

COMMUNITY NEWS

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SOMERSBY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE PILE BURNING

FOR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES IN THE SOMERSBY & SURROUNDING AREAS

Pile Burning

- › Burning of cut & stacked vegetation is referred to as a pile burn
- › Pile burns can be a useful method for reducing bush fire fuels, bush regeneration, property maintenance & agricultural activities.



BEFORE YOU LIGHT THAT FIRE:
There are four simple steps;
STEP 1 Seek environmental approval (if required)
STEP 2 Obtain a Fire Permit (if required)
STEP 3 Provide notifications
STEP 4 Check if it's a Total Fire Ban Day

Key things you'll need to consider prior to lighting the pile burn:

- › Pile size may be up to 2 m in diameter & a maximum height of 1.5 m
- › Vegetation must be of a diameter of 150 mm or less
- › Dry & dead vegetation generated on the premises only
- › The burning of non-vegetative waste is not permitted. Building materials (treated pine, gyprock, asbestos) plastics, furniture & tyres are prohibited
- › Notify the NSW RFS & adjoining neighbours 24 hours prior.
- › The statutory Bush Fire Danger Period runs from 1 October to 31 March, however it may vary due to local conditions. If you are planning to light a fire in the open during this time, you will need a Fire Permit.



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Check these guides for more information on permits & reducing hazards on your property:
Central Coast Council: Open Burning Policy (May 2019)
www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
NSW RFS: Standards for Pile Burning & Before you light that fire www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

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[See also the list on page 20 for contact details of other local RFS Brigades]

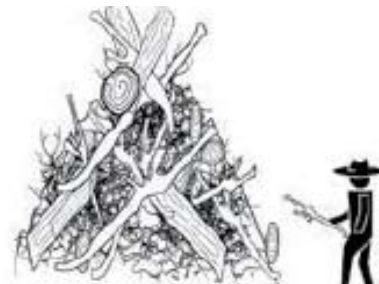
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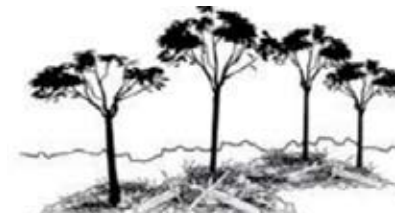
Right & Wrong of Pile Burns



WRONG: Pile burns are not bonfires. They don't need to be high. This pile will be too hot. Pile burns must be constructed from natural vegetation only, not household or building rubbish.



RIGHT: Make the pile wide and long rather than high. This will spread the heat and be safer. One pile of vegetation may be burnt at any one time.



WRONG: Don't pile vegetation around the base of trees or directly under low canopy.



RIGHT: Try to choose a space with open canopy away from the base of trees. All combustible material within 4.5m of the fire must be removed

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Union Church Update 30th July '21

Members of the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Association met last night (Thursday 29/7/2021) using the ZOOM online conference facility to hold a Special General Meeting (SGM) in accordance with the Association's Constitution. The main business of the evening was to fill several positions on the management committee for the Association due to recent casual vacancies.

The SGM was convened by Pam Crocker who was also appointed to be the Returning Officer for the evening. Prior to the position elections, Pam took the opportunity to step down from her Public Officer role to be an Ordinary Member of the Committee.

As a result of the nomination and election process, the new management committee for the Mangrove Mountain Union Church comprises the following people: -

President	Georgia Sidiropoulos
Vice President	Fred Longley
Treasurer	Kay Collins
Secretary & Public Officer	Lorraine Dickson
Ordinary Member	Ron Collins
Ordinary Member	Ryan Howard
Ordinary Member	Robert Meggs
Ordinary Member	Keith Aranjó



Ordinary Member Pam Crocker

After the committee elections, Pam handed the running of the meeting on to the new President Georgia Sidiropoulos. Georgia thanked Pam for her years of service in the Public Officer position and also for her faith and support for the continuation of the Union Church in our community.

The new committee then passed several motions of rescission on actions by the former committee. Finally, and for the avoidance of doubt, the new committee resolved to communicate to the Church Liquidator that his appointment (considered to have been made invalidly) has itself been rescinded.

Meanwhile, the new Committee will now begin to make plans for the re-engagement of the Mangrove Mountain Union Church with our local community. Our plan is to hit the ground running and be "open for use" when the current Covid-19 Lockdown Restrictions are lifted.

*Robert Meggs
On behalf of the
Management Committee of the
Mangrove Mountain Union Church Inc.*

MOVING ABOUT DURING THE CURRENT COVID LOCKDOWN

The following article is taken from Valley Happenings (Macdonald Valley / St Albans) but has some good guidance for our Districts:

There has been some confusion about the stay at home orders and what they mean to the valley residents who do not have access to shops etc within the 10 km of our home. Our local Policeman Bill has tried to clarify the situation for us.

Senior Constable W. Andrews shared a post.

***** Change in Public Health Restrictions Commencing 29 July 2021 *****

Please take note of the change in Public Health Restriction commencing 29 July 2021.

A particular item that has caused concern in the local community is in relation to the reasonable excuse to leave your home in order to obtain goods and services.

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From tomorrow it is expected that 'the food, goods or services are obtained locally, unless the food, goods or services or equivalent food, goods or services are not reasonably available locally'.

Locally is defined as within the local government area where the person resides or no further than 10 kilometers from the persons place of residence if within another local government area.

I am aware that this is likely to cause concern for those residing in the Macdonald Valley within the Hawkesbury LGA and would generally shop at Wisemans Ferry or Glenorie (Hornsby and The Hills LGA). Given that goods and services are not 'reasonably available' to those residents locally, it is permissible for those residents to travel more than 10 kilometers from their place of residence to obtain food or other goods and services.

I.E - Persons from the Macdonald Valley may travel to Glenorie to do their shopping rather than Windsor if so preferred.

It should be noted that the public health order stipulates that it must only be essential goods and services for the household.

Discretion can be utilised by Police in the enforcement of this particular aspect of this order however if you are found to be a significant distance from your home and using shopping as an excuse, that it is unlikely to be seen favorably.



KINDERGARTEN 2022 UPDATE



Unfortunately the information session and tour planned for 4 August is unable to go ahead.

When restrictions ease we invite you to contact us for any enrolment questions or to make an appointment for a tour of our beautiful school.

Further information regarding Kindergarten 2022 Transition Program in Term 4 will be provided closer to the time 😊

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UPCOMING CATTLE AUCTIONS

Maitland Regional Saleyards

- Weekly Monday Liveweight Cattle Sales 9am, followed by Calves, Pigs & Sheep from 12 noon
- Maitland Store Sale – Saturday 21st August Commencing 12pm

Gloucester Saleyards

- Fortnightly Thursday Store Cattle Sales 11am 5th & 19th August

Sugarloaf Angus Annual Bull Sale

- Saturday 7th August 1pm

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Vandals Destroy Local Resident's Letterboxes

On the morning of July 3rd residents received a shock to discover that their letterboxes had been destroyed.

The letterboxes are located at the start of Maroney Rd, just near the intersection with Wisemans Ferry Rd.

If you saw or heard anything please contact:

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EXPLORING THE GOSFORD GLYPHS AND ABORIGINAL ENGRAVINGS

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society invite you to join us as Robert Pankhurst takes us on another fascinating exploration of several significant aboriginal rock engravings sites in the Brisbane Waters National Park. Robert will take us to areas to see an array of unusual engravings including a man with four boomerangs and a rare drawing of a dolphin. Robert will also take us to see the 'Gosford Glyphs' – there's over 300 of them! No one knows who made them or when. Some suspect they were carved in the 1970's, but their true origin remains a mystery.

Robert has spent over 60 years exploring areas around the Hawkesbury and the southern Central Coast, including Brisbane Waters looking for Aboriginal rock carvings, foreshore middens and sites that contain ancient indigenous engravings. The flat exposed areas of Hawkesbury sandstone within the park provides an ideal 'canvas' for Aboriginal artists, and there are hundreds of rock engraving sites throughout the park. Aboriginal sites on Hawkesbury sandstone have a

distinctive style of engraving which is unique in Australia.

Date:- Saturday, 28th August 2021
Time:- 9.30am

Location:- To meet at the end of Bambara Road just off Woy Woy Road, Kariong as there is a large parking area. We will have a quick morning tea and then car pool to a smaller car park at the top of Bambara Road near the Kariong Fire Station before we head off on our walk.

Cost:- \$7.50 for Members; \$10.00 for Non-members.

Bookings and contact details in case of rain to 0405 321 478 (leave a message) by Tuesday, 24th August.

Please note: Numbers are strictly limited to comply with current COVID-19 restrictions on outdoor gatherings. If you are booked in but unable to make it on the day please advise ASAP as we expect a waiting

list. If more than 20 people turn up (i.e. without a booking) we will not be able to proceed with the excursion.

We require all participants to observe the 1.5 metre apart rule (members of the same household excepted) and practise good hand hygiene.

All participants will be required to provide contact details and sign a indemnify form on arrival before participating in the excursion.

Bring along lunch, snacks, water, sunhat, sunscreen, repellent and wet weather gear if required. Sturdy shoes are suggested. This is a easy walk.

For further information please contact us on enquiries@dlhhs.org.au or 0405 321 478.

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MAITLAND CATTLE SALE REPORT

Maitland Store Cattle Sale
Saturday 17th July 2021

This sale saw a total yarding of 700 head. The steer market was back in quality although it was a better yarding of females on offer this sale. The steer market was firm on last month, the females sold to very strong competition and a dearer market. Buyers in attendance from the local area, Upper Hunter, Inverell and Bathurst.

Highlights - A/c G & N Jones, Quorrobolong sold top price pen of Angus cows PTIC for \$3,100 to G & J Bridge. They also sold the top priced pen of Angus heifers PTIC on 2nd calf for \$2,800 to Noel Brown of Allynbrook park, Allynbrook.

Steers

- Weaners: 200 head; 5mths - 12mths; \$1,000 to \$1,700; Average \$1,380; Top \$1,700
- Grown steers: 10 head; 3yrs; \$1,700 to \$1,900; Average \$1,850; Top \$1,900
- Yearlings: 70 head; 12mths - 20mths; \$1,700 to \$1,750; Average \$1,725; Top \$1,750

Heifers

- Weaners: 150 head; 5mths - 16mths; \$1,000 to \$1,900; Average \$1,380; Trend +100; Top \$2,000
- PTIC: 80 head; 2yrs - 3yrs; \$2,200 to \$2,800; Average \$2,650; Trend +150; Top \$2,800

Cows

- Cows & Calves: 100 head; 2yrs - 10yrs; \$2,500 to \$3,450; Average \$3,000; Trend +200; Top \$3,450
- PTIC: 90 head; 4yrs - 10yrs; \$1,600 to \$3,100; Average \$2,260; Trend +200; Top \$3,100

Maitland Liveweight Sale

19th July 2021

Total yarding of 420 head of cattle this sale. Quality and condition was fair with a lot more lighter weaners on offer. Still a very strong sale up to 40c dearer for restockers. Trade cattle 10c to 30c dearer and export cattle were firm. All regular buyers operating. Highlight of the sale was 300kgs Angus steers making \$2,000.

- Best vealers 480 to 540c/kg;
- Restockers steers 200-280kgs 510 to 722c/kg to avg 650c/kg;
- Weaner steers 280-330kgs 490 to 696c/kg to avg 610c/kg;
- Weaner heifers 180-280kgs 520 to 606c/kg avg 560c/kg;
- Weaner heifers 280-330kgs 500 to

- 554c/kg avg 534c/kg;
- Export steers 540-750kgs 320 to 360c/kg;
- Yearling steers 500 to 650c/kg;
- Yearling heifers 460 to 560c/kg;
- Export heifers 280 to 430c/kg;
- Cows 270 to 356c/kg, light cows to 356c/kg;
- Bulls 270 to 280c/kg.

Maitland Liveweight Sale

26 July 2021

This sale saw a yarding of 520 cattle. A good yarding of weaner cattle this week. With the market holding firm to slightly easier on the black restocker steers. Trade cattle were firm to slightly easier while the export market were firm to stronger.

- Butcher vealers 500 to 550c/kg;
- Restockers steers up to 250kgs 620 to 738c/kg;
- Restocker steers 250-300kgs 600 to 700c/kg;
- Restocker steers +300kgs 570 to 620c/kg;
- Restocker heifers 495 to 670c/kg;
- Euro steers & heifers 550 to 635c/kg;
- Feeder steers milk & 2 tooth 490 to 565c/kg; 4 & 6 tooth steers 410 to 495c/kg;
- Export heifers 320 to 330c/kg;
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Catalogues are now available for the annual Sugarloaf Angus Bull Sale - Saturday, 7th August 2021 at 1pm

Next Gloucester Store Sale - Thursday 5th August 2021 - Commencing 11am

Next Maitland Store Sale - Saturday 21st August 2021 - Commencing 12 noon

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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A PASSION FOR GARDENS AND COMMUNITY

It is with much sadness and a feeling of great loss to those in the gardening community that we convey the news of the passing on Friday 9 July 2021 of Dr. Stephen Goodwin.

The Kulnura & District Garden Club were extremely fortunate to have Stephen, who had a PhD in Entomology as a member since September 2009. Stephen served on the Committee in many roles including Vice President, Flower Competition Convener, and organiser of our programme each year – not an easy job as most meetings are visits to rural properties and in obtaining the services of a Guest Speaker.

Stephen was also an active member of the Matcham Rare Plant Garden Club and was widely known as a knowledgeable and passionate gardener. In 2020 he was awarded the Ann Clark Medallion by Garden Clubs of Australia.

His passion for gardens and community meant he offered his assistance in many ways such as fund raising for the local Mangrove Mountain Community and bringing environmental issues to the attention



of the community, local council and to court. Stephen was also a foundation committee member of the Kariong Plant Lovers Fair which is now run each spring. Stephen along with his wife Marilyn had lived on their beautiful property at Mangrove Mountain since 1998 until the progression of his illness forced them to downsize to the Southern Highlands in September 2020.

The Kulnura & District Garden Club were pleased to donate to the Lung Foundation of Australia in memory of Dr Stephen Goodwin.

*Jacqui Maxwell
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CENTRAL COAST COVID-19 EXPOSURE SITES

A Central Coast resident, who was identified as a household contact of four previously announced Central Coast cases has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

A long list of exposure sites have been identified in San Remo, Tuggerah, Lake Haven, Charmhaven and Northlakes.

Testing clinics on the Central Coast in response to these exposure sites are extending their operating hours.

Liesl Tesch MP, Member for Gosford is thanking the community for going out and getting tested.

“I have heard the Central Coast community are all getting tested and staying on top of COVID-19 to ensure themselves and their family are safe.”

“I want to applaud those who have been to get tested, not just over the recent days, but since this lockdown began.”

“The community spirit on the Central Coast is second to none and without the efforts of all of us we could be in a very different situation.”

“We have done an incredible job keeping COVID off the Coast and if we continue to be diligent, get tested if we have been to any exposure sites,

or if we have even the slightest of symptoms and keep adhering to the health advice we will combat this again.”

As these COVID cases arose on the Central Coast over the weekend, the “Freedom Protest” in Sydney was taking place.

The protest saw thousands of people in NSW march against the lockdown, not practicing social distancing and many also not wearing masks.

Ms Tesch says the events on the weekend were reprehensible.

“What happened on the weekend is beyond upsetting to us all and I feel your pain and deflations at what took place, especially when the majority of us have been following these restrictions and doing the right thing.”

“If you know anyone who attended the event contact Crime Stoppers to ensure they are held to account for their appalling actions and so they do not potentially spread the virus in our community.”

To report someone who attended the protest or for those breaking the restrictions in place contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>.

For a full list of exposure sites head to <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx>.

*Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford*

Kulnura and District Club

We held our July meeting on Zoom and began with a tribute to Stephen Godwin followed by a minute’s silence. Stephen was a highly valued member of our Club and will be sadly missed. (See tribute). CEN are planning a Memorial Service for Stephen in late September.

Our guest speaker at this meeting was to have been a bonsai expert but in his absence, Amanda gave a wonderful presentation on Japanese Gardens – fascinating to learn the symbolism and meaning in the planning of their gardens. Thank you so much Amanda for stepping up!

One of our members asked for assistance making artificial rocks and lively discussion ensued – did you know that you can make moss grow on artificial rocks using yoghurt? Maybe an idea for a Covid activity! Judy showed us her Daiken radishes which she grew in plumbing pipes – just add soil and fertilizer and seeds and Sue always has something for Show and Tell and we love seeing what she has each month!

We have just learnt of the passing of Betty Bromfield – Betty Brom

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Judy's radishes

as we all knew her! Betty was a founding member of our Garden Club and organised theatre parties for us at Laycock Street of a Saturday afternoon. She also organised the raffle for the Country Fair for many years. We were delighted that she was able to join us for our Friendship Day in March 2020. RIP Betty.

Much as we would prefer to meet in person, Zoom is a wonderful way for

us to keep in touch during lockdown. You don't have to be a member to join us – just get in touch with our Secretary, Jacqui 0455 364 268 or kulnuradgcW@bmail.com. Our next meeting will be on Zoom of course on Monday 9th August at 9.30am and well known horticulturist, Judy Horton, who is a member of our club, will be giving a presentation on Japanese trees which will be so interesting so do join us!

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Current restrictions have kept our members home and these rules may be extended until this pandemic has run its course. The work to get the Shed back in working order is still a work-in-progress.

Thanks to the efforts of volunteers in our community together with a busload of members from the Central Coast clubs who spent days labouring to get us cleaned out and re-stocked. Our appeal brought gifts of replacement tools from an appeal made by Ben Fordham and Ray Hadley on Radio

2GB and our local State representative for the seat of Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston, who secured a Government grant to cover some of our costs.

The local police are making a huge effort to stop the spread of the virus into our Community and has stopped the flow of traffic into our towns and villages. Our local Northwest Medical Centre has been inoculating our elderly against the virus and if you are over 70 years old you need to get vaccinated ASAP. The Medical Centre is located opposite the pub and to make an appointment ring 88258225.

Due to the flood we have lost several members, who have been re-housed elsewhere owing to the destruction

of their dwellings in Wisemans Ferry. We invite you to come and visit us in the near future to see what we have to offer and to put some purpose into your life. Both women and men are welcome into our club. Ring our President Adrian

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First Photo... Repairing the damage. Wayne Bonser lifting the dust extraction system back in place after flood inundated the Mens Shed.

Second Photo....Some of our replacements after the flood. Dust extractor, mobile compound saw and timber planer

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Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival
11th – 26th September 2021

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Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival, Sculpture in the Vineyards returns to the Wollombi Valley as Australia's longest running regional sculpture event.

This Hunter Valley Festival is held in Wollombi and Laguna Villages and in two boutique vineyards each springtime. It highlights the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the historic Wollombi Valley.

The Festival attracts artists from Australia and across the world. Past entrants include Sculpture by the Sea winners David Ball, Paul Selwood,



Fur-Baby Blue
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Sculpture in the Vineyards, Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival is now in its 19th year making it the oldest and largest not-for-profit sculpture event in Regional NSW.

The 2021 Festival will be held one month earlier than previous years, opening on Saturday September 11th and running for 16 days, including three weekends, till Sunday September 26th 2021.

The finalists have been selected to exhibit in this year's Sculpture Festival and we are thrilled with the quality of the submissions.

We received 301 entries for 2021 and the selection panel have chosen 150 finalists including 87 indoor and 64 large outdoor sculptures.

This year the indoor sculptures will be exhibited and for sale in 7 galleries and the outdoor works will be on display in the vineyards as well as Laguna and Wollombi Villages.

WHEN: 11th September until 26th September 2021

WHERE: Wollombi Valley, Lower Hunter Valley, NSW

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Neighbourhood Watch

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a community led safety and awareness program that aims to prevent crime, stop social isolation and increase the safety, security and quality of life for everyone in your community.

A Neighbourhood Watch program helps people feel more connected to each other in their community. Community participation and a shared responsibility for what is happening in your local neighbourhood can be vital to your safety.

By communicating with your neighbours you can share important information that will help make your

community a safer place. You and your neighbours are in the best position to notice when something unusual is happening in your area and to report any suspicious activity to police.

Community Development Days

NHWA provides opportunities for Neighbourhood Watch grassroots members and community engagement officers to be exposed to relevant information around localised community safety and crime prevention initiatives. These opportunities provide an opportunity to learn from the experiences of others. Offered free of charge to all member jurisdictions.

Sign up to the eNewsletter to receive notification about upcoming Community Training Days in your jurisdiction.

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Coastal Twist Festival

Coastal Twist Festival has been breaking regional boundaries since its launch in 2019 connecting the region's LGBTIQ creatives with new opportunities, audiences and streams on a grand national scale so its no surprise the Coastal Twist Festival is back for 2021 with a theme that's speaking to the times "Be the Change" - Taken from Gandhi's quote: "Be the change you wish to see in the world" - Gandhi...

"If 2020 was the year of the pandemic, 2021 is the year of the reevaluating how everything we have always thought would run to plan has to shift and how we all have to do our



bit to adapt in order to survive. This year we are doubling our festival days and events running for 6 days and 11 activations and for the 2021 Coastal Twist Art exhibition we are ecstatic to have guest curator and Iconic photographer C.Moore Hardy whose photographs of Sydney's LGBTIQ community span across 3 decades are an institution" stated Festival Director Glitta Supernova.

The Coastal Twist 2021 Art exhibition will run 29th September - 7th October at Jasmine Greens, Umina Beach and the much beloved festival is calling out to all LGBTIQ 2 & 3D Artists working in mediums from Painting, Photography Printmaking, to Collage, Ceramics, Drawing, Sculpture and other mediums to submit their work or idea for possible inclusion and sale by deadline 30th August.

The Festival Director added "There's excitement, everything comes to life and the noise levels go up as soon as we start getting the word out that Coastal Twist is back for 2021 which is a great thing. We are trying to create amazing experiences for all ages, family types, abilities and this Arts exhibition will launch out this year festival which will see multiple events from live music, to theatre, film to Sport. In particular the Coastal Twist Art Exhibition is intentionally designed to showcase LGBTIQ Central Coast artists to local, state wide and national audiences

through artwork that is expressing their interpretation of 'CHANGE' in a curated exhibition that's going to reflect (some of) the diversity of our LGBTIQ+ lives. The response to date has been overwhelming"

The deadline to submit your work (or concept) is 30 Aug 2021 & worked to be finished & hung by 27 September so get those creative juices flowing & apply now

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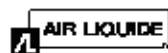
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CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM POSTPONED

A Constitutional Referendum to determine the future number of Central Coast Councillors that was scheduled to be held on 4 September 2021 has been postponed to a future date to be determined.

The Minister for Local Government has published an order in the Gazette under section 318C of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) postponing all council elections to 4 December 2021.

The decision to postpone all council elections has been made in response to the escalating outbreak of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus in Greater Sydney and the potential for further outbreaks in regional areas.

Based on this advice, these risks have been considered and the Central Coast Council constitutional referendum will be postponed to a future date.

A report recommending a new date and the future conduct of the constitutional referendum will come back to Council.

Central Coast Council Media Team



An article from issue 30 of the Community News, published in August 1979:

1979 COUNTRY FAIR

At the July meeting of the Country Fair Committee it was agreed by vote that the profit from the Country Fair this year would go towards building a cabin for the Girl Guides.

The schedules are being printed and should come out with this copy of the News. If you don't receive one, please ask at your local shop.

The July meeting was very well attended by the different organisations concerned and we hope that the next meeting to be held on the 16th August, commencing at 7.30 p.m. will also be well attended.


The Committee would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. M. Holme for the tremendous amount of knitting she has done and is still doing for the Fair.

The Gosford Aeroplane Club will be displaying their home-made aeroplanes - the kind you actually fly in - and if anyone has a large tent for

this display we would be very grateful. Please phone 76 1218 if you can help. The Gosford Radio Club will again be at the Fair participating in Jamboree of the Air (J.O.T.A.) for the Guide and Scout Associations. This was a great attraction last year and the children enjoyed the contact with other groups.

Lorraine Wilson.
Hon. Sec.

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- Calga-Mt. White RFS General meeting
3rd Monday of the month,
7.30pm at Pacific Hwy Fire Station Mt. White
- 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
Training
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E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade
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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
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- Country Women's Association
(Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)
2nd Tues of the month at Mangrove Mountain
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5pm, meeting 7pm. Ph Judy 43771728
- Gosford North Inner Wheel club
2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in
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- 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
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- 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
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- River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury
River District
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Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com
- Rotary Club Meeting
Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
- Spencer Community Progress Group Inc
President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings,
4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com
- Spencer Community Ladies Social Club
Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer
Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364
Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com
- The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group
Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts.
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- Somersby Equestrian Club
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- Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed
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COUNCIL REVIEWS WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS MODEL

Central Coast Council has commissioned an independent review of the model governing its water and sewer operations.

Council CEO, David Farmer said the review was Council undertaking due diligence in the ordinary course of its business to explore if there were opportunities to produce better value and return on investment for the Central Coast community.

"Central Coast Council is unique in New South Wales in being the only Council owned water authority alongside the State owned Sydney Water and Hunter Water. This means there is a complex legislative environment requiring Council to adhere to dual regulations across both the Local Government and Water Management Acts," Mr Farmer said.

"In some parts, this dual compliance is contradictory and causes inefficiencies in how the water and sewer operations can be governed because the business is currently managed as an arm of Council.

"Council's water and sewer assets are valued at close to four billion dollars. Our obligation to the community is to ensure we are maximising the value of these assets, and improving efficiency

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and performance in how water and sewer services are delivered.

“This review is about gathering and assessing all the data to get an informed view of all the possible operating structures. No decision has been made about a future model and whilst there is no intention to sell the water and sewer assets, this will be one of the options in the comparison of operating structures.

“The scope of the review includes investigating alternative governance models including commercialisation within Council, corporatisation, joint venture or selling the assets. These will all be compared against the status quo. The sale has been identified as a “non-preferred option” but has been included for completeness.

“I can assure the community that there will be no impact to the delivery of water and sewer services during this review.”

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said he supported the review but remained adamant he was not in favour of any water and sewer asset sell-off.

“Council’s water and sewer assets generate significant revenue and once profitable, ratepayers should benefit on an ongoing basis. There is no plan to sell this business,” Mr Hart said.

The review will continue for the next few months with a report to Council with any recommendations. Staff and unions have been informed about the process.

*Central Coast Council
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Kariong Community Baptist Church	Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Kariong Public School Hall, Chris Clarke email revcrc@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
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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: becilmour@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 Jon 43116254 and Gavin 43404435.
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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Craft/scrapbooking	Yarramalong Hall 4th Sun. of the month 10am to 5.00pm cost \$12 per person ph 43561196
HALL BOOKINGS	
Kulnura Hall	Hall bookings contact Annette Stackman 43561196 Committee mtg 3rd Thurs 7:00pm at Hall- Open to all from community.
Mangrove Mountain Hall	Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289
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Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall	booking contact Annette Stackman 43561196

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Somersby CWA Long Table Lunch	CANCELLED due to Covid 19. Sunday 15th August, 11.30am.
The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival 2021	11 - 26 September 2021, Wollombi Village
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LUCY WICKS WRITES TO THE PREMIER: COAST SHOULD STAND ALONE

Federal Liberal Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks MP has written to the NSW Premier on behalf of almost 13,500 Central Coast residents who have signed a petition requesting the Central Coast be declared a stand-alone region with Gosford as its capital city.

"I strongly support the NSW Government's decisions to prioritise lives and keeping people safe from COVID-19 and I thank you for your exceptional leadership. At the same time, the lockdown has also brought to the surface the longstanding challenges associated with our region being linked with Greater Sydney or other regions by government bureaucracy over many years, Ms Wicks said.

"I acknowledge the State Government declared the Central Coast a region in 2010; again in 2016 in the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036; and in legislation in 2020 through an amendment to the Environment Planning & Assessment Act.

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"I want to thank the NSW Government for these important first steps.

"I believe government bureaucracy, red tape and the lack of a consistent classification and definition of the Central Coast has resulted in many local businesses and residents missing out on government programs, infrastructure spending and grants.

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various classifications of the Central Coast at a state level to ensure a clear and consistent classification of the Central Coast as a stand-alone region with Gosford as its capital city."

*Media release from
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