

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## A TASTE OF EUROPE

The inaugural Taste of Europe event sees two of the Mountain's community event organisers, Ryan Howard (Blues on the Mountain) and the CWA Mangrove Mountain Evening Group (Poet's Breakfast) join forces to create a unique and delightful afternoon/evening of award winning live music and food at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall on Sunday the 21st of August.

Doors open at 2.30pm with music and afternoon tea from 3pm.

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**\*\* 8th July '22 \*\***

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# Exploring the Gosford Glyphs and Aboriginal Engravings in the Brisbane Waters National Park

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society invite you to join us as Robert Pankhurst takes us on another fascinating exploration of several significant aboriginal rock engravings sites in the Brisbane Waters National Park. Robert will take us to areas to see an array of unusual engravings and to see the 'Gosford Glyphs' – there's over 300 of them! No one knows who made them or when. Some suspect they were carved in the 1970's, but their true origin remains a mystery.

Robert has spent over 60 years exploring areas around the Hawkesbury and the southern Central Coast, including Brisbane Waters looking for Aboriginal rock carvings, foreshore middens and sites that contain ancient indigenous engravings. The flat exposed areas of Hawkesbury sandstone within the park provides an ideal 'canvas'

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## Trivia Night

Saturday July 23rd - Mangrove Mountain Golf Club  
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for Aboriginal artists, and there are hundreds of rock engraving sites throughout the park. Aboriginal sites on Hawkesbury sandstone have a distinctive style of engraving which is unique in Australia.

Date:- Saturday, 30th July 2022  
Time:- 9.30am

Location:- To meet at the end of Bambara Road just off Woy Woy Road, Kariong as there is a large parking area. We will have a quick morning tea and then car pool to a smaller car park at the top of Bambara Road near the Kariong Fire Station before we head off on our walk.

Cost:- \$10.00 for Members; \$15.00

for Non-members.

Bookings and contact details in case of rain to 0405 321 478 (leave a message) by Tuesday, 26th July.

Bring along lunch, snacks, water, sunhat, sunscreen, repellent and wet weather gear if required. Sturdy shoes are suggested. This is an easy walk.

For further information please contact us on enquiries@dlhs.org.au or 0405 321 478.

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*Robyn Downham  
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The Community Environment Network (CEN) invites the Central Coast community to celebrate its 25th anniversary at a gala dinner to be held at Mingara on Saturday, July 24.

The gala dinner will be a great chance for friends old and new to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the CEN together.

CEN's mission which has not wavered is to support Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) and to oppose threats to ESD. Over the last 25 years CEN has established a variety of

programs to engage the community in understanding, experiencing, learning and nurturing our environment. Our core programs included Waterwatch, Land for Wildlife, Bush Regeneration Team, Habitat for Wildlife, Wildplant Nursery and the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre.

These core programs are complemented with smaller grant-based projects for wetlands, threatened species, habitat restoration and environmental education.

Over the last 12 months the CEN

had 22 funded positions engaged on a variety of environmental works. Last year the average wages totalled \$500,000 plus another \$100,000 for local contractors.

Complementing the work of staff and contractors are our volunteers and donors. CEN experience is that for every \$1 cash spent, there is \$4 of environmental work done by volunteers. Hence, an expenditure of \$600,000 by CEN generates a further \$2.4 million by volunteers to give a total of \$3 million of on-groundwork in an average year.

Come along and join the gala dinner it will be an opportunity to reflect both on what we've achieved, where we stand today and what the future holds.

Gary Chestnut  
Chair

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# The Power of Forgiveness

A theme that often comes up in QHHT sessions is the concept of forgiveness. Most often it is a situation where the client is finding it hard to move on from a certain emotional trauma due to the emotions that get stirred up in the presence of someone they often have trouble relating to, or in other cases when the person they had trouble with has passed over to the spirit side and they feel a sense of unresolve that is holding them back from healing the underlying issues. Either way, the issue can be dealt with independently by anyone who understands such metaphysical procedures, or it can be accomplished during a session with the guidance of a practitioner (whether QHHT or another modality).

The important thing to remember about applying forgiveness is that it is NEVER about the other person; it is always about YOU and YOUR healing journey. The other person can carry on in their ignorance but when you have the ability to forgive the other person, it tends to make you more tolerant of their behaviour. It runs off your back better like water off a duck's back (by theory at least, as everything relies on the person's belief system). Like the quote says from the bible, "forgive them for they know not what they do". The other person is responsible for

their actions, and you are responsible for yours. You do not ever need to allow someone else's 'trash' to come and ruin your garden, so to speak. Or in the case of the other person being passed over, it allows the client to find a sense of closure and peace in order to move on in their life without holding onto this 'baggage' unnecessarily.

There is a "forgiveness ritual" that I will share with you from some course notes from the Level 1 QHHT training that may help those who would like to try this for themselves. If I were using this in a session, I would tell the client to picture the person in their mind and say "We tried, we really tried, but it isn't working. Let's tear up the contract." Then I would have them see themselves literally tearing up the contract and throwing it away. Then have them say "I forgive you. I release you. I let you go. You go your way with love, and I go my way. We don't have to be connected anymore." Then the person has to forgive themselves for any part they have played in the karma they had created with this person. Once it is released, there is no karma and the trauma is released.

This ritual does not have to be done in front of the person as it can be difficult (especially if they have passed) and remember this is for you, not them. The reason why this ritual can help people overcome their emotional connections to this person is that at the energetic (metaphysical)

level the energetic dynamic between the two people is cut, and this then bleeds down through the person's emotional and mental bodies, into the physical. They are no longer affected by the other person's behaviour. (Remembering it is up to the person's belief system which will determine how thoroughly it works. But most of the time it does.)

My intention is that by providing this ritual to the greater community, people can learn to do this for themselves, if they feel confident. My goal in my QHHT journey is to empower people to help heal themselves instead of needing to seek help from outside of themselves, but I realise it is a learning process and that's why practitioners such as myself exist to help guide people to connect with the deepest parts of themselves and find true and lasting healing.

I currently have 9 approx. 'free' practise QHHT sessions (2-4hr interview and 2hr hypnosis) available to complete my QHHT internship. QHHT = Quantum Healing Hypnosis Technique. For enquiries or bookings, please email me at [shazzaunitt@protonmail.com](mailto:shazzaunitt@protonmail.com) or call 4376 1014. Soul Speak Healing sessions (2hrs or more) are available for those who are not keen on the hypnosis component, but it can still bring incredible insight as to how one views their spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing.

*Sharyn Unitt, Soul Speak Healer and QHHT Practitioner Level 1 (intern)*

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# THE KILKENNYS

All roads lead to somewhere, even to the always-present past, short cuts to enriching aspects of who we are, and how that came to be.



Not so long ago (Harvest Festival weekend) at the Somersby School of Arts Hall, a display of local history explored life along some of our lesser-known by-ways.

There is not space here for all of the information presented, or to detail some other Kilkenny Road dwellers, past and present, so I will summarise the life and times of Frank and Nellie Kilkenny and family, Vera, Kathleen, Reta and Ruby.

Of course what we don't know far exceeds what we do, and like our own memories, the storied life is a creative gestalt dependant on "gaps".

We can trace some of Frank's life prior to his moving with his family to the district, and establishing his farm "Brinawa" at Somersby, (Brinawa is said to mean either Place where Rock lilies Grow, or Lilies Growing in the Rocks).

Frank was born in 1871, about the time his father Paul died (most likely in a flood). Both he and his brother Michael were good horsemen and in 1891 were the first to traverse the country between Delegate and Orbost by sulky. A feat for which there was prize money they did not claim.



Map dated 1954

1907 finds him in Bombala where he was a bootmaker and bicycle agent, and active in community affairs being nominated for the Bombala Council election. From 1910 to 1913 he is plying his trade in Inverell before moving to Gosford, where he continued to be



Frank Kilkenny

active in the Grand United Order of Oddfellows. By 1915 the Kilkennys are in Gosford, as this advertisement attests, and also working on the farm at Somersby.

Frank was active in local affairs on the Mountain. In 1917 he was voted joint vice-president of the Somersby Progress Association, he organised Progressive Euchre Parties, presided at send-offs for WW1 volunteers, Reddall and Studds, and welcomes for McFadyen, Dorran and Studds. He contributed to Mountain exhibitions at the Gosford Show, took part in community debating competitions, and amongst other things, was appointed President of a committee to further the candidature of H G Parry as Councillor for E Riding, Erina Shire Council.

To supplement his farming, Frank used to collect boots and shoes in a bag from Noel Harris in Gosford and take them to Somersby where he did the repairs. He also made custom orthopedic boots and shoes, using cork to build up the soles or heels as required. He also shod his own horses. In the 1920s Frank was selling

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was President of the Somersby Fruit Growers Association.

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Frank and his Grand daughter riding "TOM"

Reta's daughter on "Tom"  
 (Tom liked bread brought to him by the Studds children Beryl and Phyllis)

(unmarried) remained in the district and is perhaps best remembered for her contribution to local schooling:

**Kathleen Kilkenny's School**

Extract from:  
 Somersby School  
 (By Esma Hoipo)

*The Gosford Times 1948*  
 "Prize Winning Essays Trace History of Education in the Gosford District."

*"The next attempt at establishing another school was by Miss Kathleen Kilkenny who is a still a resident of Somersby. Miss Kilkenny opened a subsidised school but this too closed after a few years. Miss Kilkenny had her school in a shed which still stands on the orchard of Mr. Medlicott." Kathleen remained in the area until her death in 1981. Ruby was a dressmaker. She loved animals, particularly cats. She never married but took care of her father for the rest of his life after his wife*

*Nellie (Ellen Rankin) died in 1937. These were turbulent times. Depression followed by WW2, and locally there were devastating bushfires in 1944 across the whole district—houses and the old Somersby School of Arts Hall destroyed, not to mention farm machinery and other infrastructure. Then again in January 1952 bushfires swept through. Only timely intervention saved Kilkenny's home. By February 1952 Frank had his Dodge 1924 utility on the market, and before leaving the district Frank and Ruby resided on the Bowmer property near Piles Creek. Mrs Bowmer was the daughter of Henry Pile. By 1954 Frank and Ruby were living in Eden, NSW. Frank Kilkenny died in 1956.*

So next time you are passing Kilkenny Road, take a detour to the past and remember Frank, Nellie, Vera, Kathleen, Reta and Ruby (and Tom), and the contribution they made. At the Somersby School of Arts Hall we were pleased to be able to display a more extensive collection of images and information – it will be the venue for further celebrations of our shared heritage. The Hall is itself a heritage listed site, which needs community protection. Don't forget the CWA Long Table Lunch on the 24th of July as a way of helping. (Phone 4372 1280 Or 4376 1247)

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# KULNURA & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB – MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Bay in particular. Linda has done many interesting things including flying planes in the Australian outback!

Linda Rainsford

1. How long have you been a member of KDGC and why did you join?

I joined Kulnura District Garden Club last month. It came highly recommended to me. I wanted to meet more people in my community, and I have a great fondness for gardens.

2. Who or what first sparked your love of gardens / gardening?

My Grandfather was my first influence. He encouraged me to put in my first vegetable patch when I was first married, and it was from there that I learnt it wasn't so hard to grow things!

3. What do you most like about being part of KDGC?

To me it's all about the people, when you share a common interest or bond communication comes so much easier. When we stop to talk to people, we find out all sorts of things so it can become a learning curve without being aware of it. I love meeting people.

4. What do you enjoy most about gardening / gardens?

I find it very therapeutic, it's a time for reflection and solace because you can simply potter and allow your mind to take you wherever you wish to be. It has a calming influence on me, and I love to see the fruits of my labour. I enjoy growing vegetable above all.

5. Who inspires you?

My husband Graham and I love the Gardening show and Better Homes and Gardens. We get so many ideas from them, and it transports us to some wonderful places where we get to see some amazing gardens. Monty Don is another favourite.

6. What's a key piece of wisdom you'd share with a new gardener?

Start out simply, one project at a time and enjoy the process – don't hurry take your time and you will learn to enjoy.

7. What have you learned since joining KDGC?

Gardeners are a diverse breed of people

8. What's your favourite plant / flower / veggie / herb?

My favourite tree is an olive, the flower of the passionfruit is the most exquisite, tomatoes are the most versatile vegetable, and Basil and Parsley are my two favourite herbs.

9. What is one thing that you can do / have done that not many people know about?

I had a pilot's licence for many years when I owned a cattle station in the Northern Territory.

10. If you could write a book, or a song, or make an artwork that represents your life, what would the title be?

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

Happy gardening!

Karynne Courts  
(KDGC Committee member, 2022)

## “The White Lily”

We are all used to the beauty of our Mountain Districts and the particularly stunning displays of the abundant Gynea Lilies that grow so prolifically. So characteristic of our area are these spectacular plants that we have adopted them as our community flower, with the image of their red flower adorning the welcoming “Protected by Community” signs that were erected by the Mountain Districts Association some years ago.



It was with much surprise then that this Bucketty local spotted a WHITE Gynea Lily flower along the roadside at Kulnura, just to the West of Greta Road.

A bit of internet sleuthing tells me that these are the standard Doryanthes Excelsa variety and the white ones are a very rare, recessive genetic variation. Apparently the birds that propagate the plants as they feed on the flowers are not attracted to the white flower heads.

Just goes to show that it pays to keep our eyes open to something new even when we think we’ve seen it all.

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# Multiple Rain Events Sees Mangrove Creek Dam Reach 100% Capacity

Mangrove Creek Dam was completed in 1982 and from a low of 10.27% during February 2007, July 2022 has seen the dam reach full capacity for the first time and actually overflow.

Council advises “While the overflow from the Mangrove Creek Dam will contribute to the level of the already flooded rivers, it is a relatively low rate and small in comparison to existing catchment flows. For comparison

the current flow over the spillway is less than 2 gigalitres per day, with the Warragamba Dam spilling at 515 gigalitres per day at its peak.

“Although rising water levels are unpredictable during a natural disaster, Council crews are on ground monitoring the situation and providing daily advice to impacted communities as required.

“The dam level remains significantly below any levels that require activation of the Dam Emergency Plan.”

Below: Spillway overflow, Right: At 100% capacity, Below right: Intake tower is more exposed when water level is lower



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The Dubbo Gully Area downstream of Mangrove Creek Dam, remains closed due to flooding. Whilst the Mangrove Creek Dam Picnic Area remains open, the dam spillway is not visible from this area.

**How the dam works**

Mangrove Creek Dam is the largest of the region’s three dams and acts as a main back up to the water supply.

Water is released from the dam when stream flows are low in Mooney Mooney Creek, Ourimbah Creek and Wyong River.

Water is drawn from the dam via the intake tower and then released via valves at the outlet works, this water then flows 20 kilometres downstream to Mangrove Creek Weir and pumped to Mooney Mooney. From here the water is further pumped to Somersby balance tanks and then transferred from the balance tanks to Somersby Water Treatment Plant. After treatment, the water is then distributed around the Central Coast.

**Details**

The dam is designed as a storage dam, having a relatively small catchment area. Water from the Wyong River, Ourimbah Creek and Mardi Dam is pumped to Mangrove Creek dam when flows allow.

- Total capacity: 190,000 megalitres
- Catchment area: 101 square kms
- Surface area: 7 square kms



- Maximum water depth: 65 metres
- the need arose in the future.

**Geology**

The site has a rock base of fine grained Narrabeen sandstone which also forms the valley walls. The cliff tops and surrounding high level land is mostly Hawkesbury sandstone.

The naturally V-shaped valley is the ideal storage with a small surface area compared to volume – which means less surface evaporation.

Provision was made in the design to be able to increase the height of the dam wall by 25 metres to a total capacity of 420,000 million litres if

**Monitoring the dam**

Mangrove Creek Dam is staffed 365 days of the year to enable daily monitoring and safety inspections of the embankment and surrounding structures.

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# COUNCIL FLOOD RESPONSE

## Spencer and Gunderman

• It is anticipated that road openings will occur in these areas as waters recede. Impacts from any landslide/rockslides or trees down are being assessed and may result in longer closures however our priority will be making the sites safe for travel to resume for our community.

• As in prior recent floods, Council will conduct a 'sweep' of waste collections in this region and will work alongside the emergency services and provide door to door notification of the coordinated response as soon as we can safely do so.

• As with other areas of inundation, residents will not be required to book

in collections for flooded properties.

### Flood affected waste:

• Households which have been inundated by flood waters will receive a dedicated flood waste collection service over the following weeks – residents will be receiving detailed information about this over the next two days (this collection will not require a booking).

• Council's waste collection contractor will be hand delivering information via a letterbox drop to flood impacted areas outlining the dedicated collection days and how to present the waste for collection. These clean-ups will continue for a few weeks to allow residents time to clean up and remove waste.

• For all other bulk waste collections, including those outside of the identified flood inundation areas, the normal booking process through ICoast.com.

au will continue to be provided.

### Isolated communities

Spencer, Gunderman, South Tacoma, Yarramalong and more

• Many of our flood affected communities are still isolated. People in these communities who require assistance are urged to contact NSW SES on 132 500. For emergencies or in life-threatening situations, call 000 (triple zero).

• Council and NSW SES have provided ongoing support to these isolated communities, including organising drops of food hampers, toiletry packs and fuel.

• Fodder drops have been made over isolated areas in Yarramalong to ensure any isolated animals have access to feed. Fly overs have continued to help locate any missing animals.

*Information from Council Media Release*

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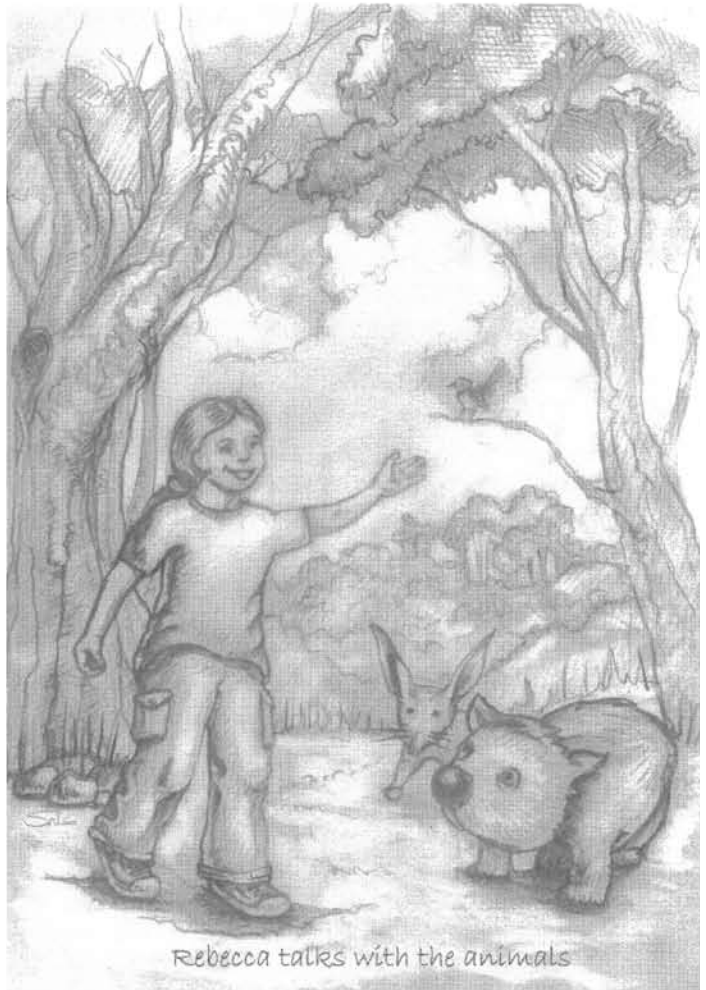
This is the fifth instalment of a serialised publication of the novel "Butterfly Magic"

## CHAPTER IV FINDING MICHAEL

The three children began to find it difficult to get through the foliage and, as Michael had done before them, they crossed over on the rocks to the other side. They could then see the next layer of falls. However, they missed the stringy bark as by now there was a shaft of sunlight beaming down through the canopy which dazzled them and had the affect of hiding the tree from their sight. It seemed hours and Rebecca had not heard anything from any of the animals. Why were they so quiet? She was becoming anxious!

A sudden yell from Zeb startled both the girls, as they saw him trip and almost fall headlong into a hole in the ground. They both rushed to help him, and managed to pull him out, brush him down and determine that nothing was broken. They then turned to look at the hole, and to the surprise of the trio, they saw the big brown head of a wombat looking straight at them. He seemed annoyed with them, as they had woken him from his sleep at a very early hour for him (wombats are nocturnal – sleep during the day and go about their business during the night). He blinked, as even the very shaded area was too bright for him. He seemed to be simply making strange noises to the children, except Rebecca, who understood that he wanted to know what their purpose was for waking him. To the surprise of Zeb, she began talking to the wombat. She apologised for the interruption to his nap, and quickly explained why they were there and who they were looking for. He shook his head sadly, as he too was concerned for the Fairy Queen. He told Rebecca that until very recently, he had been afflicted with a terrible disease which had sent him blind, so much so, that he could not tell night from day and, if it had continued, he would have been unable to sleep or find food, and then he would have died. The Fairy Queen had brought him a magic potion, which had cured him, and he would do anything for her. He told Rebecca that, close by lived a bilby by the name of Bob, who always knew what was going on around the waterfalls, and he could take the children to him as he was sure that he would know where the "rascally Michael" could be found. He then added: 'By the way I am called Tom!'

The confused Zeb followed behind the girls. They had been walking for some time, and the children could see that it was starting to get dark. Tom slowed and



warned the children to be quiet, as it was almost time for Bob, the bilby to waken, and he did not want to frighten him. They stopped at a small hole in the side of the slope and Tom called softly into the hole. The children were fascinated to see, at first, a small pointy nose and then, two coal black eyes above the nose. As he stuck his head out of the hole, they could see Bob had two "pixie like" ears which appeared too big for his face. Without a doubt the cutest little marsupial they had ever seen. He peered very curiously at the rather dishevelled group that almost surrounded him, taking comfort from the fact that he knew Tom so very well. Tom quickly explained the story of the Fairy Queen and Michael to him. He nodded throughout the whole story. Yes! He knew all about it, and had been instructed to help, in particular Rebecca, find the "rascally Michael". How she would convince Michael of the error of his ways, however, was beyond Bob's understanding. He pointed out that all of the bush animals were very distressed about the way in which the Fairy Queen had been hurt.

Then the cute little bilby (Bob), fully emerged from his hole,



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and waved to the group to follow him. The only one not to move was Zeb, and Fred had to grab him and pull him to follow – he seemed to be in a daze – but there was no time to worry about Zeb right now. Rebecca would work on him later!

Bob took the group back in the direction from which they had come. He explained that they had missed their way, and it had happened quite a way back. When they arrived at the second level of falls, he said they were close and were on the right side of the stream. He took them to the place where they had crossed over the rocks to get to the other side, and indicated the tree. As it was now dark, they could not see it in its magnificence but they found the opening at the base of the tree. Rebecca was confused: ‘But where is Michael?’ ‘Well,’ said

Bob, ‘...he is actually trapped inside the trunk of this tree and if you look further up, there is a part opening, which is not enough for him to escape through, but you could speak to him through it. Rebecca, you will need to reach him at that point.’ ‘Will I have to climb all the way up there?’ she asked. ‘No!’ replied Bob ‘There is another tree only a few feet away, with branches you can climb which will take you quite close to that opening, and he will be able to hear you from there. Tom and I have helped you to find Michael, and have shown you how you can reach him. Now we have done that, we must be about our own business. The rest is up to you Rebecca, and we all just hope you can save our Fairy Queen.’ Bob and Tom disappeared very quickly back into the dark bush.



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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
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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.
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## LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



### Maitland Liveweight Sale 4th July 2022

150 cattle yarded at today's sale. Quality wasn't as good as what we have seen in the past few weeks.

- Weaner steers up to 300kgs, all breeds, 400 to 570c/kg;
- Weaner steers +300kgs 400 to 580c/kg;
- No yearling or feeder steers to quote;
- Weaner heifers up to 250kgs 400 to 550c/kg;
- Weaner heifers 250-350kgs 420 to 520c/kg;
- No yearling heifers to quote;
- One pen of bullocks 350c/kg;
- Cows 180 to 320c/kg;
- Bulls 270 to 280c/kg.

### Gloucester Store Sale 23rd June 2022

Over 600 cattle yarded for today's sale with a mix of quality and condition overall. The market was firm on Angus restocker steers, other breeds of restockers could have been \$80-\$150 easier in places. Weaner heifer market was \$100-\$180 easier.

#### Steers:

- Weaners: 250 head; 6mths – 11mths; \$1,000 to 2,150; Avg \$1,400; Trend -\$100; Top \$2,200
- Yearlings: 30 head; 12mths – 18mths; \$1,400 to \$2,100; Avg \$1,650; Trend -\$80; Top \$2,100
- Grown: 50 head; 18mths – 24mths; \$1,380 to \$2,175; Avg \$1,750; Trend -\$150; Top \$2,175

#### Heifers:

- Weaners: 150 head; 4mths – 12mths; \$700 to \$1,500; Avg \$1,050; Trend -\$100; Top \$1,500
- Yearlings: 20 head; 12mths – 18mths; \$1,500 to \$2,100; Avg \$1,680; Trend -\$50; Top \$2,100

#### Cows:

- Cows & Calves: 30 head; 4yrs – 10yrs; \$2,150 to \$3,100; Avg \$2,300; Trend -\$50; Top \$3,100
- PTIC: 20 head; 4yrs – 8yrs; \$1,800 to \$2,800; Avg \$2,150; Trend Firm; Top \$2,800

Highlights include: – A/c IDBH Holdings Pty Ltd, Stroud sold their run of 12mth weaners topping both weaner markets with the steers & heifers making \$2,100; A/c Upper Avon Farm, sold a run of Angus PTIC cows in calf to Angus bull for \$2,850. They headed to Salt Ash.

### Maitland Liveweight Sale 27th June 2022

Just a touch over 800 cattle yarded today with a mixed quality yarding. All regular buyers attended with some better competition on restocker cattle compared to previous sales.

- Best Butcher vealers 530c/kg, a good pen of Charolais steers to 600c/kg;
- Restocker Angus steers 580 to 650c/kg, most sales in that 600 to 630c/kg range;
- Restocker Angus heifers 520 to 610c/kg;
- Restockers x bred steers 400 to 600c/kg;
- Restocker x bred heifers 380 to 550c/kg;
- Feeder Angus steers, milk & 2 tooth, 550 to 595c/kg;
- Bullocks 320 to 400c/kg;
- Cows 180 to 340c/kg;
- Bulls 220 to 320c/kg.

Next Maitland Sale – Saturday 16th July 2022 – Commencing 12 noon  
Next Gloucester sale – Thursday 7th July 2022 – Commencing 11am

For a more detailed report, please contact one of our Auctioneers

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Girl Guides 10-15

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Peats Ridge Scout Hall

Mangrove Mountain Playgroup

### HISTORICAL

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The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group

Wyong District Museum &  
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### ACTIVITY/HOBBY

Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group  
Coastal Communicators Toastmasters

Craft/scrapbooking

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Kulnura Hall

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

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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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## REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Somersby School Trivia Night Sat July 23, at Mangrove Mtn Golf Club, See FB page  
Somersby CWA Long Table Lunch

Sun July 24, 11.30 bookings 43721280,  
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# ARTS NEWS

Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc.

What's on at The Wollombi Cultural Centre

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.

## 'TAOTOCS' - THE ARTISTS OF THE OLD CHURCH STUDIO

The exhibition opening celebration has been postponed due to the recent severe flooding in the Wollombi Valley. It will now be held next Saturday 16th July 2pm - 4pm. Please come along

and enjoy light refreshments while viewing the exhibition and meeting the artists.

10th - 24th JULY

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TAOTOCS have survived covid and worked with great enthusiasm for their eclectic exhibition. They will be displaying a spectacular variety of paintings... delicate watercolours, ink drawings, stunning acrylics, lustrous oils, prints and cards. Every week the TAOTOCS paint together in an old church in Cessnock where friends are made, ideas shared and lots of interesting original creative paintings are produced. This year there has been a big interest in contemporary paintings as well as the beautiful traditional works exploring many subjects.

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