

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Pop-up Recovery Hubs

Two Pop-up Recovery Hubs will open at Spencer and The Entrance from Monday 14 March to support affected communities. Council is working with Resilience NSW to ensure residents have access to information and support services to aid recovery following the recent severe weather event.

A SUBMISSION ABOUT CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL'S RATE VARIATION

“The council’s proposal to increase its rates permanently is inconsistent with its intention to use the SV funds to repay the loans.”

from IPART’s Final Report on CCC’s 2021 SV Application, May 2021.

Extracts from a Submission by Kevin Brooks to IPART

In May 2021, IPART largely rejected CCC’s application for a permanent 15% Special Variation (SV). IPART restricted the SV to three years. IPART explained the main reason for its decision was the SV would raise far more money than was needed for its stated purposes, mainly paying off emergency loans from the financial crisis. IPART also suggested that CCC should use the breathing space to improve productivity and liberate efficiencies from the merger.

This SV application raises about \$26M per year. If Council only needs \$11M per year to pay off the loans from the financial crisis, what is the other \$15M a year for?

It seems, CCC has a recurring structural deficit that has still not been brought under control. What has caused this recurring structural deficit? General rates have gone up well in excess of inflation over the past decade. Before the merger, IPART granted Wyong Council a 31% increase over four years in 2013/14, and this was passed on to Gosford last year as part of rates harmonization leading to a 42% average increase in Gosford rates when added to the SV.

The locations and opening times are:

Spencer Community Hall, 4776

Wisemans Ferry Road Spencer

- Mon 14 March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
- Wed 16 March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
- Sat 19 March: 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Mon 21 March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
- Tue 22 March: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Diggers at The Entrance, 315 The Entrance Rd, Long Jetty

- Tue 15 March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
- Thu 17 March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
- Sun 20 March: 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Wed 23 March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
- Thu 24 March: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Keep up to date by going to the Flood and storm recovery information page on Council’s website at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Central Coast Council

At the same time, services have been significantly cut. So, if rates have risen well above inflation, and services have been cut, why does CCC still have a recurring structural deficit even after paying off its loans?

Mr Brooks also pointed out in a separate submission on water charges “Central Coast Council’s proposal for a 34% water rate hike, coming on top of a 42% increase in general rates in Gosford this year, represents an extraction of economic rent by a monopoly service provider on a grotesque scale. IPART exists to protect customers from monopoly pricing.

Mr Brooks writes “If IPART allows any part of this appeal, it will need to explain why it is doing so after rejecting it last year despite the reasons for rejection equally applying this year.

IPART will also need to explain how it ever expects CCC to reform itself and its culture, improve performance, productivity, and efficiency, if it keeps getting bailed out by ratepayers.

To see this and other submissions go to <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au>

PROVERBS 28:18

The one who lives with integrity will be helped, but one who distorts right and wrong will suddenly fall.



CEN believes in Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) and opposed all threats to it.

That is why we have responded to the NSW Government’s ‘new approach to rezoning’ with caution.

Our submission in response to the Department of Planning’s discussion paper said we opposed the idea of giving greater control of some aspects of land rezoning to landowners and property developers.

The EP&A Act already includes provisions and loopholes which can be used to expedite rezonings—sometimes at the expense of ESD!

We don’t believe there is any need for the proponent in a rezoning to meet with the rezoning authority to discuss a potential rezoning application, for example.

We believe removing oversight mechanisms and providing merits appeal rights to developers would jeopardise ecologically sustainable decision making about how land should be zoned.

We oppose the removal of the gateway determination process – ICAC’s March 2021 Report on the Investigation into the conduct of councillors of the former Canterbury City Council and others (p194-195) made the importance of Gateway clear.

In fact, we think objectors, usually concerned community members, should be afforded merits review rights on rezonings.

According to the ICAC, third party merits appeal rights improve decision making and safeguard against biased or corrupt decision-making.

Submission writing is only one of the many things we do at CEN on a daily basis to protect ESD and oppose threats to it.

Gary Chestnut, CEN Chair

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**** 25th March ‘22 ****

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Moving towards storm and flood recovery

The Central Coast is starting to recover from the impacts of the recent severe weather event which saw substantial rainfall and localised flash flooding, however parts of our region are still impacted.

Safety and supporting the affected community continues to remain a priority for Council.

A Recovery Committee has been established and Council is working with Resilience NSW as we move forward.

While water is receding there is still major flooding continuing throughout the Hawkesbury area. Power remains out in the area however Ausgrid continue to address power outages where accessible to do so. The Rural Fire Service (RFS) are making arrangements to deliver fuel for generators which has been donated by a volunteer. The SES and RFS are continuing to contact residents where possible and monitor flood levels and deliver food hampers and fuel. WelFAC have provided hampers and water with continued supply available where required. The Ambulance Service, RFS and NSW Health are continuing to assist with welfare

checks and provision of support.

The Evacuation Centre at The Diggers at The Entrance remains open and continues to operate 9am to 6pm as needed. Residents in temporary accommodation will start to return home if possible.

For emergency help, call NSW SES on 132 500, or in a life-threatening emergency, call Triple Zero (000).

All 15 patrolled Central Coast beaches remain closed. The Grant McBride baths and the ferry at Wisemans Ferry also remain closed. With current large dangerous sea conditions and large tidal variations do not attempt to access rock platforms to observe sea conditions.

Alert for falling trees & powerlines

Following a period of heavy rain, a tree's root system can be compromised as the soil becomes saturated. Please be on alert for high wind predictions and subsequent tree falls.

For emergency help regarding trees down on private property call the NSW SES on 132 500 or visit their website www.ses.nsw.gov.au for information on how to plan and prepare for storm or flooding emergencies.

For fallen powerlines or trees on powerlines please call AUSGRID on 13 13 88. Please do not go anywhere near fallen trees as they are often tangled with powerlines and can be extremely dangerous.

Fallen trees over roads can be reported to Council.

Roads

Throughout this severe weather event, Council's road crews have attended over 120 after-hour callouts, and closed more than 80 roads across the Coast, with a number of road closures still in place due to flooding. Council crews are on the ground and reopening roads where water has receded, our foreshores may still be inundated and unsuitable for use at this point.

For full details please search 'road closures' on Council's website centralcoast.nsw.gov.au. For road and traffic updates visit Live Traffic NSW www.livetraffic.com.

Council road crews continue to respond to fallen trees over roads, landslips, fix potholes, and repair other damage to our road network. Council's Emergency Incident Committee is continuing to liaise with Transport NSW to collectively address impacts on roads. We ask for the community's continued patience as we prioritise responses.

Please drive carefully and report any potholes or road damage caused by weather events by calling Council on 1300 463 954 or submitting online centralcoast.nsw.gov.au via the 'Report an issue' page.

Remote communities

Remote communities such as Spencer located along the Hawkesbury River continue to be isolated with key access routes such as Wisemans

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Ferry Road closed due to landslips and fallen trees. Council is working with the NSW SES, Ambulance Services and other relevant services to provide supplies and assistance during this time. Once river levels further recede, Council crews can commence clean-up works and have the road fully opened. A Local Recovery Committee has also been established to help support affected residents and areas.

Waste services and clean up

As the water recedes and we begin the clean-up, we ask for the community’s patience as we attend to the most urgent calls first until we reach all affected areas. Some areas may need additional time to dry or be repaired before we can access for clean ups.

Weekly kerbside bin collections are continuing as normal, however some minor delays may be experienced due to high demands.

Larger volumes of bulky household waste or vegetation can be booked as a bulk kerbside collection through 1Coast (as part of your annual bulk kerbside collection services).

Please note Council is prioritising bulk kerbside collections for flood affected regions.

Spencer and Gunderman

It is anticipated that road opening will occur in this area as waters recede. Council will conduct a sweep of waste collections in this region next week (access permitting), conducting regular kerbside bin collections on Monday 14 March and Thursday 17 March. Also on Thursday 17 March, Council will collect bulky waste presented outside residential properties – these collections do not need to be booked and will not impact any standard bulk waste entitlements.

Disaster Relief Grant

The NSW Government announced 7 March 2022 that the Central Coast has been included in the Natural Disaster Declaration which will allow those affected in our community to be eligible for flood assistance. The Disaster Relief Grant is administered

by Resilience NSW. For more information, go to nsw.gov.au and search ‘disaster recovery’ or call 1800 018 444.

Disaster affected people can be granted immediate assistance if they do not have the financial resources to meet their immediate needs. Financial assistance can be sourced from the Evacuation Centre who will assess and also refer to appropriate agencies such as Samaritans for support and material aid and Chaplaincy services.

Flood Disaster Recovery Small Business Grants

NSW small businesses and not-for-profits (NFP) affected by the severe weather and floods in February and March 2022 can now apply for up to \$50,000 in NSW Government support. Payments can go towards the cost of safety inspections, building repairs, cleaning equipment, materials needed to resume trade, disposing of debris and spoiled stock, or leasing temporary space. Businesses can apply via the Service NSW website or by calling a Service NSW Business Concierge on 13 77 88.

Your mental health matters

The NSW Government’s Head to Health has been designed to provide mental health support to those in need during these challenging times. Call 1800 595 131 during business hours or go online to mindhealth.org.au/flood-support.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, anxious, sad or need help during any this emergency and recovery phase, there are also many local health and wellbeing services available. Find out where to get help here.

Health & safety during clean-up

Avoid unnecessary risks during clean up:

- Do not enter a damaged building or structure, unless deemed safe to do so by authorities.
- Take great care around electricity – follow the SES Electricity Safety Tips.
- Be alert to snakes, spiders, rats and other wildlife that may have taken

refuge in the building, structure or furniture.

- If removing or moving waste, remember to practise basic hygiene. Use appropriate personal protective equipment, including dust mask, gloves, covered shoes or boots and full-length clothing to cover your arms and legs.
- All cuts and abrasions should be cleaned, treated with antiseptic and covered immediately. If you have a deep cut or wound, if a wound has had contact with floodwaters or if a wound develops redness, swelling or discharge, seek immediate medical attention.
- Avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Use an insect repellent on exposed skin areas and reapply every couple of hours. Cover up as much as possible with loose-fitting and light-coloured clothing. Should you or any of your family have severe diarrhoea or vomiting, please seek immediate medical assistance. If you have these symptoms, you’ll need extra fluids to replace what you lose. The best fluids to take are those that contain a mixture of special salts (electrolytes) and sugars, (e.g. Gastrolyte) which can be purchased from local pharmacies.

For further information on maintaining health during and after floods and storms, go to NSW Health’s website or call 1800 health direct or 18000 022 222.

This recent and ongoing emergency weather event has demonstrated the strength and resilience of the Central Coast people and efforts to look out for each other as ‘one’ community.

Council wishes to thank the SES and volunteers assisting on the ground, as well as Council staff and crews who as the situation unfolded, have worked hard to keep our community safe.

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SOLACE & SCIENCE

A contribution for those who have found solace in the garden in these troubled times, and who, like me, trust the scientists more than the politicians when it comes to the spread of Covid 19 in the community.

Gosford Times 13 March 1934.

**Blooms of Rare Beauty
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
MEETS.**

Wonderful bowls of beautiful blooms graced the long tables at the Masonic Hall on Monday night when the Gosford Horticultural Society held its monthly meeting and exhibition. 'If only we had a water supply,' said the President, Mr. C. E. Chapman, wistfully, what a wonderful show we could make.' and then it came on to rain.

Mr. D. A. Prentice was busy in the body of the hall with an outsize in pencils, and a serious countenance. No, there were no prizes, but awards - yes, and as in ancient Greece, when the hero's award was a mere laurel wreath, the award was perhaps as highly prized by its recipient as the championship belt would have been by Fitzsimmons or Griffo in the brave days of old. The show, so worthy, so unpretentious, was only another example of the unclaimed resources of little

Gosford town - of the grand results that are arrived at week by week here by earnest unselfish little bands of workers, whose driving motive always is the prestige of their district. It seemed a shame that the exhibitors had not the applause of appreciative multitudes to command. They deserved applause - by the bucket-full, but there was little of a gathering, and that all confined to the platform, when Mr. C. E. Chapman (President) opened up. "Our good friend, Mr. Harris, he said, 'has got a nomination for Secretary, who not only is not averse to the job, but who will positively revel in it.'" "So we will appoint the Secretary and then we can call a meeting early. This meeting is more or less informal.' Miss Ruth Renwick then was appointed Secretary on the motion of Mr Harris and Mrs R. R. Mortimer. Miss Barbara Ironmonger has intimated that she will not be available for the committee. 'The whole upkeep of the Society is the members' fees,' the President reminded them. "In July they all are due again. That will not be long now." Officers present were Messrs Chas. Parry (Treasurer), D. A. Prentice (Secretary), who was busy setting out the tables, and Mr. Chapman (President) who did the judging. Others present included Messrs R. C. King Kemp, H. Parry, Davidson, Harris, D. Starkey. G. Linton, A. E. Debenham, Gavin, and D. A. Prentice, and Mesdames Linton, Mortimer, Gavin, G. Margin, G. M.

Wheeler, E. White, and Miss Ruth Kemp.
The awards were as follow: -
Petunias, not less than three fringed varieties. - H. Andrews.
Petunias, best collection.- H. Andrews 1, H. D. Starkey 2.
Geraniums- C. D. Daven 1, Mrs. Mortimer 2.
Cannas.- G. Litton 1, H. D. Starkey 2, Gaillardia.- Mrs R. R. Mortimer.
Zinnia, giant.- H. D. Starkey 1, A. E. Debenham 2.
Zinnia, Lilliput.- Mrs E. White 1, A. E. Debenham 2.
Nasturtium, bowl.- A. E. Debenham.
Dahlia, decorative. - H. D. Starkey 1, Mrs. E. White 2.
Dahlia, pompone.- A. E. Debenham 1 and 2.
Gerbera.- Mrs G. Margin 1, H. D. Starkey 2.
Carnation.- Sister Winter.
Roses.- Mrs. Mortimer 1, Sister Winter 2.
Marigold-S. R. Kemp 1, Mrs. G. Margin 2.
Cut Flowers, collection.- Mrs. Mortimer.
Cut Flowers, bowl.- Mrs. Mortimer.
Cut Flowers, table.- Mr Linton 1, Sister Winter 2.
Cut Flowers, floating.- Sister Winter 1, Miss Ruth Kemp 2.
Cut Flowers, vase.- Sister Winter 1. Mrs G. Margin 2.
Dahlia, decorative.- H. D. Starkey 1 Mrs E. White 2.
Dahlia, peony.- H. D. Starkey.
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Zinnia.- H. D. Starkey.

Rose.- Sister Winter 1, C. D. Gavan 2

Rose, decorative.- Sister Winter.

Best Specimen Flower, any variety.-

Mrs. G. M. Wheeler.

Best Head or Truss.- Mrs. Mortimer 1,

Sister Winter 2.

Some background regarding

“Second Prize Cut Flowers, floating. Miss Ruth Kemp” aged 19 at the time.

When Alexander Hunter in 1880 built a home [which he called Hunclysterdale, according to the Australian Town and Country Journal in 1893] on what was then called The Penang, now Somersby, he heeled in some camellia seedlings which he had brought with him when he left his nursery in Ashfield in 1884, with the intention of later planting them out. They never got planted out.

In 1929 Mr. George. C. Linton bought the property, named it Kewita, and named the four seedlings Alexander Hunter, Jean Lyne, Constance and Ruth Kemp. In 1981 they were 7 metres high and 9 metres wide. [Jean Lyne, Alexander Hunter and Constance are still extant as camellia cultivars, but I have yet to track down Ruth Kemp, perhaps one of your readers knows of it.]

At the wedding, as described in the Leader, Orange 1942, of Miss Pat Hansen, from Orange, who was married to Richard King Kemp, of Gosford, second son of R. C. King Kemp; “The lovely flowers she carried were given by Mr. Linton, of Gosford, and were fashioned into a bouquet by Miss Ruth King Kemp (the bridegroom’s sister).”

“The beautiful camellias used in the bouquets were a special blend of Mr. Linton’s own. They were large, in a shade of pink, and he has called them the Ruth Kemp camellias after the bride-groom’s sister.” [“Ruth Kemp” is described as a semi-double light rose camellia]

The above account of the Horticultural Society meeting, contains some other names familiar to many long-term Mountain residents.

D. A. Prentis was of course the first Headmaster of Somersby Public School, Richard King Kemp was a Gosford solicitor who represented a number of local residents.

e.g.
Walter Cowlishaw v. Edward England, charge of picking wild flowers on private land without consent of owner. Mr. R. C. King Kemp for complainant, Mr. A. D. Hickey for defendant. Walter Cowlishaw, orchardist,

Mangrove Mountain, said he was a brother of Harold Cowlishaw, owner of a property at Mangrove Mountain, which witness managed, and had an interest in. On September 15th, on the Gosford to Bloodtree Road, he saw a car standing”.....etc.

[Gosford Times 14 Oct 1926]

In a dispute over burning off:

“Somersby Growers In Court

Case of Farmer versus Orchardist

Scene: Gosford Police Court. In one corner, George James Turner, Somersby, orchardist, 59 years, of age, and weighing 14 stone. In the opposite corner, Herbert Ainsley Clyde Marshall, farmer, Somersby, 44 years of age, weight, 9 stone 4 lbs. Referee, Mr. A. G. Hardwick, P.M. In Turner’s corner was Mr. R. C. King Kemp, while Mr. A .D. Hickey swung the towel for Marshall”.

Marshall claimed “He saw complainant light a fire at the corner of the main road and Grant’s road with a cigarette lighter. He said “You are the mongrel who has been setting all these fires. You started that fire that came through my place.” Marshall replied ‘You are a —— liar’ and rushed at witness. They got into holts and fell on the ground.....etc.....

[Gosford Times Thursday 29 October 1936]

Many local growers will have had their labels printed by Ironmongers, Margins soft drinks were popular, and perhaps, like me, you, can remember buying clothes from Mortimers, or getting your shoes from Noel Harris, the exciting part of which was looking at your feet through the X-ray machine.

“Mr. Harris established an up to date children’s department. The business ... takes pride in the fact that it has the only X-ray fittings section between Sydney and Newcastle.” [Gosford Times 17 December 1954]

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LUCY WICKS THANKS RESIDENTS FOR FEEDBACK AT 26TH MARCH CATCH-UP

Thank you to the many local residents who attended our Mangrove Mountain Coffee Catch-up. I also want to thank Shane from the Mangrove Mountain Hub for her hospitality and lovely coffee.

Residents from Mangrove Mountain, Spencer, Kulnura and surrounding suburbs raised issues such as mobile coverage, NBN connectivity and local roads.

We're working to address many of these concerns by contacting NBN to assess bespoke solutions for individual residencies, raising mobile black spots with Telstra and Optus and meeting with the Minister for Urban Infrastructure about funding for local roads.

The Morrison Government has delivered improved mobile coverage in Mangrove Mountain, Calga, Spencer and Wendoree Park, but we know there is more work to do.

My commitment to you is to fight for a future where locals have access to the economic, career, educational or

The Soul Connection to Healing Your Body

Did you know that your soul is ALWAYS speaking to you through your body?

You could think of your body as a 'messaging system' through which it communicates to you so you can find the root cause of any physical illness or injury in order to address the problem at a deeper level so that you can heal your body from the inside out.

The basic idea behind healing with this wholistic approach is that emotions felt during periods of trauma or stress in a person's life can, and often do, become 'trapped' within certain areas of the body and will build up or remain until the person 'receives' the message or manages to work through the 'stored trauma' which allows them to be released from the body altogether in order to bring true healing, as emotions are the

other advancement opportunities they want, and upgrades to communications infrastructure is an important part of this.

If you have a similar issue you would like assistance with, please get in touch via lucy.wicks.mp@aph.gov.au

*Lucy Wicks MP
Member for Robertsom*

gateway to your soul.

One downfall of mainstream Western medicine is that it tends to separate our 'system' into the physical and the mental but largely has ignored the soul (spiritual) component, when it is actually the soul component which is the MOST important one. ALL physical manifestations come from the spiritual core of ourselves. So, until this deep level of understanding of our physical ailments is understood the problems remain unresolved to some degree.

Is it any surprise that a large proportion of Western society, especially in the elderly populations, are often on a list of multiple pharmaceutical agents, which usually end up causing more problems than what they are meant to be 'fixing', and can often cause toxic side effects which leave a person more burdened with illness than before they started?

Could this actually be by design, do you think? Would you agree that maybe the medical system as we know it actually prefers to KEEP us sick so that they can maintain their perceptual cycle of profiteering from our illnesses? It's a question worth asking.

What if there was a way to address these 'medical issues' at the core level which could help one bypass the need for the medical system altogether? (Aside from the use of other alternative healing modalities

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such as naturopathy, kinesiology and chiropractic as well as quantum-based modalities that are beginning to emerge from the shadows, eg. RIFE machines that work on quantum entanglement theory, and other technologies that are yet to be brought out into the open in the years to come.)

And what if a person could learn to use this process for themselves in order to be able to heal themselves without always needing to 'consult' a doctor or specialist? This process can help a person to achieve personal sovereignty and self-empowerment which can do wonders for the soul!

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Sharyn Unitt
Soul Speak Practitioner

Union Church Update 13th March 2022

Unfortunately, our second meeting with the Liquidator was postponed from 9th March to the 16th. So, by the time you are reading this, we hope to know a bit more about the future of our Mangrove Mountain Union Church. Prior to the meeting, the Liquidator has not given much away, apart from saying that the legal advice which he had been waiting for was only recently received, and that a number of options have been identified and are being considered. Please join with us in praying and hoping for common sense to prevail, and that the Liquidator will cease obstructing the purposes of the 1914 Trust Deed by which our Union Church is owned for the benefit of our community.

Our representatives at the meeting will be Keith Arango, Pam Crocker and myself together with Peter FitzSimons and David Norris (representing the John Singleton Group).

Our local congregation, the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group, continues to hold its worship services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. While we are denied use of

the Union Church by the Liquidator, we are meeting in the Mangrove Mountain Hall. Earlier today, our guest at the service was Nick Farr Jones AM. As many of you may know, Nick is a former Australian Rugby Union footballer and Team Captain of the Wallabies. He is a regular public speaker and a self-described "praying" Christian. Nick spoke about his life, and his Christian journey of 43 years. Nick also spoke about his involvement as Board Chairman and Patron to "Stand Tall" which is a charity organisation running events, camps, presentations and workshops that help ensure the mental wellbeing of youth for their futures. A very worthy cause! Our next service will be on Sunday 27th March.

Our Adult Christian Discussion Group (Bible Study) continues meeting in the Union Church grounds under the Gazebo on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday evenings during summer from 5pm to 6.30pm. BYO chair and, if you want, a non-alcoholic refreshment. "Test drives" are most welcome.

In the meantime, thank you to all who have contributed to our Save the Union Church Campaign. Please continue with your support, letters to the Liquidator, and donations - see help suggestions elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Spencer Locals Invoke Emergency Plan while Emergency Services Kick into Action

From the 9/3/22 the Hawkesbury River communities including residents of Spencer, Gunderman and Marlowe began to receive care packages, fuel and evacuation by boat where necessary.

Help was provided by the SES, RFS, ADF even a group of Coogee Lifeguards. Initially crews worked from the water ferrying goods by boat to people cut off from roads and this was followed by crews in RFS and SES vehicles.

Many areas had lost power and phone and providers were working to restore services.

Spencer became a staging area for crews to be briefed before moving on to designated assignments.

Spencer locals activated their Community Emergency Response Plan that had been initiated by the River Cares group.

This assisted in coordinating the initial actions and in contacting people to check on safety and needs. The lack of power and phone services proved a major handicap and landslides combined with flooding resulted in some areas being completely cut off and isolated.

The value of having a community led process to be prepared for disaster events and a plan for post-disaster recovery is being demonstrated by the Spencer community.

In the past there would be some years between disaster events but in the last three years we have had massive bushfires, two major flood events, several storms and COVID. There is an imperative for communities to develop their own emergency plans and to demand, from all level of government, greater attention to at-risk communities and to implement a plan for the ongoing provision of resources to prepare for and better

respond to emergencies.

Sir Peter Cosgrove, former Lieutenant General and Chief of Army and former Governor General has said relying on the ADF in disasters is unviable and the Federal Government should fund a paid, highly trained civilian emergency response force that stays in reserve and can be mobilised when needed.

Residents should follow up with their local community groups to find out what disaster preparation guidelines are available and what emergency response plans are in place. Residents can also get involved in helping to prepare plans and to press governments to provide support and resources on an ongoing basis.

Keith Aranjio

Photos at Spencer:
Clockwise from top left ...
Army personnel preparing to check on river communities, RFS & SES crews loading care packages, Surf Rescue crew from Coogee land after working up river from Brooklyn, RFS crews preparing to deploy by road.



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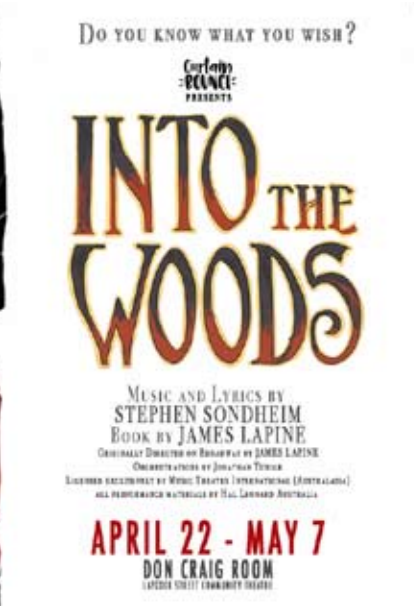
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It's Déjà Vu - La Nina Strikes Again

Once again the Lower Hawkesbury River has been subjected to devastating floods. We thought we had seen the worst in March 2021, but Mother Nature had other plans. This year the East Coast Low took out it's fury not once but twice which is unprecedented.

Help came straight away from SES bringing sandbags and lots of boots on the ground, Welfac who co-ordinated with the Salvos bringing a multitude of food hampers, water and other provisions, and Ausgrid bringing over 40 portable generators and fuel.

Morale and resilience was strong in the beginning but going into the second week some of the residents were soon reaching the end of their tether. River Cares was able to implement the Community Led Emergency Response plan by keeping in touch with every hamlet (creek community) continually throughout every day for updates, providing weather and tide information, taking requests for supplies and additional fuel, counselling and even trying to locate hay bales for hungry cows! The Communities along the Lower

Hawkesbury River rallied together and helped each other.

The destruction that La Nina 2022 has lashed out on us has been even more devastating than last year. The flood has ruined sheds, machinery, general equipment, damage to jetties, property, roads, embankments, vehicles and the list goes on. Tuesday night 9th March a fleet of 6 RFS trucks came down to give the evacuation orders but only a handful of residents complied. Wednesday the tide was expected to be over a metre in some areas higher than last year. The

Below staging area at Spencer RFS, below right distributing water donated by Eastcoast Beverages





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caravan park became a lake, Wiseman Ferry Road in sections remained a swimming pool all day, even at the low tide the water level remained high. Cohens Creek was unrecognisable.

During the second week Spencer was inundated with a plethora of help from SES, RFS Strike Team from as far as Charmhaven, Avoca and the Peninsula, NSW Emergency Ambulance Services, Surf Life and Rescue Clubs from Bondi, Nobby's Beach, Redhead and Merewether. From Thursday through to the weekend we had the army and air force arrive, even a taskforce from WA – DFES who coordinated the rapid damage assessment and to gauge what needs to be done for the clean-up process. There were helicopters flying overhead nearly every day while Wisemans Ferry Road rumbled with service vehicles and trucks carrying heavy machinery and bobcats etc. One

army contingent arrived via Mooney Mooney on rubber boats to conduct an assessment along the Hawkesbury and to deliver fuel, food hampers and check on those residents completely cut off. Salvos continued to drop off food hampers and Eastcoast Juices donated a massive crate of water to help out. The Spencer Thai donated over 80 delicious food packs to areas such as Mill Creek, Cohens Creek and other parts of the Hawkesbury who had been hit the hardest.

We are so very proud of Alison Wade our Captain of the Spencer RFS with her invaluable experience she coordinated the Strike Force and worked in conjunction with the SES

and all the other services daily. Jane McCallum the secretary/treasurer of River Cares and the manager of the Spencer General Store (the new HQ) and her staff were the linch pin feeding all these services, manning the phones, providing information, distributing food hampers & fuel, giving out counselling all with a smile and a friendly face.

Now it's the clean-up! Again help has come in droves.

The Communities along the Lower Hawkesbury River will be forever grateful.

*Robyn Downham
President
River Cares*



Clockwise from top: Maluka caravan park at Spencer, Cohens Creek before & after, Wisemans Ferry Rd. through Cohens Creek



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The Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery project has been supported by the Australian Government's Bushfire Recovery Program for Wildlife and their Habitat.

Cen's Landcare Green Teams have been very busy through February, with the recent rainfall helping weeds to pop up left, right and centre.

The Somersby/Mangrove team were no exception to this and decided to meet for a working bee session at Kaye and Margaret's 13 ha property. Understanding the importance of water ways running through private properties, the team embarked on some riparian restoration work. Putting to good use the many hands make light work method, the team of 5, including bush regeneration supervisor Ben, took to the nasty weed Tradescantia

fluminensis, delicately teasing the roots and nodes out from beneath the plethora of native groundcovers occupying the area.



Tradescantia is a particularly bad pest species of plant, favouring moist, shady sites in forests and along waterways. This weed forms dense mats that smother and outcompete native plants, often preventing native seedlings from growing. Once established, Trad can be very difficult to eradicate, but we are seeing great results at Kaye and Margaret's place



with our monthly Green Team working bees keeping it from spreading.

For more information on CEN's Landcare Green Teams and how to get

involved, please contact the Project Coordinator Ben MacAndrew Wed-Fri on 43494491 or at ben.macandrew@cen.org.au, and be sure to keep an eye out at www.cen.org.au/events for upcoming workshops and training events.

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River Communities Cut Off And Suffering From Poor Communication

The Hawkesbury River communities of Spencer, Wisemans Ferry and Gunderman have been cut-off by flood waters after recent weather events that have seen parts of NSW inundated by torrential rain.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch is calling on the NSW Liberal Government to ensure river communities are not forgotten during this emergency and receive up-to-date information, assistance and resources for the recovery phase.

“This is the second time in the space of less than a year that the Hawkesbury River communities are again faced with floods, loss of livelihoods and property. The NSW Government must do everything in its power to ensure residents can access up-to-date information about where to go to seek refuge, access assistance or supplies” Tesch said.

Many river residents have expressed to Ms Tesch that they are without

electricity and telecommunications.

“I have been contacted by emergency services personnel from the river communities and in one example, because there is no electricity and the front roller door of a local RFS facility is powered by electricity, it cannot be operated. The motor generator takes up to 15 minutes to power the roller door and in an emergency situation every minute is precious. There needs to be a better way” said Ms Tesch.

In another blow to the community a major landslide has occurred north of Wisemans Ferry Rd towards St Albans Road, creating cracks in the road and leaving it hanging precariously over the edge of the cliff.

What makes this even more concerning is that this is a main connecting road for the river communities and has left the community fearing more landslides are still possible.

Robyn Downham, Founder of



This page: Landslides & road collapse on Wisemans Ferry Rd; Opposite: Navy personnel arrive to assist



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the River Cares group at Spencer says there is a lot of work to do with communication cut offs, electricity connection and road cut-offs.

“We still have a long way to go regarding communication and power outages. We have very poor and limited communication which makes it very hard to touch base with everyone to make sure they’re safe. We couldn’t reach residents in Mill Creek because they were cut off which meant the SES had to go out and check on them by boat. Not everyone has Facebook or internet for safety information,” said Ms Downham

“River Cares implemented our community-led emergency response plan and people cooperated and are thrilled that we came together like this during this difficult time”

River Cares has made a big impact on the responsiveness of the Spencer

community says Ms Tesch.

“The voice of River Cares has definitely improved the outcomes for the Spencer community this time around and I want to commend Robyn and her group for their advocacy during this really difficult time”.

Ms Tesch has also thanked local emergency services personnel for all the hard work they have been doing and responding to in fast-moving and dangerous conditions.

“I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our amazing, hard-working and selfless emergency services personnel and volunteers including our SES, RFS, Fire and Rescue, NSW Police and all our community members that have helped out neighbours or friends during this emergency”.

“It was also incredible to see the help arriving from far and wide with

the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club coming to assist, a testament to the community spirit we have throughout NSW.”

Residents who have chosen to stay behind rather than head to an evacuation centre at Ettalong Beach or The Entrance have been supplied with generators if they are likely to experience long delays getting their electricity restored.

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Nunsense 2 – The Second Coming takes place six weeks after the sisters have staged their first benefit. The sisters are back presenting a “thank-you” show for all the people who supported them in the past. But now, they're a bit slicker, having been “bitten by the theatre bug.” Things get off to a rousing start, but before long chaos erupts. Two Franciscans come to claim Sister Mary Amnesia (who has won the Publishers' Clearing House Sweepstakes) as one of their own. At the same time the nuns hear that a talent scout is in the audience to see them strut their stuff.

Directed by Margaret Holdom,

with Musical Direction by Maryellen Gillard and Choreography by Madeline Stephenson, this show is a joyful and funny look at life in the Convent. The book, music and lyrics are by Dan Goggin, and it is an amateur production performed by arrangement with Origin Theatrical on behalf of Tams-Wittmark LLC, A Concord Theatricals Company.

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All welcome.

*Robyn Downham
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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)
Yarralong 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: yarralongrfs@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 & Communications Committee		Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 0412669649
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting		2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Union Church Hall. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529
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
	Newsletter	Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com
The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group		Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548. Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
Somersby Equestrian Club Club & Committee Meeting		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 Yarralong		3rd Sunday each month, 11.00am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised)
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 revrcr@hotmail.com

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

Maitland 33rd Annual Angus & Angus Cross Female Sale – 5th March 2022

Rain affected sale of 760 females met strong demand. Top local breeders represented by a quality yarding of females. Dearer trend due mainly to quality.

Heifers:

- Weaners: 250 head; Avg \$1,700; Top \$2,900
- Yearling: 100 head; Avg \$2,350; Top \$2,950
- PTIC: 160 head; Avg \$3,022; Top \$4,100

Cows:

- Cows & Calves: 180 head; Avg \$3,600; Top \$5,300
- PTIC: 30 head; Avg \$2,660; Top \$3,400
- Joined: 30 head; Avg \$2,180; Top \$2,400

Highlights include: – A/c Peter & Sandra Margery, Stroud Road sold 2 Angus cows & calves for \$5,300 to Barry Shearman of Fullerton Cove; A/c Tarin Grove Angus sold Angus PTIC heifers at \$4,100 to Chris Unicomb, Bishops Bridge; A/c Cooree Pty Ltd sold 14 pure Angus Bulls 18 to 20 months for a top of \$11,500, average of \$8,178. They also sold the top pen of weaner heifers for \$2,900 to Matt & Chris Attack.

Maitland Liveweight Sale Report 7th March 2022

280 cattle yarded today. Reduced numbers due to the wet weather. All regular buyers in attendance with stronger competition in the trade and export markets.

- Butcher vealers 510 to 615c/kg;
- Angus weaners 200-350kgs steers 640 to 845c/kg;
- Angus weaner heifers 250-350kgs 615 to 700c/kg;
- Yearling Angus & Angus x steers 570 to 630c/kg;
- Yearling Angus & Angus x heifers 490 to 560c/kg;
- Bullocks 400c/kg;
- Cows 300 to 390c/kg, avg 360c/kg;
- Bulls 340 to 380c/kg.

Majority of the yard today were Angus weaners and yearlings. Top pen of Angus weaner steers made \$2,170; Top pen of Angus weaner heifers \$2,110; Top pen of yearling heifers

making \$2,300; A good pen of heavy feeder steers made 490c/kg, 590kgs to return \$2,900;

A/c Jim Eccleston sold a pen of yearling Angus steers weighing 440kgs, 555c/kg returning \$2,450.

Maitland Liveweight Sale Report – 28th February 2022

With a rain affected yarding today agents saw 300 liveweight cattle yarded. The vealer/yearling market was firm to slightly stronger on last weeks sale. The export market was slightly stronger on grown steers and firm for the cow market.

- Best Butcher vealers 520 to 560c/kg, with the best pen returning \$2,557;
- Yearling steers 500 to 620c/kg;
- Yearling heifers 480 to 600c/kg;
- Charolais & Euro x steers 320-370kgs 570 to 615c/kg;
- Charolais & Limousin x heifers 280-360kgs 560 to 630c/kg;
- Angus steers 300-400kgs 570 to 620c/kg; 2 & 4 tooth steers +500kgs 460 to 530c/kg;
- Grown steers & bullocks 390 to 440c/kg;
- Cows 290 to 380c/kg;
- Bulls 300 to 330c/kg.

Next Maitland Weaner/Store Sale – Saturday 2nd April 2022

Next Gloucester Store Sale – Thursday 17th March 2022

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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Girl Guides 10-15

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Peats Ridge Scout Hall

Mangrove Mountain Playgroup

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Brisbane Waters Historical Society

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Historical Society Inc.

First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter

The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group

Wyong District Museum &
Historical Society

ACTIVITY/HOBBY

Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group
Coastal Communicators Toastmasters

Craft/scrapbooking

HALL BOOKINGS

Kulnura Hall

Mangrove Mountain Hall
Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts
Culture and Heritage Centre
Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall

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

Holy Trinity Church, 2nd Sat of the month
4pm, Contact 43771374 or 43771168 as times
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2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass
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yarramalonghall.bookings@gmail.com

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

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ABN 16 331 855 147
Annual General Meeting

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