

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Central Coast Harvest Festival draws record crowds

The return of Central Coast Council's much-loved Harvest Festival over the 12-13 June long weekend has been hailed a great success, drawing record crowds to the Coast's hinterland communities and providing a welcomed boost to the region's economy.

A celebration of the spectacular Central Coast hinterland, this year's

Ms Vaughan said.

"Our event hubs received an abundance of positive feedback from participants and visitors, many of which travelled from Sydney and beyond to experience the unique events taking place and explore the Coast's rural communities.

"A huge thank you to our attendees for being respectful and following

for our tourism industry, with an estimated \$5.39million being injected directly into our economy as a result of the event.

"Tourism is a significant industry on the Coast and an area where we are committed to growing more jobs and opportunities.

"This event is a great example of how we can create tourism opportunities that protect the local character and environment of our region."

*Central Coast Council
Media Team*



Eastcoast Beverages - Emily and Matt with Olivia & Joshua



Mountain Growers Markets

Harvest Festival saw 30 event hubs run a range of unique events and experiences from farm tours, fruit picking and produce markets to food and wine fairs, degustation dinners and live entertainment.

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Julie Vaughan said over 48,000 people attended the festival, bringing an estimated economic boost of \$5.39 million to our region.

"We are delighted to report that over 48,000 locals and visitors stepped out to enjoy Harvest Festival over the long weekend, which marks an increase of 16,000 people from our 2019 event,"

COVID-safe rules throughout the weekend. The success of this year's Harvest Festival is a positive indication that we can continue to offer these much-loved events, while prioritising the safety of our community."

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said Harvest Festival makes a great contribution to the local economy, providing local employment opportunities, highlighting sustainable farming practices and shining a spotlight on the Central Coast.

"Harvest Festival promotes the region's local growers and producers, celebrates the Central Coast's natural resources and is highly valuable



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Indigenous Black Duck Songline

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury River Historical Society invite you to "A Reawakening of the Black Duck Songline", an afternoon with Special Guest Speaker Robert Fuller.

Please join us at the Chapel on Saturday 31st July where we are pleased to welcome Robert Fuller who is an anthropologist/archaeologist and did a research Masters degree at Macquarie University in indigenous astronomy, and published an article on the cultural astronomy of the Kamilaroi and Euahlayi peoples in New South Wales. Robert has recently completed his PhD on the cultural astronomy and songlines of the saltwater Aboriginal peoples of the Australian East Coast.

Robert will be presenting an analysis of a significant Aboriginal songline in south-eastern Australia that has not been previously recorded. As part of a larger project examining the astronomy and songline connections of the Saltwater Aboriginal people of the New South Wales coast, the Black Duck Songline was identified that may have links to the Pleiades star cluster.

The Pleiades, known by many Aboriginal peoples as the Seven Sisters, is one of the most important elements of Aboriginal cosmologies across Australia, and features in songlines and oral traditions, as well as being a resource calendar identifier.

Aboriginal songlines are a unique development of Aboriginal culture that celebrate the travels and feats of the Creator Ancestors as they created the very landscape. Songlines serve as routes of travel for trade and resources and are renewed through ceremony.

The identification of the Black Duck Songline and its possible connection to the Pleiades, is an example of the potential reawakening of other long-distance songlines in Australia and their connection to the cosmology of their communities.

We will meet at the Chapel at 12.00pm for lunch at 12.30pm.

Robert will commence his talk at the Wesleyan Chapel, 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road, Gunderman after lunch.

Cost:- Members \$15; Non-Member \$20. Price includes a ticket in the raffle to be drawn on the day. Contactless payment will be available.

Bookings essential to secretary@dlhhs.org.au or phone/text on 0405

AN ANECDOTE TO FOLLOW UP THE LOCAL CANNABIS RAIDS

A Queensland Police officer stopped at a farm in Maleny, and talked with an old farmer who was working on his tractor.

He told the farmer, "I have suspicion that there is cannabis growing on your property and I need to inspect your farm for illegally grown drugs right now."

The old timer said, "Okay officer, but please don't go in that field over there", as he pointed out the location.

The Queensland Cop verbally exploded saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the State and Federal Government with me!" He instantly opened his police wallet to produce his badge and arrogantly displayed it in the farmers face.

321 478 by Monday, 26th July for Members and by Wednesday, 28th July for Non-Members.

All welcome.

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The farmer nodded politely, apologised, he continued working on his tractor. A short time later, the old farmer heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the cop running for his life, being chased by the farmer’s big Brahman bull with the biggest horns in town.....

With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it seemed likely that he’d sure enough get gored before he reached safety.

The officer was clearly terrified. The old timer threw down his tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of his lungs..... “Your badge, show him your BADGE!!”



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MAITLAND CATTLE SALE REPORT

Store Cattle Sale - 19th June

Total yarding of 1000 head. Quality and condition was mixed. The market trend was strong with good competition on all grades of cattle. Buyers came from Coonamble, Bathurst, Albury, Tamworth, Upper Hunter and the local area.

Steers

- Weaners: 300 head; 3mths - 12mths; \$900 to \$1,700; Average \$1,465; Trend +65 ; Top \$1,700
- Grown steers: 75 head; 18mths - 3yrs; \$1,900 to \$2,225; Average \$2,025; Trend +150; Top \$2,225
- Yearlings: 120 head; 12mths - 18mths; \$1,450 to \$1,900; Average \$1,700; Trend firm; Top \$1,900

Heifers

- Weaners: 300 head; 3mths -

- 12mths; \$900 to \$1,600; Average \$1,285; Trend +20; Top \$1,600
- Unjoined: 80 head; 12mths - 18mths; \$1,450 to 1,900; Top \$1,900
- PTIC: 120 head; 16mths - 2yrs; \$1,700 to \$2,625; Average \$2,300; Trend +200; Top \$2,625

Cows

- Cows & Calves: 100 head; 2yrs - 10yrs; \$2,000 to \$3,400; Average \$2,520; Trend firm; Top \$3,400
- PTIC: 70 head; 3yrs - 10yrs; \$1,800 to \$2,500; Average \$2,050; Trend +200; Top \$2,500
- Unjoined: 40 head; 3yrs - 8yrs; \$1,600 to \$2,000; Average \$2,000; Trend +50; Top \$2,000

Liveweight Sale - 21 June

Total yarding of 200 head. The market was firm for the restocker cattle with butcher vealers firm to 10c/kg stronger. The export market saw a

stronger trend this week, firm to 15c/kg stronger.

- Best Butcher vealers 475 to 525c/kg
- Restocker steers 500 to 590c/kg
- Restocker heifers 478 to 565c/kg
- Yearling steers 470 to 525c/kg
- Yearling heifers 460 to 518c/kg
- Euro str & hf to feed 520 to 555c/kg
- Angus steers milk & 2 tooth 480 to 490c/kg
- Export heifers 320 to 365c/kg
- Export & grown str 325 to 370c/kg
- Cows 250 to 354c/kg
- Bulls 230 to 326c/kg

A friendly reminder that we are often in the area seeing clients and looking at their livestock and if you would like us to call in be sure to give us a call.

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- Maitland Store Sale – Saturday 17th July Commencing 12pm

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KULNURA AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Once again we met on a beautiful winter's day -this time we were at the Guide

Hall at Central Mangrove where we were warmed by a wonderful log fire! We had nearly 40 folk in attendance as word is spreading that we have brief business, interesting speakers and lots of friendship with some garden tips etc thrown in – all in all a great recipe! After the meeting several of our members went for a bush walk to a waterfall which they really enjoyed.

This month our guest was event florist Justine Kelso who talked about

current trends and demonstrated how to create an autumn wedding with an arbour, table arrangement and bouquets. She was most informative and gave us tips such as how to keep flowers in a vase for longer. Her beautiful arrangements were the raffle prizes and Jenny was thrilled to win the bride's bouquet.

Sad to learn of the many flower growers who have gone out of business due to importation of flowers and that many of these flowers are sprayed with chemicals.....there was a clip on TV about just this later that week!

Our next meeting will be held on

Monday 12th July at Kulnura Hall which is airconditioned and very comfortable. There are chairs there so you will just need to bring your mug and a small plate to share.

Our usual plant competition and Show and Tell will be happening and our guest will be Ray Nesci who is a Bonsai expert and he will talk about and demonstrate Bonsai which should be most interesting.

As you will be aware, Covid restrictions are on again and you will need to register if you are intending to attend. Please email our secretary kulnuradgc@gmail.com. Should Covid prevent us from meeting, we will be Zooming again! You will be advised by email.

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Elise Armstrong
Former School Captain of Wyong Creek Public

Somersby CWA Branch

Somersby branch of CWA along with the Somersby hall committee are still opening the Hall every Wednesday for craft, coffee/tea, chat, laughter, friendship.

It is amazing that some days there can be as many as 11 people. Everyone are welcome and it is fun and friendly.

Our branch members have been helping Food Relief (second bite) from our Somersby Hall on Fridays. (Part of Kariong Neighbourhood centre) sad to say even though quite well accepted it's not happening at the moment, we will advise if it returns. But if any Mountain people need this help they

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can go to the Kariong Neighbourhood centre on a Wednesday afternoon.

Our Hall Committee held their first open weekend on the 12th/13th June with some GREAT history photos of our area. CWA was there with a well stocked Handicraft stall, cakes & Lemon butter, Our BOBBIN LACE member put on a great display and a chance to try, it was so great to watch DAD's, children and Mum all having a go. Hall committee had scones,

jam & cream tea /coffee (with CWA help) It was a great week-end & very profitable for all. When the Hall committee decide to open again CWA will be there.

Coming up is our July meeting, this is our Birthday, our branch started July 1932 this makes our branch 89 so big times next year. So it will be a 10am meeting on Wednesday 14th., then off to the Memorial Club for a birthday lunch & cake.

If Covid-19 allows us to enjoy.

Somersby CWA are planning their LONGTABLE LUNCH for Sunday 15th August, so please mark it on your calendar, ring 43721280 put your name down and join us with fingers crossed Covid-19 lets us go ahead. Thanks Please stay Safe.

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We are currently in the process of purchasing new tools and machinery after our devastating flood. Another item will be a more up-to-date computer system and this will enable us to view a larger library of project plans and specification.

Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed President, Adrian Acheson states "we are keen to attract more members to our very friendly Shed and our Committee have plans in the pipeline for the long awaited walking and

Come to Spencer and find Serenity

Pete Rush, local sculptor and artist has just unveiled his latest sculpture of a stunning mystical creation called Serenity (named by a local) which takes its inspiration from ancient Egyptian art. This evocative sculpture enhances the beauty of the Hawkesbury and its surrounds and is already having a positive impact on tourism for this area.

Pete selected the position beside our new public wharf with the majestic, historic 'White House' (aptly named 'Serene') as the backdrop. Pete said the abundance of local resilient Gynea Lilies as his medium, meant the possibilities were endless. To date,

exercise track, community garden and Tafe courses. There is going to be some exciting times ahead".

Activate yourself and get down to our Shed located behind Bowling Club. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays or you can ring Adrian on 0448833781 to get more information.

A small membership fee is charged to cover insurances.

Warren Lumley

Pete has mostly created animals made from driftwood but Serenity is his first figurative sculpture. As Serenity evolved daily, the connection grew not only for Pete but for all those who came to visit her as she gradually came to life.

Serenity has not only enhanced our landscape but she has also had a positive effect on our Community, bringing us together, helping us to connect with fellow locals and visitors alike. We watched this amazing creation develop right before our very eyes. Pete and Serenity have also had a positive impact on the mental health of the Community simply by drawing people to this scenic area in a relaxed environment whilst chatting to the sculptor at work. On the other hand Pete was overwhelmed by the outpouring of warmth, generosity and hospitality shown by all the residents in our wonderful Community. He got to meet and enjoy the local colourful characters even the resident who was convinced Pete was making a sculpture of a giant prawn!

This has been a Community-based project commissioned by the NSW Government as part of the Bushfire Community Recovery Fund and overseen by Breanna Pollock the Community Development Worker, Community and Cultural Programs at the Central Coast Council. This project was designed to help connect the Community and strengthen resilience,

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and protect the mental health of our Community especially after all the extreme weather events we have been subjected to.

Thank you Pete for bringing us such a glorious sculpture. Serenity with her feet in the water encapsulates the scenic beauty of the Hawkesbury inviting people to stop, relax and soak up the stunning scenery. Pete we have all so much enjoyed having you here at Spencer, getting to know you and watching you work. You are truly inspirational.

As a beautiful tribute Pete Rush has dedicated this magnificent sculpture to Mikol Furneaux who found peace on the wharf near Serenity during his last days.

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- Acknowledgement of Country, by local Preschool family
- Special guests
- Facility tours
- Performances from Preschool children past and present
- Local entertainment



- Jumping castle (free)
- Petting zoo (free)
- Face painting (free)
- Balloon sculpting (free)
- Take home goodie bags with resources for children (free)
- Sausage sizzle and drinks (small cost)
- Cakes, tea and coffee (gold coin donation)

Any enquires regarding the day please call or email the Centre.

Mountain Community the Children's Centre is a community based, not-for-profit organisation. We have been providing Early Childhood Education on the Mountain for 35 years. Mountain Community Children's Centre prides itself on ensuring that all profits are put back into the Centre to provide a quality learning environment for our children and their families.



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LOCAL UNION CHURCH EXPECTED TO BE LISTED AS A WAR MEMORIAL

A representative from the Central Coast Council of RSL Sub-Branches has submitted an application to have the Mangrove Mountain Union Church listed as a war memorial.

Before the Mangrove Mountain RSL/ Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club were built the Mangrove Mountain Union Church was a focal point for remembering and commemorating those locals who fought in the wars and those who lost their lives.

In the book "Every Mothers Son" by Michael Rooksberry the importance of the church is made clear:

"A special service was held at the church on Sunday morning, October 17, 1920 to unveil a memorial tablet commemorating the names of the men from Mangrove Mountain who were lost in World War I.

The October 14, 1920 issue of The Gosford Times carried the following description of the ceremony...On Sunday last the Special Service in connection with the unveiling of a Memorial Tablet commemorating the names of the men from Mangrove Mountain who made the great sacrifice whilst on active service in the Great War, 1914-18, was held and was very largely attended by the residents of

the district. A pleasing feature of the event was the large attendance of ex-members of the A.I.F. Mr John M. McDonald, of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, officiated and performed the ceremony of unveiling and dedicating the tablet. The service throughout was most impressive and will be remembered by all those who were present. Mr George T. Hunt ably presided at the organ.

Today there are two superb honour rolls on display on the north wall of the church. Both are done by hand, including the artwork, and are mounted in simple wooden frames. They each have the same ROLL OF HONOUR across the top with Mangrove Mtn. just beneath. This is followed by two columns of names.

The names on the left hand 'roll' as they appear and are spelt: A. W. Barns, H. E. Williams, Lieut. F. Seymoar, H. E. Grey, A. Greethead, S. A. Starkey, V. Pinkstone, H. Akers, A. J. Love, F.L. Young, R. W. Phelps, G. Wood. H. G. Hodson, A. Baiges, Sgt-Mjr Winterbottom. W. B. Kirk, M. Penn, R. Mackenzie, W. Robinson, G. Colman. H. Colman, R. Marongs, W. Harris, R. Grant, C. Lees, C. Akers, R. Gibson, A. Bushell, Mjr Hallard, H. Kimberley. The two columns of



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This year there has been a big interest in contemporary paintings, as well as beautiful traditional works exploring many subjects.



'Overlooking Sofala' by Howard Rogers

names on the right hand roll as they appear and are spelt: G. Downes, W. Jamieson, W. Shorrocks, J. Shorrocks, R. Shorrocks, C. Reddall, C. Wippell, F. Giles, Taylor (no initials given), G. Hunt, P. F. Salling, H. G. Gates, E. Haslem, L. A. Kelynack, C. Le Grey, W. Lindsay, H. C. Moxham, J. Galloway, H. Phelps. C. Grant, R. H. Hobbs, A. Wing, C. Love."

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Well, the Harvest Festival came and went and what beautiful weather to welcome all the visitors to our great part of the Country. On behalf of our branch I want to thank Somersby Gardens for having us on their beautiful property and enabled awareness of the CWA. Visitors from

Cronulla, Doyalson and Parramatta (of course I couldn't ask everyone) and even a young man from Ireland who is visiting his sister.

So on Saturday scones, scones and more scones sold with Devonshire Teas and also packs and yes we sold out. A quick phone call to our lovely member and more scones were cooked for Sunday. Soups, slices, cookies and jams were sold also. It was two full days with five lovely ladies run off their feet and of course me too (I lived up to my position as Hon. Treasurer

and gladly took the money).

On Sunday it was a slow start but then about 11.30 we were full on again. A very exhausting weekend but we lived up to the CWA standard with good food and a smile and of course scones.

Weather a bit cold but with blue skies and the sun shining what more does one want.

Our branch was on the NBN news on Sunday night and Kaye spoke about CWA.

Till next time, take care,

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Scouts Get Out and About

The members of Peats Ridge Scout Group are planning and participating in a number of outdoor activities through the cooler months. Overnight hikes, standing camps, mountain bike hikes, beach camps, outdoor pizza nights, district camps and Scouting challenge rallies are all part of the youth created plans for terms two and three. Two of the recent events are detailed below.

One of our older Cubs, Eli, recently led the Cub pack on a mountain bike hike along the trails connecting Patonga to Pearl Beach. The Cubs and Leaders cycled along a series of fire trails, stopping at scenic lookouts and epic caves along the way. The day was completed with a number of beach games refereed by Eli, followed by some hot chips at Pearl Beach. Eli put a large amount of effort into the planning and organisation for this event, resulting in a wonderful day for all involved. Well done Eli.

Some of our intrepid Scouts recently took part in the Hunter and Coastal Region Rally. Rallies are an interesting mix of standing camps, overnight hikes and Scouting challenges. The Scouts were required to carry all their own gear in packs on their back for the weekend and were also in charge of sourcing and cooking their own light-weight hiking meals. The participating Scouts entered the competition as two separate Patrols; the Covid Crushers led by Jack and



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The Viruses led by Violet. After the weigh-in to ensure that nobody's pack was too heavy, the Patrol Leaders were given a map and tasked with navigating their way to each of the challenge bases. Across the weekend the Scouts were judged on their teamwork and problem-solving skills across a number of bases involving construction, pioneering, survival skills and physical challenges. All of our Scouts did a great job representing our group with enthusiasm and commitment. Peats Ridge Scouts are now gearing up for the State Rally, which is set to take place at Cataract Scout Park, down south of Sydney, which will involve Scouting patrols from across the State.

If you or your children have an interest in adventuring the great outdoors, why not come along to see what all the fun is about? Three-week trials are routinely offered as an introduction to the Group before being officially invested.

Section meeting times for Cubs (8-10yrs boys & girls), Scouts (11-14yrs boys & girls) and Venturers (15-18yrs youths) can be located at the listings at the rear of the Community News. All enquiries can be made by calling our Group Leader, James Lutwyche, on 0438 476 562 or by email to James.lutwyche@nsw.scouts.com.au

*Mat Clarke
Cub Leader
Peats Ridge Scout Group*



Rehearsals are in full swing for Wyong Drama Group's early August production of David Williamson's Birthrights. Williamson is Australia's most prolific playwright. His vast body of work includes classics such as Don's Party, The Removalists, The Club and Travelling North.

Birthrights, although published in 2003 and described as a 'bittersweet play about motherhood', explores many themes which are very relevant today.

When Helen (Francesca Radice) discovers she is unable to have children, her career-driven sister Claudia (Rebecca McRae) offers to be the surrogate mother. The play addresses the ethical and emotional complexities of this act of generosity along with the impact on the sisters' very different partners, Mark (James Chambers) and Martin (James Hunter). Kelly (Jacinta-Rose Burley), the daughter, proves to

be a challenging child whilst Margaret (Sally Bartley), the feisty mother of the sisters, attempts to smooth the waters.

Directed by Julie Bailey, Birthrights, an engaging play with strong characters and thought-provoking dialogue, promises a thoroughly absorbing and entertaining theatre experience.

Note: Adult themes and occasional coarse language

Show times: August 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 at 7.30 pm

August 7, 8, 11, 13 at 2pm

Venue: The Red Tree Theatre, 160-162 Pacific Highway, Tuggerah Straight

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The Way it Was and Should Be...

As you drive along Wisemans Ferry Road, have you ever stopped to wonder about the little church near the corner of Bloodtree Road?

Mangrove Mountain Union Church was built over a hundred years ago by the people of the Mountain for the people of the Mountain. The property belongs to the community and is

managed by a committee of local people.

Work has recently begun to repair, maintain and develop the site. Some of the activities you may have noticed include:

- Erection of screen doors and windows for the vestry
- Entry areas graded making it safer for vehicles
- An upgrade to the parking area which is now levelled and covered with gravel
- Clearing of untidy bush areas around the buildings
- Replacement of the old church water tank and new pumps and filters attached to this water tank
- Extensive sewerage upgrade
- Electrical work (motion sensors, fire alarms and in case of black-outs, Spitfire emergency light) to make the facilities safer
- Air conditioning units are serviced and working as they should
- Replacement of worn-out electrical equipment in and around the property

Other items soon to be addressed include:

- Landscaping
- Cement paths to allow for safer access to the toilet block
- Erection of an accessibility toilet
- Safety rail on hall access ramp

These facilities are the home of the Mangrove Mountain Anglican Church



which meets every Sunday at 8:00 am and the Mangrove Mountain Uniting Church group which meets at 9:30 am every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday. Everyone is made to feel very welcome at these services.

Community groups also use this property for meetings and various activities.

The wonderful bush location makes Mangrove Mountain Union Church ideal for weddings, baptisms, family celebrations and group get-togethers.

The fees for the hire of the property are more than reasonable. Being a community asset, the committee has no desire to make a profit, only to ensure that funds raised cover the use of electricity, insurance and cleaning and any maintenance or upgrades as required.

If you would like to know more about Mangrove Mountain Union Church and how its committee can accommodate your group, please contact Bryan Sullivan, Booking Officer, on 43722006.

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Many residents of the district are frustrated by the lack of a mobile service, because they are out of range of a mobile tower, or their nearest tower is unreliable or not functioning because of a power outage. But it is possible to make mobile calls without a mobile service, if you have an internet connection.

I have had ongoing service issues with my landline for more than thirty years and had to give up dreaming about a mobile service, to replace the landline, years ago because I live in a reasonably remote area out of range of

any planned towers.

Then last year came a revelation. During a visit from my family I noticed that my son in law was making a receiving calls on his mobile. On checking I discovered that he was using my internet service and the 'Wi-Fi calling' function on his phone to make the mobile calls! Except for times when lightning strikes my satellite dish I have a reliable NBN satellite internet service. Having access to this technology has been transformative.

Instead of relying on the mobile phone network, WiFi calling and texting use any available WiFi network to place a call or send a TXT over the Internet.

WiFi calling is regular calling on your mobile, except your phone carrier routes the call over an available WiFi network instead of its mobile network. When you call, your phone automatically selects the best network — mobile or WiFi — you don't need to do anything. On top of that WiFi calling doesn't cost anything extra. Your phone service provider will treat your WiFi calls as though you were making regular mobile calls.

Why hasn't this solution been discussed in the comprehensive investigations made locally? It may be that people are concerned about the reliability of their internet service, don't have a mobile plan that includes Wi-Fi calling or see the few other requirements as an impediment.

To use Wi-Fi calling, you need to:

- Have a Wi-Fi calling compatible smartphone or tablet. This includes:
 - Apple iPhone 6 onwards, Apple Watch 3 onwards
 - Samsung Galaxy devices, S7 onwards, Note 5 onwards
 - Google Pixel 2 devices onwards
 - LG devices G6 onwards

- Have a mobile service provider who offers Wi-Fi calling. It is important to check that this is available from your provider, or change if it is not. To turn on Wi-Fi calling?

For iPhone:

1. Go to Settings
2. Select Mobile
3. Turn on Wi-Fi calling

For Android devices:

1. Go to your phone's calling app
2. Select More or the three dots in the top right corner
3. Select Settings
4. Turn on Wi-Fi Calling

Using Wi-Fi calling in a 'zero or irregular' mobile service area is incredibly simple, convenient and cheap. Superseded new mobile phones with the function are, online, about 30% of the price of new phones!! Refurbished more current phones are also cheap. If you don't have a mobile plan that includes Wi-Fi calling you can buy an unlimited annual contract for \$200 for unlimited local and 20 other countries.

John Edye

Mangrove Mountain Union Church Inc.
Committee

Editors Note: Some of the major work was carried out by local volunteers and currently the Anglican and Uniting Church groups are not holding services at the Church.

Bookings are not being taken at present



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- Kulnura VBFB** General meeting
at Greta Rd Station Training
1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm
3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
- Mangrove Mountain RFS** General Meeting
Bloodtree Rd Training / Maintenance
Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm,
All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
- Spencer RFS** General Meeting
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- Country Women's Association (Somersby)**
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Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact
Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.
- Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)**
First Monday of the month at Community
Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries
please contact Christine 0419 400163.
- Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)**
2nd Tues of the month at Mangrove Mountain
Hall 2-4 Waratah Rd Mangrove Mtn. Start
5pm, meeting 7pm. Ph Judy 43771728
- Gosford North Inner Wheel club**
2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in
Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
- Gosford World Vision Community Group**
4th Tues 11am in Presbyterian Church, West
Gosford Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 586 760.
- Permaculture Central Coast**
Third Tuesday (except Jan.) at Tuggerah
Community Hall, ANZAC Rd, 6.30pm - 9pm
- Kulnura & District Garden Club**
Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui
Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com
- Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting**
First Thursday of the Month, 8pm, Mangrove
Mountain Hall. No meeting in January. Hon.
Sec Danny Willmott 0407275653
- Mangrove Emergency Planning Committee**
Third Wednesday bi-monthly, Mangrove Hall
- Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting**
2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Union
Church Hall. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529
- Mangrove Mountain RSL Women's Auxiliary**
Third Tuesday of the month, 2pm Mangrove
Mountain Memorial Club New Members
welcome. Secretary Keitha Coty 43771773
- Mountain District Football Club Meeting**
Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the
Mangrove Memorial Club
- River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District**
President Robyn Downham 0414248224
Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com
- Rotary Club Meeting**
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- Spencer Community Progress Group Inc**
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Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer
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- The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group**
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- Somersby Equestrian Club Club & Committee Meeting**
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1st Sat, 5.30pm-9:00pm, Divine Youth
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Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat

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5 Lands Walk postponed

Due to the Public Health order issued on 23 June, the 5 Lands Walk, scheduled to proceed on Saturday 26th June, will be postponed to a date in the very near future.

The 5 Lands Walk President Pauline Wright says "While we are confident that we can comply with the newly announced COVID-19 restrictions with some modifications, we are concerned about the possibility that an asymptomatic person could unknowingly come to the event.

"If we go ahead now the 5 Lands Walk will be restricted but if we proceed later it will be a celebration. The 5 Lands Walks mantra is 'connecting people to people and people to place' and we aim to exclude no-one. Wearing masks and the other restrictions mean that many people will be unable to participate in the celebrations. We don't want to risk the health of our community by gathering people together right now. We would like to minimise the risk to our community and see everyone come together later, when our community can connect with each other with reduced fear and enhanced sense of belonging.

"The decision has not been made lightly, and we thank everyone for their understanding. For our community, the 22,000 walkers, the performers, our 700+ volunteers, the risk is too great. We want to enjoy this time with you. We need healing and community now more than ever and we have this incredible annual celebration. Let's

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come together at a safer time in the very near future.

“There is a great need in our community to connect people to people and people to place. We need connection now more than ever with the separation we have experienced in the past 15 months. There is a spirituality with what we are doing in bringing people together and this is linked to the solstice, the migration of the whales, to this season – and it joins us all. So an early date is planned.”

The postponement extends to the 5 Lands Walk Opening Ceremony scheduled for the evening of 25 June, and will enable this spectacular Indigenous and multicultural performance to include a community choir and parade on a new date. “This Opening Ceremony deeply moves people and brings us all together. Our performers have been rehearsing for months and want to do this justice.”

We will advise the new date once we have confirmation from all stakeholders. This will be announced through our Facebook page and on our website www.5landswalk.com.au

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Kariong Community Baptist Church	Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Kariong Public School Hall, Chris Clarke email revrcr@hotmail.com
Catholic Service -Spencer	Holy Trinity Church, 2nd Sat of the month 4pm, Contact 43771374 or 43771168 as times may change each month.
- Wollombi	2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.
- Somersby	Every Sat. evening vigil – 5.30pm St. Francis of Assisi Centre, 30 Lutana Rd, Somersby.
- Yarramalong	1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas Catholic Mass All welcome. Enq 4356 1321
YOUTH	
Junior Girl Guides 5-10	Kooree Guide Cabin, every Monday in school term, 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Girl Guides 10-15	Kooree Guide Cabin, every Monday in school term, 6.00pm-7.30pm
Scouts, Cubs & Venturers Peats Ridge Scout Hall	Cubs meet 6.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesdays Scouts meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Tuesdays Venturers meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Mondays Contact 0438 476 562
Mangrove Mountain Playgroup	Every Tues (except school holidays) 9am to 11.30am, Kooree Guide Cabin. Bec G, PH: 0421 996 029 Anne, PH: 0412 526 557 Email: becgilmour@gmail.com
HISTORICAL	
Brisbane Waters Historical Society	25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au
Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society Inc.	Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 0405321478 jankofron@optusnet.com.au
First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter	2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30, Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact John 43921926 or Jon 43116254.
The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group	3rd Fri each month 7.30pm Pearl Beach. Peggy 0411754577 pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com
Wyong District Museum & Historical Society	Open Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times by appt. Contact 43521886 email info@alisonhomestead.com.au website: www.alisonhomestead.com.au
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Kulnura Hall	Hall bookings contact Annette Stackman 43561196 Committee mtg 3rd Thurs 7:00pm at Hall- Open to all from community.
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Myself and my wife were very lucky to arrive by Halverson hire boat about 1967 at Spencer the wharf outside the shop now called the General Store which was a refuelling point for many craft.

Never in wildest dreams did I think that I would live at Spencer but in 1996 my wife and I bought land up here.

Upon arriving here and living on a bare block in caravans, no power, water etc. etc.

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Over many years it is now 2020 the main store called the General had become run down and lost customers.

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