

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD IN PLACE FOR MOST OF NSW

- No fires without a permit (except cooking fires)
- Notify local fire authority and neighbours 24 hours before lighting up
- Recent wet weather continues to build on grass fire concerns.

NSW Commissioner Rob Rogers said the majority of state will be in the Bush Fire Danger Period from Friday 1 October 2021 with only a handful in southern NSW starting on the first of next month.

“With the Bureau of Meteorology continuing to forecast wetter than average conditions through spring we are expecting to see strong grass and crop growth particularly in areas west of the divide. Commissioner Rogers said.

“As we enter the warmer months this will begin dry out and may prove problematic for both landholders and firefighters.

“Grass fires typically move three times quicker than bush fires and can impact on lives and livelihoods with little to no warning.

“It is important that we all understand our level of risk and prepare accordingly.

“Now is the time to review you plans, prepare your properties and have the conversation with your family about what you will do during a fire – talk about when you’ll leave, where you’ll go, what you’ll take and what you’ll do with animals.”

The remaining nine local government areas will commence their Bush Fire Danger Period on 1 November.

“Anyone wishing to light a fire during the Bush Fire Danger Period must obtain a free permit in addition to notifying their local fire authority and neighbours 24 hours before lighting up,” Commissioner Rogers said.

“While hazard reductions are an important part of preparations, landholders need to be extremely careful, as escaped burns can lead to heavy penalties.

“If a fire does escape, make sure you

call Triple Zero (000) immediately so that emergency services can respond and minimise the damage.”

For details on making a bush fire survival plan visit [www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au)

For information about the Bush Fire Danger Period, go to [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP)

To notify of your intent to burn, use the online burn notification tool at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify).

The below nine (9) LGAs commence their Bush Fire Danger Period 1 November 2021:

Snowy Valleys, Albury City, Junee, Berrigan, Coolamon, Lockhart, Federation, Greater Hume, Wagga Wagga.

In all other regions the Bush Fire Danger Period has already commenced.

NSW RFS  
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## BE KIND TO EACH OTHER

### Letter to Editor,

I’ve learnt the hard way how terribly important this matter is. After attacks, put downs from 2016 through 2017, 18, 19 and 20 believing “turn the other cheek is the way to go”. I spent the latter part of 2020 and all 2021 so far from one hospital to the other (3 in total) fighting for my life and in unberable pain (still going on).

I found this article and some how it fits me!!

“When you take better care of your emotional health and wellbeing, you are less likely to develop physical illnesses, which can put your heart at risk,” Dr Hespe advises.

I would never have got so bad if I hadn’t lived through 2016 to 2020.

I thanks all those who posted messages (over 2000). Friends passed them on and slowly I recovered enough to believe in myself a bit. I’ll never be the same or fixed. I’ll never be a community worker - you see that was my life and who I was!

I do hole my attackers achieved their goals with success. BUT please be kind to your targets.

Yours hopefully,  
Margaret Pontifex OAM

## It ain’t necessary so

I found the article submitted by the past MMUC Inc committee and printed on the front page of issue 884 (17th of September) of the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community News most disturbing.

I believe the church facility is owned by the community – the land being purchased by the community for the purpose of building a non denominational church for the people of the district over 100 years ago. Should not the community therefore decide the future of their own facility and the Committee represent that decision? Shouldn’t the community also decide where such sale funds, if a sale was in fact necessary, would go?

When the decision to sell the church was announced to the community by the MMUC Inc Committee, the MMUC Inc by the committee’s own report, had more funds at their disposal than the historic community halls of Mangrove Mountain and Yarramalong combined. Yet those Community facilities (the two historic halls) are continuing to serve the community and be cared for by dedicated committees.

With much community input a comprehensive financial sustainability plan for the Church was presented to the then MMUC Inc Committee. But instead of working with the community for the future of the Church several weeks later a liquidator was appointed in what appeared to be a disregard for the Community’s attempts.

I personally support the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group’s attempts to save the historic church for the community and future generations to come.

P. Howard

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**\*\* 29th October ‘21 \*\***

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# Administrator Plans To Extend Duration of Increased Rates Despite Council Surplus

Council's operating surplus (excluding capital revenue) year to date was \$11million compared to the budgeted surplus of \$2.9million.

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said "We are proposing to make an application to IPART to maintain the current level of rates for a further seven years, consistent with what we asked for from IPART earlier this year."

## SERVICE LEVEL CONSULTATION TO INFORM FUTURE RATE PROPOSAL

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said the two years of heavy losses and overspending left Council having to restructure its business and budget to produce a surplus to repay the \$150million debt over the next 10 years.

"We cannot forget, loans of \$150million were provided to Council in 2020 based on Council's financial recovery plan which included sale of assets, reduction in costs of \$50million, capping infrastructure spending and a rate increase of 13 percent plus rate peg for 10 years in order to repay the loans.

"In less than three years' time we will be facing an average annual income loss of \$25.8million over the next 7 years and this means we will

be forced to reduce or cease many services.

"There has been major restructuring of Council and Council is on track to achieve the \$50million in cost savings including productivity gains. Together with the recent rate increase, Council is budgeting for a small surplus this financial year.

"Our current plan is working, and Council is on track to be able to continue to service its community. However, we face falling off an income cliff if the current level of rates is not maintained beyond June 2024. As it currently stands, if the Special Variation is not extended, in two years ratepayers will be given a 13 percent reduction in their general rate component of the Council bill and Council will need to adjust its cost structures by a further \$25.8million annually on average to cope with that reduction.

"I believe the community values the services it receives from Council, however Council cannot maintain its level of services, or increase them, and repay its debt if it suffers a large reduction of income."

"We are proposing to make an application to IPART to maintain the current level of rates for a further seven years, consistent with what we

asked for from IPART earlier this year."

Mr Hart said ultimately the community will have a major say in whether this application is successful, but they need to understand what the implications of this reduction in Council income will mean on the services that people use daily and that make the Central Coast a great place to live.

"Council will produce two long term financial plans, one showing income at the current rate structure, the second showing the loss of \$25.8million on average from year three onwards. We will undertake community consultation so the community can provide input to whether they would prefer to continue to pay the current level of rates or receive a reduction and see a dramatic fall off in services."

**Information on how residents can participate in community consultation can be found at [yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com)**

## COUNCIL FINANCES ON TRACK FOR THE YEAR TO DATE

Council's August monthly finance report shows Council is currently tracking in a satisfactory way in relation to its 2021-22 budget.

Council Administrator Rik Hart said it was pleasing to see Council's operating surplus (excluding capital revenue) year to date was \$11million compared to the budgeted surplus of \$2.9million.

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### **Mangrove Mountain Union Church**

2154 Wisemans Ferry Road  
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**Sunday, 9am  
24th October 2021**

Recommencement of Christian  
Services in the Union Church  
grounds.

Enquiries:- Robert Meggs  
ph 4376 1217



### **GLENYS MAY PALMER "BALOO" GONE HOME 4/10/2021**

The Peats Ridge Scout Group wishes to express its collective sadness over the recent death of Glenys Palmer. In Scouting parlance, Glenys has now "gone home" after completing the great journey of life.

In the Scouting community, we honour, grieve, and share the news of the passing of a long-time Scout Leader in the tradition of Lord Baden Powell and Lady Olive Baden Powell by using the trail symbol for "gone home." Baden Powell has the symbol on his grave, it is a gentle and simple reminder of our humanity and humility.

"Baloo", as Glenys was known to her young Wolf Cubs, was a Leader at Peats Ridge Cub Pack through the 1980's. Back then, and as it is now, Scouting was a family affair. With their three boys, Rob, Andrew and Mark in the Scout Group, husband and father Bob was the Treasurer.

While our Group will chiefly remember Glenys for her significant and long contributions to the Peats Ridge Cubs, Scouts and Venturers, her community involvement did not stop there. Glenys was a mainstay to the Mountain Tennis Group, Mountain Bingo and Craft Groups. She was always ready with a welcome smile, an encouraging comment, a helpful contribution, or a cuppa and a piece of cake. Glenys was a "mate" to all.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob, Rob, Andrew, Mark and their families at this time of their loss. The family advise that a memorial service will be arranged after Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed.

*For the Peats Ridge Scout Group  
Robert Meggs.*

"We are operationally ahead of where we thought we would be at this early part of the financial year," Mr Hart said.

"Operational expenditure is also \$8.9million lower than budgeted (inclusive of internal revenue and expenditure). This is a direct result of the organisation continuing to have prudent financial management, keep costs down and find productivity gains.

"We promised our community that we would provide a clear line of sight into our financial management and that is what we are doing."

**For more information go to "Monthly Finance Report" at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)**

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# UNION CHURCH UPDATE 9th October 2021

News about the plight of the Mangrove Mountain Union Church has spread beyond our local community. In response to our campaign to "Save the Mangrove Mountain Union Church" we have been contacted by several former Mountain residents with pledges to assist us financially, provide legal advice, and to widely publicise this great injustice to our community.

We are awaiting the advice of our Barrister about next steps to overcome the Liquidator's refusal to cease

winding up the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Association and to step back from his appointment.

In the meantime, the local congregation, the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group (MMCG), is planning the recommencement of Christian Services in the grounds of the Union Church following the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions. The first return service will be on Sunday 24th October at 9.00am. Subsequent services will be on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month.

The MMCG is exploring local interest in a weekday evening meeting to explore Christian Faith. The MMCG is also looking into a Children's Church. We are as yet unable to advise a date that the meeting hall will be available for use by community groups. However, we invite expressions of

interest from groups who might wish to use the Church buildings once they are returned to our community and re-opened.

We welcome your ideas and/or offers of support. Otherwise you can help in the following ways?

1. 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.

2. 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](mailto:mmcgsecl@gmail.com).

3. You can also write/email a personal letter to the Liquidator Mr

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Please do not be offensive in any letter to the Liquidator. 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 could also say 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 wind the Church up.

A copy of your correspondence would be appreciated by either email to [mmcgsecl@gmail.com](mailto:mmcgsecl@gmail.com) or post to MMCG c/-6 Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain NSW 2250.

With your help, our common goal is to work together at keeping the Union Church safe in our community, for our heirs and newcomers, as was intended by the original Union Church Trustees.

*Robert Meggs (ph 4376 1217)  
On behalf of both the MMCG Inc and the MMUC Inc.*

## HENDRA VARIANT CASE CONFIRMED NEAR NEWCASTLE

A variant Hendra virus strain has been confirmed in a 7-year-old unvaccinated Clydesdale from West Wallsend, near Newcastle.

The detection of the virus was confirmed through testing at NSW Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute laboratory and at the Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness.

DPI has routinely tested all Hendra submissions over the past 6 months for the variant Hendra strain following a retrospective detection by researchers in a Queensland horse.

A private vet attended the affected horse in response to a report that the animal was showing neurological signs, collected samples for testing and notified DPI. The affected horse was euthanised.

No other horses on the property are showing any signs of ill health.

A District Veterinarian from Hunter Local Land Services has issued an

Individual Biosecurity Direction to control the movement of animals and people on and off the property for 21 days.

Public health officers from Hunter region are undertaking risk assessments of any people who have had contact with the infected horse.

Most Hendra cases in NSW have been on the north coast, with a case at Scone in 2019 being the most southern case. Vaccination of horses is the most effective way to help manage Hendra virus disease.

There have been 24 horse deaths in NSW as a result of Hendra virus on 23 properties since the first case in 2006. There have been no human deaths from Hendra virus in NSW.

Hendra virus infection is notifiable in NSW under the NSW Biosecurity Act.

Signs of infection are non-specific in the early stages and anyone who is concerned about possible Hendra infection should isolate the horse and seek veterinary advice.

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## Tune in this Mental Health Month

October is Mental Health Month and Central Coast Council has pulled together a program of online courses and activities to get residents to reflect on their mental health and wellbeing.

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Julie Vaughan said Council was asking residents to 'Tune in' to what is happening to them and around them.

"This year, the National 'Mental Health Month' campaign is asking people to 'Tune In' – Tune In to yourself, Tune In to others, Tune In to your communities, and Tune In to stigma," Ms Vaughan said.

"Council is partnering with a range of service providers, not just to help the community learn more about mental health, but to give residents practical tools and support to build mental resilience and look after their mental wellbeing.

"Our program includes online webinars with Mental Health organisations like 'Mind Blank', an Accidental Counselling training course with the 'Lifeline Direct Training Support Team', plus online mindfulness craft workshops, stretch and relaxation classes and more."

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said this is part of Council's longstanding commitment to work with the community to solve a range

## Blues on the Mountain Returns for Christmas

Get ready for a wonderful night (or two!) at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall as live music returns on Saturday December 11 and Sunday December 12 for an end of year celebration featuring festival

of social and health issues that may impact community wellbeing and vulnerable people.

"From devastating bushfires, drought and floods to a global pandemic, major economic downturns and social isolation, there's no denying that the past few years have paid a heavy toll on the mental health of our community," Mr Hart said.

"Key to our community's recovery from these events is Council's role in connecting those who need support with education, information and advice, so we are helping to start those important conversations. We aim to reduce the stigma around mental health issues and connect locals to great programs that they can access."

For more information, search 'wellbeing' at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au) View Council's Mental Health Month event calendar for details and to register.

Central Coast Council  
Media Team

favourites, 19-Twenty (Saturday night) and Kim Churchill (Sunday).

It's been a tough year for all of us with lockdown preventing seeing loved ones for extended periods and pretty much all of our regular community social activities have had to be postponed or cancelled.

So when the easing of restrictions was announced, we wanted to make this year's Christmas Party event our best yet! With two different shows on the one weekend!

### 19-Twenty – Saturday 11th of December

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**Kim Churchill – Sunday 12th of December**

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Kim Churchill first picked up the guitar at just 4 years old and has gone on to become one of Australia's best Blues/folk talents, having become a favourite at some of Australia's biggest and best music festivals such as the Byron Bay Bluesfest, Woodford folk festival, and Falls Festival, as well as performing extensively overseas throughout Canada, USA, England, Europe and Japan. Kim has performed internationally at the world famous South by Southwest festival in Austin Texas and Montreal International Jazz festival.

Since the release of his debut single, "Loving Home" back in 2009, Kim Churchill has released six studio albums along with multiple live albums and built a huge following across the globe though his incredible live performances. A true multi instrumentalist playing guitar, harmonica, drums, and percussion Kim Churchill's shows highlight the purity of his vocals, intricate

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Ryan Howard

**UPPER POPRAN CREEK LANDCARE GROUP**

The Upper Popran Creek Landcare group formed in 1997 following clearing of a section of riverbank. The group developed a Rivercare Plan in 2000 that they have been using to guide their restoration work.

The group manages eight hectares of bushland and endangered hanging swamp on land owned by the Girl Guides Association which is used by the local community.

The group had completed an accredited Upper Popran creek Catchment Rivercare Plan, involved 15 neighbouring private properties in works on their properties, established 500 metre weed free stretch of creekline, replanted thousands of native speies to provide a seedbank into the future.

However, as membership of the group



dwindled the landcare activity ceased and the are is now in serious need of some TLC. There are some lovely waterfalls and rock pools in a rainforest environment. The C.E.N. could assist if you are interested in rejuvenating this group and looking after the upper reaches of Popran Creek.

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# Important Role for the Union Church

From a past issue of the Community News:

## News from Monday School

So good to see new children at Monday School with the number of children attending now at 30.

Our lessons for thios term are : The life of Apostle Paul and his missionaly journeys.

Thank you for sending you children along to Monday School.

Teaching these young innocent children the word of God is so important. Our wish is to lay the right foundations of their faith in God.

Georgia

Sunday school was the Mountains version of Sunday school. Many of the local children attended, over 100 children from nearly 60 families over the years.

Several well respected locals, including Mrs Madsen, Mrs Dean, Mrs Gray, Mrs Sidiropoulos, Mrs Atkins, Mr & Mrs Swan, Mrs Pointer, were involved and conducted the classes.

This important service could be resurrected if the Union Church is reopened to the community.



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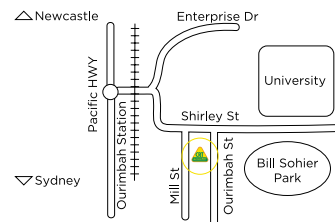
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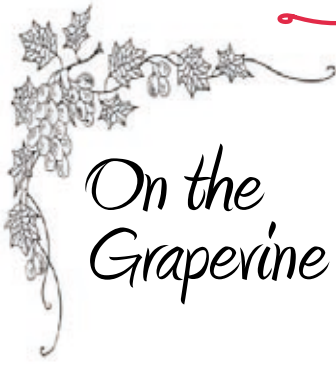
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


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# Mountain Community Children's Centre Inc.

Mountain Community Children's Centre News

## Grand Opening Postponed until Sunday 27th February 2022

We have decided to postpone our Grand Opening to Sunday 27th February 2022. We are hoping we will be able to have a larger celebration.

## Now taking enrolments for 2022

We are now taking enrolments for 2022. Please feel free to give us a call if you would like more information for enrolment now or in the future. Hannah our very friendly administration officer would be more than happy to post out an enrolment pack or organise a tour of the centre (depending on current Public Health Orders). We look forward to welcoming you to our centre.

## Sugar Free September to raise funds for MD NSW

During the last week of September, we dressed up to raise funds for



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Photo: The children wearing masks for dress up week and enjoying pancakes with spinach from the garden.

Muscular Dystrophy NSW. We also encouraged sugar free lunchboxes to promote this cause. We raised over \$220. Thank you everyone for your

generous donations.

**Our Vegetable Garden**

Our vegetable garden is thriving

during Spring. We love picking our produce and cooking with it. We have had peppermint tea, spinach pancakes and enjoyed eating the snow peas and beans straight from the garden. We are just waiting for the carrots to grow a bit bigger before we pick them.

**Silkworms and Our Mulberry Tree**

Our silkworms are growing quickly and eating so many leaves. Luckily, our mulberry tree is flourishing with crunchy green leaves and giant juicy purple mulberries. The children go out to the tree everyday to collect fresh leaves for the silkworms. While out there they love eating mulberries straight from the tree. The best part is coming inside with a red mulberry juice face to show off. The children have also been cooking many different recipes with the mulberries including smoothies, muffins, and crumble.

**Thank you to the educators of Mountain Community Children’s Centre**

Thank you to all our wonderful educators for providing our children with so many exciting experiences and activities. I thank you for your dedication to our young children especially during challenging times of lockdowns. Each day the children experience positive and supportive opportunities to grow and foster positive wellbeing and resilience.

Until next time with news from the Children’s Centre.

Louisa Foxford, Director  
Mountain Community Children’s Centre  
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Despite the current circumstances with many local businesses experiencing hardship through the most recent lockdown, we received over \$1,500 worth of amazing prizes from 11 generous businesses.

From 6pm October 15th 2021, enter

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- ✓ Share the link with your friends & receive bonus entries when they purchase raffle tickets!

We would like to thank the following businesses for kindly providing prizes and encourage the community to support:

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- Julie's Place
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# MAITLAND CATTLE SALE REPORT

Maitland Liveweight Report - 27th September 2021

450 head this week with all regular buyers operating for a better quality yarding. There was a very good run of lightweight Angus & Euro weaners sold for dearer trends. Export cattle remained firm, vealers firm to 5c/kg dearer, restockers up to 15c/kg dearer

with the help of the friendly staff at The Hub of Mangrove Mountain (not available between 11am-2pm).

Thank you again for your support, good luck and we look forward to holding the Country Fair in Oct 2022!

Crystal Russom, Secretary  
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair Committee

in places while the yearlings lost 10c/kg.

- Best vealers 500 to 550c/kg;
- Restocker steers 150-200kgs 700 to 796c/kg, avg 760c/kg;
- Restocker steers 200-280kgs 600 to 750c/kg, avg 690c/kg;
- Restocker steers 280-330kgs 530 to 672c/kg, avg 610c/kg;
- Yearling steers 350-500kgs 440 to 600c/kg;
- Restocker heifers 180-280kgs 520 to 688c/kg, avg 630c/kg;
- Restocker heifers 280-330kgs 480 to 600c/kg, avg 550c/kg;
- Heifers +330kgs up to 542c/kg;
- Steers 600-750kgs 340 to 372c/kg;
- Heifers 500-600kgs 355 to 390c/kg;
- Cows 296 to 372c/kg, best cows returning \$3,294;
- Bulls 290 to 344c/kg.

Next Maitland Store Sale - Saturday 16th October 2021 - Commencing 12 noon - Now taking entries

Maitland Liveweight Sale - Monday 18th, 9am

Next Gloucester Store Sale - Thursday 21st, 11am

Annual Female Sale - Saturday 30th October 2021 - Commencing 12 noon - Now taking entries

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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| Calga-Mt. White RFS                   | General meeting  | 3rd Monday of the month,<br>7.30pm at Pacific Hwy Fire Station Mt. White   |
| Kulnura VBFB<br>at Greta Rd Station   | General meeting<br>Training  | 1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm<br>3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm  |
| Mangrove Mountain RFS<br>Bloodtree Rd | General Meeting<br>Training / Maintenance  | Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm,<br>All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm   |
| Spencer RFS                           | General Meeting<br>Training<br>Junior Training   | 2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm<br>3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30pm<br>4th Monday Training 6:30pm<br>E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade<br>0415 668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd                                  |
| Somersby RFS                          | General Meeting<br>Training/Maintenance  | First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station<br>Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except<br>before Wed general meeting)   |
| Yarramalong RFS                       | Training: Nights:<br>Morning:<br>Maintenance/Training :<br>General Meeting (GM):<br>Contact: | First Wednesday of month 7pm start<br>Last Saturday of month 8.30am start<br>3rd Sunday of month 8.30am start<br>2nd Wed of even months 7.30pm start<br>Ph: 0409 915060 or 0418 280 764 Email:<br>yarramalongrfs@bigpond.com |

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

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| Coastlink Friendship Group  |  | Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre,<br>Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove  |
| Country Women's Association<br>(Somersby)   |  | Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall<br>Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact<br>Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.  |
| Country Women's Association<br>(Peats Ridge & District)   |  | First Monday of the month at Community<br>Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries<br>please contact Christine 0419 400163.   |
| Country Women's Association<br>(Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)                                       |  | 2nd Tues of the month at Mangrove Mountain<br>Hall 2-4 Waratah Rd Mangrove Mtn. Start<br>5pm, meeting 7pm. Ph Judy 43771728  |
| Gosford North Inner Wheel club  |  | 2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in<br>Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760  |
| Gosford World Vision Community Group  |  | 4th Tues 11am in Presbyterian Church, West<br>Gosford Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 586 760.  |
| Permaculture Central Coast  |  | Third Tuesday (except Jan.) at Tuggerah<br>Community Hall, ANZAC Rd, 6.30pm - 9pm  |
| Kulnura & District Garden Club  |  | Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui<br>Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradge@gmail.com  |
| Mangrove Mountain & Districts<br>Community Group Meeting  |  | 1st Thurs of the Month, 8pm, Mangrove Mtn<br>Hall. Danny Willmott 0407275653   |
| Mangrove Emergency Planning Committee   |  | Third Wednesday bi-monthly, Mangrove Hall.<br>Contact: mepcinc@gmail.com   |
| Mangrove Mountain Country Fair<br>Committee Meeting   |  | 2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Union<br>Church Hall. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529   |
| Mangrove Mountain RSL Women's Auxiliary   |  | Third Tuesday of the month, 2pm Mangrove<br>Mountain Memorial Club New Members<br>welcome. Secretary Keitha Coty 43771773  |
| Mountain District Football Club Meeting   |  | Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the<br>Mangrove Memorial Club  |
| River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury<br>River District  |  | President Robyn Downham 0414248224<br>Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com  |
| Rotary Club Meeting   |  | Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529   |
| Spencer Community Progress Group Inc  |  | President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings,<br>4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com   |
| Spencer Community Ladies Social Club  |  | Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer<br>Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364<br>Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com  |
| The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group  |  | Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts.<br>Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.   |
| Somersby Equestrian Club<br>Club & Committee Meeting  |  | Every 2nd month. Check website for further<br>details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au   |
| Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed   |  | Tues & Sat. 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt<br>4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781  |
| <b>SPIRITUAL</b>  |  |  |
| Anglican Service - Mountain Districts   |  | Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall,<br>Sunday School during school terms  |
| - Wollombi  |  | 2nd & 4th Sun 10am; Holy Eucharist at St<br>John the Evangelist, Wollombi. 0481269 653   |
| Mangrove Mountain Union Church,<br>Christian Service  |  | 9.00am second, fourth and fifth Sundays.<br>cnr Bloodtree Rd & Wisemans Ferry Rd   |
| St Barnabas Non-denominational Service<br>Yarramalong   |  | 3rd Sunday each month, 11.00am. (Easter &<br>(Christmas Carols dates to be advised)  |
| Divine Retreat Centre (Ph 04 6848 6782)<br>160 Hensons Road, Somersby<br>www.divineretreatcentre.org.au |  | Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am<br>1st Fri, 5:30pm-8:30pm Divine Mercy Friday<br>1st Sat, 5.30pm-9:00pm, Divine Youth<br>Ministry, Young Adults (18-35yrs)<br>Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat |

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## MARKET IN REVIEW

by Jay Talbot Licenced Real Estate, Stock & Station Agent and Auctioneer



Hi, Jay Talbot here from TalbotPartners Real Estate – The Acreage Specialists.

### LENDING RULES TIGHTEN

Stuart Marsh @nine.com.au has just published this update.

Australia's banking watchdog has tightened the rules on home loan lending to stop banks from offering mortgages to property buyers who may be unable to afford them if interest rates rise. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) has



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increased the minimum interest rate buffer it expects banks to use when assessing a person's "serviceability" from 2.5 per cent to 3.0 per cent above the loan product rate.

In simple terms, this means banks and lenders must not provide a home loan to a person until they are satisfied they would still be able to afford the repayments on a rate that is 3.0 per cent higher than the current product's rate. APRA Chair Wayne Byres said the move to tighten lending will prevent banks from lending to borrowers who are taking on too much risk, particularly as the housing market takes off on the back of historically low interest rates. "In taking action, APRA is focused on ensuring the financial system remains safe, and that banks are lending to borrowers who can afford the level of debt they are taking on – both today and into the future," Mr Byres said.

Mr Byres said regulating the minimum buffer rate comes as new home loans that far exceed a borrower's income explode in popularity. "More than one in five new loans approved in the June quarter were at more than six times the borrowers' income, and at an aggregate level the expectation is that housing credit growth will run ahead of household income growth in the period ahead," Mr Byres said. "With the economy expected to bounce back as lockdowns begin to be lifted around the country, the balance of risks is such that stronger serviceability standards are warranted."

These factors make it a great time to sell. If you would like to have a chat about your property, with a no obligation appraisal, please feel free to call me anytime on 0414 079 220 or email jay@talbotpartners.co

I look forward to the opportunity of catching up with you soon!

See you next month,

Jay

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS (cont'd)

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| Serbian Orthodox   | 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$15). George Downes Drive, Peats Ridge                           |
| 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   |
| <b>YOUTH</b>   |  |
| 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<br>Scouts meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Tuesdays<br>Venturers meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Mondays<br>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<br>Email: becilmour@gmail.com |
| <b>HISTORICAL</b>  |  |
| 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            |
| <b>ACTIVITY/HOBBY</b>  |  |
| 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   |
| <b>HALL BOOKINGS</b>   |  |
| 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<br>or AH 4373 1488   |
| Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall                                | booking contact Annette Stackman 43561196  |

## REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

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|---|--|
| The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival 2021 | CANCELLED 11 - 26 September 2021, Wollombi Village   |
| Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair  | CANCELLED due to Covid 19 Saturday Oct 17th, Mangrove Hall and adjacent reserve. 9am - 3pm |

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# 'BLUE PLAQUES' Nominations Open To Recognise Hidden History On The Central Coast

The 'Blue Plaques' program is currently open to the public for nominations until 30 October 2021, with Heritage NSW inviting members of the community to reflect on sites that are connected to interesting stories that have shaped the history of the Central Coast.

Liesl Tesch MP, Member for Gosford, is accepting nominations to send to Heritage NSW, encouraging anyone that has a story to share that relates to a particular site on the Central Coast to apply.

"We have a diverse and rich history on the Central Coast dating back many thousands of years from our local indigenous communities and up until present day, and we really want

to hear from people across all of the local community to help this initiative to reflect that."

The eligibility criteria states that the nominated place must be in NSW, have an interesting story to tell about the people or events that are linked to a certain place, and are visible to the public including both public and privately held property.

The plaques will be linked to a digital interface to allow access to detailed stories, creating an extensive and well-represented Blue Plaques NSW network.

Ms Tesch said that in order for this to be a success, the more people with diverse stories to share the better.

"Many voices make our shared history, and the Blue Plaques help form a unique, interconnected and interactive way to appreciate and learn about local history, particularly parts of local history that is 'hidden' or not well known.

Ask yourself before nominating; who are the people that have shaped our communities? What stories are important to be heard? What are the important historical events that happened in our local area?"

For more information about the Blue Plaques program, visit [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au).

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