

COMMUNITY NEWS

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TO A VERY GENEROUS COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group, a big thank you for all your wonderful support. All funds raised go towards managing and maintaining our hall.

Thank you also to Andreasens and Colourwise Nurseries for the plant donations, Jacqui and John Sidiropoulos for Produce Donations and the Mangrove Mountain Evening Group CWA for a raffle donation.

The winning fundraiser raffle tickets were drawn by Woodie McLean, a young talented performer from the Blues on the Mountain. Winning tickets were: Purple B60, Red B79, Green B35

Congratulations to the winners.

Once again, a big thank you, with Seasons Greetings, from the members of Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group.

*Hon. Secretary
Danny Willmott*

YARRAMALONG SCHOOL OF ARTS AGM

February 8th 7:30pm

All welcome.

Annette Stackman

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL !

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PEATS RIDGE CWA

On behalf of our members I would like to wish you all a Healthy Happy New Year.

This year 2022 is a special year for our organisation the Country Womens Association of NSW as it turns 100 years.

It all started at Crookwell, NSW.

The following information I will be quoting from a book called *Serving The Country*.

The Bushwomen's Conference which was held in April 1922. An idea from Dr. Richard Arthur, the member of Parliament for North Sydney, was a great believer in voluntary organisations and what they could achieve. Dr Arthur was aware of the plight of rural women especially in regard to health matters and advocated the holding of a bush conference.

Several months earlier Miss Florence Gordon had a plan for "Country Womens Union of Help" and twenty five women joined up, but once Dr Arthur presented his views it was obvious that the first step towards an effective organisation would be to hold a conference and therefore the first Bushwomens Conference was the birth of the Country Womens Association.

The most important woman was Mrs

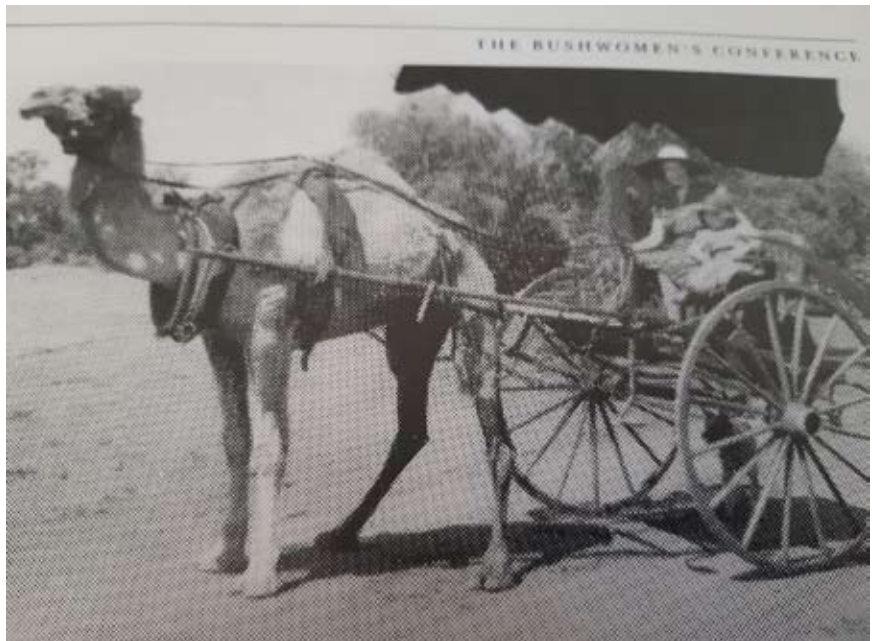


Photo shows a women and a child going to a meeting overcoming difficulty in the transport in the country.

Hugh (Grace) Munro wife of a wealthy landowner who with her friend Mrs H.C. McIntyre "saw in a flash" that it was a job only country women could do for themselves and for each other. With the light of a candle Mrs Munro jotted down ideas that later formed the basis of the Constitution of the CWA. Mrs Munro caught the train to the city from her home in Bingara and with Mrs McIntyre organised the Conference. Branches were then formed of this non-political organisation.

Why was the organization formed?

The CWA was formed out of desperate need. Country women were fighting isolation, an appalling lack of health facilities and the constraints of a male dominated society. The Association was built by women who had to watch helplessly as their children died from minor illnesses. These women realised they had nowhere to turn but themselves - and the result was staggering. Within a year the Association was a unified, resourceful group that was going from strength to strength. The members

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worked tirelessly to set up baby health centres, fund bush nurses, build and staff maternity wards, hospitals, schools, rest homes, seaside and mountain holiday cottages and much more. At the same time they continued to run their homes in which they were often mother, nurse, teacher and general hand.

Still quoting from book SERVING THE COUNTRY.

The First Bushwomens Conference. On the first day of the Conference, the organisers had a bad case of nerves. They had invited Dame Margaret Davidson, wife of the Governor of New South Wales to open the Conference. The doors were opened to the public and soon the organisers realised they had no need for concern. The hall was soon filled to overflowing. Mrs Grace Munro acted as Chairman. Miss Williams, the nurse in charge of baby health centres, gave a talk on the care of babies and many women who were mothers learned practical techniques of mothering and perhaps jealous of city women who had access to Tresilian nurses where trained nurses would tell them if they were doing the right thing for their infants. In an era when babies died from such simple complaints as respiratory infections, diarrhoea or complications of diseases such as measles, this knowledge was vital to women without access to medical facilities. Professor Lancelot Harrison


gave a talk on the "Insect Menace to Rural Life"-flies, women struggling to cope with unsanitary toilet facilities and primitive kitchens. Sydney's only woman architect Florence Taylor talked about how to make homelife more comfortable such as shutters and insect protected sleepouts. The women in the hall felt that their problems were being understood and appreciated. An energetic woman Mrs Stelhen Laver of Crookwell was the first President of the Womens section of the Victorian Farmers Union organised a rest room where mothers could take toddlers and babies when they came to town in town of Loch in the South Gippsland.

The Conference opened up for women to speak on their concerns about lack of schools, the doctors who wouldn't come in little country towns, the bad impassable roads to the nearest hospital and much more. Some women spoke of the strength and endurance they needed to carry on with their daily tasks such as killing the meat, tend to vegetable gardens, milk the cow and make butter and cheese. They also had to cook enormous meals for families and the station hands, cooking in camp ovens and fuel stoves. They simply wanted balance-a richer community life, a few books or magazines which were discarded by the thousand in the city and they needed a break. The womens objectives were to secure reduced train fares from the inland to the coast

in summer to get support for a seaside home and have maternity wards in country hospitals. It was proposed that the organisation be called "Womens Institute" but Mrs Munro protested - this is a country womens association and that is what we want to call it. The brief of the new Country Womens Association was straightforward - to improve conditions for women on the land.

Till next time watch this space.

Christine Sanfilippo
Publicity Officer



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IDPD: Less Talk, More Action On Disability Employment

Happy International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). This year's theme is "Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities towards an inclusive, accessible and sustained post-Covid-19 world".

The dire need for inclusion for people with disabilities has been in the headlines for years with media stories of discrimination and bullying peppering our newspapers and social feeds.

As a person with a disability, exclusion for us is still very common place, especially in the workplace.

The barriers, both physically and socially, placed in front of people with disabilities are in reality a barrier to Australia's potential. It's time Australia had an examination of our relationship with people with disabilities.

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability has been running since 2019 and has offered people with disability a real moment to express the sheer extent of discrimination we encounter every

day.

Recently the Commission heard about the barriers faced by people with disabilities when they seek the right to work.

As a Labor Member, I believe work is so important to our identity. Being employed not only says to someone that their time is worth something – it says their contributions are valued by society.

As a person with a disability work provides a symbol of inclusion in a world determined to sideline you.

Recently, Olivia Sidhu a 22-year-old Sydney woman with Down Syndrome shared her story about getting a job. She describes receiving a proper wage is her "greatest achievement".

This is the power of employment for people with disabilities.

Disappointingly, Government's across Australia fail to recognise and address disability employment gaps, with their own ambitious targets announced with fanfare often falling down the priority list.

For example, prior to the 2019 NSW election, then-Premier Gladys Berejiklian outlined a number of Premier's Priorities which included the target of 5.6% of people to be employed by the NSW Public Service by 2025.

One year later, the State of the Public Sector 2020 report recorded a decrease in the percentage of people with disabilities and admitted they

were likely to fall short of their goal. It is blatantly obvious one year on the "Premier's Priority" has been abandoned.

The report instead pointed to their employees as the real source of the decrease, claiming that when people were given the opportunity to state their disability status anonymously the sector showed a higher rate of disability employment.

This is plainly a cop out.

The former Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Graeme Innes argued powerfully to the Disabilities Royal Commission that the onus isn't on people with disabilities to identify themselves to their employers; the onus should be on employers to create an inclusive environment which encourages people who have a disability to identify without fear or bullying from their workplace.

Because as Dr Innes pointed out "... employers need to show us that that situation is changing, and that we will be welcomed in the workplace, not discriminated against."

The same NSW Public Sector report also found that those who do work for the NSW Public Service have reported high levels of bullying, with 24.2% of people living with a disability reporting they had been bullied at work within the 12 month period. That's almost double the rate of the bullying that was experienced by public sector employees overall in NSW.

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One priority the Government could not deny was the Australian Paralympian athletes success at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics held this year, where they brought home a total of 80 medals, with 21 gold, 29 silver and 30 bronze.

In 2021 this incredible result and media outcry led to the recognition and equal pay for Olympians and Paralympians alike.

As a former Paralympian, I know the powerful message this sends to those who have competed past, present and into the future. We are valued as highly as our Olympian brothers and sisters.

Discrimination in our workplaces is still a constant. Even as a Parliamentarian the barriers remain.

In 2017 I was elected as the Member for Gosford. As I was forced to take the back entrance on my first day of work the silent discrimination was louder than ever before.

When I first arrived I was reminded regularly that "this is the oldest Parliament in Australia" as though this is a license to discriminate against people with disabilities. The inaccessibility of Parliament was obvious and there were parts of my workplace I couldn't dream of getting to.

After four years of meetings and letter-writing, this year ramps were finally built in the Speaker's Garden and the north side of the building.

I was wheeled out for the opening of

Anglican News

Happy New Year to everyone! And may God's many blessings be upon you.

As you make your New Year's resolutions, as well as being covid-safe, we ask that you may spend some time with God, learning to be spiritually safe too. His gift is there, just waiting for you to receive it.

Our carols service and Christmas morning service were joyous occasions with the weather being kind to our celebrations. Covid did not restrict us too much, and there were also lots of lucky door prizes to be chosen. Congratulations to everyone on their great carol singing.

one of these ramps but the emotions I felt were very mixed; on the one hand I was very happy that people with various physical disabilities can now access that beautiful garden and one side of the building - but I was bitterly disappointed, and I still am, that this kind of infrastructure has taken four years to install and there are still many areas within the building which are still so hard for people like me to reach.

Since I arrived in Macquarie Street, the ongoing conversations with both the Parliament and the Government about the accessibility to our workplace have been tiresome.

Every year I make submissions to

We have received notification that the Venerable Canon Rod Bower is soon to be transferred to Newcastle, and that a new minister will be appointed for Gosford. We would like to thank him for his visits up here and we wish Kerry and Rod every happiness in the new position.

Our normal church service is still on at 8 am in the Scout Hall at 153 George Downes Drive, led by Reverend Jim. At the moment masks must be worn, and if you have any enquiries or need a special service such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, funeral, home communion etc. Rev Jim can be contacted on 0407210861.

Hope to see you soon.

God bless,

Mountain Anglicans

Parliament's Disability Inclusion Plan. This year I was asked for my input but I found myself writing the same suggestions that I have been making for four years- with little confidence that the fundamental changes we desperately need will be taken seriously and acted upon.

It is hard to feel included when parts of your own workspace are inaccessible. This is the same battle being fought by people with disabilities in workplaces across our community.

How can people who are disabled feel included when there are so many barriers?

Liesl Tesch MP

Member for Gosford

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JANUARY CLIPPINGS

Well, here we are almost through the first month of a brand-new year, and I'm sure your gardens are having growth spurts with all the lovely rain we've had. (Let's not mention the humidity and that we could be growing Singapore orchids in these conditions)

Many thanks to Glynnis Golsby who has written this column for the Kulnura & District Garden Club for the past year. It is time for Glynnis to enjoy a well-earned rest, and she has handed over the keyboard! I am excited about continuing the column and looking forward to keeping you reading, encouraging you to join if you're not yet a member, or reminding you of why KDGC is such a fabulous club if you have already joined.

January is a great month to take some time to think about what you'd like to create in your garden for the year. Having a vision for your garden gives you motivation when you are wondering what to do next, and helps you plan and focus your efforts. It's also a great opportunity to sit with a cool drink in the air-conditioning and seek inspiration from those beautiful gardening books you received for Christmas. Is there a part of your garden you've been meaning to change? Do you have enough of your favourite flowers or trees in your garden or is it time to add more? What is the one thing that, if you began this month, would make a significant difference in your garden this year?

If you need reminding, January is also the month to:

- dead-head your flowers
- check for the pests that thrive in these wet and humid conditions

- check roses for aphids and fungal diseases
- give your lawn a slow-release fertiliser
- sow flowers - ageratum, alyssum, calendula, echinacea, forget-me-not, linaria, nasturtium, pansies, Iceland poppies, stocks, verbena, viola,
- sow veggies such as chillies, climbing and dwarf beans, beetroot, broccoli, cabbages, carrots, cucumbers, endive, leeks, lettuce, parsnips, potatoes, radishes, rhubarb crowns, silverbeet, sweet corn, zucchini

Flower of the month: Dahlia – these are flowering gloriously in January and here are some photos from our members.

Vegetable of the month: Cucumber – we have been over-run by cucumbers in our garden, the crunchy, crisp taste of summer. The heirloom crystal apple cucumbers have been delicious, and the Lebanese variety also a favourite. We've had them in salads, made many jars of pickles, and upon discovering some oversized ones that had been hiding, even made a cucumber soup!

Book of the month: Yates Month by Month: The complete guide of what to do in your garden through out the year by Judy Horton, published by Harper Collins, 2012. \$29.95 rrp.

This book is easy to follow and has notes pages at the end of each month for you to make this a personal gardening journal. It's a fabulous planner and possibly all you need to set you up for a successful gardening year. Judy Horton, OAM, is a horticulturalist and was an adviser to Yates for 22 years.

She leads garden tours, writes for Gardening Australia, edits the Garden Clubs of Australia magazine, and is also a member of KDGC.



Speaking of planning, have you added the KDGC garden meetings to your planner for the year?

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am for a 10am start and after an efficient and interesting meeting, share morning tea, conversation, and a garden walk / talk till noon. Meetings are held in beautiful surroundings and give members an opportunity to see a variety of stunning gardens in different locations throughout the year.

We love welcoming new members, and this is a place where people from a diverse range of age, background, and experience find much in common through their love of gardens. There's a Facebook group for members to share photos of their gardens, ask questions about plants and continue the conversations in between meetings, and we have a running competition for the best photos of natives, exotics, and fruit / vegetables.

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Flower of the month: Dahlias in full bloom

Vegetable of the month: Cucumber



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Please email kulnuradgc@gmail.com for information about meetings, membership, or any other questions, or feel free to call Jacqui on 0455 364 262

Happy gardening!

Guests are always welcome.

Karynne Courts
KDGC Committee member, 2022

winners:

- Exotic: 1st – Jacqui Maxwell, 2nd – Cynthia Tomkins
- Vegetable: 1st – Vivienne Shaw, 2nd – Sue Ward
- Native: 1st – Sue Ward, 2nd – Louise Salter

February Meeting:

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Mangrove Mountain CWA

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We learnt how to make royal icing by hand, whip up a batch of butter cream icing, pipe decorative borders and roll out commercial fondant as a top for the cupcakes and covering for the fruit cake.

Putting our new skills to the test had us laughing along with lots of rolling, cutting piping and moulding of the icing. By using the three different types of icings, we came up with some clever combinations. Catherine was



kind enough to open up her house for us and we happily took home our decorated cakes.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year and hope 2022 is good to you.

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Lost Goats and Miracles for Xmas 2021

We lost 19 goats last week Wednesday 17th December 2021. We went to some of our neighbours and requested their assistance.

John and Jessica were willing to help, John even came to our house



and put the drone up looking for them. He even allowed us to come to his property and told us he thinks they may be in the bush along the creek on his property..

We went along the creek and found 13 goats and brought them home. , the other 6 goats were still at large and we are praying for their return.

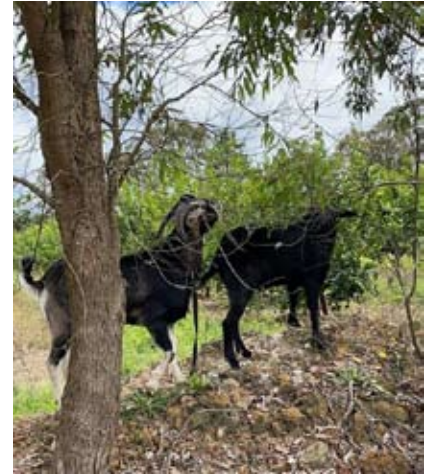
We are thankful to find the 13 goats and we consider it a miracle that we found them as we tried so so hard , walking kilometers through the bush and at time all hope was lost. The neighbours were really wonderful and went out of their way to help us.

It was a wonderful Christmas present and we thank God for this miracle Please help us find the other 6

Lost Goats - #2

Two goats were been found at Mangrove Mountain and are being held at Andreasens Nursery.

They are males, mostly black in colour. Please contact Olivia French via FB messenger or Mangrove Mountain Districts FB group



goats. 2 are white and mature, 2 have horns, one brown and one hazel. We are willing to offer a reward for their return.

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Welcome Back

We welcome back all our children and families to a New Year. Our educators enjoyed a wonderful 3 weeks of holidays with their families. We would like to welcome the many new families who have joined the centre this year. We are all ready for another year of adventures with the children.

New Sand for the Sandpit

We have had an exciting week with some new sand coming for the sandpit in the Snake and Lizard yard. The children loved watching the truck unload the sand into the sandpit. The children then helped Simon and Rhii spread the loads of sand out in the sandpit.

Tree Work

We also had a large tree removed as well as some branches trimmed by Tim from Tijano Tree Co. The children loved watching as they climbed the tree to remove the dead branches. They also watched as the chipper chopped up all the branches.

Enrolments for 2022

We have limited vacancies for this



The children helping with the new sand as well as watching the truck and tree being cut down.

year. Please feel free to give us a call if you would like more information for enrolment during this year. Hannah our very friendly administration officer would be more than happy to post out an enrolment pack or organise a brief tour (being Covid safe) of the

centre. We look forward to welcoming you to our centre.

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

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- Store Cattle Sale December 18th from 12 noon

Gloucester Saleyards

- Fortnightly Thursday Store Cattle Sales 11am February 3rd

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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 Monday Maintenance 6:30pm
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: 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
Mangrove Mountain Union Church, Christian Service		9.00am second and fourth 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 – 10th January 2022

350 head of cattle yarded today with a mix in quality of cattle. All regular buyers were in attendance.

- Best Butcher vealers 530 to 600c/kg;
- Restocker steers up to 280kgs 670 to 820c/kg, avg 760c/kg;
- Restocker steers 280-330kgs 550 to 750c/kg, avg 648c/kg;
- Restocker steers +330kgs 470 to 670c/kg, avg 500c/kg;
- Restocker heifers up to 280kgs 600 to 745c/kg, avg 700c/kg;
- Restocker heifers 280-330kgs 550 to 640c/kg, avg 572c/kg;
- Restocker heifers +330kgs 470 to 598c/kg, avg 552c/kg;
- Grown heifers up to 390c/kg;
- Grown steers 400 to 440c/kg;
- Cows 240 to 390c/kg, avg 352c/kg;
- Bulls 220 to 315c/kg.

Highlights: 2 tooth Angus steers topped at \$2,753; Euro x yearling steers \$2,457; Red Angus yearling steers 500c/kg, 545kgs making \$2,725; Best vealers \$2,464.

Maitland Store Cattle Sale Report – 18 December 2021

Total yarding of 450 head of cattle. Quality and condition was mixed with no lines of cattle offered. Market trend was very strong with excellent local competition. The best average was recorded for cows & calves at Maitland.

Steers:

- Weaners: 100 head; 4mths – 12mths; \$1,500 to \$2,200; Avg \$1,800; Trend +\$50; Top \$2,200
- Yearlings: 20 head; 12mths – 18mths; \$1,900 to \$2,425; Avg \$2,200; Trend +\$60; Top \$2,425

Heifers:

- Weaners: 100 head; 4mths – 12mths; \$1,400 to \$2,250; Avg \$1,800; Trend +\$150; Top \$2,250
- Unjoined: 50 head; 12mths – 16mths; \$1,900 to \$2,700; Avg \$2,300; Trend +\$200; Top \$2,700

Cows:

- Cows & Calves: 105 head; 2yrs – 10yrs; \$3,000 to \$4,800; Avg \$3,750; Trend +\$250; Top \$4,800
- PTIC: 30 head; 2yrs – 10yrs; \$2,000 to \$2,700; Avg \$2,450; Trend +\$50; Top \$2,700

- Joined: 20 head; 2yrs – 12yrs;
\$1,750 to \$2,550; Avg \$2,100; Trend
+\$50; Top \$2,550

Highlights include: A/c A & G Hugo, Bandon Grove sold top price pen of cows & calves and Charolais heifers & calves for \$4,650 to Luke & Leigha Gardner, Singleton; A/c Ibanez Bros sold their entire herd of mixed age Angus cows & calves for an average of \$3,937; A/c Will Osmond, Lewinsbrook sold Angus x yearling heifers for \$2,600 to Ian Pickard of Millers Forest; Top priced pen of Angus weaner heifers sold for \$2,700 to Chad Thompson, Jiliby.

Maitland Liveweight Sale Report – 13th December 2021

There was a yarding of 415 head of cattle for today's sale. Trade & yearling cattle were firm to 10c/kg easier. Export cattle firm to 15c/kg easier.

- Butcher vealers 540 to 606c/kg;
- Restocker steers up to 280kgs 525 to 895c/kg, avg 700c/kg;
- Restocker steers 280-350kgs 500 to 760c/kg, avg 645c/kg;
- Restocker heifers up to 280kgs 540 to 768c/kg;
- Restocker heifers 280-350kgs 540 to 672c/kg;
- Cows 300 to 370c/kg.

Next Gloucester Store sale – Thursday 20th January 2022 at 11am
Next Maitland Store sale – Saturday 15th January at 12pm – 700 head

A friendly reminder that we are often in the area seeing clients and looking at their livestock and if you would like us to call in be sure to give us a call.

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Kariong Community Baptist Church	Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Kariong Public School Hall, Chris Clarke email revcrc@hotmail.com
Catholic Service -Spencer	Holy Trinity Church, 2nd Sat of the month 4pm, Contact 43771374 or 43771168 as times may change each month.
- Wollombi	2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.
- Somersby	Every Sat. evening vigil – 5.30pm St. Francis of Assisi Centre, 30 Lutana Rd, Somersby.
- Yarramalong	1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas Catholic Mass All welcome. Enq 4356 1321

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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 of arts AGM	February 8th 7:30pm, All welcome.
Mountain Children's Community Centre	Grand Opening, Sunday 27th February 2022 10am – 1pm, 2829 Wisemans Ferry Road, Mangrove Mountain,

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River Cares has been successful in receiving funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional

Renewal (FRRR) in partnership with Suncorp Group under the 'Rebuilding Futures' program intended to help flood affected communities.

This grant will help to get our community emergency plan up and running, allowing us to purchase a community generator, a box trailer and reliable signage to let people know if certain creeks have been cut-off or if there is no access to either Wisemans Ferry or to Mangrove Mountain via Wisemans Ferry Road, and emergency resource packs for the vulnerable community members.

River Cares has been compiling the preliminary community emergency



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plan with the assistance of Dept of Community & Justice – Welfac, Central Coast Council, Spencer RFS and SES. President Robyn Downham and Secretary/Treasurer Jane McCallum have also recently completed an 8 week online course on emergency response training. The next stage is to involve the community to share and develop local disaster-response knowledge and skills.

River Cares have also been the fortunate recipient of the following grants:-

- Greater Bank – thank you to everyone who supported River Cares by participating in the voting;
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