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Welcome to Uki and Surrounding Communities

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Congratulations for joining a thriving community. Inside this kit you will find information to help familiarise you with Uki and nearby communities (from Dum Dum to Mount Burrell), including where to find help, things to do and how to get involved and become part of this region's ongoing story. While this document mostly focuses on Uki, we have endeavoured to provide some information for folks who live closer to Nimbin and Murwillumbah.

Brief History of Uki Village – 'the village in the clouds':

Listed as a heritage conservation area for its historical buildings such as the Old Buttery, the Bank and the Blue House, Uki was established at the beginning of the timber and dairy industry in the area and is now home to an array of traditional and organic farmers, alternative cultural practitioners, healers, artists and musicians.

Uki sits on Bundjalung Country, a large area that spreads across the North-East coast of NSW and the Southern Eastern coast of Queensland. Bundjalung people all share ancestors who once spoke as their first, preferred language one or more of the dialects of the Lower-Richmond branch of the Yugambeh-Bundjalung language family.

Located on the banks of the Tweed River, Uki is nestled under the shadow of Wollumbin ("cloud catcher"), the mountain that is first in Australia to be touched by the sun at dawn. There are many tales about the name "Uki" including a story about timber quality, but the name indeed originates from "yugoi", which means 'bandicoot' in the local Ndunguwal language.

You can find details about the history of Uki and the area at The Uki Historical Society (<https://www.ukivillage.com.au/historical-society>), which has a large collection of information and vintage photos and provides village walks to residents and visitors.

Information service and village facilities:

A local visitor's information service is located at the Community Technology Centre (CTC) in the Old Buttery. The Uki CTC is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. The CTC serves as the administrator of the Uki Village and District website, prints the Uki News and Uki Calendar, provides computer, office and printing services, as well as local tourist and resilience information. *They are often looking for volunteers to keep this exceptional service running so please stop in and chat to them if you have a little time to spare.*



Uki News is published bi-monthly by the Uki Residents Association (UKIRA) <https://www.ukivillage.com.au/uki-news>

MAIN AMENITIES—in the village include the Post Office (Art Post Uki), the Mount Warning Hotel, the Uki Supermarket, Uki Dental, and Uki Automotive and service station (which also has a towing service). Fuel is available at Uki Automotive (Mon-Fri) and at The Uki Supermarket (Mon-Sun). Uki Supermarket is open 7.30am-6pm Mon-Fri, and 8am-5pm on weekends.

There are also several shops, food outlets (Uki Pies, a takeaway, Village & Co Cafe) and art galleries right in the village (and lots more in Nimbin and Murwillumbah).

WATER—For deliveries of clean, council-approved water for residential and commercial use contact Gary Arnold Water Supply <https://www.garyarnoldwatersupplies.com.au>

GAS—For delivery and swapping of LPG cylinders check with the Uki Supermarket or contact the distribution network of Swap a Bottle <http://www.swapabottlegas.com/lpg-gas-delivery.html>

ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT (SEPTIC)—If your property is not connected to the town sewage system, you may want to check Council's page on this: <https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-business/building-renovating/on-site-sewage-management>

ACCOMMODATION—There is a caravan park and campsite located in Mount Warning Road (<https://www.mtwarningrainforestpark.com>). You can find other accommodation options at <https://www.ukivillage.com.au/accommodation>

MARKETS—Two regular markets are held in Uki: the Uki Farmers Market is held every Saturday in the Uki Hall and the Uki Buttery Bazaar is held every 3rd Sunday of the month at the Old Buttery. Nearby, there are also markets held regularly in Blue Knob, Nimbin and Murwillumbah. A full list of markets across the Northern NSW region can be found at <https://www.visitnorthcoast.com.au/regional-markets/>

MORE INFORMATION AND WHAT'S ON—For more information about CTC and a complete list of Uki's businesses, events and community information go to: www.ukivillage.com.au

If you're closer to Nimbin, please check out the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre at <https://nnic.org.au/pub/> for information, support and services.



Sport, arts and leisure activities:

Activities like yoga, pilates, singing, dancing, AA meetings, social games etc. are held at the Uki Hall – check the board outside the Hall for timetable. The Hall is available for casual hire – check availability and prices online (<https://ukihall.org.au>)

The Nimbin Community Centre also hosts regular events. Check these out at:

<https://www.nimbincommunity.org.au/>. Kunghur Hall is available for hire through Tweed Shire Council: <https://tweed.bookable.net.au/venues/29/kunghur-hall>

ART—Art Post Uki is a gallery space dedicated to showing the work of artists from Uki and surrounding areas, hosted in the heritage-list Uki Post Office. The Little Gallery is a collective of 12 local artists who share a studio space at The Buttery. The well-established 'Images of Uki' exhibition draws crowds to the village over Easter. Further afield, there is plenty of art to be found in Nimbin, at the Blue Knob Hall Gallery, at the impressive Tweed Regional Art Gallery in Murwillumbah, and the M'Arts Precinct in Murwillumbah. And throughout the region — this is an artsy part of the world!

There is a Mountain Bike Park run by the Tweed Shire Council at 165 Smiths Creek Road (<https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/community/recreation-outdoors/outdoor-activities/uki-mountain-bike-park>)

The Uki Sporting Horse Association is at 340 Rowlands Creek Road (<https://www.facebook.com/ukisportinghorse/>)

The Uki Pythons Soccer Club is based at the Uki Sport & Recreation Club at Gerald Parker Park on Kyogle Road. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ukipythonsfc>)

The Uki Touch Football Club has been running since 1978. Find them at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/993020877896842> (or search 'Uki Touch Footy' on FB)

Swimming Pools – The closest public swimming pools are The Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah (which includes indoor heated pools, a water slide & offers year-round classes) — <https://trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/pools/murwillumbah>

And Nimbin Pool (which closes in winter).

<https://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Community/Sport-and-recreation-facilities-and-programs-in-Lismore/Aquatic-facilities/Nimbin-Swimming-Pool>

Educational facilities:

Local children attend education and care facilities in Uki, Kunghur, Murwillumbah, Nimbin and surrounds. There are also TAFE colleges in Murwillumbah and Kingscliff. Here are some of the schools in the district closest to Greater Uki.

Uki to Kunghur

- Uki Public School (K–6), 1463 Kyogle Road. (02) 6679 5128.
- Mount Warning Community Preschool (for children 3-5 years old), 120 Glenock Road. (02) 6679 5313.
- Kunghur Northern Rivers Preschools operates a couple of days a week at the Kunghur Community Hall, 1 Coolon St, Kunghur (02) 6685 7345.
- The Aetaomah Steiner School (K–8), 2486 Kyogle Road. (02) 6679 7255.

Kunghur to Nimbin

- Nimbin Preschool. Cecil Street, Nimbin. P 02 6689 1203 M 0468 318 695
- Nimbin Central School (K–12). 23A Thorburn Street Nimbin NSW 2480. (02) 6689 1355.
- Tuntable Falls Community School (K–6). 117 Upper Tuntable Falls Road, Nimbin, NSW 2480. 0491 466 619
- Rainbow Ridge Steiner School (K–8). 279 Lillian Rock Rd, Lillian Rock, NSW 2480. (02) 6689 7033.

Murwillumbah & surrounds

- Uniting Preschool Murwillumbah, 2 Byangum Rd, Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 2982
- Rosella's Community Preschool, Banner Street, Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 2920
- Joey's Pouch Preschool and Long Day Care. 40 Ewing Street, M/bah (02) 6672 5012
- River Cottage Preschool and Early Education Centre, 55 Commercial Road, M/bah (02) 6672 5599.
- Murwillumbah Public School. Prince St Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 1467.
- Murwillumbah East Public School. 45 George Street, Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 6781.
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. 3 Greville St Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 1867.
- The Small School (K–12). 8 King Street, Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 1018.
- Sathya Sai College (K–12). Primary Campus, 9 Nullum St, Murwillumbah. (02) 6670 8800. Secondary Campus, 9 Jack Williams Place, Dungay. (02) 6670 8840,
- Mt St Patrick's College (K–12). 143 Murwillumbah St, Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 2340.

- Murwillumbah High School (7–12). 86 Riverview St, Murwillumbah NSW 2484. (02) 6672 1566.
- Wollumbin High School (7–12). 94 North Arm Rd, Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 5121
- Tweed Valley Adventist College–TVAC (PreK–12). 9 Hall Drive, Murwillumbah. (02) 6672 2922
- Bhaktivedanta Swami Gurukula School (Hare Krishna School) (PreK–12). 525 Tyalgum Road, Eungella NSW 2484. (02) 6672 3788.

Transport:

There is very little public transport in the district but several buses do run. Visit

<https://transportnsw.info/routes/bus> or search 'buses' at Council's website:

<https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/community/roads-transport/public-transport-bus-shelters>

Churches and places of worship:

- Holy Trinity Church (Anglican)
https://www.anglicanchurchmurwillumbah.com/?page_id=21
- Sri Govinda Dham (Hare Krishna Temple) <https://srigovindadham.com.au>

Community:

Community Facebook groups (these are just a few - search others, Uki Garden Club, Feeding Uki, Murwillumbah Matters for the wider region, & others.):

- The Uki Community News and Social Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1894858197696778>
- Uki Energy Exchange
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/340611202744140>
- UK1 The Real Uki Community
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1742468832802647>
- Mount Burrell & Kunghur Community
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/814834325523970>
- Friends of Byrrill Creek <https://www.facebook.com/groups/31548321157>
- Nimbin Noticeboard
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/336284120404547>

In a small community like ours it is important to respect one another's privacy and communicate respectfully. Tweed Council has created a useful guide to get to know your neighbours and to resolve issues that may arise between neighbours. To learn about it, go to the "[Know Your Neighbour](https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/your-neighbour)" page at [tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Emergencies:

The emergency number for police, fire brigade or ambulance is 000.

Medical Services & Animal Health

The nearest hospital Emergency Department is at Murwillumbah District Hospital in Ewing Street, Murwillumbah. The ED is open 24 hours. Tel [\(02\) 6672 0000](tel:0266720000). The Nimbin Multi Purpose Service also has a 24-hour ED and it is at 35 Cullen Street, Nimbin.

The nearest major public hospital is Tweed Valley Hospital at 771 Cudgen Rd, Cudgen. Phone 6677 2000.

Depending where you live, the closest General Practitioner clinics are in Murwillumbah, Nimbin, Pottsville, Ocean Shores, Mullumbimby, Tweed and Lismore. You can find a full list by searching 'Uki' (or your nearest village/town) at

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services/search/>

The closest veterinarians are in Murwillumbah and some have after-hours on call emergency services but failing that the closest emergency animal hospitals are:

Animal Emergency Services (AES) at Carrara, Gold Coast—07 5530 6370.

North Coast Emergency Vets (Bangalow) — 0424 054 056. www.ncev.com.au

Volunteering and community services:

There are plenty of volunteering opportunities in Uki and surrounds, depending on individual interests and availability.

Uki is home to the Uki Refugee Project (URP), a volunteer-based organisation working to help refugees and asylum seekers. <http://www.ukirefugeeproject.org>

CTC, UKIRA, RUKI, the Rural Fire Brigade, Uki Historical Society, Uki Hall Committee, URP, Landcare, SES Community Action Teams, Anglicare and the sports club associations all welcome volunteers to join their membership. For details, click on the links mentioned in this kit (or type into your browser) or search online. Or ask around town!



Resilient Uki (RUKI)

RUKI is a not-for-profit incorporated association, focused on supporting the Greater Uki area to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters and crises. Uki is set in a beautiful natural region, with rivers, creeks and bushland. Exacerbated by climate change, we find we are susceptible to natural disasters, including storms, floods and bushfires.

In 2022, after the flood events of that year, RUKI established The Neighbourhoods Project. RUKI recognised that, when disaster strikes, it is frequently our neighbours who provide us with the urgent support we need. Often well before emergency services can reach us and then well after they have gone. The Neighbourhoods Project supports the establishment of 12 neighbourhood groups across the Uki district. Each one has a team who supports their neighbourhood's connection, capacity building and involvement. Each neighbourhood is broken into smaller, more manageable pods of geographically close households. Most pods also have a pod leader who acts as a coordination point.

The focus is to strengthen our neighbourhoods so we can become more connected in good times and bad, and be better prepared and confident to look after ourselves in times of need. Initiatives include: neighbourhood communications (e.g. a UHF radio network, online forum and email group); a check-in system during disasters; skills and equipment sharing; and support to prepare for flood and storm, and bushfire planning.

Active Neighbourhood Groups exist in 1. Mt Burrell, 2. Kunghur and Kunghur Creek, Terragon, 3. Byrill Creek 4. Terragon to Uki 5. Uki Village 6. Rowlands and Chowan Creek Rds, 7. Smiths Creek Rd 8. Braeside, Bonnydoon, Toon Pl, Kyogle Rd 9. Meadow Pl 10. Dum Dum, 11. Mt Warning Rd.

You live in this Neighbourhood: _____

Contact your Neighbourhood Leader to be included in neighbourhood communications and notified of activities and opportunities:

Your Neighbourhood leader is: _____

In case of emergency, the following people in your pod have UHF radios:

More information is available at <https://resilientuki.org>



Disasters

Council's Tweed Emergency Dashboard is a great resource to find useful information, contacts and resources about all manner of emergencies. Good to bookmark:

<https://emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au/home>

You should also consider downloading the Hazards Near Me app, which delivers emergency warnings and advice for fires, floods and tsunamis in NSW -

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/hazards-near-me-app>

There are two volunteer fire brigades local to this area, the Uki Rural Fire Brigade and the Kunghur Rural Fire Brigade, made up of professionally trained volunteers who respond to fire and other emergencies. You can find their Facebook pages by searching their names of Facebook.

For bushfire updates, go to the Hazards Near Me App or visit

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me>

To prepare for the fire season, check <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan>

In case of heavy rain, storm or flood, check the ["during a flood" page at resilientuki.org](https://resilientuki.org) and if you need to drive somewhere, check the Tweed Shire Council's flood monitoring cameras at: <https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/property-rates/floods-stormwater/flood-monitoring-cameras>

To prepare for a flood, check <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/floodsafe/prepare-your-home/before-a-flood/>

For other resources about community response to all kinds of disasters, go to: <https://resilientuki.org> and follow the Caldera Community Emergency Support Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/calderacommunityfiresupport/>

Once again, welcome to the area. May you thrive here.

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