

COMMUNITY NEWS

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From our Guest Columnist ...

They say if you had a happy childhood, you remember the sun shining. While if you had an unhappy childhood, all you can recall is wet Wednesday afternoons trudging home from school, with the rain trickling down the back of your neck.

When I look back at my own childhood growing up as the youngest child of seven on our orchard at Brieses Road Peats Ridge, and attending the mighty Peats Ridge Public School, I pretty much remember the sun shining – though there was one dark night of . . .

Coming back from seeing the Royal Moscow Circus in the Big Smoke of Sydney, circa 1969, I was so excited I couldn't sleep, and so started counting how many people lived in our area. There were six still in our house; seven over the road at the Abrooks; five at the Summersgill's; four at the Halletts, seven at the Harrimans, four at the Hobdays and . . . by the time I got to about 122, I was asleep.

The point is, as a young lad, I was so enmeshed in my community I pretty much knew everyone who lived on the Ridge and the Mountain, just as they knew me.

I knew them from school, from Sunday School, from the Mangrove Mountain Union Church, Peats Ridge Community Hall, from the Scout Hall, and various functions at Mangrove Mountain Community Hall where we attended many events over the years, including the annual fete which was always so exciting.

These days, even though I regularly visit our farm (I live in Sydney) and love returning to it, I must say I get a bit foggy about the names of the people who live two doors up!

My point is that what the Ridge and the Mountain boast in terms of that strong sense of community – which wonderfully, still exists – is precious. But it has to be protected!

And that is why I write now.

What I never appreciated as a young'un, was just how crucial those places of public gathering were in

allowing the community to form those precious bonds. I guess I just assumed that things like the community halls and the churches would *always* be there because . . .

Because as far as I knew they sort of always had been there.

Now older and wiser, I realise two things.

Those places only came to be and can only endure, courtesy of wonderful people putting in long hours over the days, weeks, months, years and *decades* to keep them going.

And beyond those volunteers, those precious community assets can also only long endure if the community itself cherishes those places and gets behind them.

A case in point is the Mangrove Mountain Uniting Church, recently handed over to a liquidator for presumed lack of support from the community.

I know, I know.

Such has been the outcry at the prospect of now losing the Church, most readers will also feel my angst. But can I be frank?

My angst and your angst put together with \$5, might just get us a cappuccino at that lovely joint opposite the Community Hall.

BUT what we actually need now is community *action*. We need to sign petitions, write letters, donate funds to the fight. We need to work out ways that 50 years from now, this community can still boast all of our precious community assets, and kids not yet born can still enjoy what you and I have enjoyed.

This is not about whether or not you are a Christian.

I am not.

It is about preserving our community assets so that no matter what your beliefs or passions in this area, we have many places where we can come together, many public spaces that we can count on always being there.

Look, I could go on – and will at some length in the future, when we get ourselves properly organised and moving – but what we need now is as above. Get active! Donate!

The newly formed Mangrove Mountain Christian Group are a seriously good mob, and they are ready to take over the care of “our

NOTICE

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The property of MMDCG consisting of Minutes books, Correspondence, Documents, Historical Papers, the Associations records and Common Seal.

As stated by the former Secretary of Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group, the location is unknown.

If you can assist in recovering the property please contact Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group Inc. Honorary Secretary Danny Willmott on 0407275653

little white church on the hill”. I urge you to support them.

You can make a donation to help with legal costs at Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, A/c 185477965, sign the on-line petition at <http://chnng.it/HQ882FQZ> or sign a hardcopy petition at one of the local shops.

Thank you, and I hope to see you soon, perhaps at a fundraising dinner at the Mangrove Mountain Community Hall. I'll be the bloke in the corner who used to have a red bandana, the one who has such wonderful memories of growing up in this wonderful community, who wants future generations to be able to enjoy the same, because you and I took action now.

By Peter FitzSimons, journalist at the Sydney Morning Herald and author.

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Early Christmas for Bucketty Brigade

Bucketty & District RFS Brigade volunteers have had two unexpected "early Christmas presents!"

Firstly, we were the recipients of a brand new replacement CAT 9 vehicle via East Maitland RFS District Office.

Secondly, our dilapidated Station driveway that we have been trying to have resurfaced for well over a decade, was selected for a pro bono community project undertaken by Fulton Hogan, a Group which undertakes a number of road projects for Cessnock City Council and which approached them offering a project that would "give back to the community".

The result is a transformation (see pics).

Our volunteers thank Fulton Hogan, Cessnock Council management and staff, and also our Community Recovery Officer, as well as Hansens and Bit-Mil, all of whom made possible this generous and practical outcome for our Brigade.

Going into Fire Season with our new vehicle, and having a totally functional driveway minus ruts and watercourses and loose rocks is a great morale booster as well as totally



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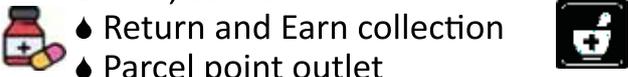
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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

It is disappointing that the resumed Christian Church Services (after lock-down) cannot be held appropriately in the Union Church, nor within the Grounds of this Community owned facility at the present time. Some services therefore are being held in another Community owned facility – the Mangrove Mountain Hall, as a temporary arrangement, but services can only be held when the hall is

available around other bookings.

Let's hope common sense prevails and that Church services can once again be held within the Union Church as was the purpose of it's creation and ongoing existence.

There are so many ideas and thoughts and hopes in the Community for the longevity of the Union Church facility. Let's make the future of the Union Church a reality for the common good of the Mountain, the abundant history which surrounds the facility and it's strong ties to the community.

Pam Howard



Preparing for Storm Season

As the weather across NSW continues to warm up the likelihood of dangerous storm activity also increases.

The official storm season in NSW runs from October through to March, and the recent storms that impacted the Mid North Coast are a timely reminder to be prepared.

Follow these tips to stay storm safe:

- Have an emergency response plan in place, outlining roles and responsibilities to manage emergency situations.

- View the SES's "Get Ready for Storm Season" guide and contact your local SES if you need further advice.

- Debrief after an emergency event. How effective was your emergency plan and response? What needs to be improved?

NSW SES Assistant Commissioner, Dean Storey, said it was important communities make sure they are prepared should a storm hit their local area.

Mr Storey explained that there are very simple steps people can take to prepare for potential storms.

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Blues to Rock the Mountain

After our Blues on the Mountain Christmas Party sold out in a matter of weeks! Blues on the Mountain is stoked to announce yet another show in December with multi award winning Australian Blues artist Darren Jack bringing his all star band to the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall for the very first time on Saturday the 4th of December.

Darren Jack has been electrifying audiences with his signature powerhouse Rock 'n' Blues and original music for over twenty years at festivals and events all over Australia and we are delighted to have been selected for the band's Central Coast album launch show for their brand new album, "Lost in Living".

Great food will once again be available for purchase on the night with thanks to the hub of Mangrove Mountain, plus we'll be launching our new bar with ice cold premium zero alcohol beers to quench the thirst. BYO snacks and drinks are also welcome as always. So why not invite your friends and family and join us for dinner and a fabulous night of live music at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall. Doors open at 6pm, with music until late. Tickets cost \$30 and are on sale now via www.trybooking.com/BUTAN

Darren Jack

Darren first fired up the Blues scene as the driving force behind award-winning band Third Degree which introduced a legion of Blues enthusiasts to his powerful vocals and exceptional artistry on the guitar. After six years fronting the band, Darren ventured out as a solo artist under the name Darren Jack. For the past 13 years he has collaborated with some of Australia's finest musicians, touring throughout the country thrilling audiences with his passionate performances and proving why he is regarded as one of Australia's top Blues musicians.

Darren Jack has played alongside some his most important artistic influences, opening for and sharing the stage with artists such as: Robert Cray (USA), Jimmie Vaughan (USA), Canned Heat (USA), George Thorogood (USA), Chris Cain

(USA), Andy Just (USA), Tyrone Vaughan (USA), Kevin Borich, Ian Moss, Jeff Lang, Phil Emmanuel, Dave Hole, and Chain.

Over the years Darren Jack has appeared in most major Blues Festivals in Australia, including: East Coast Blues Festival – Byron Bay, Great Southern Blues Festival – Narooma, Thredbo Blues Festival, Woodford Folk Festival, Australian Blues Music Festival, Gympie Music Festival, Cross Roads Festival, Blues on Broadbeach, Bridgetown Blues Festival W.A. & The Forth Valley Blues Festival Launceston.





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In 2012 Darren Jack won 5 awards at the prestigious Australian Blues Music Awards, including Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Group of the Year. Darren Jack also won the Sydney Blues Challenge, in 2012 & 2014 and was an Australian Representative at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in 2013 & 2015

As one of Australia's leading Blues musicians Darren Jack is a favourite on the Rhythm and Blues Festival circuits, don't miss his show at our very own Mangrove Mountain Hall!

Ryan Howard

VALE JIM MURISON

It is with great sadness that I inform the community of the passing of Jim Murison.

Jim was a most highly regarded member of the former Department of Agriculture. He spent many hours in our community helping farmers with any issue they may have had, carrying out trials and conducting regular field days conveying the latest information to the farming community.

Jim is remembered with fondness and appreciation for all that he has done and will be missed by the farming community.

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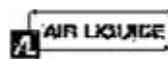
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**Yarramalong School Community Centre Inc.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of
Yarramalong School Community Centre Inc.
will take place on

SUNDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER at 11am

at Yarramalong School Community Centre
1560 Yarramalong Road, Yarramalong
at the covered outdoor stage area
followed by a barbecue.

Business will include the Election of the Committee*, consisting of
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, General Committee
(3). and Public Officer

A barbecue will follow the meeting - new neighbours especially
welcome!

This is a great opportunity to meet committee members, hear about
our plans for the future, have your say about community needs and
explore the beautiful grounds and historic 1890's buildings. Bring
the family – there's a play gym close by - and enjoy the sausage sizzle
afterwards!

Current Covid safety conditions will apply.

*Nomination forms for election of the above positions in accordance
with the Model Constitution may be obtained from the Secretary by
emailing keatingfamily@bigpond.com.

These must reach the Secretary on or before 6pm on 21.11.21



**Union Church
Update**

29th October 2021

It's a short report this time, so as not to overshadow the guest columnist! Representatives of the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group (MMCG), a guest supporter and our solicitor met with the Union Church Liquidator earlier this week. It was agreed by the parties that the meeting discussions would be "without prejudice" and held in confidence. A second meeting is planned within a fortnight.

Prior to the meeting, our solicitor briefed a Senior Council (SC). Preliminary advice is that the original Union Church Trust and its terms (including being held for the benefit of "the residents of Mangrove Mountain") remain "impressed" upon the land. Based on this opinion, we will now obtain formal advice from the SC. An action in the NSW Supreme Court remains a possibility.

The MMCG has recommenced services on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month at 9am. For

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the time being the services will be held at the Community Hall, corner of Wisemans Ferry and Waratah Roads, Mangrove Mountain.

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. Join the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group. Joining fee is \$1 and annual fees are \$2. Please contact our Secretary by email to mmcgsecl@gmail.com for an application form.

3. You can also write/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@hlbns.com.au

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.

Please highlight any personal links 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.

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 or post to MMCG c/-6 Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain NSW 2250.

Our aim:- "Working together to keep 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.

PIG PURCHASE WARNING

Greater Sydney Local Land Services is warning residents to do their research before buying livestock online after two separate incidents involving the purchase of so called "teacup pigs."

District Veterinarian Dr Lisa Goodchild said GS LLS had received calls for assistance after the purchased pigs became too large for their suburban owners.

"Teacup pigs don't exist," she said. "Teacup is a label breeder give regular potbellied pigs that have been malnourished to stunt their growth or are falsely advertised as miniature.

"In our latest case, a young Central



Coast woman bought a pig from a social media site expecting it to stay small, when it grew to the size of a healthy, normal pig, she was no longer able to keep it in the regular suburban block they lived on," she said.

"Thankfully in this case, a landholder was able to take the animal to her rural property which is designed for housing livestock."

Ebenezer landholder Sue Lobsey took the female in as a companion for "Chubbs" her male pet pig.

"Chubbs was also sold as a teacup,"

she said.

"At the end of the day it's important to know what you're getting into when purchasing livestock, or any animal for that matter. We are fortunate to have the required facilities on our property to care for our various livestock but to expect to keep a fully-grown pig on a regular house block is completely unrealistic."

Dr Goodchild said even when purchasing a pig as a pet, the usual National Livestock Identification System paperwork and protocols applied.

"Concerns around possible access to swill (prohibited pig feeding) and the associated disease risks with this practice could lead to devastating consequences to the agricultural industry - this may be particularly a

problem if animals are housed with other animals or misconceptions about feed requirements/restrictions.

"Thinking pigs are going to stay small doesn't remove the need for proper facilities. These animals can live for 15-20 years so people need to be able to commit to their care for an extended period.

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WINNING TALES FROM THE COUNTRY FAIR

Everybody loves to win something, and hasn't the Fair come up with some great prizes for us to try to win over the years.

The most memorable prize for me was a short stay at a small Lovedale winery. We four friends were determined to win this special spin on the Chocolate Wheel. So we all bought lots of tickets, then a few more, not all the tickets, but quite a few. We were tickled pink when we watched Zac and Eddie spin the wheel and the "winery girls" won.

The Fair always seems to come up with an interesting mix of prizes to suit everyone, from holiday stays on the South coast and the Sydney Bridge Climb, to loads of firewood and gravel; from beautiful quilts by the Gunnadoos to water pumps and rain tanks.

These prizes would not be possible



without some great donation collectors, like Shane is now. Betty, and daughter Jan, and many other members, approached lots of businesses for goods for the Garden Club Raffles near the Hall door. And Jim would turn up with amazing prizes, often at the last minute.

We have some great sellers too, and not always on Fair day. I recall when we had fancy tickets printed beforehand, and we would grab the captive market of soccer final crowds at Bloodtree to sell more. Susan remembers sitting

with Connie for hours at the old Flora Festival on a wet miserable day advertising the Fair and trying to sell raffle tickets too.

There have been community news coupons in a barrel and silent auctions.

And of course now we have an online raffle to try our luck with.

Everyone loves to win, the prize is the icing on the cake. So be sure to get your raffle tickets soon.

Sue Douglas

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After 16 weeks of lock-down we are now able to partially return to normal life. There are still limiting restrictions but at least we have our Shed back. The growth of the Mens Shed idea is growing fast and there has been three new Sheds approved on the Central Coast, bringing the total to seventeen Sheds in the region. The new Sheds approved are at Umina, Copacabana and Green Point.

We still have to sign in and show our vaccine records, and keep our distance, but at least we are active. Lots of work is still being done to organise ourselves after the devastating flood in March 2021. New tools are being unpacked and new machines are being positioned.

Dust extraction has been connected for a dust-free environment.

Our President, Adrian Acheson, has written to Hornsby Shire Council applauding their walking track approval and design which we submitted as a suggestion attached to the new boat ramp, parking and playground. This walking track incorporates work-out stations and frisbee golf course which covers a distance of about one and a half kilometres. Rest areas are also



ABOVE: Members of several Central Coast Mens Sheds arrive at Wisemans Ferry to assist in flood clean-up. BELOW: Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed members Greg Hartley, Col Lyons and Adrian Acheson entering Hornsby Shire Council Chambers to meet with Mayor and Council officers to discuss walking track design

incorporated. The Wisemans Ferry boat ramp and parking will be a huge boon to our area.

The Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed will be open Tuesday and Saturday each week and is located behind Bowling Club. Our community bus will be operating to allow members to go on outings.

Many trips are planned and we seek people to come on down to join us and see the new improvements. Learn a new skill or help us plan our community gardens which we are commencing soon. If you need any information ring Adrian on 0448833781



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The Ann Williams Clark Award

This medallion is awarded to Beryl Collins for "Long and Outstanding Service to the Kulnura & District Garden Club"



We were also entertained with a presentation from Patricia Smith titled native Flora and Fauna on the Central Coast - wonderful photography. Thanks Pat!

Our November meeting on the 8th is to be a zoom meeting also as many members are not happy going out into the community yet. This will be our Annual General Meeting but

please don't be deterred - executive positions are filled but it would be great to see some new faces on the Committee. Subs are now due - \$20 pa which includes the GCA quarterly magazine.

If you live on the hinterland and would be happy for us to do a walk through your garden next year, please

get in touch with our hardworking Secretary, Jacqui at kdgc@gmail.com. We are a friendly group and meet on the second Monday of the month starting with a cuppa at 9.30 followed by a meeting at 10.00. We have managed to shorten the business side of our meetings and I believe they are going to be even shorter next year

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ChantalMahoney - 'Revival' (detail)

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only charcoal and ash, the rain came and the streams started flowing again, heralding regeneration. This is the start if Intermittences, a new series of large abstract paintings.

The unpredictability of life also inspired the work: the perpetual interruptions and pauses, the

time signposted which no longer exists, and makes loops, convolutions, arabesques.

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Members and friends of the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group. There has been encouraging progress regarding the Development Application for upgrades to Kariong Sand and Soil Supplies located in the Somersby Industrial Estate, at 90 Gindurra Rd, Somersby. The proposed development is for a state-of-the-art recycling facility to turn sand, soil & surplus building materials into 100% recycled landscaping supplies. The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has recommended the proposal for approval. The Davis family would like to thank you for the support.



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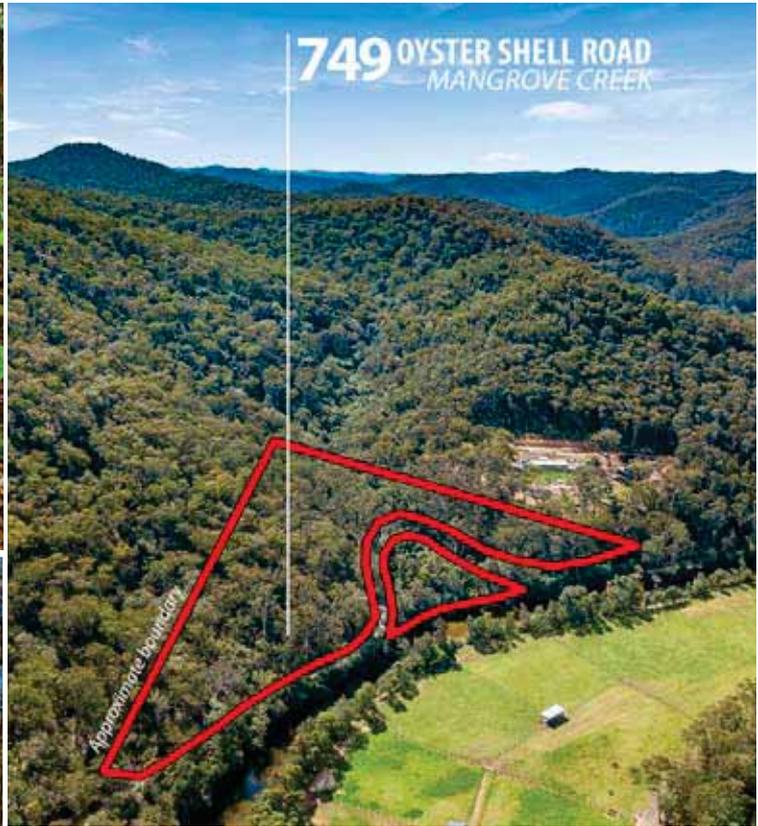
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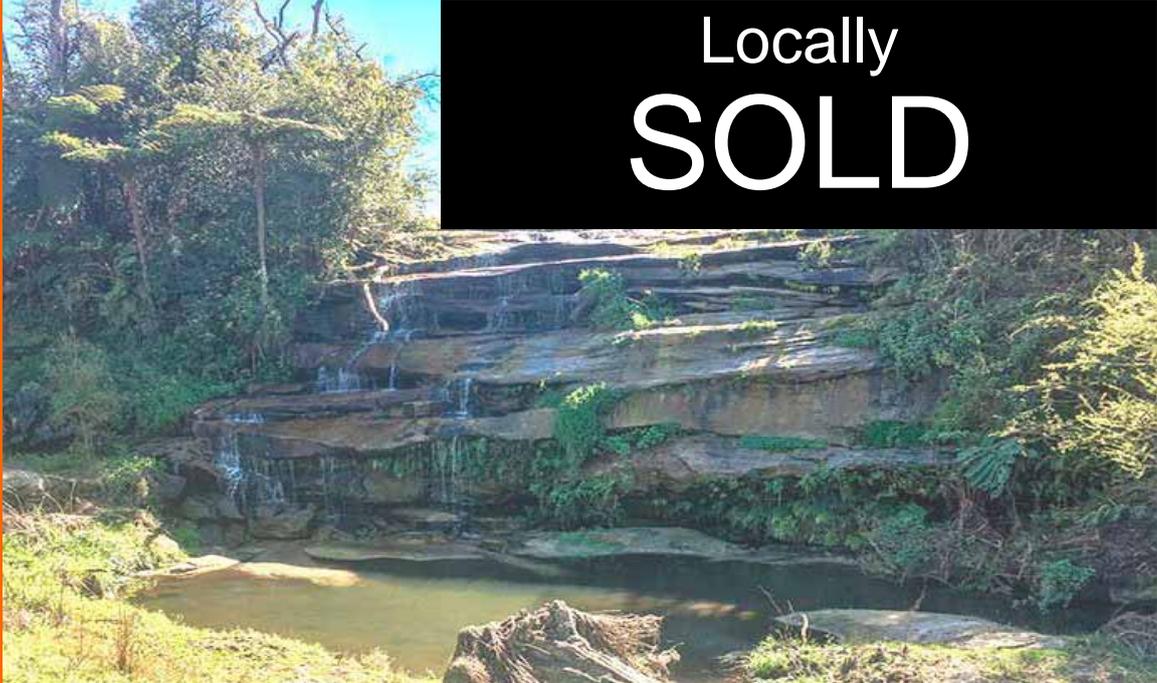
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I remember when I was a young girl I had to look way up to my dad and as an adult I still looked way up to my dad.

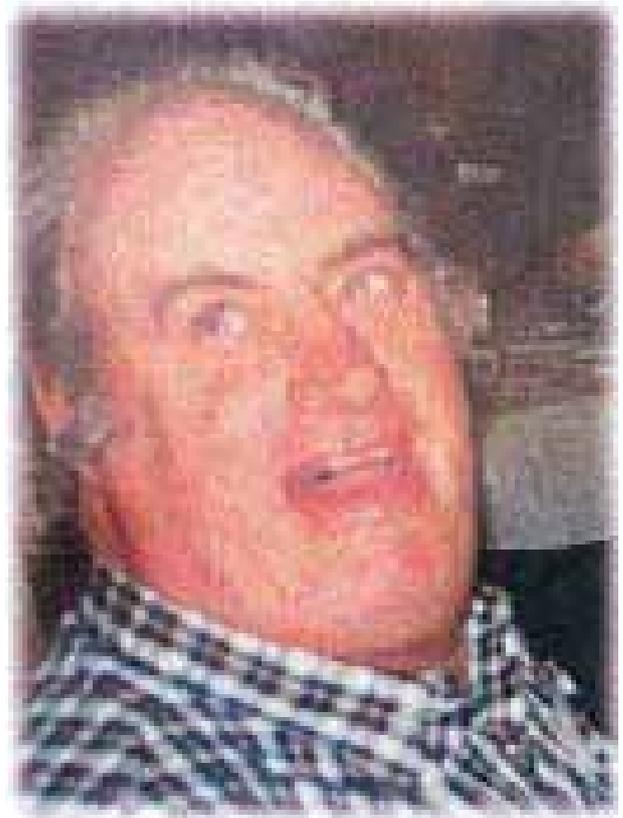
I remember when we would use Dad as a horse and all climb on his back and he would walk on all fours with us



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I remember the truck trips with Dad, when I was a young girl at the market he would throw me on his shoulders so I would not get run over by the forklifts everywhere. If we were in a crowded place his hand would land on my head and he would steer me so I would not get lost.

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I remember when his first grandchild Lauren came along he was not keen to hold her he would admire her by lying next to her porta cot and look through the mesh and make faces to her, one day I went in and he was laying on the floor with her and I asked how she come to be on the floor he said she just got out but at 3 months old I had a lot of doubts. As Lauren got older and found her legs he would disappear up the shed with her and she would come back covered in grease, apparently her hands were the right size to stick into gearboxes and pull bits out.

I remember when Lauren would call him Barp and I was trying one day to get her to say Pop she had trouble saying it and Dad said why are you trying to get her to say Pop, I said so she can call you Pop, he said there is nothing wrong with Barp so Barp it was.

I remember one day I was tending to Gabbie in the house and went out to see where the kids were because I could not hear them and I could not find them I raced inside and called Mum and said I have lost the 3 kids can you come help look and she said they are here Dad bought them up on the tractor.

I will never stop looking up to you Dad. I know that Grief is where loved lived first. The greater the love is the greater the Grief.

The Grief we feel from losing you is overwhelming to say the least.

You were always there for us Dad for our ups and our downs, your love for us was endless and always felt.

It is never the right time to say goodbye, we will miss you Dad.

Julie Monachino JP



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Mountain Community Children's Centre News

Grand Opening Postponed until Sunday 27th February 2022

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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

Photo: The children learning about the life cycle of silkworms



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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

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

Louisa Foxford
Director

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Kariong Sand and Soil Supplies, Best Practice Recycling Facility

There has been encouraging progress regarding the Development Application for upgrades to Kariong Sand and Soil Supplies recycling facility, located on the eastern side of the Somersby Industrial Estate, at 90 Gindurra Rd, Somersby. The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has recommended the proposal for approval.

This state-of-the-art facility will turn sand, soil and surplus building materials into 100% recycled landscaping supplies. "We expect 75% of the materials we recycle to come from the Central Coast and close to 100% of recycled landscaping supplies will be used in the region", explains Mr Eric Davis, CEO of Davis Earthmoving & Quarrying.

The Davis Family want to thank the local community for their continued and overwhelming support. It has been recognised that the facility is suitably located within the Somersby Industrial Park, and conveniently near

the M1 Highway. The project brings opportunity to the Central Coast, including creating local jobs within the region. And is expected to contribute \$407 million into the local economy.

Kariong Sand and Soil Supplies facility was approved, and has been operating as, a sand and metal recycling facility on the site for 30 years since 1992. In 2017 The Davis Family purchased the site with a vision to improve the old, run-down recycling facility into an advanced facility for recycling building materials from civil construction, demolition and building projects for the Central Coast. "The facility will accept and recycle sand/soil, timber, metals, concrete, bricks, tiles, asphalt, stumps and rootballs. No

asbestos, smelly or hazardous wastes will be accepted."

"The development will include the clean-up and enhancement of the front 6 hectares of the site, into a professional landscape supplies business supplying local builders, landscapers and trades with quality aggregates, soil and mulches for building projects," Mr Davis said.

The rear 4.75 hectares of the site will be retained as bushland, to preserve important vegetation and fauna. "The whole site has been designed with environmental best practice and sustainability in mind," Mr Davis explains. "Recycling operations will be indoors, with strict control of dust



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and noise. Surfaces will be sealed hardstand to protect soils and water quality. Noise barriers are in place to avoid sound impacting neighbours. An advanced water capture and recycling system has been designed to treat and reuse precious water received on the site for operations and dust controls.”

Kariong Sand & Soil Supplies facility will serve the recycling needs of the Central Coast community. “The population of the Central Coast is forecast to grow by up to 20.6% between 2021 and 2041, resulting in a 26% increase in the number of homes required (37,950). This facility will help recycle materials from all this building work.” Mr Davis explains. The facility will provide competitive options for local businesses who currently have limited access to recycling centres, and can help to reduce illegal roadside dumping in the area.

Over the years, The Davis Family has shown due diligence with their commitment to ongoing communication and conversation with the community. Following feedback, the facility’s design has been amended to take into account community concerns. Recycling will increase in stages after independent testing is to confirm the facility is performing to the highest environmental standards.

After extensive engagement with a vast array of professional consultants this facility has been designed to be a leader in it’s field, with best practice measures adopted. The operations will be at the highest of standards and will be regulated under the EPA’s strict requirements.

The facility’s aim is to provide environmentally responsible solutions to maximise resource recovery. Mr Davis explains, “For decades, we have been committed to recycling. At Kariong Sand & Soil Supplies we aim to improve sustainability rates, and to contribute to a circular economy. This recycling facility will be a contributor towards the world’s global goal of zero emissions by 2050”. The NSW Government has set an ambitious recycling target of 80% by 2030. The facility will play an important role in diverting waste from landfill and will contribute towards a sustainable future for the Central Coast.

“We look forward to welcoming in local builders and landscapers once in operation, and to supplying quality recycled materials for use in construction projects and garden landscaping within the Central Coast region”, said Eric Davis.

Further information and to learn more about the project see www.karionsandandsoil.com.au

MOUNTAIN ANGLICAN NEWS

As the COVID rules stand at the moment, we had our first worship service back together again on Sunday 17th October at 8am at the Scout Hall, 153 George Downes Drive.

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We are sorry that the Country Fair had to be cancelled. We always enjoy working there, but obviously peoples’ safety had to be a priority.

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Coastlink Friendship Group		Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove
Country Women's Association (Somersby)		Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.
Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)		First Monday of the month at Community Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400163.
Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)		2nd Tues of the month at Mangrove Mountain Hall 2-4 Waratah Rd Mangrove Mtn. Start 5pm, meeting 7pm. Ph Judy 43771728
Gosford North Inner Wheel club		2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
Gosford World Vision Community Group		4th Tues 11am in Presbyterian Church, West Gosford Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 586 760.
Permaculture Central Coast		Third Tuesday (except Jan.) at Tuggerah Community Hall, ANZAC Rd, 6.30pm - 9pm
Kulnura & District Garden Club		Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting		1st Thurs of the Month, 8pm, Mangrove Mtn Hall. Danny Willmott 0407275653
Mangrove Emergency Planning Committee		Third Wednesday bi-monthly, Mangrove Hall. Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting		2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Union Church Hall. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529
Mangrove Mountain RSL Women's Auxiliary		Third Tuesday of the month, 2pm Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club New Members welcome. Secretary Keitha Coty 43771773
Mountain District Football Club Meeting		Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club
River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District		President Robyn Downham 0414248224 Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com
Rotary Club Meeting		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. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.
Somersby Equestrian Club Club & Committee Meeting		Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed		Tues & Sat. 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781

SPIRITUAL

Anglican Service - Mountain Districts		Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms
- Wollombi		2nd & 4th Sun 10am; Holy Eucharist at St John the Evangelist, Wollombi. 0481269 653
Mangrove Mountain Union Church, Christian Service		9.00am second, fourth and fifth Sundays. cnr Bloodtree Rd & Wisemans Ferry Rd
St Barnabas Non-denominational Service Yarramalong		3rd Sunday each month, 11.00am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised)
Divine Retreat Centre (Ph 04 6848 6782) 160 Hensons Road, Somersby www.divineretreatcentre.org.au		Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am 1st Fri, 5:30pm-8:30pm Divine Mercy Friday 1st Sat, 5.30pm-9:00pm, Divine Youth Ministry, Young Adults (18-35yrs) Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat

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MAITLAND CATTLE SALE REPORT

Maitland Store Cattle Sale Report 16th October 2021

Total yarding of 650 cattle. The overall market trend was firm to \$50-\$80 stronger in places.

Steers:

- Weaners: \$1250 – \$2000 to average \$1625
- Yearlings: \$1750 – \$2225 to average \$1900
- Grown: \$2000 – \$2300 to average \$2100

Heifers:

- Weaners: \$1170 – \$2050 to average \$1490
- Unjoined: \$1800 – \$2100 to average \$2000
- PTIC: \$1950 – \$2600 to average \$2200

Cows:

- Cows & Calves: \$2000 – \$3550 to average \$2580
- PTIC: \$1900 – \$2650 to average \$2300
- Unjoined: \$1600 – \$2200 to average \$1900

Highlights included:

A/c Grahame Chevalley, Glenroy sold a run of Angus Steer Weaners topping at \$1875 to average \$1827 going to Glenliam Farm of Clarence Town. A/c WA & P Munton sold a run of lightweight Angus weaners with the Steers topping at \$1450 to make 979c/kg to a local buyer with the Heifer draft topping at \$1350 to R & B Livestock. A/c Scott & Yvette Ryan, Luskintyre sold a good line of Angus Steers for \$2175 to Portree Plains of Nelson Plains. Buyers came from Scone, Tamworth, Mudgee & strong



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Total yarding of 250 cattle comprising of 230 trade cattle and 20 export cattle.

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- Restocker Steers 200-280kgs 565c/kg to 788c/kg (705c/kg avg);
- Restocker Steers 280-340kgs 495c/kg to 700c/kg (645c/kg avg);
- Restocker Heifers 200-280kgs 500c/kg to 685c/kg (624c/kg avg);
- Restocker Heifers 280-340kgs 480c/kg to 620c/kg (585c/kg avg);
- Grown Steers/Bullocks 420c/kg to 435c/kg;
- Export Heifers 370c/kg to 390c/kg;
- Cows 340c/kg to 380c/kg;
- Bull 310c/kg

Maitland Liveweight Sale Report 25th October 2021

Total yarding 350 cattle. Trend: Trade cattle 10to 30c dearer, export cattle firm to 10c cheaper.

Restocker cattle in strong demand. Broke the Maitland saleyards liveweight record with Angus weaner steers topping at \$8.38/kg

Trade cattle

- Vealers \$5.00 - \$8.30/kg
- Yearling Steers \$4.80 - \$7.56/kg
- Yearling Heifers \$4.90 - \$6.00/kg

Export cattle

- Heifers \$3.60/kg
- Grown Steers/Bullocks \$3.80
- Cows \$3.00 - \$3.70/kg
- Bulls \$3.30/kg

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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
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: becglmour@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
Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall	booking contact Annette Stackman 43561196

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair	CANCELLED due to Covid 19 Saturday Oct 17th, Mangrove Hall and adjacent reserve. 9am - 3pm
Blues In the Hall Darren Jack & his band	Mangrove Mountain Hall - Saturday the 4th December, doors open 6pm.

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2022 REGIONAL YOUTH TASKFORCE NOW OPEN

Applications for the 2022 Regional Youth Taskforce are now open to eligible young people from regional NSW including the Central Coast.

Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch MP has urged passionate and engaged young people to consider applying to this influential program.



Phoebe Sheridan speaking at this year's March for Justice Women's Rally

"The Regional Youth Taskforce is an opportunity-rich program that provides young people with a platform to shape policy-making in NSW."

"Members will engage with issues that matter to young people all around regional NSW and collaborate with Government Ministers on how best to address these matters in the interest of young people."

The Regional Youth Taskforce helps to advise the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women, on issues affecting young people living in regional NSW.

18 members who represent the diversity of young people in regional NSW will be selected. Members will have their transport, food and accommodation costs covered as they participate in four meetings across the State.

This year's Central Coast youth representative, Phoebe Sheridan, has encouraged young people to apply.

"I loved the opportunity of representing the Central Coast region at the Regional Youth Taskforce. It was great being able to meet so many other passionate young people and hearing their ideas about how we could improve the regions for young people."

"This whole opportunity has opened so many doors and shown me that young people can make a difference."

To be eligible to apply, you must be between 12-24 years old, live in regional NSW and be committed to learning about issues that impact regional NSW.

Applications are open until midnight Sunday November 21, 2021. To learn more or to apply visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-youth-taskforce>

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