



## Welcome to Uki, 'the village in the clouds'

Congratulations for joining a thriving community committed to sustainability, environmental conservation and community culture.

Inside this kit you will find information to help familiarise you with the Uki community, including where to find help, things to do and how to get involved and become part of Uki's ongoing story.

### **Brief History:**

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 Yugambah-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.



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.

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

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>

There is a caravan park and campsite located in Mount Warning Road (<https://www.mtwarningrainforestpark.com>).

There are also several shops, cafés, restaurants and art galleries in the area.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Old Buttery.

For more information about CTC and a complete list of Uki's businesses, events and community information go to: [www.ukivillage.com.au](http://www.ukivillage.com.au)

### **Sport 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>)

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)

### **Educational facilities:**

Uki Public School (kindergarten to year 6), 1463 Kyogle Road. For details check <https://uki-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Mount Warning Community Preschool (for children 3-5 years old), 120 Glenock Road. For details check <https://mtwarningpreschool.com>

In August 2024, Kunghur Northern Rivers Preschools began operating a couple of days a week at the Kunghur Community Hall. Contact Linda on 0431 964 151 for more information.

The Aetaomah Steiner School (kindergarten to year 8), 2486 Kyogle Road. For details, check <https://www.steinereducation.edu.au/member-schools/schools/aetaomah-school/>

### **Churches and places of worship:**

- Holy Trinity Church (Anglican)  
[https://www.anglicanchurchmurwillumbah.com/?page\\_id=21](https://www.anglicanchurchmurwillumbah.com/?page_id=21)
- St. Columba Catholic Church [https://shpmurwillumbah.com.au/?page\\_id=126](https://shpmurwillumbah.com.au/?page_id=126)
- 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 Original Uki Community and Social Group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/166808783512264>
- Uki Energy Exchange  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/340611202744140>
- UK1 The Real Uki Community  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068123414178>
- Mount Burrell & Kunghur Community  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/814834325523970>
- Friends of Byrill Creek  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/31548321157>



## 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, Kunghur Creek, Terragon, 3. Byrrill Creek 4. Uki to Terragon 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>



The Neighbourhoods Project is funded by Healthy North Coast through the North Coast PHN Program.



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:

<https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/documents/property-and-rates/know-your-neighbour-information-pack.pdf>

## **Emergencies:**

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

## **Health & 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 closest General Practitioner clinics are in Murwillumbah and you can find a full list by searching 'Uki' 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 hospital is Animal Emergency Services (AES) at Carrara, Gold Coast, on 07 5530 6370.

## **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 at: [www.facebook.com/ukiruralfirebrigade/](http://www.facebook.com/ukiruralfirebrigade/)



[https://www.facebook.com/people/Kunghur-Rural-Fire-Brigade/100078786773889/?paipv=0&eav=AfYXTw0QSYPCz041f1iLN2uyT-cq9MIHujGbG7-4EFM7ut0iOzO8DL9HaUyNdPtKxkc&\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/people/Kunghur-Rural-Fire-Brigade/100078786773889/?paipv=0&eav=AfYXTw0QSYPCz041f1iLN2uyT-cq9MIHujGbG7-4EFM7ut0iOzO8DL9HaUyNdPtKxkc&_rdr)

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 map of flooded causeways and other relevant information on [www.ukiflood.org](http://www.ukiflood.org) and [http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap\\_fwo.pl?IDN60140.html](http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap_fwo.pl?IDN60140.html)

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/>

## **Volunteering and community services:**

There are plenty of volunteering opportunities in Uki, 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. For more information go to <http://www.ukirefugeeproject.org>

CTC, UKIRA, RUKI, the Rural Fire Brigade, Uki Historical Society, Uki Hall Committee, the Uki Garden Club, URP 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!