

COMMUNITY NEWS

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MANGROVE CREEK DAM COMMUNITY FORUM

On Wednesday 6th July 2022 for the first time, Mangrove Creek Dam reached full capacity since construction was completed in 1982 and water commenced flowing over the spillway of less than 2 gegalitres per day during that week in conjunction with the floods.

River Cares has raised the following issues and/or concerns with the Central Coast Council:-

- The danger to the residents in the Upper and Lower Mangrove, Mangrove Creek and Greengrove areas.
- To review and discuss the Council's 'Emergency Dam Procedures'.
- Is there in development a public summary plan?
- To review and discuss the SES procedures – how will the residents be notified if there is no form of telecommunication?
- Is there a klaxon warning system in place?
- Are there regular maintenance checks on the holding tanks and

pressure tests of valves such as on Pemberton Hill?

This community forum will be held on Saturday, 24th September 2022, from 9.30am at the Spencer Community Hall, 4776 Wisemans Ferry Road.

The following guests will be invited to attend to discuss the above-mentioned issues and any other concerns that the public may have living in the Lower Hawkesbury region.

- Central Coast Council Administrator, Rik Hart.
- Central Coast Council Director Water and Sewer, Jamie Loader.
- Liesl Tesch MP, State Member for Gosford.
- Adam Crouch MP, State Member for Terrigal.
- James Griffin MP, Minister for Environment.
- Deputy Commissioner of Gosford SES Unit, Werner Krump.

Everyone is welcome not only from Spencer but from the surrounding areas that could be impacted by the spillage of Mangrove Creek Dam during the next La Nina weather event.

For further enquiries please contact Robyn Downham on 0414 248 224.

Book Early! Poet's Lunch Returns Post COVID

Enjoy a scrumptious CWA lunch while being entertained by the audience reading their own poem's or a selection from other poets.

The Poet's Lunch is a humorous and lively event, held at Mangrove Mountain Hall on the 10th of September, starting at 12noon and running to about 2.00 pm.

There will be soup served first followed by a high tea style lunch with a set menu prepared by CWA members.

Special dietary requirements can be catered for but please advise your requirements in advance.

Pre-payments are needed on all meals to cover the catering. Tickets are \$25, book at www.trybooking.com/CBIDG - book sooner rather than later and you will help lower the stress levels of our CWA catering ladies and the fundraising working group.

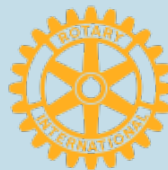
There will be an in-house raffle and a trading table where our guests will be able to purchase home-made goodies.

This is a thoroughly entertaining event – don't miss it!

If you are shy of public speaking, don't worry, we will have some Contract Poetry Readers there (but it will cost you to have your poem read out for you!).

Please support this great local initiative and fundraising event for our "Save the Union Church" campaign.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 3rd September 2022

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\$20.00 Per Person 6 people per table

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0414 777 748.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Funds raised will go towards Gosford SES equipment.

BYO nibbles. Tea and coffee will be provided on the night.

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Sextus

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**** 9th September '22 ****

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20TH WOLLOMBI VALLEY SCULPTURE FESTIVAL THE BIGGEST-EVER

The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival's 20th anniversary exhibition, to be held over 16 days from 10-25 September, promises to be the biggest and most successful yet.

One of the oldest and largest sculpture exhibitions in rural NSW, the festival has overcome the recent flooding of the historic Wollombi village to curate a stimulating and diverse range of works, from large to small and serious to whimsical. It also includes a number of exciting new features.

The 155 finalist works by local, regional, interstate and international sculptors will be displayed throughout the lush green valley, in six indoor galleries, two vineyards, around Wollombi itself and at the neighbouring hamlet of Laguna.

The festival is not-for-profit and run entirely by volunteers, with strong support from the local business community. The team has still managed to offer more and larger prizes than ever before. First prize is \$25,000, with other prizes ranging from \$7,000 for the Indoor Prize to a \$250 voucher for young sculptors.

This year the festival is thrilled to offer a new prize sponsored by the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, who has agreed to become Patron of the festival. The winner of the Governor's Prize will have their sculpture displayed in the sculpture walk at Government House for the following year, offering valuable exposure and provenance.

'What transforms a collection of works into a festival of works is a deliberate and sensitive curation,' the Governor said. 'As we viewed the works in 2020, it was as though every piece had been specifically sculpted for its exhibition space. Yet we know that same piece will take on a different life in a different place. Truly the wonderment of art!'

Another new prize is a new multi-session online mentorship for emerging artists offered by Newcastle Art Gallery, providing essential advice and tips for navigating the art world.

This year the festival will also be offering free tours for school groups. Aiming to foster the next generation of sculptors, the schools program will include a worksheet provided in advance

to enhance the sculpture experience, a 90-minute guided walk, and talks from some of the sculptors.

The winners will be announced at the festival opening on Saturday 10 September by MC and sculpture fan Simon Marnie from ABC Radio Sydney. The exhibition will then run over two weeks and three weekends, with all works available for purchase. Many of the unsold larger outdoor works will remain in place until the following year.

Susan Leith-Miller
0403 270 365



"Don't lose your grip" by sculptor, painter, art conservator, former Mental as Anything bass player and Wollombi local Stephen Coburn references the dangers of the winding road through the Wollombi valley, beloved of motorcyclists.

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MANGROVE MOUNTAIN LANDFILL COURT CASE

On 8th August the MDA committee, together with three community members, met with the Central Coast Council's administrator Mr Rik Hart, as well as Council's lawyer, Mr Ed Hock.

We presented the history of the issue and a statement of community expectations for action. That is, that the landfill site be permanently closed, remediated and the golf course constructed as per the intention of the original approval. Our aim is to protect the aquifer and the Central Coast Water Supply.

We were extremely pleased when Mr Hart advised that Central Coast Council will actively defend the Appeal by Verde Terra in the Land and Environment Court, set for 1st September.



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This is a link to a petition on the the NSW Government website calling for Central Coast Council to have elections for councillors before the planned 2024 date.

https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/Pages/ePetition-details.aspx?q=eUCCSc1e_07_mCsLVbV4JQ



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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT PREPARING FOR PILOT INSTALLATIONS

The objective of the Community Emergency Communication Enhancement System is to provide a CB Radio network which allows communities to better communicate with each other, with emergency services authorities and with disaster relief agencies during emergencies and disasters and to stay connected when isolated due to road failures and loss of phone and internet services.

Community members, working together can seek help, get help and provide help to each other during disasters and emergencies. We can support each other until emergency services and government departments are able to mobilise and respond.

A grant has been received under the BSBR Grants Scheme which will enable the provision of CB radio base station installations to a number of selected properties.

A project team made up of volunteers from various locations in the region have been reviewing the radio signal quality between various points, developing equipment specifications, preparing training material and communication protocols.

An initial quantity of radios have been ordered so that two pilot programmes can be initiated, one at

Spencer and another at Bucketty.

Team leaders in those areas have been speaking with residents to identify suitable properties to host the radio installations.

At a recent community meeting in Spencer, Sherri McMahon, St Albans RFB Captain and Len Dragsund from the Macdonld Valley Association were able to explain how, during recent flood events, their CB radio network was instrumental in saving lives and ensuring that people in their community were able to receive support and to help each other. Their system is called on by emergency services when communities are isolated and have lost phones and power.

A key aspect of the CB Radio network will be the involvement of emergency agencies such as the RFS, SES, Police, Area Health, Red Cross and others.

Members of the project team have begun discussions with some of these groups, looking to establish strong links and protocols for the transfer of critical communications between communities and the relevant authorities.

For more information or if you are interested in participating please

Yarramalong Flood Debriefing Community Meeting

A meeting was held at Yarramalong Hall on Saturday August 27th so that the community could review the effects of and response to the recent floods.

At the meeting, people were able to share their experiences and insights in how to prepare and cope.

There were some good examples of the crucial items of equipment and supplies and services that are needed.

Several members of the the Yarramalong Rural Fire Brigade and

email: mepccinc@gmail.com or phone 0412 669 649.

The BSBR Grant and the CB Radio project is being administered by the Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee Inc. (MEPCC). The MEPCC was established following the 1994 bushfires to help prepare the community for all emergencies, including bushfires, storms, floods and disease outbreaks (such as Equine Influenza and Newcastle Disease).

Keith Aranjo, Secretary, MEPCC

UNION CHURCH UPDATE

28th August 2022

On the Union Church front, the actions of the Liquidator and his legal advisors continue to obstruct the rightful use of the Union Church for the purposes of Christian worship and community use.

The Liquidator and his representatives have acknowledged that the Union Church property is held in trust for the Christian Congregations and the residents of Mangrove Mountain. Yet we still have no response to our request made 8 weeks ago that the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group Inc. be appointed as the replacement Trustee for the property and thereby facilitate the re-opening of the Union Church.

Today, our worship service in the MM Public Hall, was a spirit filled time. During the week our usual "Mr

Music" was laid low by the Covid virus. Enter "Man with Guitar", Kit Hilderbrant, who gave us live music to accompany the songs of praise to our God.

Our Guest Preacher was Ian Davidson who spoke about "The promise that Jesus made to equip his disciples by sending the Holy Spirit". Our prayers were wide and included spiritual contributions from the congregation. Next service is on Sunday 11th August, 9.30am at the MM Public Hall.

Our Bible Study group continues to meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday evenings from 4.30 pm to 6.00pm. During the cooler months, and without access to the Church, we are meeting in our homes. Please inquire for location details. "Test Drives" are welcome. The Union Church singing group is restarting. Interested? - please contact Kim on 0401 516 501.

Thanks to Ryan Howard, his helpers, and the CWA Mangrove Mountain Evening Group for a fabulous music

and food event last Sunday afternoon. Of the 108 available tickets we managed to sell 77 and together with proceeds from refreshment sales and other sundry items we cleared \$840 for our "Save the Union" Church campaign.

Our next event is the "Poets Long Table Lunch" on the afternoon of Saturday 10th September, 12-2pm (only a week away). Tickets available on the "trybooking" website. The GO FUND ME campaign also continues - search "Little White Church Rescue".

Our MMGC Inc AGM will be on September 19th at 7.30pm followed by a General Meeting - all welcome.

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.

*Robert Meggs, President
Mangrove Mountain Christian Group Inc.
Tel - 0429 443 310*

the Wyong SES were in attendance and were able to inform those present about the procedures that are in place and the important things that can be done to be better prepared.

In flood prone locations it was pointed out that it is important to know the closest river level gauge as the risk to a property can be better assessed by the SES by tracking that gauge.

The new Fire Danger Ratings System was explained.

Andrew Smith of Central Coast Generators provided some great pointers on generator selection, use and maintenance. It is important to regularly run the generator, run the carbys dry before shutting down and to ensure that the generator is run under heavy load for some of the operating period.

A discussion on staying connected identified what we all know - mobiles, landline, internet and power are easily lost during weather and bushfire emergency events.

Registering with the local SES and joining a Local Action Team will help in you preparations and also make it easier for emergency services to help you in an emergency.

A CB radio network is in the process of being rolled out and will help communities and emergency services to stay connected and relay critical information.

There are some important safety apps available to residents on their phones:

- **fires-near-me (RFS)**
<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me>
- **floods-near-me (SES)**
<http://www.floodsnearme.com.au/>
- **emergencyplus (Aust govt)**
<https://www.emergencyplus.com.au/>
- **bushfire.io (Disaster Science Team)**
<https://bushfire.io/>

Many thanks to Jackie Stacy for organising the meeting and drawing the community together.

Yarramalong School Community Centre Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of
Yarramalong School Community Centre Inc.

will take place on

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 11am

at Yarramalong School Community Centre,
1560 Yarramalong Road, Yarramalong NSW
in the covered outdoor stage area.

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

**Nomination forms for election of the above positions in accordance with the Constitution may be obtained from the Secretary by emailing keatingfamily@bigpond.com. These must reach the Secretary on or before 6pm on 11.09.22, being seven clear days before the date of the meeting.*

New neighbours and families especially welcome!
A barbecue will follow the meeting.

This is a great opportunity to find out all about your community centre, meet committee members and neighbours, hear about our plans for the future, have your say about community needs and explore the beautiful grounds and historic 1890's buildings.

Bring the family – there's a play gym close by -
and enjoy the sausage sizzle for everyone afterwards!

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Have you heard of the Mangrove Mountain Bear?

On Monday afternoons a group of community members have been meeting at the Hub on Mangrove Mountain for yarn bombing, Knitting, drinking coffee, crocheting, eating cakes, and chatting and we decided it would be fun to create some knitted bears to donate to the Gosford Hospital and incorporate a bit of a competition at this year's Country Fair. We are putting the challenge out to all our handicraft people to have a go at creating a bear. Mangrove Mountain CWA Evening Branch have donated a cash prize to try and put a bit of interest into this competition.

If you don't know how to knit or crochet come along to the hub on Monday afternoons and take a few lessons. We have given you a pattern to try and get you started, but, you can create your own pattern.

Hope to see plenty of bears at the fair.

Instructions for crochet – 1 CHAIN, counts as one stitch, rows work the same.

LEGS

Cast on 10 stitches and knit 20 rows – leave on needle.

Cast on another 10 stitches and knit 20 rows.

BODY

Knit 26 rows across the two legs – and then

ARMS

Cast on 12 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows.

Knit 10 rows.

Cast off 12 stitches at the beginning

Call for Poll on Council Demerger

One NSW council demerging - 3 others trying - it's time the Central Coast community had their say.

On 24 August 2022, the Minister for Local Government announced that Cootamundra Gundagai Council would demerge, This outcome is the result of a long community battle - and then Council resolution - calling for the demerger.

This is not the only Council, or community, that recognises the 2016 Council mergers have delivered a poor

of the next two rows.

HEAD

Knit 46 rows.

ARMS

Cast on 12 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows.

Knit 10 rows.

Cast off 12 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows.

BODY

Knit 26 rows – then

LEGS

Knit 20 rows on first 10 stitches and cast off.

Join yarn to remaining 10 stitches knit 20 rows - then cast off.

TO MAKE UP:

Fold Bear in half and Sew feet and side seams.

Stuff Bear with polyester fibre filling.

Stitch across corners to make the ears and sew across the head.

Tie a short length of wool around what will be the neck – about 11/2 inches from top of bear.

Draw in slightly and sew and stuff arms.

Embroider eyes and nose and tie a ribbon around the neck.

Judy Betteridge

CWA

Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch



MANGROVE MOUNTAIN BEAR PATTERN – ONE PIECE

	Wool or Baby Wool	Needle Size	Hook Size
Small Bear	3 ply	12	1.5
	4 ply	14	2
Middle Size Bear	4 ply	12	
Large Bear but 2 stitches less on each leg and arm	5 ply	10	2
Largest Bear	8 ply	8	4



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outcome for their communities.

In 2021, Inner West Council conducted a poll where over 62% of voters wanted to demerge. Council is now preparing a business case.

In July 2022, the largest Council in NSW, Canterbury Bankstown voted to prepare a business case for a demerger and in August 2022, Snowy Rivers Council also voted to prepare a business case for a demerger.

Gosford and Wyong Councils were forced to merge in 2016 by the NSW Liberal Government to become Central Coast Council. Six years later, staff have been sacked, rates are rising, community assets have been sold, services have been cut and local democracy has been taken from our community.

The 20 amalgamated councils around NSW faced losses of \$1.03 billion in three years and ratepayers faced hikes in rates and cuts in services. Eight out of 10 of the worst performing councils in NSW were merged councils. In May 2021, IPART determined rate increases for seven merged councils ranging from 8.0% to 53%.

In November 2020, Greg Warren, NSW Shadow Minister for Local Government, said the opposition, with support from the cross benches, would establish a parliamentary inquiry into the failing merger process and identify options the government must take to repair the damage done to councils and their communities. However, it

50 years of women at Tocal

This year marks 50 years since Tocal welcomed its first intake of female students. A formal dinner to celebrate this special milestone event will be held in the EA Hunt Hall at the CB Alexander Campus, 815 Tocal Road, Paterson on Saturday the 27th of August 2022 starting at 6pm with pre-dinner drinks followed by a two-course meal.

The evening will include dinner, music, and a live auction to raise funds for the scholarship program.



appears that NSW Labor has failed to follow through on this promise.

Communities around NSW are calling for the right to reclaim their Councils. Our community on the Central Coast deserves to have a say about the future of our Council.

A small panel of former students, including the first woman to attend Tocal College, will share a conversation on the importance of women in agriculture, their careers, and the role they play in our rural communities.

Prior to the dinner on Saturday there will be an opportunity to tour the Tocal farms and a BBQ breakfast will be held on Sunday morning provided by current Tocal students including an opportunity to visit the Tocal Homestead for a self-guided tour (free entry with your ticket).

For further information please visit <https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/events/50-years-of-women>

Mr Darren Bayley
Principal and Director Education
Tocal College

CCFoD has established a community survey on the future of Council and a petition calling on the Premier to deliver the \$100 million that the government owes the Central Coast.

These can also be found at: www.ccfriendsofdemocracy.com

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STAYING SANE IN A CRAZY WORLD

There is an analogy that came to me many moons back that can help to illustrate this concept, which is so integral to maintaining a sense of sanity in these current 'turbulent' times. This analogy just happens to match the design of my current washing machine, which has the

column with the detergent dispenser standing up at the centre of the tub component. As I looked at it one day, I was noticing how after putting vinegar into the softener cup at the top of the column, how STILL it remained even when the machine was churning around washing the clothes. And even when it does the spin cycle, the vinegar still remains reasonably still, despite a little bit of vibration.

And it made me think of how, no matter how much life is 'churning' along on the outside, how precious it can be to have that place of stillness on the inside, where it seems that just about nothing can get to you. Although, it can take some practise getting to find that place of inner peace within.

There are so many (intentional) distractions that can get our attention these days, and so many (seemingly necessary) responsibilities for one to keep up with, that sometimes it can seem like there's never enough time to seek out that moment to ourselves to just sit in stillness and reflect on things. I remember hearing someone say once, "the most productive thing that anyone can do for themselves, is to do absolutely nothing" (for a portion of time). And I am inclined to agree with that statement, when I see first hand how lost some people can get in their daily or weekly routines to the point that they forget who they really are.

If you are a person who finds yourself in a position like this, it's important to ask yourself "what things am I doing (out of obligation) for everyone else, and what things am I doing for me?", and another one could be "is there anyone else around me that can do things for themselves so I have more time for me?". In these modern times a person who invests time in themselves is often judged as being "selfish", but the reality is that if you spend all your time on everyone else but yourself, there's going to come a day when reality comes crashing down and you burn yourself out, with nothing left to give. Young mothers often find themselves in this place, where they feel they invest so much time into their children they can't even remember what things they'd like to do for themselves. (Which leads to "empty nest" syndrome when they move out.)

So, what things can a person do to re-discover themselves when they've found themselves in this self-perpetuated quagmire? Depending on the mental health of the person, and what support network is available to them, it could be as drastic as needing to 'take time out' for themselves and spend even just a few days for an opportunity to have their own personal 'reset' and consider how they'd like to move forward, and what they need to change in their life. It could be taking time out to either

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meet up with a friend or support group to discuss and bounce ideas off each other (at least as a way to get clarity on things that are troubling them, for a start). It could be setting aside a time and space for yourself, routinely, where you can have the quietness to think over things. It can be going for a walk amongst nature (which is as close to truth as you can get) where you can just exist in your own thoughts for a while, with no external distractions. It could be spending time with an animal/s. It could be going for a scenic drive. It could be partaking in something that quiets your 'busy' mind, like art, craft, sewing, reading, watching videos that expand your awareness and focus on self-development, or gardening, cooking, fishing, or simply sitting in quietness.....whatever it is that you enjoy doing and allows you just to "be". After all, we are called human BEings, not human DOings!

It's worth investing some time into yourself first and foremost, because when your "cup is full", you can be there for others when they need it. And if you're not feeling like your cup is full, it might be a sign that something needs a tweak to make it happen, however little or big that tweak needs to be.

I am still doing 'free' practise QHHT sessions (2-4hr interview and 2hr hypnosis) to complete my QHHT internship. QHHT = Quantum Healing Hypnosis Technique. For enquiries or bookings, please email me at shazzaunitt@protonmail.com or call 4376 1014. Soul Speak Healing sessions (variable hours) 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)

CWA Mangrove Mountain Evening Group presents
Poet's long table lunch




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Mangrove/Somersby Greenteam Landcare session

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Here are a few photos from a recent session at a Somersby property with the team enjoying beautiful spring flowers whilst pulling out some Whiskey grass weeds.

For more information on the Green Team contact Nicole Heta, Project Officer on habitatforwildlife@cen.org.au
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Above left: *Dillwynia* spp, Above right: *Grevillea sericea*
Left: Bagging the whiskey grass weeds - kids welcome!
Below: *Platysace linearifolia* (white one)



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KULNURA & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

What a glorious winter's day for exploring the unique and unusual garden of Ray and Arlene Henderson in Glenning Valley. Our August meeting finally saw us out in the sunshine marvelling at the extensive variety of bromeliads, succulents, dragon-trees, and that have been a labour of love for Ray for almost twenty years. The spectacular *Dombeya cacuminum* "Winter's Joy" was heavy with blooms and we all marvelled at the majesty of this particular specimen. It is an African plant and a relative of the hibiscus. It is a haven for local nectar-eating wildlife and bees and commands attention at the entry to this special garden.

This "bromeliad bounty" has been featured on Gardening Australia, and you can learn more about it here: <https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/bromeliad-bounty/12674750>

We were so in awe of Ray's garden, we forgot to have our monthly competition, but there were still some happy raffle winners and we all left with a sense of awe and wonder.

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large painting of the early spring, when the first leaves are at the bottom of the trees, and they seem to float in space in a wonderful way. But the arrival of spring can't be done in one picture." - David Hockney

September in the garden:

There have been some glimpses of warmer days, tiny buds are peeking through, my guinea fowl are behaving erratically, all of which herald Spring. The warmer days start to thaw out our winter-chilled bodies and encourage us to throw open the windows.

There's a reason Spring has been immortalised by composers, artists, authors, and poets – it is a season of hope and renewal. The energy boost is just what we need to get things done in the garden. Here's a September guide:

- Spruce up your indoor plants. Fertilise, re-pot, trim the dead leaves
- Prune gardenias and hibiscus
- Sow vegetables: beans, (what kind of bean never grows in a garden? A jelly bean!) beetroot, cabbage, capsicum, carrots, cucumbers,



Bromeliads (Ross Morrison)



Happy Wanderers (Ross Morrison)

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eggplant, endive, herbs, leeks, lettuce, melons, spring onions, parsnips, potato tubers, pumpkin, radishes, rhubarb (crown and seed), silverbeet, sweet corn, tomatoes, zucchini

- Sow flowers: ageratum, alyssum, amaranthus, aster, begonia, Californian poppy, celosia, coleus, cosmos, dianthus, everlasting daisy, gazania, gerbera, impatiens, marigold, nasturtium, petunia, phlox, portulaca, salvia, snapdragon, sunflower, verbena, zinnia
- Plant fruits: avocado, passionfruit, tamarillo
- Renew the mulch on your garden beds
- Prune hedges and shrubs as they finish flowering
- Re-pot cymbidium orchids
- Renovate lawns – give them some fertiliser
- Plant new trees and shrubs so they can establish before the summer heat
- Go for a walk and notice all the spring flowers that gently show themselves in our beautiful bushland

Book of the month:

With Nature: Garden Design by Fiona Brockhoff

This book is filled with tips, design guidance and inspiration to create sustainable, naturalistic, and wholistic gardens. Fiona Brockhoff is known for her environmentally sustainable garden designs, adventurous use of natives as topiary, and use of texture. She uses shape and form to create spaces and uses lots of grey, silver and olive green. Most of her gardens are designed to be low maintenance and water-savvy. This book has beautiful photographs and will inspire gardeners from small inner-city spaces to coastal and rural gardens. This book will surprise you with inspiring ideas and designs that will challenge the norm.

This is published by Hardie Grant books.

September Meeting:

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am for a 10am start, and our next meeting will be on Monday 12th September. Please contact us for further information and venue details.

We'd love to see you there and we welcome guests.

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!

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Emergency Planning

The Community Led Emergency Response Plan (CLER Plan) was implemented during the recent floods in March.

Jane McCallum, Mel Bradney and I contacted all the hamlet leaders on a daily basis – for updates on the water levels, how were the residents in their area, what assistance do they need, providing information, any medical emergencies etc.

On a daily basis Jane and I contacted Werner Krump from SES, the Council and Welfac exchanging information, providing updates and making requests such as arranging porta loos and skip bins, supply of fuel and additional care packages etc.

Over the past few weeks Jane and I have been compiling and updating the CLER Plan with residents contact information, emergency contact numbers and anything else that would help to make this working Plan more efficient and reliable.

Major issues arising from last year's floods and March 2022:-

- Poor communications;
- Prolonged power outages;
- Limited supply and access of fuel for generators;
- 2 metre high Flood markers to be installed;
- No cohesion between RFS and SES.

Questions raised and issues discussed by the Community on 20th March 2022:-

Accommodation

Accommodation arrangements for people who had to leave their homes and what assistance is available. There was misinformation from the Federal and the State Governments – because Spencer and Gunderman were not

declared a natural disaster evacuated and/or relocated residents were denied rental assistance.

Biohazardous Waste.

In some areas such as Cohens Creek, the septic toilets were submerged and people were wadding through excrement. These biohazards are a major concern for health and for the environment.

The Council as a community service should provide pump outs to all the residents in Gunderman and Spencer. All the septic tanks in the area are full of water due to the recent deluge of rain which means that the excrement will eliminate down the side of hills and in low lying areas such as Deerubbin into Mangrove Creek and further contamination of the Hawkesbury River.

Emergency Services

The emergency services created problems – either going too fast by boat or in their trucks creating a wash damaging the locals boats and further eroding the riverbanks and properties.

RFS or other vehicles blocking the residents' driveways.

Evacuation

The sudden rush of at least 6 RFS trucks on Tuesday night 8th March at 7.30pm announcing that the residents had 20 minutes to evacuate was horrendous and unsettling/distressing for some of the older residents. Jane McCallum and I were required to contact as many people as possible in that short period. There was no procedure or plan provided by the RFS. This needs to be reviewed and will be updated on the CLER Plan.

On the night 6 people were taken to the Ettalong Diggers. Logistically a venue closer to Spencer and Gunderman would have been more suitable such as Kariong or West Gosford.

Misinformation.

It is important to receive reliable and accurate information. The daily

information delivered to River Cares either applied to Wisemans Ferry or tide levels and times of high tide were incorrect. River Cares was recently informed that the Central Coast Council's website have their own weather information which will be reviewed.

Google Maps were not updated during this weather event showing the access from Mangrove Mountain to Wisemans Ferry was still open as well as

incorrect information regarding the ferry still being in operation.

Mobile Coverage

A permanent generator needs to be installed at 4G Telstra sub-base station in Gunderman. When the power is cut off this generator can automatically click on. During prolonged power outages Telstra eventually provide a temporary generator only until the power is reinstated. To review the range of mobile coverage from this sub-base station.

Communication was the biggest concern when hamlets such as Willow Glen, Rosevale Caravan Park, Mill Creek, Sentry Box, Wombat Café and Cohens Creek were completely cut off and there was no landline, no internet and no mobile coverage. SES and the RFS had to check on these areas via boat.

Power Outages

Ausgrid and the perpetual problem of power outages.

Is there a map of the grids for the area?

The Community would like to convene a meeting with this service provider.

Property

Residents must prepare their properties before a weather event. Securing loose lying objects such as new or disused water tanks, firewood etc is imperative.

Road Closures

To avoid 'rubber neckers' road blocks should have been installed



Locals enjoying the afternoon after the meeting



Kariong-Somersby Rotary ran the BBQ

BUTTERFLY MAGIC

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

CHAPTER VII REBECCA AND MICHAEL

Hope and relief surged through Michael, as he realised that there were human voices nearby, calling his name. He had no idea that he had actually travelled so far up the inside of the tree, or that the person trying to reach him was perched so precariously on a branch of the tree close by. Once his sobs subsided, he began to understand that they were looking for him but he did not, at first, recognise Rebecca's voice. After all, he had only just met her for the first time that day at the party. It required a tremendous effort on Michael's part to calm down, and then to remain very still and quiet as he strained to listen to what the voice was saying to him. Rebecca was speaking firmly,

but gently to him, 'Try to listen and understand what I am saying to you, Michael. You do remember me! I am Rebecca, and you were at my birthday party on Dangar Island!' 'Yes! Yes! Of course I remember you. But what has happened and can you release me?' 'We don't have very much time Michael, and I can only release you if you agree to certain conditions. Unfortunately, if you don't agree, then you will stay here forever.' 'No! No! I will do anything you ask just get me out of here.' 'Listen carefully. You have been very cruel. You have seriously hurt a harmless butterfly. You must learn to respect all creatures. However, you must now make amends by doing whatever you can to help that creature to survive and become well again. I will help you, but you must take us back to the place where you landed. Can you do that?' 'Yes. Please get me out of here.' demanded Michael impatiently. Rebecca did not miss the defiance in his voice. 'You must help us to save the other creature or we will not be able to save you,' she insisted. 'I promise that I will do whatever you ask,' shouted Michael. 'Alright' she answered.

Rebecca then began to look around for a way to reach Michael's tree. She turned to the nimble Fred at the other end of her branch and asked her, 'Please go back down to Zeb and ask him if he has his Scout knife with him, as I think that I can cut through the thin bark quite easily without hurting Michael. Then he can then crawl through the hole onto this branch.' Fred agreed, and swiftly climbed down to where Zeb was waiting.

However, Zeb would not allow her to go back up, and he went in her place thinking that he could more easily handle Michael than either of the girls. Zeb could reach Rebecca from the lower branch, as he was considerably taller than Fred. He could also see that the branch Rebecca was on might not take his weight, he handed her the knife and waited to watch her work on the trunk of the tree beside them. She worked quickly, and they could soon see Michael's face, dirty and tear stained looking at them. It seemed like ages, but it was only a few minutes, and the bark was pulled away leaving an opening big enough for Michael to crawl through. Rebecca warned him to wait until she had climbed back to the trunk and lowered herself to another branch, before he climbed out onto the limb. He did so, and very carefully swung himself over to the other tree. The three of them then climbed down to the ground where Fred was waiting for them. Michael was still very shaken by his experience, and they sat him down for a minute to get his strength back. Fred had managed to find an old plastic cup someone had thrown away, and she filled it with water then handed it to Michael to drink. He drank the whole cup, virtually in one gulp, and asked her for some more. She immediately refilled it from the river. After he had finished it, Rebecca indicated to them that they had no time to lose and would have to start out to find the place where Michael had first landed in this magical world.

immediately at the top of the 'Divvy' or near the 'Hub' at Mangrove Mountain screening motorists and only allowing residents or their family and friends access. There were at least on 3 occasions whereby non-residents (cretins) drove through flooded sections of Wisemans Ferry Road only to get their cars stuck in deep water. This meant that the SES resources on the ground had to be utilised to rescue them instead of helping our Community.

Signage should be displayed showing 'road closed to Wisemans Ferry' either at the Crossroads (George Downs Drive and Wisemans Ferry Road) and/or at the intersection of George Downs Drive and Peats Ridge Road and/or at the Calga Peats Ridge turn off from the M1.

Wisemans Ferry Road

The appalling state of this secondary arterial road continues to deteriorate especially after the flooding, high tides and run-off from Mangrove Mountain. In addition, due to no stormwater drainage the run off along the blocked culverts flowed across various sections of Wisemans Ferry Road causing further danger to motorists.

Numerous landslips occurred all along Wisemans Ferry Road and further subsidence with the 2 failed embankments on either side of Gunderman. A possible third failed embankment has developed during the recent weather event between Allens Creek and Cohens Creek on a blind bend.

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Following on from a piece in the last Community News: more Postcards from the Easwells at Somersby.

Before we return to their 43 acres, later to become the property of Harry Clarke, and piecing together their experiences on the Mountain, we need to return to Sydney and another historic house that featured in the life of Edward Easwell and family. It foreshadowed much of what was to come.

But overshadowing their lives, and the boarding house at 73 Lower Fort St., were deteriorating economic conditions leading to a major depression of the 1890s. The economy had ceased to expand; productivity and exports slowed; there had been a housing boom in the 1880s; there was growing unemployment; a decline in wages and instability in financial institutions.

Edward William Easwell was not alone in feeling the weight of financial burdens beyond his control. Which brings us, and him, to our next historic

house.

Callan Park Hospital for the Insane
In 1893 Edward was admitted to Callan Park on August 30th. His wife Eliza signed the request for admission, giving the cause of his insanity - loss of money. She stated he had not experienced "insanity" before, that he was suicidal, though not dangerous to others. Medical staff wrote that he was suffering from Melancholia, was delusional, thin, but in good health.

He was described as sitting silently, disengaged, staring ahead and barely speaking, and he thought the police were chasing him.

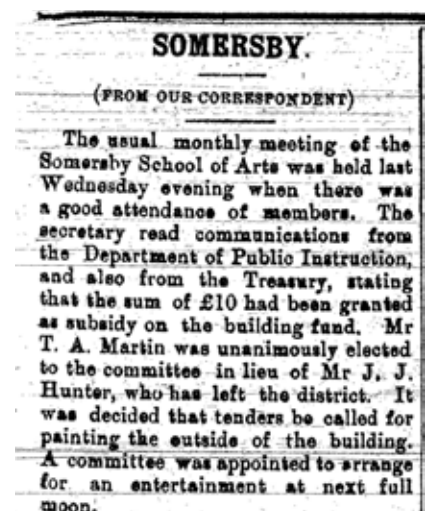
So both he and the economy were suffering from depression. Today we have medication for people, but treatments for an economy are less reliable.

So from the funny farm to the Somersby farm; asylum in another form. However, clearing, fencing,

building a house to fulfil conditions of purchase etc., while generating an income, would not have been easy for the Easwells.

In their daily lives they would have been familiar with other early "settlers", such as Henry and Annie Pile, Larry Dwyer, Alexander and Davida Hunter, Walter and Margaret Dodds, John Swan, Benjamin Howe and family and Charles Robinson, although the Robinsons were known to be particular about their familiars.

At that time the original Somersby School of Arts Hall was the centre of social life for a large part of the Mountain, having been operating since about 1894, so it is almost certain the Easwells met there and talked with their neighbours. The hall and cricket ground were just down the road from their home.



Somersby School of Arts 1897

We do know that Edward had "talked" with Alexander Hunter on at least one occasion, leading to Gosford Police Court in 1899 where "Edward W. Easwell, of the Penang, was fined 10s, 4s 10d costs and £1 1s professional expenses for assaulting Ethel Maud Hunter by striking her with a whip." ... two other cross cases arising out of the above between Easwell and Hunter (father of the girl), for insulting and offensive words respectively, were dismissed."

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What caused the provocation is not known, at this time, but Ethel Maud and Mabel Easwell were aged approx 18 and 15 when the offence took place. Edward was not known to be violent on any other occasion, but in those days there was certainly stigma associated with mental illness, and class played a part in shaping the social landscape.

Earlier, Edward had been charged in the local Police Court, in January 1895, with being of unsound mind and ordered to be sent to Gladesville Asylum. That usually means being insane at the time of committing a crime, but no other details are given.

In 1901 daughter Mabel Easwell married Charles Jacob Cohen in Manly, Edward's occupation is given at the time as orchardist. The Cohens had three children, the second, Violet, was born in Gosford the year Edward died in 1903.

He died of dysentery at the next Historic House on our journey, Gladesville Asylum.

At his death, Eliza desponded that she was totally without money, with an income only 10 shillings a week for maintenance of two state children, from a little fruit and poultry as her sole means of support.

The estate consisted of 42 acres unimproved - £14, one acre cleared and fenced - £14, a small corrugated cottage - £15 and furniture and other

effects - £7.

By 1907 Eliza was living in Chatswood with her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, Charles Baron Easwell Cohen, Violet and Rosa. In that year she also advertised the land at Somersby, with a six room cottage, for rent at 5s a week.

Eliza remained with the Cohens at Carinya 123 Grenville Street Chatswood until she died in 1943. In 1928 she advertised: "Wanted, purchase one or two wire wheels, No. 5, for Hudson car, fit 34 x 4 1/2 or 35 x 5.77 S.S. Reply letter, Mrs Easwell, Chatswood.

Had she taken to the road in later life?

We don't know, but she did support the "SUN TOY FUND a campaign for the little ones in hospital and orphanages" by making dolls. An article in the Sun in 1939 about the volunteers in the project states, "Oldest, probably, of these helpers, is Mrs. Easwell, of Chatswood, who is 85. She has made five beautiful dolls for the fund. She has been a valued helper in previous years."

So Eliza Ann Easwell, daughter of mariner Charles Summers, was a person of kindness and compassion. A person who took under her corrugated iron roof at Somersby foster children whose circumstances put them in need of a home, a place from which to

rebuild their lives; a place of asylum.

The two state children mentioned above would have been brother and sister Richard Archer (Arthur) Burns and Lucetta Archer Burns.

Both had other foster homes after Somersby, and went on to have successful lives.

Their father Alfred was a stone mason from Cornwall, arriving in 1878 on the Jerusalem with his mother and father. His wife Lucetta divorced him on the grounds of cruelty in 1905. They had been separated, and two of their three children, Richard and Lucetta, were without support and taken to an asylum.

From the NSW Police Gazette 1906 - "A warrant has been issued by the Central Police Branch for the arrest of Alfred Burns, charged with disobeying a summons for neglecting to pay the sum of £20 12s. for the support of his wife. He is about 50 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout build, dark hair and complexion, dark moustache turning gray, brown eyes, slight cast in one eye, walks lame in right leg; dressed in shabby blue serge suit and panama hat; a mason."



Alfred Burns 1860-1913

The Easwell's story continues in the next issue of the Community News.

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Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)	2nd Tues of the month at Mangrove Mtn Hall 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. https://permaculturecc.org.au/
Permaculture Central Coast Kulnura & District Garden Club	Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradge@gmail.com
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting	1st Thurs of the Month, 7pm, Mangrove Mtn Hall. Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 0412669649
Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee	2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Mangrove Hall. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting	www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au
Mountain Districts Association (MDA)	Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club
Mountain District Football Club Meeting	President Robyn Downham 0414248224 Email info@rivercares.com.au
River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District	Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
Rotary Club Meeting	President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc	Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com
Spencer Community Ladies Social Club	Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.
Newsletter	Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group	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 Christian Group	General Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at CTC (next door to Mangrove Hall)
Mangrove Mountain Union Church, Christian Service	9.30am 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 \$20). 1184 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge
Kariong Community Baptist Church	Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Kariong Public School Hall, Chris Clarke email revcre@hotmail.com

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



Liveweight Sale

22nd August 2022

200 cattle yarded at today's sale. 160 trade & 40 export cattle. The trade market was 20 to 70c/kg better while the export market improved 20 to 30c/kg.

- Butcher vealers 525 to 588c/kg, top pen selling for \$2,676;
- Weaner steers 200-250kgs 500 to 710c/kg;
- Weaner steers 250-300kgs 480 to 680c/kg;
- Weaner steers 300-350kgs 450 to 670c/kg;
- Weaner steers +300kgs 420 to 605c/kg;
- Weaner heifers 200-250kgs 400 to 620c/kg;
- Weaner heifers 250-300kgs 500 to 550c/kg;
- Weaner heifers 300-350kgs 480 to 560c/kg;
- Weaner heifers +300kgs 420 to 590c/kg;
- Bullocks 410 to 450c/kg, top pen making \$3,218;
- Export heifers 390 to 450c/kg;
- Cows 280 to 360c/kg;
- Bulls 240 to 320c/kg.

Maitland Store Cattle Sale

20th August 2022

Total of 600 cattle yarded. Quality and condition was down on last month due to the wet season. The market trend overall was very strong especially in the preg test cows section with very strong restocker buyers demanding store Angus cows, PTIC red tags. Buyers traveled from Bathurst, Dubbo, Upper Hunter & local area.

Steers:

- Weaners: 150 head; 5mths – 11mths; \$900 to \$1,750; Avg \$1,200; Trend +40; Top \$1,750
- Yearlings: 20 head; 12mths – 18mths; \$1,500 to \$1,850;

Heifers:

- Weaners: 160 head; 4mths –

18mths; \$300 to \$2,200; Avg \$1,100; Trend Firm; Top \$2,200
 • PTIC: 10 head; 18mths – 2.5yrs; \$1,700 to \$2,700; Avg \$2,500; Trend +100; Top \$2,700

Cows:

- Cows & Calves: 70 head; 2yrs – 10yrs; \$2,000 to \$4,600; Avg \$3,100; Trend +200; Top \$4,600
- PTIC: 100 head; 5yrs – 10yrs; \$1,700 to \$2,700; Avg \$2,183; Trend +300; Top \$2,700
- Joined: 60 head; 5yrs – 10yrs; \$1,300 to \$2,200; Avg \$1,700; Trend firm; Top \$2,200

Highlights include: – A/c R & C See, Lorn sold top price pen of cows & calves. The 3 Charolais 4yr old cows & calves sold for \$4,600 to D & S Eagleton, Maitland Vale; A/c Bunyah Cattle Co sold 3 yards of heifers & calves to a top of \$3,800 to Charles Gorman, Gloucester; A/c Jono Hope, Hope Estate sold top price pen of black baldy PTIC cows for \$2,700 to N Gornall of Glen William.

Maitland Store Sale Saturday, 17th September – Commencing 12 noon

Next Gloucester Store sale – Thursday 1st September 2022 – Commencing 11am

Wollombi Spring Hobby Farmer's Sale – Saturday 24th September 2022 – 10am at Wollombi Saleyards

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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YOUTH

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Girl Guides 10-15

Scouts, Cubs & Venturers
 Peats Ridge Scout Hall

Mangrove Mountain Playgroup

HISTORICAL

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
 may change each month.

2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass
 at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.
 Every Sat. evening vigil – 5.30pm St. Francis
 of Assisi Centre, 30 Lutana Rd, Somersby.
 1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas
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 Contact 0460 696 941

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Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan
 Kofron 0405321478 jankofron@optusnet.com.au

2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30,
 Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact
 Jon 43116254 and Gavin 43404435.

3rd Fri of month 7.30pm Pearl Beach. Peggy
 0411754577 pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com

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1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm
 at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952
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 to 5.00pm cost \$12 per person ph 43561196

Hall bookings contact Annette Stackman
 43561196 Committee mtg 3rd Thurs 7:00pm
 at Hall- Open to all from community.

Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289
 Hall bookings: 0413 359 655
 or AH 4373 1488

David Gillett 0416 097192
enquiries@yarramalonghall.org.au
<https://yarramalonghall.org.au>

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Gosford Rotary Trivia Night

Sat Sept 3, 6pm, Phillip House Kariong,
 bookings ph Jim 0414777748

CWA Poet's Lunch

10/9/22 12 noon to 2pm. Mangrove Mtn Hall
 Booking <https://www.trybooking.com/CBIDG>
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On a lighter note we just attended the Maroota Muster and were able to sell a lot of damaged tools and resurrected items from the flood. These much-needed funds will allow us to replace a few battery tools that were all lost recently to allow us to continue on.

Owing to the fact that we have lost a lot of our members through these floods (housing destroyed or re-settling elsewhere) we would like to extend an invitation to come and join us in our endeavours to enjoy life.

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Warren Lumley

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