

COMMUNITY NEWS

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What Would John Say?

What would Rev. John Price say to those who would dare sell his church?

John was honest and forthright - a local farmer - not afraid to speak his mind. I appreciated John's "no fuss" attitude to church matters - so different from "High Church" pomp and ceremony I'd grown up with.

Our wee innocent babe soiled her napkin moments before she was to become a member of God's "flock". "Take her home!" John said, "I'll stall 'til you get back!" and he did.

Other memories of our church:

When eldest son announced he'd be back late home on Mondays... "because there was school at the church!" I had to investigate and ended up at Monday School, too, for about eight years! Usually I helped with the "Kindie Class" in the little back room.

In April 2021 our family had a special service at our little church. Family and friends from across the state crowded (covid wise) in and around the church building to remember Barry, my husband of 49 years.

"Giving credit, where credit is due!"

Our youngest son and his partner have nothing but praise for the then caretakers of the church who went out of their way to assist with the arrangements for Barry's service.

Our family thank Neil and Veronica most sincerely.

Margaret Pointer

COMMUNITY MEETING AND INFORMATION SESSION RE: MANGROVE MOUNTAIN UNION CHURCH

**Friday, November 26th, 7:00pm
at Mangrove Hall**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on the situation, to try and answer any questions, and to discuss options and how the community can help to stop the sale and return the church to the community that built it.

All invited and welcome.

SOCIAL TENNIS ANYONE?

Every Tuesday in school terms, our mixed group of youngish and young-at-heart tennis players meet from 9.30am to 12 noon at the Kulnura Tennis Courts, beside the Kulnura Community Hall. All are welcome, no matter your level of experience. Cost is \$3 a day and this covers tennis balls, tea, coffee, biscuits and the occasional cake. We are a lovely, welcoming bunch, good for a chat and a hearty laugh both on and off the court.

Enquiries - Alison Palmer 0427 731 548 for the Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group.

FUNDING TO HELP REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED

The Australian Government will provide over \$11,800 for Terrigal-Wamberal RSL Sub-Branch and Umina Community Group, helping to preserve our wartime heritage as part of more than \$800,000 in funding from the Saluting their Service (STS) Commemorative Grants Program.

Federal Liberal Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks MP said this funding for our local veterans and community organisations ensures the ongoing recognition of our Australian servicemen and women.

"It's important that the service and sacrifice of our local veterans is recognised and remembered through these community initiatives," Ms Wicks said.

"Umina Community Group have been successful in a \$5,112 grant to install interpretive signage at Runway Park in Woy Woy to explain the history of the area as an emergency aerodrome during the Second World War.

"Terrigal-Wamberal RSL Sub-Branch will be making additions to the Wamberal War Memorial with new signage outlining the history of the war memorial and setting three new stones at the site, each engraved with the names of local service personnel.

"The Central Coast recognises the importance of commemorating and honouring the contribution of our servicemen and women and all that they have done for our nation.

For further information on the next round of STS grants visit the Community Grants Hub website.

<https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/saluting-service>

*Lucy Wicks MP
Federal Member for Robertson*

Community Christmas Carols

**Christmas Eve, 5pm to 7pm
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**** 26th November '21 ****

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STORMWATER SERVICES FUNDING MAY CHANGE

In response to a report published by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), Central Coast Council are proposing to fund their stormwater services through their local government rates instead of water rates, from 1 July 2026 onwards.

The IPART Information Paper, which was published last month, looks at why this transfer in rates would be more appropriate for Council – who is in the unique position of being both a local government and a water supply authority.

Council Administrator Rik Hart said funding stormwater services through local government rates could be deemed more appropriate than water rates.

“Stormwater services are not specific to your house, and do not rely on a direct property connection like a water and sewer service,” Mr Hart said.

“The stormwater drainage network provides a region-wide benefit to all members of the community, regardless of where they live.

“We use drains and pipes to make

sure roads are safe to drive on during storms, ensure the safety of our parks and open spaces, and to minimise public land flooding.

“However, to make the switch isn’t just as simple as transferring the stormwater drainage charge from the Water Management Act to the Local Government Act – it will mean that Council will undergo another special rate variation application process.

“While we intend on making a formal submission to IPART supporting transfer, we don’t necessarily support the timing proposed by IPART,” Mr Hart continued.

“As it stands, IPART’s preliminary recommendation is that this transition occurs in two years’ time, midway through the next determination period.

“However, we recommend that the change be implemented in four years’ time, at the start of the next determination period, which we have proposed to IPART would commence on 1 July 2026.

So, what does this mean for our Central Coast ratepayers?

“We would simply be moving the stormwater drainage charge from one bucket of money to another,” Mr Hart said.

“When this transfer eventually takes place, whether it is in two or four years’ time, it means that your water bill will go down as we remove the stormwater drainage charge, and your general

rates will go up as the stormwater drainage charge is added.”

IPART is seeking feedback from the community about this proposal to fund stormwater services through local government rates.

Council encourages all community members to have their say and let them know what you think by visiting IPART’s website and completing their online survey, which closes on 15 November 2021.

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PEATS RIDGE & DISTRICT CWA

The November meeting was held at my home because at the moment we cannot meet in the Community Hall as the school grounds is out of bounds. It was lovely to see everyone catching up with one another. We discussed up coming events like cake competition (here we go again) and handicraft items to make. Unfortunately we cannot have a Christmas lunch this year with our fellow CWA friends as there is no time to organise this and with this terrible virus there is uncertainty in what we would like to do. We sent a sympathy card to one of our past member Norma on the loss of her husband Colin and hope she is coping well.

A quote from a book "Smile" - A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes only a moment, but the memory of it can last forever. None are so rich or mighty that they can get along without it and none are so poor that they cannot be made rich by it. A smile brings to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Till next time take care,

Christine Sanfilippo
Publicity Officer

THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH ON THE HILL

When I went to the Hall today
I stopped to gaze at the Church on
my way

And I said "Hello" as I often do
When someone or something
reaches to you.

I touched the sides of the oldish
wood

And feeling came of something
good

A strength, a beauty, I know not
what

The sun just risen, walls not even
hot.

Yet there it was, that intangible
something,

An echo of past times, a Ghost choir
did sing?

So it was that I stood there, my hand
on the wall,

There was life there, quite plainly,
right across to the Hall.

With eyes shut I saw them, the past
congregation,

Surprised me, so many, would fill
Central Station.

They came in their Sulkies, on
horses, on foot,

In Drought, and in flood, and black
Bushfire soot.

All of them worshiped and all of
them prayed

And when the Choir sang, what a
great sound they made!

There were many with children,
both large and small,

The people were all kinds, some
short and some tall,

Some had sad faces and some wore
the black

And prayed for those Army who
never came back.

Yet some wore great smiles as they
sped to their Wedding,

The husband he chuckled, probably
thinking of bedding!

And over the years their family
would grow

The little white Church their stories
would know.

It has served as a refuge for Sinners
to cry,

And a place of great glory for after
you die,

It has seen many Christenings, a
loud Babies roar

"Pour more water on me, and I'm
out of the door!"

It has heard many Thankyous, heard
lots of cries.

And the Minister gently has helped
the tears dry

Here have been Blessings, here
hearts did soar,

Now the struggle, keep going, keep
open the door.

Now the Little White Church needs
your hands and Gods,

To stay Congregated against failing
odds.

Margie Rogers,
18.5.2019



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IPART

Consultation Open

Review of Price Increases Proposed by Central Coast Council

Prices would be effective
from 1 July 2022

Summary

IPART is reviewing the maximum prices that Central Coast Council can charge for its water, wastewater, stormwater and other water-related services.

The council submitted its pricing proposal on 10 September 2021, and IPART released its Issues Paper on 28 September 2021.

IPART will assess whether the price changes proposed by the council represent good value for money for customers and are affordable.

The council has proposed prices that would increase typical household bills by about 34% in the first year, and then by inflation after that.

The council's submission says the proposed price increases will ensure it can provide water services that meet its customers' expectations now and into the future. This includes good quality drinking water, and reliable water supply, wastewater, stormwater

Proposed Charges for Stormwater drainage - \$/dwelling

(note: 10,000m² = 1hectare = 2.47acres)

	Current	Proposed
Residential properties		
Houses	\$110.70	\$181.70
Strata/flat/multi premise	\$83.02	\$136.27
Non-residential properties		
Low impact	\$110.70	\$181.70
Small (<1,000m ² / <0.247ac)	\$110.70	\$181.70
Medium (1,001 - 10,000m ² / 0.247ac - 2.47ac)	\$193.73	\$317.97
Large (10,001 - 45,000m ² / 2.47ac - 11.12ac)	\$913.29	\$1,499.03
Very Large (>45,000m ² / > 11.12ac)	\$2,767.59	\$4,542.54

and other water services.

Stormwater

IPART has released an Information Paper about stormwater drainage on which IPART is seeking comment through a new online survey.

The link for the information paper:

<https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/information-paper-stormwater-drainage-have-your-say>

The link for comment:

<https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/information-paper-stormwater-drainage-have-your-say>

How Council determines the price for stormwater drainage

Like water and sewer customers, stormwater drainage customers live in different types of residences associated with both residential and non-residential properties, therefore the way customers are billed also varies.

For Residential properties there are:

- Houses (standalone properties)
 - Multi premises (apartment, duplex etc.)
 - Mixed multiple residences (residential and non-residential are in the same property, e.g. residences that are on top of shops)
 - Farmland
 - Vacant properties
- Residential properties, including farmland, are deemed low impact and therefore receive a standard charge per annum. There is no association of the charge to the area of land.

For Non-residential properties there are:

- Standalone properties (can be deemed low impact)
- Multi premise (can be deemed as low impact)
- Unmetered property
- Unconnected property
- Exempt properties (do not pay a service charge)

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IPART Process

IPART will undertake its usual comprehensive, transparent and consultative water price review process to consider all relevant information and make an independent, fair decision about the new prices that will apply from 1 July 2022.

Further information about our review process for the Central Coast Council water price review can be found here: <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/information-webinars-24-and-26-august-2021>

If you would like to stay up-to-date on this review, please email us at CCC_Water@ipart.nsw.gov.au to be added to our email list.

Having your say

During our review, there will be several opportunities for you to have your say on the council's prices.

We recently sought feedback on the council's pricing proposal and our Issues Paper, and held our first online public hearing for the review on 26 October 2021. We encouraged customers and the community to make submissions to the review and to complete our Have Your Say survey by 1 November 2021. Submissions to the review and the survey have closed and will be made public as soon as possible.

We are currently seeking feedback on our Information Paper on stormwater drainage by 15 November 2021.

IPART will consider all comments

made through submissions, survey responses, and at the public hearing before releasing a Draft Report seeking further community feedback in early March 2022.

There will also be further opportunity to present your views in response to our Draft Report and at our second public hearing which we plan to hold in April 2022.

The Final Report is due to be released in May 2022

Visit the IPART website for more information:

<https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Water/Reviews/Metro-Pricing/Prices-for-Central-Coast-Council-from-1-July-2022>

BREAK & ENTER AT MANGROVE SHOPS

On Thursday November 4th, at around approximately 10pm, there was a break in at the Mangrove shops.

Power had been tampered with and some refrigerated products were spoiled.

Police attended and are following up enquiries. Local residents had reported a red sports car similar to a Toyota Supra parked outside the hall.

DISCLAIMER

Kariong Sand and Soil Supplies state that, Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group Inc. support their 90 Gindurra Road Development Application.

Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group Inc. and members, do not support this development and have made several submissions against the application.

A small immediate family group within the Association, supported the application without the knowledge or approval of the group, stating that they had the approval of the group, this was not true.

*Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group Inc.
Hon. Secretary Danny Willmott
0407275653*

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UNION CHURCH UPDATE 12th November 2021

The second meeting with the Liquidator was planned for the 10th November but did not proceed as the Liquidator did not reply to our solicitor's correspondence regarding the meeting confirmation.

The response to the article in the last Community News by Guest Columnist Peter FitzSimons has been very encouraging to keep up the work to save the Union Church.

NOTICE BOARD BLANK. Locals driving past the Union Church will have noticed the notice board on the roadside at the Union Church has a very empty look. The Liquidator/old committee has wiped it clean and changed all the locks.

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@hlbnsw.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

MANGROVE MOUNTAIN EVENING BRANCH OF THE CWA

Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch of the Country Woman's Association of NSW, have been keeping in touch weekly by Zoom and are looking forward to resuming face-to-face meetings at the Mangrove Mountain Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The hall has plenty of room, seating & tables, to make it a comfortable covid safe meeting place.

Our branch's activity day, on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 4-8pm, includes a 'Sewing with Children' for the first 2 hours and ladies not teaching

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.

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selling Jams, Pickles & goodies on the Sunday.

CWA Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch have sourced a quantity of CWA T-towels with the pumpkin scone recipe on it. They are selling at just \$12 each, making this a good Christmas gift or something to wrap a larger gift in, saving all the waste of wrapping paper. Hope to see you at the hall on Sunday the 21st.

*Karen Boskos
Mangrove Mountain CWA*

the children will make lavender bags for the CWA 'Royal Easter' show bags, working on their own craft projects or just enjoying the company. This 2022 show bag is in celebration of the CWA of NSW 100 year anniversary.

On the 29th October, branch members & partners met at 'The General' at Spencer, to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Jane, to thank her for selling our Jams and Pickles at the shop. We had a relaxing time catching up over a cuppa and takeaway lunch, on the picnic tables looking out over the Hawksbury River.

There is a Plant Sale fundraiser for the Mangrove Mountain Hall on the weekend of the 20th & 21st November from 9-3pm and the CWAs Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch will be

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Join a team that is enthusiastic about providing this unique facility to the community of the Central Coast.

The MDC Is open every day (except public holidays) from 9.30am – 3:30pm. No special skills are required – just an enthusiasm about the ocean and our coast and a willingness to learn. Minimum age for volunteering is 15yrs old with no maximum age. Volunteers under 18 years require parental consent.

Register to attend one of our Information Sessions: Saturday 20 November or Wednesday 24 November.

Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre
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Adult Christian Discussion Group

New local group starting Monday 22nd November from 5pm to 6.30pm at "The Folly" in the grounds of the Union Church, 2154 Wisemans Ferry Road, Mangrove Mountain. Initially, we will meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays. The purpose of the group is to promote the presence of a Christian Faith in our local area and through a variety of activities. BYO chair and, if you want, a non-alcoholic refreshment.

Enquiries – Robert Meggs 0429 443 310 for the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group.



Huge Plant Sale
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fundraiser & open day
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John was a man of vision. He saw the need in the 1980's for a world class venue for equestrian events in Australia as there were none at the time.

He commenced building "Il Cadore Equestrian Centre", which was named after the area in Italy where he originated from, and included a large 64 x 40 metre indoor arena, 4 outdoor dressage arenas, a function room and 24 stables surrounding the brick



John Darin 21/3/1936 to 1/9/2021

building.

The unique function room was built in Western Red Cedar. The whole tree was acquired from Taree and utilised for construction in the function room.

Some of the unique events held at Il Cadore Equestrian Centre included the Mangrove Mountain Lions Club Ball in September 1986 where 11 debutants were presented, all in horses and carriages, plus a flower girl and page boy.

Also held at the premises were two Grand Nationals run by the Central Coast Hack Association as well as fund raisers to send our equestrians to events such as the World Equestrian Games.

Il Cadore will be remembered by many equestrians for the competitions and events held there over the last 30 years.

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- Also approved is a pool, granny flat and high span barn-style shed with mezzanine floor
- There is 3-Phase power and telephone on the street.

Mains Roads Update

The North Connex project is now completed and is diverting traffic off the congested Pennant Hills Road into underground tunnels, reducing congestion at the Wahroonga end of the M1 and on both Pennant Hills Road and Pacific Highway making travel time to both Parramatta and all North Shore destinations much less.

The closing date for your Expression of Interest will be 5pm, Monday 29th November 2021.

Inspections can be arranged at any time and further information is available by calling **Tony Gilmour** 0400 723 193 or **Kate Kerslake** 0427 233 090.

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ARTS NEWS

The Wollombi Valley Arts Council encourages and fosters all kinds of artistic and cultural expression within the Wollombi Valley in order to support and promote artists and our community.

Please visit our website www.wollombi.org

'FEMME FANTASTIC'

An exhibition by Katrina Rose and Jackie Mare. 4 - 19 December.



Saving A Swifty, Reporting A Regent Webinar Now Live

A new webinar on the importance of preserving Central Coast bushland to protect the critically endangered swift parrot and regent honeyeater is now available online.

Hosted by Greater Sydney Local Land Services, the Saving the Swifty and reporting a Regent webinar attracted 100 participants.

"There was a huge amount of interest on the day, so we decided to make the event accessible for everyone," Greater Sydney Senior Land Services officer Mick Budden said.

"The event was part of our ongoing project in partnership with local

landholders, councils and the broader community to undertake weed control and revegetation activities on properties to improve swift parrot and regent honeyeater habitat."

The webinar features presentations on the importance of the birds from a range of expert speakers from Birdlife Australia, Taronga Conservation Society, Central Coast Council and Greater Sydney Local land Services.

Mr Budden said the birds were known to inhabit the bushland of the Central Coast and neighbouring areas.

Open DAILY 10am - 4pm

Hunter Valley artists Katrina Rose and Jackie Mare present an exhibition of paintings and lino prints depicting and joyously celebrating the female form and female energy. You are invited to attend the exhibition opening on Saturday 4th December, kicking off at 2pm with drinks and party food.

Katrina's paintings offer varied

Left: *The Byzantine Girl* - Ink, watercolour & acrylic by Katrina Rose

aspects of curvy women, each with a different theme and story designed onto her skin to match the personality of the poser. Her lino prints are classically simple abstracts displaying more curvy poses that captivate the viewer's gaze.

The Old Fireshed Gallery and the Little Yengo Gallery are both Covid-safe environments, with proof of double vaccination required before entry, as per NSW Health regulations.

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Regent Honeyeater (Mick Roderick)

“We have worked with a number of landholders to restore Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains, a Threatened NSW Ecological Community. These sites were selected due to their proximity to recent Swift Parrot sightings.

“Swamp mahogany (Eucalyptus Robusta), native to the Central Coast, is also a prime winter foraging gum for nomadic pollinators including the swift parrot,” he said.

Recent studies indicate there could

be as few as 750 swift parrots left in the wild while with the remaining regent honeyeater population is estimated at around 250 - 350.

“We are blessed to have these rare birds living amongst us, anything we can do to raise awareness about the importance of habitat protection is so important,” Mr Budden said.

You can view the webinar via <https://vimeo.com/599510135> (using Google Chrome for the best viewing



Swift Parrot (Mick Roderick)

experience).

For more information on the birds visit <https://birdlife.org.au/projects/woodland-birds-for-biodiversity>

The project is delivered by Greater Sydney Local Land Services through the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program.

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Mountain community children's centre Inc.

Mountain Community Children's Centre News

Grand Opening Postponed until
Sunday 27th February 2022

Our Grand Opening is Scheduled for
Sunday 27th February 2022. This is an
invitation to the whole community to
come and view our new facilities.

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 in January 2022 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.



The snake room children helping in the garden and cooking curry for Diwali

Celebrating Diwali

Last week we celebrated and learnt
about Diwali (the festival of lights).
The children enjoyed some craft and
sensory experiences. They also listened
to a story 'Binny's Diwali' which

explained Diwali to the children. The
children also helped to make butter
chicken for lunch. The children helped
to chop the fresh beans and snow peas
from our garden for the curry. We also
had Naan bread with the curry.

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MOUNTAIN ANGLICAN NEWS

It is great to be able to be back and meeting friendly faces again, even if

Planting Citrus Trees and our Ed Morris Plaque

The children from the snake helped Simon our landscaper to plant some new citrus trees that were donated to the centre. We look forward to enjoying their fruit hopefully next year. We also reinstalled the Ed Morris plaque with some concrete to hold it into the ground. The children helped to add water to set the concrete.

Thank you to Simon from Simply Foliage for all your help around the centre. The children love helping you out in the garden.

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

*Louisa Foxford, Director
Mountain Community Children's Centre
2829 Wisemans Ferry Road
Mangrove Mountain, NSW 2250
Ph: 43741239
www.mountainchildren.com.au*

they are masked.

We are now busy planning our happy traditional Christmas services. (Carols night at 6-30pm on the 24th of December at the Scout Hall and Christmas Day at 8am on December the 25th as well as Sunday, Boxing Day.)

All services will have to follow the Government health rules in force at the time.


Further information will be publicised when we are more certain

of the COVID rules for the season. Everything is supplied for these free family services so you can make a note in your diary to try and come. If you have any enquiries contact Rev Jim on 0407210861.

Meanwhile, our church is collecting food for hampers to give to the Samaritan Foundation team to help the many needy people this Christmas.

Hope to see you soon and God bless,

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Calga-Mt. White RFS	General meeting	3rd Monday of the month, 7.30pm at Pacific Hwy Fire Station Mt. White
Kulnura VBFB at Greta Rd Station	General meeting Training	1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
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)
Yarramalong RFS	Training: Nights: Morning: Maintenance/Training : General Meeting (GM): Contact:	First Wednesday of month 7pm start Last Saturday of month 8.30am start 3rd Sunday of month 8.30am start 2nd Wed of even months 7.30pm start Ph: 0409 915060 or 0418 280 764 Email: yarramalongrfs@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

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: mepcinc@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 Liveweight Sale Report 8th November 2021

This yarding saw a total of 380 head. Quality and condition was fair overall with a good line of restocker cattle yarded. Trade cattle were firm to dearer on heifers and slightly cheaper on 300kg steers. Export cattle remained firm, best vealers firm, restocker heifers 5-10c/kg dearer, light steers firm to 5c/kg dearer, heavy steer weaners lost 10c/kg and yearlings were 10c/kg better. There was another Maitland Saleyards record broken today with black Limousin weaner steers making \$8.70c/kg.

- Weaner steers 150-200kgs 750 to 870c/kg (new Maitland record);
- Weaner steers 200-280kgs 600 to 870c/kg, avg 690c/kg;
- Steers 280-330kgs 550 to 700c/kg, avg 660c/kg;
- Steers +330kgs (not many on offer) 480 to 605c/kg, avg 510c/kg;
- Light heifers under 200kgs 730 to 840c/kg, avg 800c/kg;
- Heifer weaners 200-280kgs 570 to 750c/kg, avg 665c/kg;
- Heifers 280-330kgs 500 to 645c/kg, avg 600c/kg;
- Steers 600-750kgs 400c/kg;
- Heifers +540kgs 380c/kg;
- Cows 270 to 388c/kg.

Highlights: Speckle Park x steers topped at \$1,922; Limousin vealer heifers topped at \$2,140; Run of Angus steers 284kgs, 690c/kg \$1,963; Run of Angus heifers 280kgs, 645c/kg \$1,811; Maitland Saleyards record broken for little black Limousin x Angus steers 870c/kg, 150kgs \$1,308 and black Limousin x Angus heifers 840c/kg, 130kgs \$1,085.

Maitland Liveweight Sale Report 1st November 2021

Total yarding of 350 head this sale. The trade/vealer market was firm while the export market was firm to slightly stronger on the prime cows.

- Best butcher vealers 535c/kg to 600c/kg (best vealer to \$2,250);
- Yearling steers 480c/kg to 688c/kg;
- Yearling heifers 475c/kg to 600c/kg;
- Restocker steers up to 280kgs 650c/kg to 840c/kg;
- Restocker steers 280kgs - 330kgs 550c/kg to 768c/kg;
- Restocker heifers up to 280kgs 560c/kg to 775c/kg;

- Restocker heifers 280kgs – 330kgs 475c/kg to 642c/kg;
- Export heifers 360c/kg to 420c/kg;
- Cows 300c/kg to 390c/kg;
- Bulls 300c/kg to 345c/kg.

Maitland Annual Spring Female Sale Report 30th October 2021

This sale saw a total yarding of 1000 head. There was a great line up of quality, well bred females on offer. The market was strong across the board with most of the market \$85 – \$250 stronger. Buyers came from Dunedoo, Tamworth, Goulbourn, Wingham, Scone and strong support from local buyers.

Heifers:

Weaners: 120 head; 3mths – 12 mths; \$1,500 to \$2,100; Avg \$1,650; Trend +\$150; Top \$2,100

Unjoined: 100 head; 12mths – 17mths; \$1,750 to \$3,000; Avg \$2,300; Trend +\$200; Top \$3,000

PTIC: 180 head; 18mths – 28mths; \$2,000 to \$3,250; Avg \$2,350; Trend +\$150; Top \$3,250

Cows:

Cows & Calves: 420 head; 3yrs – 12yrs; \$2,050 to \$4,900; Avg \$3,400; Trend +\$250; Top \$4,900

PTIC: 120 head; 3yrs – 10yrs; \$1,700 to \$2,900; Avg \$2,350; Trend +\$85; Top \$2,900

Joined: 50 head; 3yrs – 12yrs; \$1,450 to \$3,000; Avg \$1,750; Trend +\$100; Top \$3,000

Unjoined: 40 head; 3yrs – 12 yrs; \$1,400 to \$2,550; Avg \$1,650; Trend +\$100; Top \$2,550

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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: becilmour@gmail.com

HISTORICAL

Brisbane Waters Historical Society	25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au
Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society Inc.	Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 0405321478 jankofron@optusnet.com.au
First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter	2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30, Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact Jon 43116254 and Gavin 43404435.
The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group	3rd Fri each month 7.30pm Pearl Beach. Peggy 0411754577 pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com
Wyong District Museum & Historical Society	Open Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times by appt. Contact 43521886 email info@alisonhomestead.com.au. website: www.alisonhomestead.com.au

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

Yarramalong School Community Centre Inc. AGM	Sunday, 28th November at 11am, at Yarramalong School Community Centre, 1560 Yarramalong Road, Yarramalong
Blues In the Hall Darren Jack & his band	Mangrove Mountain Hall - Saturday the 4th December, doors open 6pm.

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Every year more than 20,000 people are diagnosed with breast cancer with almost half of those detected in the BreastScreen NSW program which is why Liesl Tesch MP, Member for Gosford is encouraging women to not put off their regular check-up.

“We know that the COVID-19 outbreak and the shutdown of our essential health services has left many breast screening appointments cancelled.”

“During the pandemic many of us have put our regular check-ups on the backburner and it is now time to get back in action and catch-up on our missed appointments.”

“When it comes to breast cancer early detection is crucial to getting on

top of the cancer quickly and really can make all the difference which is why it is so important to rebook yourself and your loved ones in as soon as possible.”

“The ramifications breast cancer can have on you and your family is unfortunately a reality I know all too well and I would not wish that pain upon anyone. That’s why I am encouraging you all to go and get your breasts screened and enter 2022 with peace of mind when it comes to your health.”

Unfortunately there is no set date for the BreastScreen NSW bus to return to Woy Woy. At the moment it’s not due to revisit the Peninsula until mid next year, posing concerns for locals who were unable to use the service after our annual local visit was cut short by the Delta outbreak.

With there currently being no services for Breast Screening in the Gosford Electorate, as part of the staggered approach to reopening the service, Ms Tesch has written to the Minister for Health requesting the BreastScreen NSW bus revisit Woy Woy sooner rather than later.

“It is crucial that access to this vital service is made available sooner rather than later to ensure the health of our local women is not disadvantaged as a result of the Delta outbreak.”

Liesl Tesch MP
Member For Gosford
Media Release

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