

COMMUNITY NEWS

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It is 2021, Country Fair Cancelled

It is with great disappointment that we have to announce that we have, once again, had to cancel the Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair, which was scheduled to take place on Saturday 16 October, 2021.

The committee appreciates the disappointment felt by our community in having to cancel the Fair for the second year in a row. But we're optimistic about being able to hold our annual fair next year - on Saturday, 15 October 2022.

We were hoping that this latest outbreak would be under control by now, but the ongoing impacts of the pandemic continue to plague us, and we unanimously felt that holding the Fair would have been irresponsible, and potentially damaging to the wonderful reputation that the Fair holds.

We were also being asked to pay non-refundable deposit money for rides and other aspects of the Fair that we have to book way in advance, and it was not right to be spending community money, risking that we might not get it back if we had to cancel later on.

We also felt that our priority is to keep volunteers, attendees, and our community safe. And we have heard from many of our regular volunteers that under these circumstances, they were not comfortable volunteering

RECENT RATES RISE

I'm sure that by now you have all received your council rates for 2021-2022.

Were you as shocked as we were?

We were expecting a rise of 15% to pay for the council's mismanagement of our rates...but the rise is over 30%... and we are just expected to pay up!!

The extra rise is called "rates harmonisation" (they know how to make it sound almost appealing) to bring us on par with the Wyong area, who were paying higher rates pre amalgamation.

I have had members of MDA phone me to complain, and feel that as a community group, we need to address this injustice.

and being exposed to numbers of people from all areas of Sydney and the Central Coast.

However, thanks to the wonderful work done by past and present Treasurers and Committee, we feel that we still have enough savings to help some of our local community groups, who are now facing a second year unable to carry out their usually fund-raising activities.

So, with that in mind, we will once again be holding an online fundraising raffle. All the prizes and raffle details will be posted on our social media sites, be ANNOUNCED HERE IN THE Community News.

We understand that a lot of businesses are hurting, but if you feel that you could donate a Gift Certificate or Prize for our Raffle, then please contact Crystal at secretary-MMCF@hotmail.com or Shane at 0417 436 529.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding during this

With the sacking of our councillors we now have no elected representatives to make our grievance to.

I have written to Shelley Hancock who is the minister for local government, as well as to the administrator of Central Coast Council, Rick Hart.

I think we all need to write to them and let them know that we are NOT HAPPY.

Here are the email addresses. Please send them a message to let them know that this huge rate rise is NOT OK.

Office@Hancock.minister.nsw.gov.au Shelley Hancock

administrator@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au Rick Hart

Poppe Zouroudis
Secretary



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Lorraine Wilson

time. We hope to welcome you back in October 2022 for the annual Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair. And we plan for next year's Fair to be well worth the wait!

Shane Eastman, President
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair

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MASK WEARING OUTDOORS NOW MANDATORY

Masks have been made mandatory whenever you step foot outside your house for all of NSW.

Some exceptions to the rule include participating in strenuous exercise (except when you are in a gym or dance class), eating or drinking, communicating with a deaf or hearing impaired person and in emergency situations.

As COVID-19 is detected in sewerage at Bateau Bay Liesl Tesch MP, Member for Gosford is reminding the community to stay alert.

“Today [25 Aug 2021] NSW Health has reported fragments of COVID-19 being detected in Bateau Bay sewerage.”

“If there’s one thing we have learnt about COVID-19 during this lockdown it is that the detections are often a very good indicator of where the virus is.”

“The Central Coast has been given the ultimatum, like the rest of the regions that if we halt our COVID-

19 cases and keep our vaccination rates high we will be released out of lockdown earlier than Greater Sydney.”

“While we do not have many cases right now you and I both want to see the Central Coast out of lockdown which cannot happen unless we remain vigilant and adhere to the Public Health Orders.”

The Bateau Bay sewage treatment plant includes the suburbs of Bateau Bay, Blue Bay, Killarney Vale, Long Jetty, Shelly Beach, The Entrance, The Entrance North and Toowoona Bay.

Ms Tesch is urging the community to go and get tested.

“The Central Coast community has worked together to minimise the spread of COVID-19 in our backyard and so far we have done an incredible job.”

“Even if you do not live within those areas it is important to keep in mind that people on the Central Coast are allowed to travel anywhere within the LGA under the current restrictions.”

“If anyone has the mildest of symptoms please go and get tested and isolate so we can hopefully soon enjoy the freedoms we once had.”

For more information on the rules head to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/changes/face-mask-rules#exemptions>.

Media Release from the Office of Liesl Tesch MP Member for Gosford

Union Church Update

27th August 2021

Unfortunately, the future of the Mangrove Mountain Union Church (MMUC) remains uncertain. Support from people in our local area who want to avert the sale of the Union Church property into private ownership continues to be critical. An update on the matter follows.

After the Special General Meeting of the MMUC Inc on 29th July, the new MMUC Committee, through its Solicitor, wrote to the Liquidator, Mr Barry Taylor of HLB Mann Judd, Sydney. The Liquidator was informed that the new MMUC committee asserts the following: -

- That his appointment was not validly made.
- That the MMUC Inc does not consider itself to be in liquidation.
- That the MMUC has sufficient assets to pay all of its debts and to continue operating.
- There are sufficient local members to carry out its activities.
- Therefore, there is no need for the MMUC Inc to be wound up or put into liquidation.
- Most importantly, the land may not be dealt with other than in accordance with the original

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trust deed, which itself, neither contemplates, nor provides for the sale of the land.

It was also requested that Mr Taylor stand down as liquidator of MMUC.

On 23 August, the Solicitor to the MMUC Inc Committee received a response from the Liquidator advising that he does not accept that he was not validly appointed and that he proposes to proceed with winding up the MMUC association.

On 24 August a Caveat was lodged over the Title of the land with NSW Land Registry Services. The Caveat is to protect the interests of the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group Inc (MMCG). This group is the renamed, and now incorporated, former Mangrove Mountain Uniting Church congregation, that has continually been a user of the Union Church property for many years. The need to rename the local congregation came after the Gosford Uniting Church advised that the Mangrove Mountain Uniting Church Congregation would cease from 30 June 2021. By implication, it was inferred the local congregation could no longer use the words "Uniting Church" in its name.

With the Liquidator now confirming his intent to wind up the MMUC (and presumably, sell the Union Church property), and the lodgement of the Caveat by the MMCG, we now enter a new phase in the campaign to stop

the sale of the Union Church property. The advice of our Solicitor is that we now need to engage a Barrister to prepare a defence of our interest, at the Supreme Court of NSW.

Since the announcement 4½ months ago by the former MMUC Committee that the Union Church was to be "sold off", it has been an enormous achievement by our local community to stave off the sale of the Union Church, hold local worship services in the church grounds, uncover the original Trust Deed and lodge a Caveat to protect our interests. BUT, we must not give up here. Already the fundraising ideas are coming in and we have received generous financial gifts from locals to assist our cause. If you would like to contribute financially to the campaign, donations can be made to the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group Inc at Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, A/c 185477965.

For anyone who would like to join the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group, we have membership application forms available. Joining fee is \$1 and annual fees are \$2. Please contact our Secretary by email to mmcgsecl@gmail.com.

You can also write, or email, a personal letter to the Liquidator Mr Barry Taylor, Restructuring & Risk Advisory, HLB Mann Judd, Level 19/207 Kent Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000 or by email to: btaylor@hlbnsw.com.au Please do not be offensive

in any communication with the Liquidator, as this will not help our cause and may only serve to harden his heart. The letters should be civil and courteous. They should highlight any personal links that you have with the Union Church and how important it is to yourself and the local community that the Union Church continue to operate as it has done for the past 110 years. You may also say that you are aware that there is strong community support and financial backing for the Church to continue operating and therefore you do not understand why the former committee chose to liquidate the Union Church assets. A copy of your correspondence would be appreciated by either email to mmcgsecl@gmail.com or post to MMCG c/6 Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain NSW 2250, if you are willing.

Together, and with faith in ourselves and our beliefs, we can prevent the sale of the Union Church, receive it back into our community, and ensure that it remains here for all of us, and future local residents for another 110 years and more as was intended by the original Union Church Trustees.

Robert Meggs (4376 1217)

*On behalf of both the
MMCG Inc and the MMUC Inc.*



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Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee Inc.

The purpose of the MEPCC Inc. is to help prepare the community for all emergencies, including bushfires, storms, floods and disease outbreaks (such as Equine Influenza and Newcastle Disease).

The MEPCC was established following the 1994 bush fires and pursuant to the Royal Commission recommendation that our local community should accept responsibility for organizing and conducting its own contingency plans in conjunction with the Police, Fire Control Officers and local Bush Fire Brigades.

To date the MEPCC worked to acquire a mobile ramp to assist with the emergency evacuation of livestock, establish a radio based emergency communications system, assist in developing disaster preparedness guide documents and establish and maintain a telephone tree as the most simple and efficient means of quickly

CENTRAL COAST REDEFINED AS REGIONAL NSW

Federal Liberal Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks welcomed news that the NSW Deputy Premier, John Barilaro MP has acknowledged the Central Coast as a region.

“This means if the case numbers on the Central Coast remain low, and if the health advice allows, we will come out of lockdown with the rest of regional NSW, Ms Wicks said

“We are no longer linked to Greater Sydney for the purpose of COVID-19 restrictions.”

reaching the residents in our area.

The MEPCC is an incorporated association with the NSW Office of Fair Trading. and is a registered charity with the ACNC.

The MEPCC is due to hold an AGM but with COVID19 restrictions this will be delayed until permitted.

In the mean time the MEPCC invites interest from local residents who would like to nominate for the following positions:

The Deputy Premier said “to make it easy, we’re redefining Greater Sydney and excluding Shellharbour and the Central Coast. So, from here onwards, the Central Coast and Shellharbour will be treated as regional.”

“There has been considerable confusion over whether the Central Coast is classified as part of Greater Sydney, or as regional NSW,” Ms Wicks said

“This is a huge win for around 13,500 local residents who signed our petition to make the Central Coast a stand-alone region with Gosford as our capital city.

“It’s way past time that the Coast was recognised consistently as its own stand-alone region government departments, including for services, government grants and infrastructure funding.

“This is an important step towards

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer.

The roles are voluntary and offer opportunity to be of service to our local community. When the meeting is finally convened, all local residents are warmly invited to attend regardless of whether or not they intend to nominate for Committee positions. Further inquiries please email mepccinc@gmail.com

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being declared as a stand-alone region within our own right and great news for the Central Coast.

“I have written to both the NSW and Federal Governments highlighting how critical it is that the Central Coast has a clear and consistent definition.”

Ms. Wicks said the low numbers of cases on the Central Coast was evidence that the majority of people were doing the right thing.

“I think we deserve to be commended for doing the right thing – let’s keep it up.”

*Media Release from the Office of
Lucy Wicks MP
Federal Member For Robertson*

MANGROVE CREEK DAM REPORT

AS AT: 31-7-2021

Relative level: 214.54 m

Depth at wall: 66.21 m

Current Vol: 142,075 Megalitres
or 74.78%

Weekly Usage: 556.38 Megalitres

Rainfall: 29.6 mm

Lowest temp: -0.5°C on 9th

Highest temp: 23.7°C on 28th

Central Coast Council

PEATS RIDGE CWA

And with time on my hands I was tidying up some paperwork and came across this poem. But please fellows take no offence out there but this will put a smile on your face.

So here goes:

A Woman’s Poem.

*He didn’t like the casserole
And he didn’t like my cake
My biscuits were too hard
Not like his mother used to make.*

*I didn’t perk the coffee right
He didn’t like the stew*

*I didn’t mend his socks
The way his mother used to do*

*I pondered for an answer
I was looking for a clue
Then I turned around and smacked
him...*


Like his Mother used to do.

I do hope this poem put a smile on someone’s face as this is what we need during this horrible time we are experiencing.

Our branch members wish everyone in the community to keep safe and wow what a party we will have when life becomes normal again (?????).

Till then take care,

*Christine Sanfilippo
Publicity Officer*



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Regional Telecommunications Review 2021 - Have Your Say

A Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee (the Committee) is established every three years under Part 9B of the Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999 to conduct a review into telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

The 2021 Committee is comprised of the Hon Luke Hartsuyker (Chair), Ms Kristy Sparrow, Professor Hugh Bradlow, Mr Michael Cosgrave and Ms Sue Middleton.

The Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee must conduct a review of the adequacy of telecommunications services in regional, rural, and remote parts of Australia.

In determining the adequacy of those services, the committee must have regard to whether people in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia have equitable access to telecommunications services that are significant to people in those parts of Australia, and currently available in one or more parts of urban Australia.

In conducting the review, the committee must make provision for public consultation and consultation with people in regional, rural and

remote parts of Australia.

As part of the Review, the Committee will consider:

- the impact of Government policies and programs to improve regional connectivity and digital inclusion;
- insights from COVID-19 on the changing digital needs of regional, rural and remote areas;
- service reliability issues which impact regional communities and options for mitigating them;
- the role of emerging technologies in delivering telecommunications services in regional Australia;
- ways of encouraging further investment in regional telecommunications;
- the role of telecommunications in supporting broader regional development goals;
- ways to improve co-ordination between government and industry in telecommunications investment; and
- consumer awareness and education regarding telecommunications options in regional areas.

The Committee invites regional communities, businesses and governments to engage directly with the Review over the coming months through face-to-face consultations,

written submissions and online forums.

The Committee will report to the Minister for Regionalisation, Regional Communications and Regional Education by 31 December 2021.

Further information about the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review and the Committee is at www.rtrirc.gov.au.

Have your say

The Committee welcomes submissions from individuals, businesses, peak bodies and other interested organisations. This issues paper provides an outline of key areas of interest and invites submissions that share a range of experiences and perspectives.

There are questions in this paper to provide guidance for framing submissions. You can address all the questions or just those that are relevant to you. However, submissions are not limited to the questions provided.

Submissions will be accepted until 30 September 2021 via:

- webform: www.communications.gov.au/have-your-say
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EPA ORDERED TO TAKE STEPS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE - BUT WHAT ABOUT PRESCRIBED BURNING?

In a report for the ABC, Michael Condon and David Claughton described a recent NSW Land and Environment Court decision as "... [In] a landmark ruling and a win for a bushfire survivors group, the Land and Environment Court has ordered the New South Wales Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to take steps to safeguard against climate change."

The court has ordered the NSW Environment Protection Authority to develop "policies to ensure environment protection from climate change".

The Nature Conservation Council congratulated the group that brought the action, stating "Full credit goes to the Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action for having the courage to launch this case and to the Environmental Defenders Office who argued so convincingly on their client's behalf.

"Allowing politicians to set greenhouse gas emission targets and controls rather than scientific experts has led us to the precipice.

"These decisions are far too

important to left to the politicians. These are issues of science and should not be hijacked by the political process."

The EPA issued a statement saying it was reviewing the judgement and implications.

It said the authority was an active government partner on climate change policy, regulation and innovation and was a part of the whole-of-government approach to climate change.

Although prescribed burning for bushfire hazard reduction may be opposed by some environmental groups, the method is an effective and if done using cultural burn techniques, an environmentally friendly way to reduce the severity and impact of bushfires.

Properly planned burning can also enhance the protection of flora and fauna by ameliorating the effect severe bushfires that otherwise have disastrous impacts on the environment.

One of the limitations on prescribed burning is that an area that has been affected by fire cannot be treated by

fire within a 10 year period, with 7 year gaps being allowed under limited exceptions.

This time frame does not account for quick growth and fuel buildup that can occur in certain conditions and then pose a danger to life and property in inhabited areas.

Various groups have called for the establishment of a system of localised assessments that take into account specific local conditions to enable burning to be used based on risk and not just fixed time periods.

One of the elements identified in the court ruling is "duty to develop environmental quality objectives, guidelines and policies to ensure environment protection". In this action this principle was applied to climate change but it could perhaps also be applied to the bush, all the flora and fauna that are exposed to greater danger.

In the aftermath of the Black Summer Bushfires authorities seem more receptive to the voices of the community and would be more likely to act if sufficient number of community members and groups voice their concerns.

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Keith Aranjó

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THE PARALYMPIC PERSPECTIVE

The Paralympics began on 24 August and Liesl Tesch MP, seven time Paralympian and now Member for Gosford, is encouraging people to rethink their perspective on lockdown.

Ms Tesch is calling on NSW to adopt the Paralympic perspective.

“With the Paralympics beginning next week there’s no better time to start thinking about rethinking our perspective on lockdown.”

“I think what a lot of people do not realise is that many Paralympians themselves have spent time in their own “lockdown” fighting for their life and then fighting for their abilities and once moving past that working towards accessibility.”

Ms Tesch reflecting on her own experience says there was a light at the end of her lockdown.

“When I was 19-years-old and had my accident I too was in my own lockdown.”

“The whole State was not with me, I was fighting my own battle in hospital for months, regaining the strength to walk again and get my fitness back on track.”

“Many Paralympians have fought the same fight and I think there is no better time than the present to reflect on this.”

“For me sport and the Paralympics was my light at the end of the tunnel and I fought hard at that goal and eventually I hit the court, the water and the podium.”

Ms Tesch says it was not only a physical battle.

“Much like the lockdown we are in now, the battle was more than just physical, it was primarily mental.”

“There were so many times of fading hope, and I kept on pushing through, the end goal forever in my sight – to walk again.”

“When cases are rising and you’re working hard to stop them there is a feeling of resentment, fear and sadness; something very similar to working hard to get back on your feet and facing setbacks when you feel like you’re so close.”

“Paralympians know this feeling all too well, but we also know the feeling at the end, a light and happiness that no words could ever describe.”

Ms Tesch says the Paralympics is an opportunity to see the light for ourselves.

“I believe many Paralympians have experienced their own personal version of a lockdown at various stages of their lives, recovering from

catastrophic injury, or dealing with the exclusion imposed upon people with disabilities in various aspects of their lives.”

“This time lockdown is not alone, and simultaneously, Aussie Paralympians will be show-cased in front of the world.”

“This year when you watch the Paralympics I want you to think about the possibilities we have at the end of our lockdown.”

“Watch the Paralympians keep their eye on the goal and simultaneously keep your eye on ours, driving COVID cases to zero and driving vaccination rates to 100%.”

While a lockdown in NSW will end for many Paralympians their battles will be ongoing, especially when it comes to accessibility.

Ms Tesch says Paralympians and those living with disability continue to be locked out of activities.

“One issue I am passionate about is accessibility and that is because so many people are excluded from recreational, educational and work related activities because of their disability.

To put it into perspective, not even our own Parliament had accessibility for wheelchair users and it is only very recently that we finally had a ramp installed!”

“Paralympians and people with

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accessibility issues across the world continue to fight for access and inclusion.

“Our lockdown eases restrictions after our long battles are fought and we continue to face these hurdles every single day.”

“I am proud to be a part of that change and an advocate for accessibility.”

“I hope this puts into perspective the challenges people with disability and Paralympians face.”

“When we watch the Paralympics this year let’s reflect on the challenges Paralympians and people with varying access abilities face every single day.”

Ms Tesch says she hopes this message will give NSW a glimmer of hope.

“By no means am I diminishing the battle the community in NSW is currently facing – there is no denying this is one of the most difficult things we will ever have to face.”

“Instead I am reminding you that when it feels like our world is falling apart and we are stuck, we are not and we have the choice to push on and get through this.”

“The Paralympics is a testament to the resilience humanity has and the resilience each one of us possesses.”

“As we watch our incredible Paralympians represent Australia at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics’ let’s think about the light we will eventually



Liesl Tesch - Paralympian

see at the end of this lockdown and rethink our own personal perspective on our reality.”

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Media release from the office of
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Get Ready Weekend

11-12 September 2021

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Check out any of the events being held to find out more about key actions and get important information about:

- Preparing your property
- Talking to your brigade
- Staying and defending
- Emergency survival kit
- Knowing your risk
- Fire alert levels
- Myths and Facts



"Like" your local RFS Brigade on Facebook to get on-line information.

Some Brigades are planning on holding live events with COVID rules in place, on-line & social media events or a combination.

Contact your local brigade or check on-line for the latest information about social media and live events.

Spencer RFB: We will be doing a social media campaign on our FB page.

Mangrove Mountain RFB: We will be holding an event at the Hub on the get ready weekend, 11th and 12th of September 10.30- 2.30 .

We will have a table there and be providing Get Ready Weekend materials and answering any questions the community may have.

We will also hold an online social media event for anyone that



cannot attend but would like more information.

Somersby RFB: We plan to hold a Get Ready Weekend on Saturday, September 11. We will be situated at Somersby Public School from 9.30am to 2pm. All this, of course, depends on our present lockdown. At this stage we haven't planned an online GRW

Bucketty & District RFB: With COVID-19 we had to cancel all our face to face plans.

Nevertheless we will continue to seek to connect our residents with

their brigade around the key topics of fire safety and property preparedness as we head into Fire Season 2021-22.

So our Brigade members will use a mix of social media, letterbox drops, articles in local newsletters, and organising one on one phone consultations for interested residents on Get Ready Day itself to ensure all are prepared.

Information from NSW RFS & local Brigades



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Council has developed a valuable resource to support community members impacted by the devastating bushfires during the summer of 2019-20. This is called the Resilience Journal.

Let's face it, most of us know what to do to be well - the problem is, there's often a gap between knowing and doing.

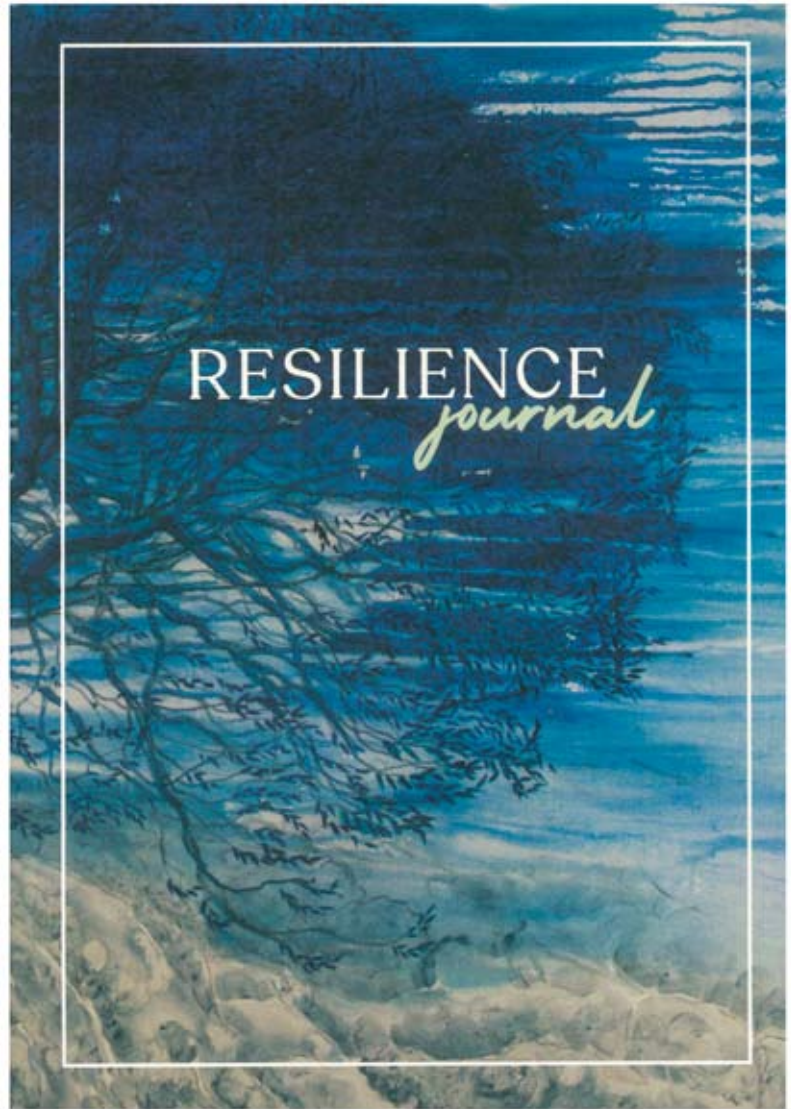
Throughout the Resilience Journal, you'll find useful information, personal stories, practical tips and worksheets for you to help close th gap between knowing how to be well , and doing something about it.


You can read this journal from cover to cover, or just pick it up and open it randomly. We've tried to make sure every page has something to teact, insoire and)most importantly) do - it's a hands-on book!

The worksheets throughout this journal are also available to download from www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/resilience, so you can use them over and over again.


The Journal was jointly funded by the Commonwealth and NSW State Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.






For more information on this and other initiatives around Council's work with bushfire-impacted communities on the Coast to build resilience and recovery, visit Council's website <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/news/working-disaster-impacted-communities>





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Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival

WOLLOMBI VALLEY
SCULPTURE FESTIVAL GOES
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The 2021 Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival is adapting to current circumstances and will become an online event this for year.



Voices at Dawn II by Harrie Fasher
(bronze, steel, concrete)

Finalists had already been selected for exhibition at this year's festival when NSW was plunged progressively into lockdown from late June. Rather than deprive the community of the fantastic collection of works that had come together, the organisers decided to run an online version.

According to Curator Wendy Black, the range of pieces on display will be better than ever, and there are a number of exciting exhibitors including well-established figures on the sculpture scene, previous prizewinners and some interesting new and emerging artists.

'The sculptures include abstract, figurative, representational and hyper-realistic works using a wide variety of materials such as steel, wood, stone, bronze, fibreglass and woven fibres.'



Upbeat by Jenny Green (painted steel)

she said.

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Spirali Ligna by Ross Farrelly (Autralian
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online catalogue of the works, and make arrangements to purchase them with the event's Sales Coordinator (viewing in person may also be possible if circumstances allow). The festival has reduced its usual commission to maximise the income for the artists.

The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival is the longest-running regional outdoor sculpture exhibition in Australia. It celebrates contemporary sculpture in all its forms, from sophisticated, modernist art works to more whimsical and ephemeral pieces.

The festival has become a prominent event in the arts calendar of NSW. Last year over 160 sculptures were displayed in four indoor galleries, two vineyards and throughout the scenic

landscape of the Wollombi Valley. A similar number were planned for this year from over 300 entries.

The festival is supported by Cessnock City Council, the Wollombi Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Wollombi Valley Progress Association, the Wollombi Valley Tennis Club and the Wollombi Valley Arts Council. Many local businesses and individual volunteers are also involved and make a crucial contribution to its operation.

2022 marks the 20th year of the festival, and the organisers look forward to a huge celebration next year.

Susan Leith-Miller
Festival Director

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SISTERS TOGETHER

Sisters Together, a program founded by Mingaletta Aunties is designed to look after not only themselves and other Aboriginal Aunties throughout the Peninsula, but also many other members of the community.

Aunty Elaine Chapman has been knitting happy hats to give to people who are in need of joy during these challenging times.

Liesl Tesch MP, Member for Gosford, has been one of the many people to receive some happy hats.

“Aunty Elaine Chapman has been knitting happy hats to give away to people who need some happiness during the challenging times of lockdown,” said Ms Tesch.

“As soon as Aunty Robyn Reid delivered some happy hats to me yesterday, I put two of them in the post to send to some of my parliamentary colleagues in the hard lockdown areas of Western Sydney to give out in their community – who are really going through tough times.”



UPCOMING CATTLE AUCTIONS

Maitland Regional Saleyards

- Weekly Monday Liveweight Cattle Sales 9am, followed by Calves, Pigs & Sheep from 12 noon
- Maitland Store Sale – Saturday 18th September Commencing 12pm

Gloucester Saleyards

- Fortnightly Thursday Store Cattle Sales 11am 2nd, 16th & 30th September

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“Both Aunties are a part of a fabulous program called ‘Sisters Together,’ who look after not only themselves and other Aboriginal Aunties in our community, but also many more people with the great programs they run at Mingaletta.”

While NSW is in lockdown together, there are many communities in particular feeling the full force of COVID-19 and struggling to find ways to connect.

In light of this, Ms Tesch is encouraging Coasties to spread the joy further than the Central Coast and reach out to communities in need in a COVID-safe way.

“People like Aunty Elaine and Aunty Robyn are a fabulous reminder of how simple acts of kindness can bring our communities together during these challenging times.”

“Both Mingaletta Aunties should be commended for using their time and skills to produce hats that spread so much happiness and joy.”

“I am so incredibly proud of our locals who continue to think of others and it is heart-warming to hear these positive stories during this time.”

*Media Release from the Office of
Liesl Tesch MP
Member For Gosford*



Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the planned 5 Lands Walk for 2021 has now been re-scheduled until June 25, 2022.

President of the 5 Lands Walk, Pauline Wright, is disappointed to announce that the enduring nature of the pandemic means it will not be possible to hold our celebrations live on 25 September 2021 as we had hoped. Nevertheless, she said “we do have an exciting offering for our community”.

“Each year 5 Lands Walk is a gift to the Central Coast community from over 700 people of the 5 Lands drawn from the Aboriginal community, the multicultural community, the artists and musicians of the Central Coast and the people who have made their homes in the 5 Lands. And we have found a way to make that gift despite the restrictions imposed on us because of the pandemic.

“We need healing and community now more than ever, so we are planning the 5 Lands Virtual Experience to be celebrated over the 5 Lands weekend of the Spring Equinox 2021.”

The 5 Lands Virtual Experience will feature contributions from the artists and musicians of the 5 Lands Walk, our Aboriginal community, a film celebrating our spectacular coastline, Stories of Place – a very special project featuring 12 stories by older members of the community illustrated by 12 school-aged children coordinated by Adrienne Ferreira and Jo Francis, and the Australian launch of a very special film by international award-winning director, producer and composer Yantra de Vilder.

We’ll come together face to face at a safer time in 2022 but, in the meantime, we hope that you’ll join us for the 5 Lands Virtual Experience on 25 September 2021 so that we can continue connecting people to people and people to place.

Look out for further details through our Facebook page and on our website. Check out our Facebook page for details, and watch out for updates on the website.

<https://www.facebook.com/5LandsWalk>
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Though COVID has changed much, the 5 Lands Experience remains strong, connecting people with people & people with place.

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Mangrove Mountain RFS Bloodtree Rd	General Meeting Training / Maintenance	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
Spencer RFS	General Meeting Training Junior Training	2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm 3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30pm 4th Monday Training 6:30pm E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade 0415 668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd
Somersby RFS	General Meeting Training/Maintenance	First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except before Wed general meeting)
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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
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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. Ph Glenys Palmer on 4374 1441 for enquiries.
Somersby Equestrian Club Club & Committee Meeting		Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
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(cont'd next page)

MAITLAND CATTLE SALE REPORT

Maitland Store Cattle Sale Report - Saturday 21st August 2021

This sale saw a total yarding of 650 head, down from 800 head last sale. The market was very good considering the quality and Covid restrictions in place. It was a successful sale overall. Quality and condition was down on previous sale, August being a tough winter for most vendors and that showed in the cattle. We were a little worried about how the latest Covid outbreak would affect the sale but it had no effect on the prices, just the crowd attending. Buyers in attendance from the local area and Central Coast while commission buyers operated for their western and southern orders.

Highlights - A/c Tarin Grove, Paterson sold 12 Angus heifers PTIC for \$3,000 to Wayne Kerslake, Gloucester; Col Andrews, Kurri sold top price Angus weaner steers 8/9mths for \$2,200 to Geoff Collier, Paterson. This was a record price for Maitland.

Steers

- Weaners: 150 head; 4mths - 11mths; \$1,000 to \$2,200; Average \$1,500; Trend firm to +\$15; Top \$2,200
- Yearlings: 50 head; 12mths - 2yrs; \$1,500 to \$1,900; Average \$1,700; Trend firm; Quality down

Heifers

- Weaners: 170 head; 4mths - 16mths; \$1,100 to \$1,800; Average \$1,300; Trend firm; Top \$1,800
- PTIC: 60 head; 2yrs; \$2,000 to \$3,000; Average \$2,700; Trend +\$50; Top \$3,000

Cows

- Cows & Calves: 75 head; 2yrs - 10yrs; \$2,100 to \$3,700; Average \$2,800; Trend firm to +\$10; Top \$3,700
- PTIC: 100 head; 3.5yrs - 9yrs; \$1,600 to \$2,450; Average \$2,000; Trend firm; Top \$2,450
- Unjoined: 50 head; 5yrs - 10yrs; \$1,500 to \$2,100; Average \$1,800; Trend firm; Top \$2,100

Maitland Liveweight Report - 23rd August 2021

Total of 420 head at our liveweight sale today made up of 360 weaners and 60 export cattle.

- Restocker steers up to 200kgs 684 to 712c/kg;
- Restocker steers 200-280kgs 550 to 702c/kg, avg 658c/kg;
- Restocker steers +280kgs 490 to

- 652c/kg, avg 595c/kg;
- Restocker heifers 200-280kgs 520 to 640c/kg, avg 578c/kg;
 - Restocker heifers +280kgs 475 to 570c/kg, avg 520c/kg;
 - Butcher vealers 540 to 580c/kg;
 - Euro steers & heifers 565 to 628c/kg;
 - Angus feeder steers 500 to 612c/kg;
 - Euro steers +400kgs 490 to 567c/kg;
 - Grown steers 350 to 385c/kg;
 - Export heifers 320 to 360c/kg;
 - Cows 280 to 354c/kg.

Highlights - A/c Maher, 54 Angus weaner steers topped at 646c/kg 309kgs at \$2,000 and heifers 550c/kg 322kgs at \$1,776; 4 Charolais steers 520c/kg 383kgs at \$1,996; Best cows 340c/kg 677kgs at \$2,305.

Next Maitland Liveweight sale - Monday 30th August 2021 - Commencing at 9am

Next Gloucester Store Sale - Thursday 2nd September 2021 - Commencing 11am

Next Maitland Store Sale - Saturday 18th September 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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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

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 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

ACTIVITY/HOBBY

Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group	www.cclug.org.au - all most welcome
Coastal Communicators Toastmasters	1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952
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
Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts Culture and Heritage Centre	Hall Bookings: 0413 359 655 or AH 4373 1488
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REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival 2021	CANCELLED 11 - 26 September 2021, Wollombi Village
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NEW BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECTS FOR THE CENTRAL COAST

More than 100 new bushfire recovery projects have been selected to aid in the recovery of native wildlife and habitat in seven regions severely impacted by the Black Summer bushfires as part of a \$14 million Morrison Government commitment.

Federal Liberal Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks MP said she welcomed the announcement of over \$46,000 in funding for the Community Environment Network.

"This new project, based in Mangrove Mountain, will not only directly support native species recovery, but also provide benefit for bushfire-affected communities and landholders," Ms Wicks said.

"The project will assist in developing private landholder Landcare groups for our local community.

"It aims to bring landholders together to work on neighbouring properties to assist in restoring natural vegetation,

weed control, protection of habitat and tree planting using local provenance species.

"In doing this, the Landcare groups will also provide advice, training, support and education for landholders and local communities regarding bushfire recovery of species and ecological communities.

Landcare Australia will see the roll-out of this funding on the Central Coast.

Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley said Landcare Australia and the National Landcare Network are co-ordinating the projects which range from South-East Queensland to the NSW north and south coasts, the Blue Mountains, Australian alpine areas, East Gippsland and Kangaroo Island.

"Our unique native plants and animals are already benefitting thanks to the on-the-ground efforts from Landcare and other community groups, but there is still work to be done," Minister Ley said.

"These new projects will build on the broad range of recovery activities already being carried out by Landcare and other community groups in the wake of the fires.

"The Morrison Government is committed to the recovery of our wildlife and habitats – it is vitally important that we continue to do this work so that our native iconic species can return to their natural

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