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### Koala Sightings

Bangalow Koalas are mapping sightings of our koala population in Bangalow and beyond and would love your help. The information we would like to know is:

- **Where** – Seen or heard (if heard then general location is fine)
- **When** – Date and time
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Want to contribute?

Eureka Messenger is looking for locals who'd like to write an article or a regular column for the newsletter.

Gardening tips, cooking and recipes, local sporting news, animal care information or information about local wildlife.

**We would love to hear from you.**

You might even like to write profiles on some of the locals in the area, or just tell about some of the good deeds that take place every day in our wonderful corner of the world.

Email a story or outline of your column to our newsletter coordinator Susan Oliver [coordinatorh1@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatorh1@gmail.com)

Your photos, articles, news and letters are welcomed. Please keep articles to around 400 words and letters to 300 words. You must include your name and phone number in case we need to contact you. Your phone number will not be published.

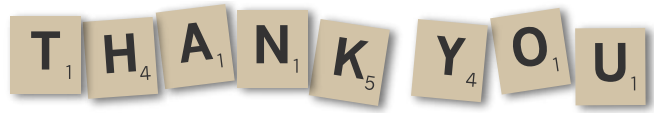
FIRST WORDS....

Hello

Well, 2020 is certainly proving to be a year of challenges, isn't it? And they don't seem to be over just yet.

I trust everyone is staying safe and well, practicing good social distancing and low-risk behaviour to help do their bit as we deal with COVID-19. And I hope those affected by the drought and subsequent fires are on the path to recovery.

Of course, the challenges of 2020 have had a significant impact on Eureka Hall, in particular the many fundraising events that keep the hall finances ticking along to pay for everything from the electricity bill to the insurance. It has certainly kept your new Hall committee busy since it was elected in March last year. See page 4 - Meet your new Eureka Hall committee and thanks to the committee for putting their trust in me to be President this year.



I want to thank my neighbour, Kim Goodrick, for her three years' service in the chair. Kim still remains an active committee member but has scaled back her involvement so she can focus on her family.

So, what's your committee been doing?

Well, excitingly, we have been busy getting quotes to replace the Hall kitchen. As many of you have seen, the current kitchen is past its use by date and isn't particularly functional for events.

We have a grant application in to help fund some of the costs (fingers crossed!), but much of the estimated \$20K -plus cost will need to come from existing funds and even more fundraising, which is quite a challenge given current circumstances.

To help raise the cash, we were ready to commence a Scrap Metal Drive on September 1st 2020. Unfortunately we have had to delay due to border closures and COVID-19 restrictions for our skip supplier. It is a great way for you to do some cleaning up around the yard and help raise a few bucks for major renovations. The drive will definitely proceed, hopefully within the next month or so. We are unhappy about the inconvenience the delay has caused and ask you continue to collect your scrap metal until we advise we are back on and ready to receive. See page 2.

We have also pushed back the planned date of the 2020 Trivia night to October 31 – so obviously it will have a Halloween theme! The Hall committee is cautiously piecing the details together – read more about it on page 5

Of course, you may have noticed we have given the newsletter a bit of a makeover while we've all been self-isolating. I want to thank committee member Susan Oliver for taking over the newsletter production, and Bill Dempster for the school news.

I also want to thank Robyn Gray, our previous newsletter coordinator, for all her efforts to produce the newsletter over many years. It is by no means a small feat, and we are most grateful for her generous contribution.

In coming editions we will be introducing paid sponsorship spots for local businesses so you have an easy 'Buy Local' guide for any trade or service you may require.

This will also help provide a few extra \$\$ for the Hall to help fund a couple of other large maintenance projects that will need attention in the short-to-medium term.

In the meantime, pour yourself a cuppa, find a sunny spot and sit back and enjoy all the latest news from around our wonderful community.

See you at the Hall!

*Scott Abrahams*  
President

## LOCAL ROUND UP



### Not all scrap is crap!

#### Spring clean scrap metal drive

Eureka Hall is launching a scrap metal recycling drive to help raise funds for major renovations.

A yellow skip bin will be set up at near the driveway **149-151 Federal Drive** - thanks Misha! - for you to dump your scrap metal into.

The skip bin will take any metal you may have in the shed or from around the yard but just haven't gotten around to removing it - well now it's your chance!

It's a great way to dispose of the scrap metal you come across while doing your spring cleaning, and at the same time do your bit for the environment by saving it from going to landfill. (See the list for what you can include).

The project is being co-ordinated by Hall VP **Rhonda Ansiewicz**, who assisted with a similar fundraiser for Federal Hall a few years back, as a way of continuing to raise funds for the hall and still respect COVID-19 restrictions.

The yellow skip bin would accept all different types of scrap metal including old white goods, cars and lawn mowers, right down to old kitchen pots, fencing and gates. The metal donated will be sold off for recycling, with all money raised helping fund major maintenance and renovations at the Hall.

So please, start hunting around for any old scrap metal you may have laying around and set it aside to go in the skip.

#### Metal only items please.

**Please do not leave scrap metal beside the skip**, if you have larger items like car chassis, tractors or unwieldy scrap metal etc, please call **Rhonda 0477 687 816** for any assistance. Once the skip is filled, it will be removed and a replacement skip left as required, so no need to worry about missing out. Your support means we can continue to upgrade the Hall's facilities, which has been maintained by generations of locals since 1906.

Metal items can include the following

- Old cars
- Ride on mowers
- Lawn mowers
- Metal tyre rims
- Trailers
- Farm equipment
- Farm gates
- Roofing iron
- Guttering
- Refrigerators
- Water heaters
- Ovens
- Washing Machines
- Stainless steel sinks
- Pots & pans
- Dryers
- Bicycle frames
- Air conditioners
- Barb/avian wire
- Copper tubing
- Brass taps
- Ceiling fan motors
- Filing cabinet
- Dishwashers
- Microwaves
- Metal pipes & nails

♥ Thank you community .

## EUREKA HALL FUNDRAISER

**SKIP LOCATED  
149-151 FEDERAL DRIVE.  
DATE TO BE ADVISED  
METAL ONLY PLEASE**

A big shout out to the team at Bangalow Signs for its support of the scrap metal fundraising drive. The crew has graciously donated the printing for all the signs to promote the drive and help raise funds for the hall.

Please show them your gratitude by supporting them in the future.

**Bangalow  
SIGN**

## What's cooking at Eureka Hall?

Eureka Hall is soon to get a new kitchen!

The committee has been hard at work planning and budgeting for the installation - which has been designed by committee member and former kitchen designer **Ben Dawes**.

The new kitchen will boast a new, easy-to-use layout, all new cabinetry and stainless-steel bench tops.

New commercial-grade flooring will also be installed to ensure the new kitchen is hygienic and easy to clean. There are also plans to add new appliances to the kitchen as fundraising allows.

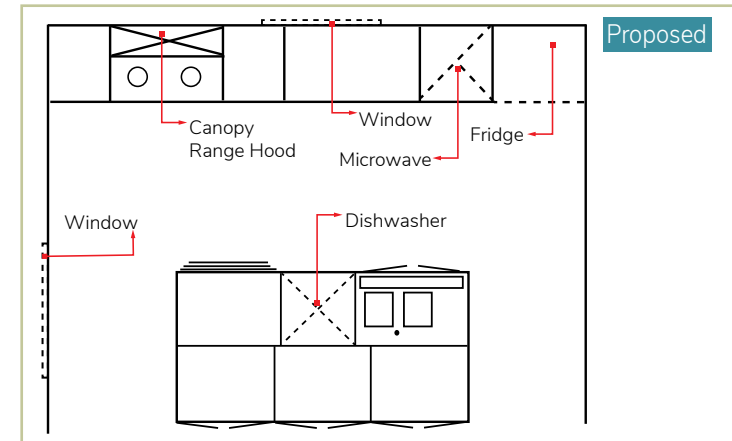
The existing kitchen was installed by a previous committee about 30 years ago.

"We expect the new kitchen will make the hall a more attractive proposition for events and functions," Hall president Scott said.

"We have also held tentative discussions with local caterers and restaurateurs about the possibility of holding a monthly dinner at the hall once the new kitchen is installed.

"It is an exciting and long-overdue project and we are looking forward to getting the job done and opening up the hall once more for locals and visitors alike."

The committee is waiting to hear about the outcome of a Byron Council grant application before work starts. A decision on the grant application is expected in early October.



### Volunteers Needed

**Do you have carpentry skills and some time to lend a hand at the hall?**

With the new kitchen installation expected to start soon, we are putting out the call for volunteers who can lend a few hours of their time. We will initially need people to help remove and dispose of the old kitchen (unless anyone out there knows someone who may want to buy it!), in preparation to lay the new floor.

Then we will be on the hunt for people with some basic carpentry skills to help build and install the new kitchen cabinetry.

If you are interested in helping, we'd appreciate you dropping an email to [coordinator1@gmail.com](mailto:coordinator1@gmail.com) so we can let you know planned dates for the working bees.

Thanks Eureka!



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Congratulations to Iain McKellar on being selected as a finalist in this years JADA Drawing Art Prize. Good luck! All artists' work will be on show at the Grafton Regional Gallery from the 2 October to 22 November 2020.

A big thank you to Duncan Lorimer at Elders Real Estate for his support of the scrap metal fundraising drive. Duncan has graciously donated the printing stock for the signs to promote the drive and help raise funds for the hall.



# Hello from the VP

What a tumultuous year 2020 has been; calling on all of us to be strong, and for many, we have postponed those important moments in our lives, such as birthdays and family gatherings.

Those people who booked their wedding for this year have had to cancel. Very disappointing but typical of the Aussie spirit, bookings are coming in for next year.

As the other news will tell you, we are about to install a new commercial kitchen, which caterers will be pleased with. We lovingly look after this treasure and look to the not too distant future to have events once again in full swing.

Stay safe and well

Rhonda

# Our new look website

We have recently updated our website [eurekahall.com.au](http://eurekahall.com.au), and we think it looks great, clean design and easy to navigate. Many thanks to **Peter Leslie** of Little Left of Centre, for all his work.

There is loads of new information for hiring the hall for parties, weddings or classes. There is a new check the date/booking calendar in development, as well as new and easy ways to pay your fees online.

You will also find interactive Terms and Conditions forms which includes rates for event bookings to download. Fill them in, then save the PDF using your name as your reference and email the completed form back to us. We will reply with confirmation of your Hall hire. Please note a 50% deposit is required before bookings are firm.

If you are a local, please call Rhonda 0477 687 816 to benefit from our **Locals Only** discount on Hall hire fees.

# Hall stall wants it all

As we head into spring and our gardens start to flourish again, why not drop your excess produce off at the Eureka Hall stall?

The stall, opposite the hall at the end of Eureka Rd, is a major contributor to the hall funds. Most locals already purchase their weekly honey supply from the stall – and you can get all manner of citrus from there while it is in season.

If you are dropping items to the stall, please ensure they are clearly identified and priced. It can be anything from excess produce to garden cuttings – even leftover baked goods after a day in the kitchen!

You might have noticed the stall opposite Eureka Hall has had a freshen up. The new, bright paint work helps the stall stand out and attract new customers and donations. New signage is also planned in the coming months.

So support your hall and use the stall!



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Eureka Hall Trivia Night

(Pending COVID-safe)

COVID cannot put the breaks on the **BEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** ... the annual Eureka Hall Trivia night will still be going ahead ... the trophy will still be up for grabs ... if we can't get together physically in the hall we are planning on hosting a virtual event so save the date .. the **31st of October** ... gather your brains trust and your Halloween outfits ... and watch this space!



Hosted by MC extraordinaire **Nick Millsy Mills**, with loads of games to be played, prizes and auction items to be won.

For bookings/queries please email [marinsimpson@yahoo.com](mailto:marinsimpson@yahoo.com) or call or text **0413 468 889**.

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# Support Local.

When talk of Trivia Night came up (and yes I did say Trivia Night), it got me to thinking about all the local producers, suppliers and shops that have supported us year after year by donating when we've asked, here's our chance to say thank you and give something back.

When you see **Brookfarm Muesli** on the shelf – reach for it knowing they have supported Eureka Hall

**Bun Coffee** – reach for it

**Brookie's Gin** – reach for it

**Stone & Wood Beer** – reach for it. Maybe you're even buying them from **Liette** at **The Bangalow Cellars**, they have supported us every time we've asked.

The point is... whenever you pick up one of these products or use one of our local services, you are continuing that cycle of support that exists in small communities, maybe it's our turn now.

Naya Crookshanks  
#Eureka, #Bangalow, #Clunes, #shoploca, #supportlocal, #thankyou





# Eureka we found it!

## A horticultural journey

Giving a horticulturalist a clear 5 acre block is like giving an artist a big blank canvas and a box of paint. This was the scenario Jessica and I found ourselves in 32 years ago when we came to Eureka. The deep red volcanic soil was such a bonus and one of the attractions of our block. Looking back now it's hard to believe it's the same 5 acres. I remember paying our children to pull out the fireweed which covered the property.

After some initial earthworks , mainly building drains to direct water through the property into the dam, we started planting our block. There was a "grand vision" of sorts. One thing we wanted was to ensure we left plenty of open, sunny areas where the kids could run and fly a kite and where our house cow, Lucinda, could graze.

By necessity our first plantings were windbreaks. Our first winter saw cold south westerlies howl across our property like there was nothing between us and the Tablelands. Macadamias as a crop were just taking off and empty paddocks were being filled up with nut trees. Tallowwoods were the favoured wind break trees and were readily available, so we used them along with Hoop Pines and Bunya Pines along our southern boundaries. These trees are now very large and have served well the purpose for which they were planted.

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly you can establish a rainforest that, after 30 years, looks like its 100 years old.

We also wanted to plant an area of rainforest, so we fenced off about ¼ acre in our furthest corner and planted out a heap of local rainforest species. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly you can establish a rainforest that, after 30 years, looks like its 100 years old. Buttresses give this illusion and the fastest buttressing trees are Blue Figs (*Elaeocarpus grandis*). This fast growing species rapidly develops a buttress that in time looks ancient. Queensland Maple, Red Apple, Ficus sp, Hoop Pine, Flame Tree and Davidson Plum have all been successful. Our rainforest now has a total canopy and is a pleasure to stroll through.



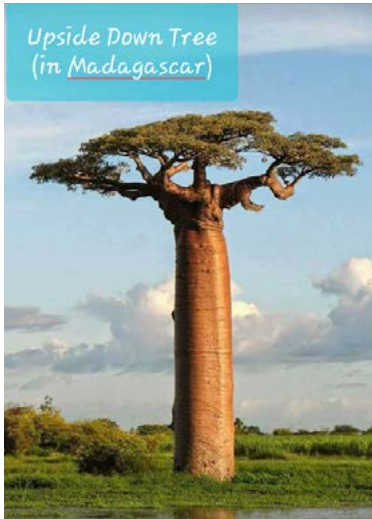
An interesting observation is the number of species introduced to the forest in bird droppings. This includes local forest species and unfortunately weeds. One of the worst weeds is coffee! The red fruits are attractive to birds that spread them far and wide. Visiting friends in Tintenbar, I discovered the same thing there. Big stands of coffee bushes, many fruiting which means more and more feral coffee. Removal and/or poisoning are a must if we find them in our rainforest remnants.

One of our passions has been collecting rare and unusual plants and over the years we have filled our property with these – trees, shrubs, palms, bulbs etc. As many are specimen trees and need to be well-spaced to develop to their full potential, it didn't take long to fill up 5 acres. One of our first mistakes was to plant everything too close. Plants look so small when growing in a pot but it pays to research their mature size and plant accordingly. Plant labels are often misleading so don't rely solely on them for information.

Another early mistake was to plant lots of clumps of bamboo. It was very fashionable at the time and many of us got swept up in the bamboo craze. Some years later we were struggling to remove massive clumps that were taking over areas. We have reduced our bamboo collection to a handful of more manageable species. One of my favourites is the Himalayan Weeping Bamboo (*Drepanostachyum falcatum*). It is a relatively small, graceful, weeping species that will tolerate frost and does best in part shade.



of blood red flowers are precursors to amazing sausage-like woody fruits. In Africa the flowers are pollinated by micro bats. A traditional skin remedy is made from the pulp and modern science has



confirmed that an ointment made from the fruit shows promise in the treatment of some types of skin cancer. Another of our African trees is a beautiful specimen of the Baobab (*Adansonia digitata*) and I was lucky to source one of Nature's weirdest tress, the "Upside Down Tree" from Madagascar (*Adansonia grandederi*). The spreading Pink Shower Tree (*Cassia javanica*) with its apple-blossom like flowers is a lovely shade tree.



One of our early forays was into fruit trees, the weirder and more obscure the better. We tracked down and planted every unusual fruit tree we could find.

Over the years as they matured and fruited we realised why some of them remain obscure. These were slowly removed until we are left with the old reliables – citrus, mangoes, pawpaw and bananas.

One of our early forays was into fruit trees, the weirder and more obscure the better. We tracked down and planted every unusual fruit tree we could find.

Of the newer varieties we left the slow-growing Brazilian Jaboticaba with its massive crops of black grape-like fruit, a big Jackfruit tree, a Giant LauLau (*Eugenia megacarpa*) from the Pacific and the prolific and popular Dragon Fruit. This epiphytic cactus can be grown over an old fence post in the sun or as ours are, on trellises. Red, white and yellow dragon fruit are available, all with different flavours.

As well as fruit trees, a vegie garden was an early priority. After years of having our produce wiped out by bats, birds and bandicoots, we built a big Fort Knox cage out of chook wire over the garden Problem solved!

It's a great time when your trees are large enough to plan shade-loving plants underneath them and even more exciting when the trunks are large enough to host epiphytic plants such as Orchids, Epiphyllums, Rhipsalis, Anthuriums and more.

'It's a great time when your trees are large enough to plan shade-loving plants underneath them and even more exciting when the trunks are large enough to host epiphytic plants'

Thirty-two years later and we are still planting. It helps that we own a wholesale nursery, although we are now semi-retired. This has given us some wonderful opportunities to source and grow a wide range of plants and meet many interesting plant people.



As Eurekans, we are lucky to live in such a wonderful horticultural area. Water, sun, soil, climate... we've got it all. Officially we live in what is known, phytogeographically, as the MacPherson-Mackey overlap. This is where the tropical and temperate zones coincide. Basically it means that we can grow such a wide range of plants here, from temperate plants to tropical species and everything in between. A horticultural Heaven!

The last 32 years for us have revolved around community and plants. It's been a great and ongoing journey. There are many like-minded people around the area and maybe we could hear their Eureka story in the next newsletter.

Story and photos: Donovan and Jessica Linney



ART SPACE

NORPA ready to light up Lismore’s nightlife

In 2019 NORPA received a \$1.16 million dollar grant from the NSW Government’s Regional Cultural Fund to upgrade the audio and lighting equipment, along with outside signage and illumination at Lismore City Hall to elevate the venue to the standard of contemporary performing arts venues.

The upgrade increases the profile of Lismore City Hall and awareness of the cultural activities that happen in and around the building. In addition, a large LED digital sign will soon be added to the corner of Molesworth and Bounty Street establishing the Lismore City Hall precinct as a prominent gateway to Lismore and the CBD.

NORPA Artistic Director and CEO Julian Louis says the upgrade is a turning point for NORPA and the community. “We can’t wait to open the doors to our community in Lismore and beyond, when we are able to do so legally and safely. Lismore City Hall and NORPA, are crucial to the nightlife and night-time economy of Lismore. Local businesses know when there’s a show on because there are more people around and they are busier.”



“We’re looking to expand this even further with our live music program which will include showcasing local talent at our new Courtyard Bar and regular band and cabaret nights in the Studio. We will continue to build on our relationship with Kate Stroud, formerly of the Dusty Attic live music venue, in making Lismore City Hall a space for our music loving community to come together.”

Ben Franklin MLC was delighted to see the outcome of almost two years of work. “The refurbishment of Lismore City Hall is one of the most exciting things to happen in the cultural space in the Northern Rivers in the last decade. It has become an arts, culture and entertainment hub for the Northern Rivers and beyond, and deservedly so. I hope once the pandemic is over the community will get behind it.”

State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin congratulated NORPA on transforming Lismore City Hall into a vibrant contemporary performing arts centre by using the Regional Cultural Fund grant to best advantage.

“It now looks like a performing arts centre. I have been watching this take shape as I do my afternoon walks. I secured funding when I was



Federal Member for Page to begin the work of modernising the hall, along with the former Mayor Jenny Dowell, and these State-funded improvements to sound and lighting will greatly enhance future theatre and dance productions, and music concerts,” Ms Saffin said.

“You simply cannot go past this venue now without noticing its entrance signage. I congratulate NORPA’s artistic director and CEO Julian Louis and his team, and chair David Wolff and his board on a job very well done.”

Lismore Mayor Isaac Smith was equally positive about the improvements. “This upgrade of Lismore City Hall enhances NORPA’s ability to attract high quality touring productions to our town and to stage local productions. It’s a major boost to the cultural vibrancy of our city.”

Venue and Events Manager Jumana Schriefer is excited to get the lights back on, “Lismore City Hall has gained recognition amongst national and international promoters and touring companies as a premiere venue to include on their national tours. We’re actively talking with the industry during the lockdown as touring is expected to increase dramatically once restrictions are lifted.”

The upgrades will significantly reduce electricity consumption and the costs of maintenance, equipment hire and labour. It provides opportunities for established technicians and young people in the region interested in technical production.

Production Manager Karl Johnson, who has worked at NORPA for 20 years, says the venue improvements shine a light on the importance of NORPA and Lismore City Hall to the broader arts and culture economy of our region, “The venue improvements cement Lismore City Hall’s place as vital infrastructure for our community. NORPA is an anchor employer of lighting, sound and staging technicians in our region.”

Mr Louis is looking forward to gathering the community together to mark the reopening of an important cultural and community asset for Lismore, “When the time is right we’ll invite the community to come together and celebrate Lismore City Hall. It holds a special place in our hearts and history as a meeting place for our community for some 55 years. There is great pride and responsibility in managing and carrying this tradition for our town.”

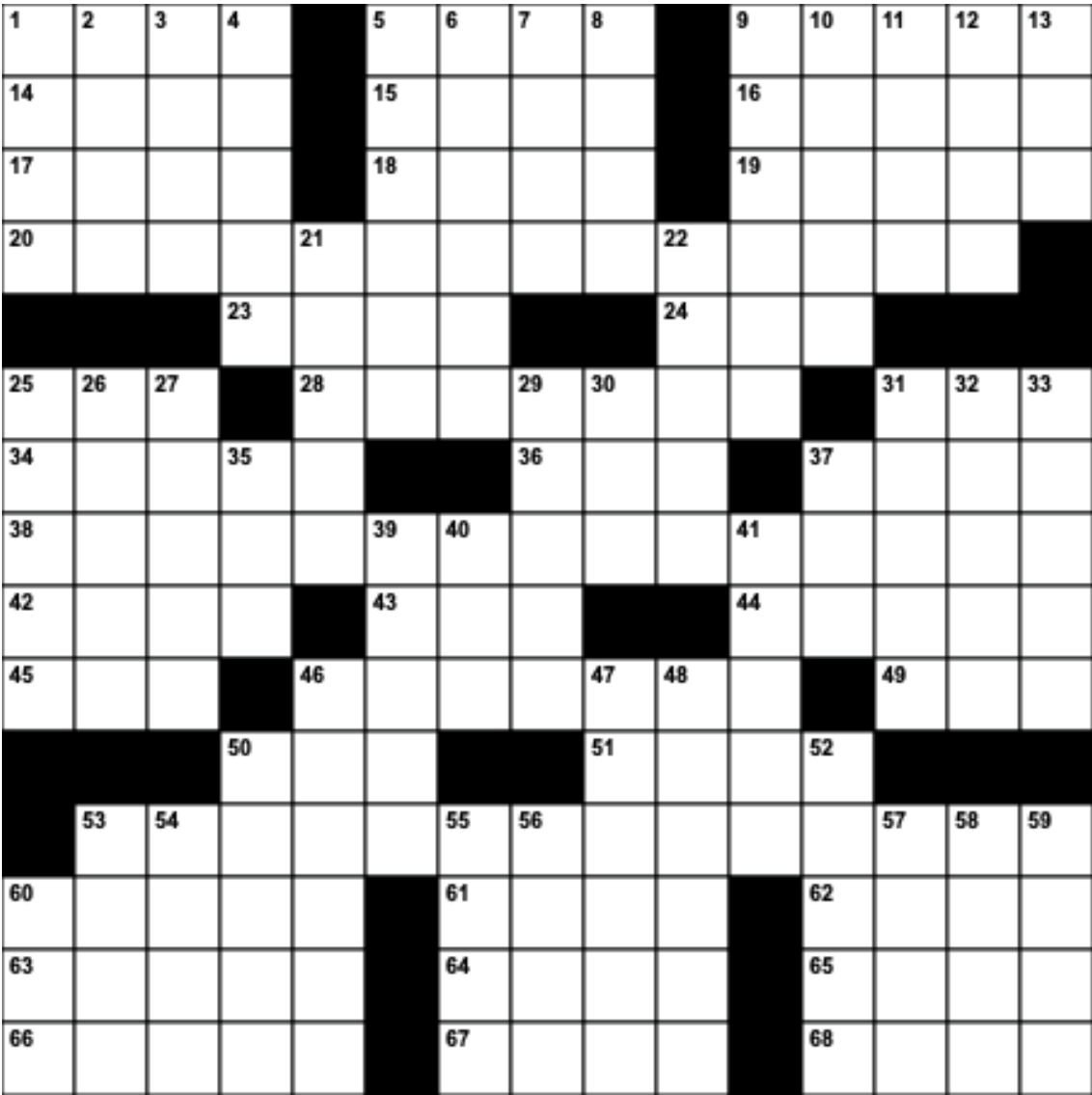
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TIME OUT

Across

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- 5 For whom the bell tolls;
- 9 Artist's support;
- 14 In a jiffy;
- 15 Viscount's superior;
- 16 Luigi's love;
- 17 The last Mrs. Chaplin;
- 18 Journalist Jacob;
- 19 Chip dip;
- 20 Unofficial advisers;
- 23 I did it!;
- 24 Stephen of "The Crying Game";
- 25 Pen point;
- 28 Minter;
- 31 Japanese computer giant;
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- 42 Kind of code;
- 43 Middle of a game?;
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- 45 Conducted;
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- 68 Regan's dad;



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| 2 ...Arabian Nights;                | 25 Twangy;              | 50 Reprimand;             |
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| 4 Perform or portray;               | 27 Two-footer;          | 53 Sicilian smoker;       |
| 5 Shipworm;                         | 29 Establish;           | 54 Fountain-bottom sight; |
| 6 Island in the South China Sea;    | 30 Longing;             | 55 Long tale;             |
| 7 Slang expert Partridge;           | 31 Water nymph;         | 56 Supermodel Sastre;     |
| 8 Designer Schiaparelli;            | 32 Uneven;              | 57 Movie theatre;         |
| 9 Less strict;                      | 33 Artificial waterway; | 58 ...silly question...;  |
| 10 Maytag brand;                    | 35 Resort;              | 59 Interstellar district; |
| 11 Exclusive;                       | 37 Advanced degree?;    | 60 Mediterranean island;  |
| 12 Formerly, formerly;              | 40 Mutilate, spoil;     |                           |
| 13 Grazing ground;                  | 41 Ration out;          |                           |
| 21 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"; | 46 Shout;               |                           |
|                                     | 47 Suitably;            |                           |





Eureka Public School News

It has been a roller coaster of a year at Eureka Public School with so many different events shaping 2020. We have had bush fires, flooding and the Corona Virus to deal with but through it all Eureka Public School remains an amazing school with hard working teachers and fantastic resilient students. As a school we have had to radically change the way we delivered lessons. Credit to all of our teachers, students and parents who have navigated difficult times with flexibility, patience and determination. The school continues to grow, develop and flourish as a fantastic place of learning.

Year 6 Leaders

The year started with the School Leader’s assembly where our Year 6 students accept their new position as school leaders. They received their school leader badge and signed a pledge promising to uphold the responsibilities of school leaders. It is important for us to support our school leaders as they take their first steps towards learning about leadership and what it takes to be a good role model within the school. Our newly appointed leaders then continued their training by attending the Halogen Leadership Day in Brisbane.



Harmony Day

Earlier in the year we celebrated Harmony Day. We had some wonderful guests from Ghana and the Solomon Islands. The students participated in workshops that had them all dancing, singing and chanting traditional songs, playing funky rhythms on African djembes and bamboo log drums, and asking in-depth

questions about life in other countries. Some of our students even got to see (first-hand) what it’s like to be a baby in Ghana! All-in-all it was a very fun afternoon that fully embraced the concept and purpose of Harmony Day and we truly thank our guests for joining with us in a day of peace and cultural celebration.



Project Firestorm

This term the Senior Class have been researching the devastating effects of bushfires as part of their geography unit with Mr Evans. They have looked at how Australia in general has been affected by bushfires throughout history, and how people can defend themselves against threats and what they can do to prevent fires in the future. As part of this unit, the students participated in Project Firestorm (run by the Rural Fire Service) in which they will design a Bushfire Management Plan for a region in Australia (preferably Eureka) and also design, modify or invent a device or contraption that will aid in the prevention or defence of bushfires.



Home learning

With the onset of COVID19 all staff had to quickly change the way they organised and delivered their lessons to our students. It was a sharp learning curve for all but we were truly grateful for the way everyone handled the situation with a positive attitude and with flexibility. Here at Eureka PS we really enjoyed looking at all of the wonderful activities, tasks and learning that happened at home and enjoyed looking at students work posted in the Google Classroom over the home learning period.



There were some fantastic videos, photos and tasks shared we enjoyed the daily contact with all of our students during this time. Highlights from this time included some very delicious entries in the ‘Beautiful Biscuit Battle’ (thanks Zilla, Tom and Millie for feeding our peckish teachers), great overlapping 3D artworks, fantastic Laundry Art and lots of fun and creative persuasive writing video advertisements.



Debating

The school has continued its debating program from last year with three new members, Millie, Zilla and Haruki joining Tom in the team this year. Our first debate was against Wyrallah Road Public School and the topic was ‘We should ban all tests in primary school’, something all students have strong opinions on. For a first time debate the team were magnificent only narrowly losing. We are looking forward to competing against other schools later in the term.



Virtual Reality

This term the school has been lucky to be able to work with a number of Virtual Reality kits loaned to us from the Department of Education. The Junior Class have explored a number of VR learning environments focusing on animals and mini beasts with Mr Evans. The Senior Class have delved into the world of 360 photography, virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR). One of the tasks assigned to the students was to create a 360 tour of our school, complete with narration of the important parts of the school. We have combined this with writing to create an engaging, authentic task.



Robotics

Our students have been learning about basic programming as well as developing their problem solving and collaboration skills. The lessons have introduced students to the kits (all the sensors, motors and moving parts) and how they can be programmed via computer coding software. We’re all very excited to have these resources at Eureka PS as a very fun and engaging way to learn about physics and computational thinking.



Arts

It has been a big year for art here at Eureka Public School. The Senior Class started the year focusing on Pop Art as well as how to create depth and perspective in their artworks, culminating in some beautiful water colour paintings. This term the students have created their own anamorphs to show two different emotions. In the Junior Class we have been learning about the colour wheel. Everyone has enjoyed mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. There has been lots of discussion around the different tones that can be made. There has been a number of art lessons in line inspired by books they have been reading in literacy such as the emu sketches by Wendy Binks and our clay echidna art.





Music

Mr Evans has been exploring the sounds of 'junk percussion' in which the students were instructed to bring in their own percussion instruments made out of recycled materials. So far we have seen a number of homemade shakers and noisemaking items been brought in and the students have had some fun group percussion jams with their instruments. Later in the year the school are hoping to perform the musical 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' for the school community in the Eureka Hall. We have started to familiarise ourselves with the songs are have started auditions this term.



Dorroughby Environmental Day

Last term we had a visit from the Dorroughby Environmental Education team. They came to school to work in the Senior and Junior classrooms. The Senior Class learned about greenhouse gasses and the effect they have on the environment as a blanket around the world. They also learned about how the ozone layer is thinning and how all of the world's scientists have come together to fix the problem. The Juniors looked at a live stick insect and also used microscopes to have a close look at the different parts of the bodies of real insects.



Kindergarten Orientation

We are looking forward to starting Kindergarten Orientation for 2021. We have a number of new students who will be joining us next year and we encourage anyone who may be interested in coming to have a look at our beautiful little school to contact the principal for a chat at any time. Miss Lisa is looking forward to getting to know our new students for 2021 ready for Big School.

Junior Classroom

The Junior Class has been a hive of excitement so far with new friends, exciting play spaces and some new classroom equipment. Kindergarten are learning to read simple books and are already beginning to identify the words in simple stories. They are very eager to demonstrate their new skills and are learning to use these words in simple sentences. Stage 1 students are being taught how to become more independent workers. They are learning to apply a range of strategies to read instructions, record their ideas



and proof-read their work. It is wonderful to witness the pride and excitement experienced by students as they are able to complete tasks independently.

Senior Classroom

The Senior Class has participated in a number of exciting activities this year. In Maths we have completed the 'Build a Bridge' project where each team was given 200 ice block sticks, a small pot of glue and 4m of string to construct a bridge to go over half a metre. We held the final competition in the classroom where the winning bridge was able to hold 4kg of weight. This term the students are designing their own theme park with a budget of \$50 000 000. It has been fantastic to see teams collaborating together in strategic decision making and applying a variety of Maths skills.



Thank you

A big thanks to all of the Eureka Public School staff, students and parents who have coped so well this year under difficult circumstances. It is great to be part of a wonderful area and we are thankful to be happy and safe within our school. We extend our well wishes to the entire Eureka community during this time and thank you for your ongoing support of our beautiful school.

Warmest Regards

Team Eureka.

If you would like more information about Eureka Public School feel free to call us on 6688 4272 or go online to our website [www.eureka-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.eureka-p.schools.nsw.edu.au), or follow our Facebook pages - Eureka Public School, Eureka Public School P&C and Eureka Playgroup.

Eureka Playgroup

Hi, I am Naomi.

I am the coordinator of Eureka Playgroup for 2020.

Eureka Playgroup provides a friendly and relaxed atmosphere for families to come to a beautiful historical school at the heart of Eureka. Playgroup provides an opportunity to make new friends, share space and ideas with children aged 0-5years. The playgroup offers a range of children's activities to suit different developmental stages each week, including play, craft, art, music, and story time.

I have a Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care and have worked at local preschools including Clunes Preschool, Rosebank Preschool, and After School Care at Clunes PS. I have also done placements at Bangalow Community Children's Centre and Byron Bay Preschool.

My daughter Sunny has been at Eureka Public School since she started kindy. We have really enjoyed being a part of the Eureka PS Community. It is part of a wide variety of communities in this area, so I am very happy to support them.

I hope to see you all at playgroup. xxx

When: **Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am.**

Where: **In the beautiful grounds of Eureka Public School**

Playgroup is free and all parents and carers of children 0-5years are welcome.

Children can bring healthy snacks if they want.

Please support our aim of being a "Plastic Free School for our Planet."

Thank you very much.

Welcome

Eureka Playgroup

@ Eureka Public School

Wednesdays 9:30-11:30

(school term in 2020)

Children aged 0-5years old



Outdoor covered area, and garden area

Children can bring healthy snacks if they want.

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Thank you very much

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Rainfall history

Eureka rainfall history - August (28.6838°S, 153.4384°E, 90m AMSL)		
Wettest This Year	275.4mm	07/02/2020
Wettest This Month		01/08/2020
Driest This Year	0.0mm	01/01/2020
Driest This Month	0.0mm	02/08/2020
Total To August	1540.0mm	108.0 days
Total This Month	3.6mm	1.0 days
YTD Average Rainfall	1126.4mm	109.2 days
Long Term Average	82.9mm	8.5 days
Wettest August	302.8mm	2013

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