glint to bring even more action, fun and silverware to the hinterland. As the tiniest club in the region, Eureka is incredibly proud of getting all its competitive teams into the semis, with the Under 12 Bravehearts winning the Grand Final - just awesome! And the Under 14 Eagles were the big improvers in the club making the semis for the first time. In the seniors, both the fabulous Fifths and sensational Sixths made the Grand Final, after the Fifths

won the minor premiership. We both just missed out after playing fantastic passing football all year that was almost too beautiful for the naked eye to absorb. The juniors are bursting with talent and energy. The future is blindingly bright. Our little ground at the back of the school - and thanks to Eureka PS for their huge support - is a real hub on Saturdays and Thursday training nights. Eureka FC is really about getting together and having fun. See you there in 2014!

Mark Swivel



Clunes Netball Club News

The 2013 season has come to an end and our club, although small, showed that it can really hold its own. With 5 out of 6 teams in the finals, we are feeling justifiably pleased with ourselves.

Below is a rundown on our placings in the competition, and the major award recipients from our wind up.

Charms (11s) 3rd overall Reached 2nd final round

Ladybugs (12s) 2nd overall

Grandfinalists – lost by 1 point! 24-25

Wildcats (Intermediates) 3rd overall Reached 2nd final round

Mix Ups (Intermediates) 8th overall Had the most fun!

Cruisers (Seniors) 2nd overall Grandfinalists - lost 23-27

Redbacks (Sen.) Minor & Major Premiers Grandfinal winners - 33-16

Award recipients:

Umpires Award
Mikayla Hofmeyer

Rep Award
Sarah Herington

Donna Salmon Sportsmanship Award – nominees

Charms
Abbey Sivewright

Ladybugs
Brooke Hofmeyer

Wildcats
Jasmine Cartwright

Mix Ups
Teschie Nicholls

Winner
Brooke Hofmeyer

Rhonda Taylor Best & Fairest Grandfinal Player -
Elka Worts - Ladybugs

Presidents Awards of questionable merit:

'Leonardo Da Vinci Way Ahead of Yourself Award'
Alex Knight - Mix Ups Coach

'William Shakespeare Award for Literary Enthusiasm'
Dave Speechley – Wildcats Coach

A big thankyou to committee, coaches, players, parents and fans for their support throughout the year!

Annette McGrath President

PS: Want to play netball in 2014? Email me – mcgrathx4@westnet.com.au. I have contacts in the best club in the competition!

View bonus picture gallery on www.villagejournal.org

The cricket season starts early in 4th term. Places are limited, particularly in the older age groups, but the club is keen to accommodate all budding cricketers, both boys and girls, so please give us a shout sooner rather than later. Email us at cjcc@westnet.com.au if you require an application form or have any questions.

The In2Cricket program (suits K-2) will run on Monday nights in Lismore at Oaks Oval from 5pm-6pm starting 21st October. The Kangas program (suits 3-4, it's U10s) starts on Saturday 19th October with games played at Woodlawn (if their grounds are unplayable arrangements have been made to play at Modanville or Tullera or possibly Dunoon).

The U12s start on Saturday 19th October, the U13s and U15s start Saturday 12th October and the U17s start on Friday 11th October. Games will be played at a variety of grounds (mainly in Lismore), the draw will be done in the 1st week of Term 4 so more information will be available then.

The Clunes Junior Cricket Club AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm at the old school hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and all positions are up for renewal. We hope to see some new faces and get others involved in running the club.

If you need further information please contact any of the following:

Darren Watson 6629 1571 -Kel McGrath 6629 1678 -Steve Nicholls 6688 2310



Better ways to feed the birds

Well-meaning humans regularly provide food to wild birds. Many birds are opportunistic and will readily tuck into food that is offered. This is similar to a child happily filling up on sweets and fatty junk food and not eating his veggies. Unfortunately, artificial feeding has many adverse effects.

Feeding native birds results in them becoming dependent on humans and not developing their natural foraging skills. They lose the ability to fend for themselves.

Disease is readily spread between birds as they gather at feed stations. A common example is 'runner syndrome' or Psittacine Circovirus Disease-- a fatal disease found in parrots, especially rainbow lorikeets -- that prevents proper feather development for flight.

Extra food for one species will result in them breeding more and this creates unnaturally large populations that overwhelm other native species. There has been a significant decrease in numbers of the Scaly Breasted lorikeet. This species is the shy relative of the gregarious Rainbow lorikeet. The Rainbow has taken advantage of artificial feeding and has all but eliminated the Scaly Breasted from urban areas.

Foods commonly offered to birds do not provide a suitable diet. Bread, sugar, honey and jam have very little nutritional value for birds. Native birds do not have the digestive systems to deal with refined flours or high fat content. In Sydney when many lorikeets were found dead, large fatty tumours were discovered around their organs. This was due to them eating too many high fat content sunflower seeds. Minced meat is commonly fed to carnivorous birds. Mince contains very little calcium and when the parent birds feed it to their chicks it causes bone and feather growth problems. Mince also quickly becomes sticky and can lodge in birds' beaks. WIRES has rescued kookaburras with their top beaks completely rotted due to stuck meat.

Rainbow lorikeets are primarily nectar and pollen feeders, occasionally feasting on fruit when it is available. This diet is full of protein, vitamins and minerals; all the ingredients needed to keep the birds healthy and in peak condition.

The good news is there is an abundance of natural food in the Northern Rivers environment that makes supplementary feeding completely unnecessary. There are ways to attract birds to your garden without artificially feeding them. Plant native varieties. When planning, remember that birds and animals use plants not only for food but also for shelter and breeding sites. Plants need not actually provide food directly but can attract insects that in turn provide food for birds.

While the showy, nectar-rich grevilleas and banksias so favoured by gardeners benefit the nectar feeding birds, we also need to remember the wrens and other small birds that love dense bushy trees for nesting and cover.

The natural environment is very complex. Think of all our native residents when you plant your garden and provide variety. Choose plants like eucalyptus and lemon-scented gums that provide food for koalas as well as providing nectar and pollen for flying foxes and gliders. Place artificial hollows in high safe places. A pond in a sheltered spot will provide water for birds and a habitat for frogs. Provide large rocks and hollow logs for habitats for lizards. Allow mulch to build up as this will decrease the need for water and also provide feeding opportunities and nesting material for ground birds and small mammals. Echidnas also rely on rotting logs and eat the termites inside.

Talk to your neighbours about planting to increase habitat in your local area. Suggested species list: Swamp Mahogany, Tallow Wood, Pink Bloodwood, Callistemon, Spotted Gum, Stream Lily, Melaleuca Lomenta, Bangalow Palm, Sandpaper Fig, Bleeding Heart, Pigeon Pea, Wattle, Pademelon Grass, Native Violets, Banksia, Grevillea (in moderation), Brown Kurrajong, Native Tamarind, Blue Quandong, Red Cedar, Riberry, Moreton Bay Fig, Blueberry Ash, Firewheel Tree, Native Ginger, Lillipilly, Lemon-scented Tea-tree, Flooded Gum.

Another beneficial food source for some birds is a compost heap that is regularly turned over. Worms and insects make a perfect supplementary diet for our feathered friends. Remember this before getting out the insecticide to deal with bugs on your veggies or flowers.

Having fresh, clean drinking water available is another way to encourage birds into our gardens. A water feature that refreshes the water is a good idea. If you use a container it is important to clean it and change the water daily to keep it fresh and avoid the spread of disease.

A native garden requires less maintenance and you won't have to provide food for the birds!

Photo by Glenn Ehmke, BirdLife Australia



School News Goonengerry Public School

Will someone please put the brakes on and slow this year down! Term 3 has seen an amazing array of activities and experiences for our Goonengerry students, staff and community.

We recently won a Highly Commended Award for Editing at the inaugural CrabbesFest 2013. A big thank you to Carly Hogan for coordinating our entry in this short film competition and congratulations to Linda Parlett for initiating and organising a wonderful opportunity for small schools. Well done everyone! We are looking forward to next year!

Congratulations to Andreyka, Anoushka, Georgia and Maayan for qualifying for State Athletics in the PP5 Small School Relays! State carnival will be held in Sydney early next Term.

Ratu in Kindergarten was also lucky this month winning tickets to the Circus Festival opening night with his amazing colouring in. Good on you Ratu! Hope you enjoy the night.

Our Kindergarten Orientation program hit new highs with a Tabloid Fun Morning on 19 September. The Federal Pre-Schoolers joined us for a morning of singing, fun and games. The sun shone, the children played, parents relaxed and the sausages sizzled! These are the days of gold!

More fun is planned with two more Kinder Orientation days still to be held on 10 and 24 October. Call us or check out our website for further School info.

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

A special mention to Simon, Reece and Mandi, our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS), for the job they do supporting us and keeping the ship sailing. We recently celebrated SASS Recognition Week with cake, flowers and goodies, although we think every week is SASS appreciation week!

Enjoy the break. Stay safe and see everyone back for Term 4 on Tuesday, 8 October.

Tracey Barnes, Principal



Valley Natural Learning

We are a natural learning family that is choosing a path of home based learning, acknowledging and honouring the learning that happens through living.

We are settling into life back in the Upper Coopers Creek valley after a 6 month adventure travelling within Australia. We had some amazing adventures, met some inspiring people and saw some awesome sights and scenery through New South Wales, Canberra, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland.

Since returning home Arusha has been very interested in caring for animals and we have discussed becoming a wildlife carer, so I recently completed the 'WIRES rescue and immediate care' weekend training. Arusha came along for Sunday morning's session in which we learnt about handling and caring for injured birds.

Jarrah and Arusha went along with Craig while he voted in the recent Government election which prompted lots of discussion about the role of the federal Government and the election

process. We have a greater understanding of the election process since our tour of Parliament house in Canberra earlier in the year. Last month we attended a 'Pyramids from Above' workshop where we created drawings inspired by textiles of the Shipibo people of Peru.

Jarrah has been enjoying attending the Lismore organic market and helping with running our community market stall.

We recently joined some other natural learning families at an unschooling camp at Stokers Siding near Murwillumbah. Lots of families to play and learn with attended the camp and there were lots of fun activities including swimming and canoeing in the dam.

I invite any families in the region who are also choosing a path of natural learning and would like to contribute some of their family learning highlights to future Village Journal issues to email me at outofreach42@hotmail.com

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Corndale Public School

Wow! What a busy term we have had at Corndale School. We celebrated Education Week with many extra school activities. An assembly was held with the children, teachers and parents. We attended the Athletics Carnival, Track Events at Riverview Park and the Field Events at Dunoon. Once again our students displayed great sportsmanship. All our children walked away with at least one ribbon and many of the older students qualified for Zone with a convincing win by our PP6 Relay Team. Andrew came first in the junior Shot Put. Our Relay Team also competed in the Regional Carnival.

This Term Years 2-6 travelled to Lismore for the Writers Festival. The students were entertained by story readings and illustration tips from Libby Gleeson, Judy Horacek and Leigh Hobbs. All the children had a fantastic time and enjoyed this opportunity.

We would like to give a big thankyou to Peter Higgs and Corndale Popcorn for their generous donation to our P&C as their charity recipient at the Lantern Parade. Peter has donated to the school for the last 4 years. This donation is so greatly appreciated for the children at Corndale School.

A big thankyou goes out to all our parents at the working bee. What a surprise to see one of our community members Jason Crawford with his Bob Cat moving the huge mounds of bark chips onto our gardens. A great morning was had by everyone with many jobs completed at the working bee.

This term Corndale students once again participated in the Lismore Performing Arts Festival. The children had a wonderful time recording their own backing track at the local 'Old Dog



Studios' and performed an original drama/dance piece for the concert.

We are looking forward to an exciting 4th term with Disco's, Camping, Kindergarten Orientation, Swimming School and the Christmas concert.

Till next month

Therese McDermott

Eureka Public School

Hello everyone

Our school has a very active Student Representative Council (SRC) that meets each term to plan fundraising activities to support students growing philanthropic activities. They also discuss student concerns, student wishes and visions with the staff to ensure that they have an active voice in the running of our wonderful school.

The Eureka SRC currently sponsors a young elephant called Jungle Boy at the Elephant Nature Park in Chang Mai, Thailand. They also sponsor a tiger cub at Dream World and a Red Panda at Taronga Zoo. At last term's meeting the students also voted to donate enough money through world health organisation PLAN to provide 5 families with a flock of chickens.

The students organise a variety of events each term including Crazy Hair Days, Car Washes and Mufti Days. They produce posters to advertise the day, collect the money and keep track of their income and expenditure at each meeting. It is yet another great student centred program at our school that focusses on motivating the students to be involved in the decision making of not only our school but in the wider community and globally.

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program for 2014 students commences on Wednesday October 30 at 9am and runs each Wednesday for 5 weeks. Please contact the school on 66884272 to register your family's interest and to find out more about our fun Kindy Orientation Program and all the benefits that enrolling your child at Eureka PS will provide to your family and your child.

Our school will also be operating the Eureka Playgroup each Wednesday from 9:30am till 11:30am in the COLA / Music Room for all pre-school children. This is a free social morning with teacher directed fun and creative activities for preschool students and their parents. Light refreshments will be provided (tea/coffee/fruit) and everyone is asked to bring along a plate to share. For information or to register interest, please contact our Play Group Coordinator, Lisa Henderson-Smith on 66884272

We are looking forward to a very exciting and busy Term 4. We are always keen to meet with prospective families and welcome all enquiries about joining our growing school community.

Michael Coleman- Principal

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The Gas by another name remains the same.

What terrible times we are living in. Our elected representatives treat us with disdain and contempt over our concerns about the effects of coal seam gas mining on our water, agricultural

lands and the environment. The O'Farrell Government's disinformation machine has been busy instructing public servants to refer to coal seam gas as "natural gas from coal seams" hoping we would be gullible enough to see the word "natural" and feel all safe and warm.

The Abbott Government says we are open for business and the new Federal Minister for Resources, Ian McFarlane is keen to prioritise coal seam gas mining in NSW. If we continue to complain, then according to Mr. McFarlane, we are nothing but a bunch of anarchists who disrespect the law. And if that doesn't stop us then they will outlaw consumer campaigns against companies hoping that will silence our voices. So much for democracy and freedom of speech.

Ian McFarlane is also pressuring the NSW Government to water down the feeble restrictions such as bans on CSG mining within 2kms of residential areas. The excuse is a "looming energy crisis." What rubbish, all CSG is destined for export markets and we have plenty of natural gas for domestic supply in the Bass Strait. This fake "energy crisis" is about harvesting company profits for shareholders, nothing more. I encourage everyone to contact new National Party Page MP

Kevin Hogan and remind him of his election promise "to cross the floor" against his party's support for coal seam gas mining.

Now is not the time to stick our heads in the sand; action is critical to save our precious land and water. Metgasco's shares are on the rise with the change of government and we know that it will only be a few months before the rigs will return. If we don't stop them now, then we will be condemned to living amongst 24 hour gasfields with their wellheads, flares, pumps, compressors, mining trucks and toxic settlement ponds.

Apart from the noise, lights, fumes and traffic; imagine the terrifying impact of our flooding rains on such an industrial landscape. Pity the poor folks of Colorado who are now facing the effects of those recent floods on their CSG industry. Check out youtube : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEVGPdQIW9s> to see the images of flooded gas wells, broken pipelines, drifting tanks and floating chemical barrels that now contaminate the Colorado countryside. Each one of us is responsible to prevent such a future for our children and our fragile environment.

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Jared Dixon, winemaker at the Clunes General Store and Cellars, has his 2013 Jilly Tempranillo for sale right now, barrelled and bottled in a small cellar behind the store. The grapes are sourced from New England's Topper's Mountain Winery where Mark Kirkby, a seriously good viticulturalist, grows fruit that flourishes in New England's high altitude and basalt soil. The 2013 Jilly Tempranillo has aromas of toast and stewed berries, and is matchable with food in its vegetal silkiness of mushroom and potato on the palate, followed by a warm and generous red jube. The Jilly label is a wrap-around cloth in a hessian colour with red and yellow printing, designed by local graphic artist, Kylie Bridges. Jared uses thick glass bottles imported from France.

Jared will be bringing out his 2013 Margaret River Chardonnay in a few weeks under a different label: F.I.F.O. – because he has to fly in and fly out of upper Wilyabrup, a sub-region of Margaret River, which has perfect growing conditions for Chardy.

If you want to test Margaret River Chardonnay, then you can buy a Fairbrossen from the Clunes Wine Store – look for the retro 'Wine Store' sign. The Fairbrossen Wilyabrup estate is where Jared sourced his Chardy. Or try the 2012 Baily & Baily Folio Margaret River Chardonnay from Dan Murphy's, Lismore. It's a classic, very drinkable Chardy. In fact, I highly recommend this very reasonably priced Baily & Baily Folio series which 'showcases the flagship varieties and styles from Australia's premier wine regions'. It's equal to the well-priced and very good quality Yalumba Y series.



On my trips to the independent Cellars (Bangalow, Byron and Ballina), I never fail to come across something interesting. Bangalow Cellars has a 2011 Marlborough Saint Clair Gruner Veltliner, a variety not readily available from bottle shops in the Northern Rivers. It is lemony in colour and aroma followed by a wonderful sherbet on a mid to long palate. It's difficult for me to think of GV, like Arneis, ever being bad. While usually like clear water, which I love, this GV is more flavoursome and therefore more irresistible.

Moya Costello

Section 356 small community grants now open

Lismore City Council is now calling for community groups and not-for-profit organisations to apply for small grants of up to \$2200 under the 2013/14 Section 356 Miscellaneous Community Donations fund.

Last year grants were given out to a variety of projects and groups, from The Channon Children's Centre to Rainbow Region Community Farms.

The money helps small local groups do some fantastic things – such as CASPA running hip hop workshops for young people and Wilson Park Primary School buying iPads for children with disabilities to help their learning.

Council's Social Planner Christine Minkov said the grants cannot be spent on normal operating costs and are reserved for specific purposes such as specialist equipment or projects.

"We are very lucky to have so many worthwhile community organisations in our midst but sadly they often struggle for funding, so this is another way to get small projects off the ground," Christine said.

"We recognise at Council that a small amount of money invested in a community can go a very long way and have far-reaching outcomes. It never ceases to amaze me what people can achieve in their communities with a small Section 356 grant.

"We encourage people to think about positive things that can influence their community and apply now."

Applications are open until 9am on 14 October 2013. An Expression of Interest form can be downloaded from Council's website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au by searching for 'grants'.

For more information about the Section 356 Miscellaneous Community Donations fund, phone Christine Minkov on 1300 87 83 87.



Natural Law with Helene Collard

I am a self-sovereign being.

Having a spiritual experience on Earth. I

honour my ancestors past and present.

You are all my relations. All is One.

Bonjour Camarades,

As we continue to open our hearts to truly give and graciously receive, we wisely strengthen the threads that connect us together.

The first half of October has an enormous feeling of focus. It is important to embody your inherent grace and innocence wherever you go and pour your energy into something that benefits the World. Your own self-acceptance dissolves fear and will create more peace both in your inner and outer worlds.

First and foremost, be of better service to your loved ones, nurture your 'inner circle' and extend out from there. The energy of the New Moon on October 5 is going to be tough, and is likened to a pressure point which will 'wake us up' to an aspect of someone of which we are in close relationship (at home and/or in the public eye). The message is, if our needs are not being met, it's time to walk away...full stop. This energy is harsh.

Along with this is cosmic support for creativity and vision. So allow your mind to fly high and see the bigger picture with what is happening. This will open a doorway for you to express your creativity in some way, which will positively support the process. Also, STOP and take time to contemplate and connect. There is an element of completion that happens during this time.

From October 18 we fly into the Mayan Owl Moon. There is a strong feeling of integration here. That is, witnessing how we have positively progressed.

The Owl reminds us that we are respected by others, and of our own personal power. During this time we may see the truth about something that we didn't see before. With all situations, the Owl asks us to consider: should we apply strength or gentleness? Do we act now or rest now? Also, we are urged to focus on our wisdom which comes from within, rather than our intelligence, which comes from books and academic pursuits. Wisdom will support us to a depth our intelligence could only read about.

This is a time to work with others, which requires a level of compromise. It is not a good period to rush into things, but rather sit on the fence, gather information and sift things over in your mind. The Lunar Eclipse/Full Moon on October 18 is a 'course corrector', so expect unexpected changes.

Embrace the level of choice that opens up and be flexible, this energy will free your mind and force strong feelings to the surface. Some may find this uncomfortable and confusing, just try and stay in the flow of things.

The last half of October carries a wind of beauty and elegance, so bring out your best and be the shining star that you are. We have all moved through challenges and obstacles at some level, so now is the time to celebrate our endurance and transcendence and shine brightly. A new galactic spin begins on October 31, which essentially brings a fresh start, a new beginning for us all.

Cheers!

Love Helene

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Due to one of our staff moving on, the Village Journal is looking to fill the following positions:

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- 06/10/2013 2:00pm Bree Bullock
- 10/10/2013 6:30pm BRAINTEASERS TRIVIA
- 11/10/2013 7:00pm Inside Outlaw
- 13/10/2013 2:00pm Guy & Thierry
- 17/10/2013 6:30pm BRAINTEASERS TRIVIA
- 18/10/2013 7:00pm Nicole Brophy
- 20/10/2013 2:00pm Two Lions
- 24/10/2013 6:30pm BRAINTEASERS TRIVIA
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