COMMUNITY NEWS

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CWA members put 'virtual' scones on menu to help keep assistance flowing

This time each year, CWA of NSW members from across the state are preparing to volunteer at the CWA Tea Room at the Royal Easter Show, but with no show this year, the Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch of the CWA of NSW is urging the community to get behind an alternative fundraising opportunity, with a very 21st century feel.

The CWA of NSW has run the Tea Room at the Royal Easter Show for more than 70 years, raising on average in recent years \$150,000 from the sale of about 50,000 scones, tea, coffee and products made by members. However, when the decision was made to cancel the show earlier last month as part of control measures around Coronavirus, the organisation started to think of some ways to help bridge the funding gap and came up with the 'virtual scone'.

"There's no doubt the show's cancellation was an enormous disappointment and not only from a fundraising perspective. The Easter Show Tea Room is a big part of our heritage and this year would have been our 73rd year in running it. Hundreds of volunteers from across the state, and from our area, assist over the two weeks the Tea Room is operational each year," said Judy Betteridge president of the Mangrove Mountain Evening branch. "Obviously it's also a big disappointment for show-goers, too, and the organisers who work so hard to stage the event each year.

"But, at the moment all of our lives have had to change and we are adapting along with everyone else. So, with technology playing such a huge role in helping us make the changes required, we decided to use it to our



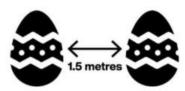
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- Travelling to work



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NOTE: The Public Health Order related to Restrictions on Gathering and Movement will remain in force until the end of <u>29 June 2020</u> unless it is revoked earlier advantage and are now offering people the chance to buy a 'virtual scone' from the CWA of NSW website, or even a whole 'virtual' Devonshire Tea."

From today ((FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2020)), when the 2020 Royal Easter Show was to have opened its gates, people can go onto the CWA of NSW's online shop and purchase a plate of 'virtual scones' for \$5, a 'Devonshire Tea' for \$10, a dozen plain 'virtual scones' for \$20 and a whole batch of cyber delicacies for \$50.

Anyone who makes a donation in this way will receive a PDF copy of the CWA of NSW's famous scone recipe to try their hand at home at whipping up some of these much-loved treats – a great activity for those who will be spending Easter at home rather than enjoying a day out at the Show.

"It's certainly not the same as visiting our famous Tea Room and enjoying morning tea, but this year more than ever perhaps - we have to find new ways to fundraise because the assistance offered by our organisation and members is just so important right now. We are helping communities and individuals still feeling the impact of drought, those left reeling after the bushfires and now the whole of our state is facing the enormous challenges associated with COVID-19," Mangrove Mountain Evening branch president Judy Betteridge 2020, is going to be enormously difficult for everyone, but with the ongoing generosity of our community, and with the small purchase of a 'virtual' CWA scone, we can ensure the CWA of NSW grant schemes and assistance programs continue to deliver where they're most needed across our local area."

To purchase a 'virtual' sweet treat and scone recipe, go to https://shop. cwaofnsw.org.au/

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COMMUNITY GRANTS TO ASSIST SMALL PROJECTS

A further \$27,697 has been allocated to seven local projects that met the criteria for support through Council's ongoing Community Support Grants.

The Community Support Grants provide up to \$5,000 per project per financial year in combined funding and in-kind Council services.

Grant recipients:

Central Coast Mountain Bike Club, \$5,000 - wheelchair accessible amenities at Ourimbah MTB Park

Volunteering Central Coast, \$2,287 - National Volunteering Week Expo, Awards and Volunteering Support Services and training workshops

Multiple Sclerosis Limited, \$4,400 - exercise classes for people with MS and people with a disability.

Central Coast Sea Dragons, \$5,000 two dragon boat trolleys

Yarramalong School Community Centre, \$1,800 - landscaping bay

Toukley & Districts Art Society, \$4,800 - art workshops

Tuggerah Lakes Art Society, \$4,410 - art workshops.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Council recognised that some organisations may now be unable to complete their projects. The CEO will

Council Library Service always open online

Central Coast Council is continuing to support the community's learning and recreational needs through this time of uncertainty thanks to the incredible range of free online resources provided through the Library Service.

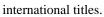
Council Director Connected Communities, Julie Vaughan said even though the physical branches are closed, the eLibrary remains open 24/7 to help residents connect, relax and learn while practicing social distancing.

"We are pleased to announce a new partnership with State Library NSW to provide you access to another eBook platform, indyreadsTM," Ms Vaughan said.

"This is on top of our existing eBook and eAudiobook platforms – BorrowBox and Overdrive – giving library members of all ages access to thousands of Australian and

review each proposal and funds will only be distributed to the agencies which can deliver their projects in the current circumstances.

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"We also understand that this may be a difficult time for students and their parents if they have made the shift to home or online learning and need numerous resources to help.

"For those needing assistance with research, we provide access to reliable sites that can be referenced for essays and reports for subjects such as Modern History, Ancient History and Geography as well as to help create discussion points for your English papers.

"If you get stuck interpreting a question or need help with an assignment, students from Year 3 through to tertiary studies can login to Studiosity, where subject specialists are available anytime to provide realtime advice; essays and reports can also be uploaded for professional writing feedback within 24 hours.

"Younger children that are missing our regular Storytime sessions are not forgotten as you can continue to develop your child's literacy with the interactive reading room of Story Box Library, where the best stories are read aloud by your favourite Australian storytellers.

"Our music streaming platform, Freegal, has now removed streaming limits for the next six months, allowing you to listen to ad free music all day, every day as well as create and publish your own playlists to share with friends and family while in isolation.





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"You can access all of this and more through our Library Service app – simply search Central Coast Council to download for free from the App Store or Google Play or visit centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/elibrary for more information.

"We are continuing to investigate options to expand our online collection in response to increased demand and are actively looking for new ways to bring you events online as well as other innovative ways to connect our community," Ms Vaughan said.

Council is reminding members that any items currently on loan will be automatically renewed and nothing will be due for return during the closure period. After-hour chutes remain open, excluding The Entrance branch which is closed until further notice.

Mayor Lisa Matthews said the eLibrary provides the community with much needed support and activities while practicing physical distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

"We need to remain calm, use precaution and take preventative measures to ensure in our day-to-day interactions we are reducing the risk of being exposed to COVID-19," Mayor Matthews said.

"We are all adapting to this evolving situation, which has left many unsure of how to go about our day-to-day – this is where the eLibrary can help.

"Whether it is help with school work, ideas to keep young children entertained or a way to keep your mind active, there is something there for everyone. "I would encourage anyone who works, lives or studies on the Central Coast to join the library and take advantage of these incredible services."

Sign up online to become a library member and get instant access to these incredible resources at centralcoast. nsw.gov.au/jointhelibrary

If you have any questions or need help setting up these services please call your local library who will be able to step you through the process, or you can email library@centralcoast.nsw. gov.au

Visit centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/ council/news/helpful-information-oncovid-19 for the latest information on interruptions to Council events and services.

Central Coast Council Media Release Cherie Mildwater Communication Officer



Fire season comes to a close in NSW

31 March marked the official end to the most devastating bush fire season in the state's history.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said this season had been unprecedented in terms of conditions experienced, the loss of lives and property, and the threat to communities across large parts of NSW.

"NSW RFS crews and other agencies have responded to more than 11,400 bush and grass fires that have burnt more than 5.5 million hectares, the equivalent of 6.2% of the state," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"Fires this season have destroyed 2,448 homes; however, the great work of firefighters saw 14,481 homes saved."

"This season there were six days where areas across NSW recorded catastrophic fire weather conditions.

"At the height of activity, there was on average around 2,500 firefighters in the field each shift with up to 4,000 on days of increased fire danger and impact.

"We have seen a combined interagency response from NSW RFS, Fire and Rescue NSW, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry Corporation NSW, NSW State Emergency Service, NSW Police, NSW Ambulance and the Australian Defence Force come together with our interstate colleagues.

"We must also thank the international response and assistance from Canada, the United States and New Zealand."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said that most tragically 25 lives were lost, including those of the three NSW RFS volunteers and three US aerial firefighters.

"Our thoughts will forever be with the families and loved ones of all those who lost their lives.

"We especially pay tribute to the families of Geoffrey Keaton and Andrew O'Dwyer from the Horsley Park Brigade and Samuel McPaul from the Morven Brigade, along with US aerial firefighters Ian McBeth, Paul Hudson and Rick DeMorgan Jr.

"Their loss has been felt deeply and we honour the sacrifice they made to selflessly protect communities across NSW.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said all emergency services personnel, especially NSW RFS members, have given so much, spending time away from their families, jobs and loved ones.

"We continue to thank our members' families, colleagues and employers for allowing our volunteers to provide such a great level of protection to the people of NSW.

"Time and time again, we've heard from affected areas how the incredible work of firefighters on the ground, backed up by the crews in the air, have helped save people and property."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons has also praised the community for its response across the fire season.

"While we've seen unprecedented fire activity, we've also seen an unprecedented response from the community – including use of our



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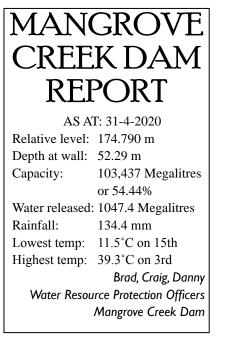
"Responding to bush fires is a team effort, and the community across NSW is an important team member."

"We must also be mindful of all those still enduring the very raw and difficult recovery process as a result of the fires and that efforts are sustained through this very personal challenge.

"While the focus now for all of us is rightly on the Coronavirus response effort, the next bush fire season will begin in only a matter of months, so keep your property prepared and have your bush fire survival plan up to date and discussed with those in your family and household."

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Because of the changed circumstances caused by Covid-19 a very low key AGM was held at our Museum on Saturday, 21st March with enough members present to form a quorum. It was just to formally elect our new Committee Members in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. The Committee now is -President: Don Anderson Snr Vice President: Margaret Pearce Vice Presidents (2): Shirley Rider, Sandra Hunt-Sharman Treasurer: Richard Nies Secretary: Terrie Stoyel

Committee: Fiona McLennan, Edith Campbell, Tricia Scott

Geoff Lewis had kindly consented to be our Scrutineer. Many thanks Geoff.

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

Henry Kendall Cottage & Historical Museum will be closed to the public from Monday, 23 March 2020 until



Our AGM was held outdoors under the trees thanks to those members who attended

further notice.

This decision has been made by the Brisbane Water Historical Society's Committee and, following associated Australian Government advice and restrictions, due to the current health crisis we are presently facing. As you can appreciate, it is a precautionary measure to ensure that the health of members and the general public are not exposed to any health risk.

Please note, the committee will meet to monitor the situation, and when we are advised of further restrictions or when the restrictions are no longer necessary you will be contacted.

We hope to keep maintenance, and clerical work, up-to-date, without unnecessary risk to our members.

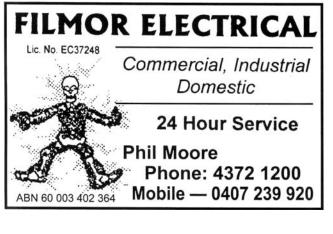
The Brisbane Water Historical Society is contactable via Phone, Email & Face book; you can leave message, and follow our posts. Please see our Face book link further down.

Should there be any delays in a response, we apologise, and thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on mobile phone.

In the meantime, please stay well. Warm regards

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Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc What's online at The Wollombi Cultural Centre

Due to the COVID-19 crisis both of our galleries are closed until further notice. The WVAC committee held a meeting recently (via Zoom) where it was decided to continue promoting our artists digitally. We are currently investigating online possibilities. We hope that you will continue to support our artists. Thank you and Happy Easter.

Our Current Exhibition

'UNEARTHED' Sandon Gibbs-O'Neill A tribute to Tex Skuthorpe



Sandon is an Aboriginal artist inspired by his culture to create both traditional and contemporary artwork. Sandon's work is mainly acrylic on canvas, representing his Nhunggabarra (northern NSW) culture, encompassing aspects of country and society today.

Sandon's grandfather, Tex Skuthorpe, is the main influence on his artwork.

This exhibition pays tribute to Tex's life and culture, and continues to share his knowledge and legacy within the community.

'Unearthed' was to be held at the Fireshed Gallery from 10 - 26 April.

Sandon's online exhibition was launched on 10 April on his website, where details can be found. Please visit *burruguuart.com*



Our Next Exhibition

'ENTWINED'

23 May - 8 June

This popular group of textile artists are busy weaving wonderful winter wear for their annual exhibition. Due to the tactile nature of their works the artists will not be exhibiting online. Let's hope we're out of isolation by then.

Emerging Artists Awards



We hope to be able to physically present the Emerging Artists Awards in October, (but who knows?) and therefore encourage artists to use this time in isolation to get creative. Lets all get the paints out and have a go! Categories include Emerging Artist Award, Highly Commended, Commended & Youth Awards, Wollombi Prize (local subject matter or local artist), and People's Choice Awards (announced at end of show). Prize money totals \$4000. WVAC member's formal invitations and more details coming soon.

Little Yengo Gallery

We will be presenting all works in the gallery online soon.

The Aboriginal paintings and artefacts in this gallery embody the meaning of Wollombi, 'meeting place.' Little Yengo Gallery is a meeting place for all. Aboriginal artists Australiawide share ancient and continuing connections with country. Many of our aboriginal artists and members live in remote areas of Australia.This not-forprofit gallery is run and maintained by community volunteers.

Artist of the Month - Raymond L. Smith

Raymond has been painting for 30 years, and is one of our regions more prominent artists. His work is

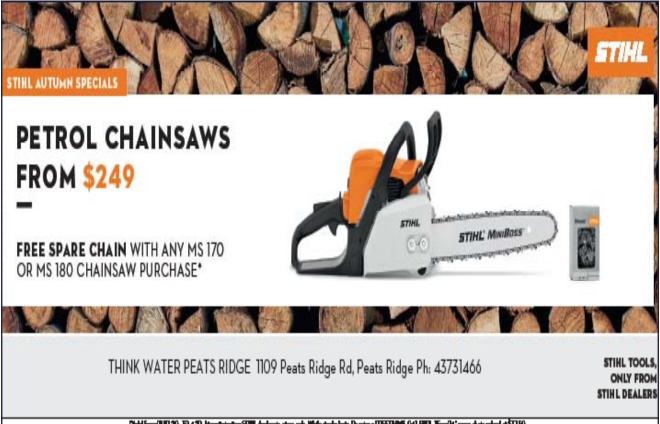


 Red Emu - Mount Yengo

spectacular, original and inspiring. Raymond paints traditional stories from the Hunter Valley, featuring Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

"Art is how I connect with Ancestors, the land, songlines and the dreaming. It is an honour for me to keep our stories alive through my artwork"

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Major Disaster Averted - Community Kept Safe - Corona Stopped at the Border!!

Hearing of a potential attempt to infiltrate the district, concerned residents manned the battlements in a round-the-clock action to keep the community safe.

With roads blocked and traffic halted the smugglers had nowhere to go and in fear of their safety, panicked, crashing their massive truck.

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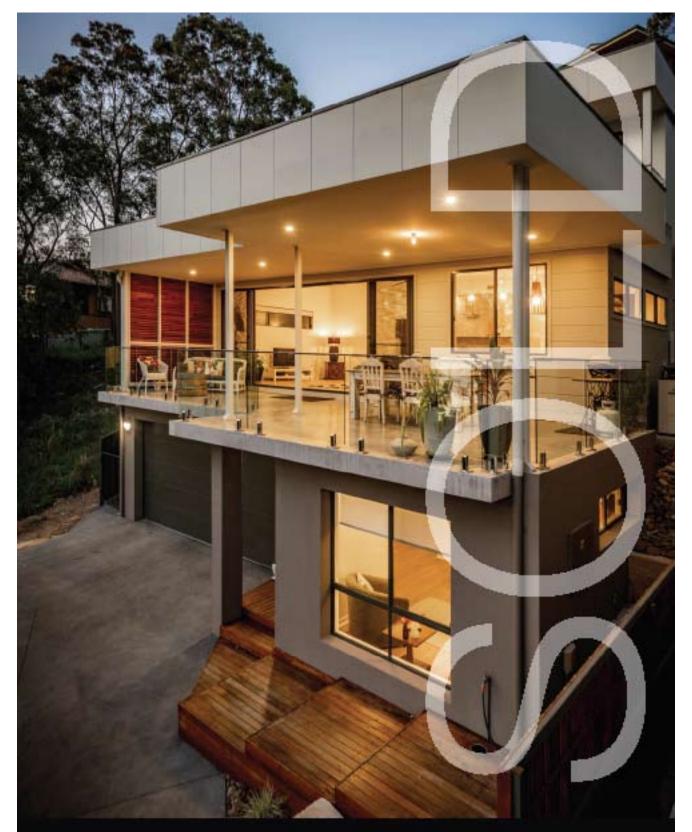




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Local Cubs and Scouts try out Zoom sessions

Not long after Baden-Powell established Scouting, the 'Spanish flu' epidemic travelled around the world, impacting millions of people. There are archived photographs of Scouts helping carry supplies to households that were stricken by the virus. While these acts of kindness are not currently recommended by the health authorities from whom we're taking guidance about the COVID-19 pandemic, we know that staying connected and helping each other remains a core part of Scouting.

We might be physically distanced from each other, but that doesn't mean we need to be virtually isolated too. One of the core concerns of our Leaders at Peats Ridge Scout Group is the mental wellbeing of the Youth in our care, and we all understand the need to keep some normality in these uncertain times.

For the last two weeks and what will seem to be the pattern for some time to come, we ran Zoom meetings across all levels of Scouting, the feedback for the parents was very positive and it has

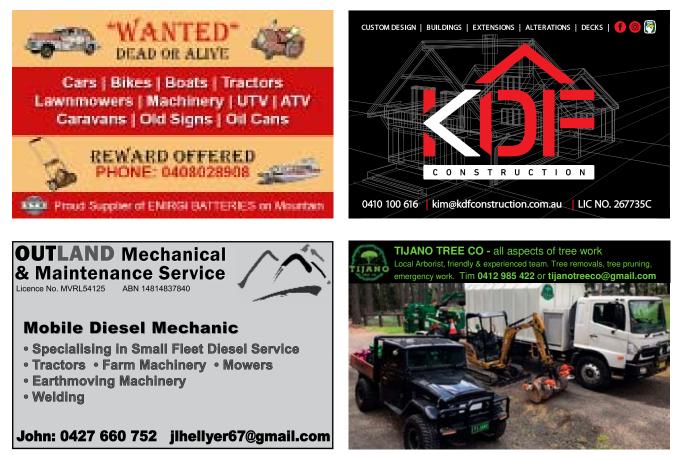


even encouraged some of our more senior Leaders to upskill in the art of social media. The Youth all seemed to love seeing each other and it was great for us parents to see some constructive screen time for a change.

This week the Cub Unit Section had a great interactive treasurer hunt around the house with their devices in hand, and as usual dress ups, unusual headpieces and mucking around always prevailed. I am really looking forward to see who rises to the daily challenges and we have already looked at ways that we can help the community whilst we have to stay at home.

This week, we have seen Scouts NSW to launch our new Scouting@ home activities, designed to provide youth members across NSW – and their Leaders and families - with some dedicated resources to keep them connected to Scouting.

Scouting has always taught our Youth the art of Being Prepared, and we urge you all to stay safe, be positive and look towards better times. Scouting





has not been suspended or closed, we will always adapt and overcome.

You can find our new site at: https:// www.nsw.scouts.com.au/things-to-do/ scoutinghome/ on 0438 476 562 or by email to jamesrlutwyche@gmail.com for any further enquiries.

Yours in Scouting,

James Lutwyche, Group Leader, Peats Ridge Scout Group

FUNDING TO COMBAT ISOLATION FOR SENIORS

NSW seniors at risk of social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic will be the focus of \$600,000 in funding to keep our older community connected.

Acting Minister for Seniors Geoff Lee urged organisations to apply for the grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

"While more seniors are staying at home to protect their health, we do not want to create an epidemic of loneliness in our community," Mr Lee said.

"Our most vulnerable age groups are being advised to follow social distancing rules, so face to face catchups and normal daily routines have become difficult."

Applications are now open until 26 April 2020.

"We want to fund innovative ideas to help seniors keep in touch by utilising phone calls, online platforms or other methods of communication," said Mr Lee.

"With so many seniors now missing their regular social activities, we want to encourage programs which foster inclusion and encourage positive social outcomes."

For more information and to apply, visit NSW Communities & Justice.

NSW Government Media Release

Alternatively, please contact myself



Wallarah 2 Appeal Dismissed by New South Wales Land and Environment Court

The Class 4 appeal brought by the Australian Coal Alliance Incorporated against Wyong Coal Pty Ltd (Wallarah 2) was dismissed on all grounds.

The Land and Envirinment Court brought down the decision on the 22 March 2020 with a decision on costs reserved.

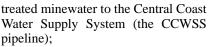
The Australian Coal Alliance had challenged the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) Panel's consent on the Wallarah 2 Coal Project on ten grounds, all of which were rejected:

(1) A failure to consider downstream emissions;

(2) A failure to consider cl 14(2) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 (the Mining SEPP);

(3) A failure to consider principles of ecologically sustainable development (ESD);

(4) A failure to consider the impacts of constructing a pipeline to discharge



(5) A failure to consider flood impacts;

(6) An error of fact in relation to flood impacts;

(7) A misconstruction of the flood compensation condition of the consent on the part of the PAC;

(8) Invalidity of the flood compensation condition;

(9) A failure to consider the risk to private water supplies; and

(10) Invalidity of the water supply

condition in the consent. Judgement Summary:

Grounds 1 to 3 together - whether consent invalid by reason of failure to consider downstream greenhouse gas emissions - whether consent invalid by reason of failure to consider cl 14(2) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 whether consent invalid by reason of failure to consider principles of ecologically sustainable development - adequacy of PAC reasons concerning greenhouse gas emissions - adequacy





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of PAC consideration of ecologically sustainable development concerning greenhouse gas emissions.

Assessment: PAC's Determination Report discloses proper consideration of downstream greenhouse gas emissions, no obligation on the PAC to impose conditions on the project to address downstream greenhouse gas emissions, no failure to give adequate consideration to ecologically sustainable development.

Ground 4 - alleged failure to consider the impacts of a future Central Coast water supply pipeline (the pipeline)

Assessment: necessity for the pipeline would arise to provide compensatory water to the Central Coast water supply only after mining progresses to Longwall 6N and beyond - development consent granted by the PAC does not approve mining of Longwall 6N and beyond - separate future application required to be made for a pipeline if mining is proposed to continue into Longwall 6N and beyond.

Ground 5 - failure to consider flood impacts - ground pleaded on four bases, two of which were abandoned alleged failure to consider risks to the livelihoods of private property owners or of such owners being forced to sell their properties - degree of particularity to which the PAC was required to assess issues. Assessment: matters remaining pressed of too greater degree of particularity to be considered beyond the extent to which the PAC addressed flooding impacts.

Ground 6 - error of fact in relation to flooding impacts - PAC comment that development proponent had agreed to acquire flood-affected properties where remediation or amelioration was not possible - PAC misled by assertion to this effect in departmental project assessment report.

Assessment: flooding impact compensation issues will arise to be considered on the particular facts and circumstances of any specific compensation claim pursuant to the condition - no uncertainty invalidating the condition as a consequence.

Grounds 7 and 8 not pressed

Ground 9 - alleged failure to consider the risk to private water supplies.

Assessment: PAC did consider the complained of matters - condition sets out the framework for affected landholders seeking to claim compensation - flooding impact compensation issues will arise to be considered on the particular facts and circumstances of any specific compensation claim pursuant to the condition - no uncertainty invalidating the condition as a consequence.

Ground 10 - alleged invalidity of

water supply compensation condition - consideration of power to impose condition.

Assessment: power existed to impose condition - condition reasonably relates to the development.

Types of cases in the Land and Environment Court:

Class 1: environmental planning and protection appeals

Class 2: tree disputes and local government appeals

Class 2 and 3: Strata Scheme Development Proceedings

Class 3: valuation, compensation and Aboriginal land claim cases

Class 4: judicial review and civil enforcementCurrently selected

Judicial review and civil enforcement process

Class 5: criminal proceedings

Class 6 and 7: criminal appeals from the NSW Local Court

Class 8: mining

Note that the decision in the Gloucester Resources case were merit review proceedings in Class 1 of the Court's jurisdictions.

These proceedings are entirely different in nature. These are Class 4 judicial review proceedings examining the decision-making process for (and not the decision merits of) the consideration by the PAC

Information from the NSW Land and Environment Court



REGULAR ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

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Weekend Training Station Maintenance General Meeting

Calga-Mt. White RFS General meeting

Kulnura VBFB General meeting at Greta Rd Station Training Mangrove Mountain RFS General Meeting Training / Maintenance Bloodtree Rd Spencer RFS General Meeting Training Junior Training

Somersby RFS General Meeting Training/Maintenance

Yarramalong RFS Training: Nights: Morning: Maintenance/Training : General Meeting (GM): Contact:

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Country Women's Association (Somersby)

Country Women's Association (Peats Řidge & District)

Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)

Gosford North Inner Wheel club

Gosford World Vision Community Group

Permaculture Central Coast

Kulnura & District Garden Club

Kulnura Hall

Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting Mangrove Emergency Planning Committee Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting Mangrove Hall

Mangrove Mountain Singing Group

Rotary Club Meeting Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts Culture and Heritage Centre Spencer Community Progress Group Inc

Spencer Community Ladies Social Club

Newsletter The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group

Mountain District Football Club Meeting

Somersby Equestrian Club Club & Committee Meeting Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

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- Laguna

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3rd Sat, 9am-12 pm, breakfast 8.30am Every Thurs as required, generally 10am-1pm 3rd Sat in even months, at 1pm, All welcome buckettyrfb@gmail.com (02) 4998 8130 3rd Monday of the month, 7.30pm at Pacific Hwy Fire Station Mt. White 1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm 2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm 3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30 pm 4th Monday Training 6:30 pm E: spencer.rfs@gmail.com Contact: Jock Ross 4566 4640. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station

Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except before Wed general meeting)

First Wednesday of month 7pm start Last Saturday of month 8.30am start 3rd Sunday of month 8.30am start 2nd Wed of even months 7.30pm start Ph: 0409 915060 or 0418 280 764 Email: yarramalongrfs@bigpond.com

Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Leslye 0417411335 First Monday of the month at Community Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400163. 2nd Tues of the month at Mangrove Mountain Hall 2-4 Waratah Rd Mangrove Mtn. Start 5pm, meeting 7pm. Ph Judy 43771728 2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760 4th Tues 11am in Presbyterian Church, West Gosford Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 586 760. Third Tuesday (except Jan.) at Tuggerah CommunityHall, ANZAC Rd, 6.30pm - 9pm Second Monday of the month. 9.30 for 10.00 am start. Phone Cynthia Tomkins 43561586 Hall bookings contact Annette Stackman 43561196 Committee mtg 3rd Thurs 7:00pm at Hall- Open to all from community. First Thursday of the Month, 8pm, Mangrove Mountain Hall. No meeting in January. Third Wednesday bi-monthly, Mangrove Hall 2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Union Church Hall. Pres- Mick Gow 43761146 Hall bookings contact Margaret Pontifex 4374 1255 Mangrove Mountain RSL Women's Auxiliary Third Tuesday of the month, 2pm Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club New Members welcome. Secretary Keitha Coty 43771773 1st & 3rd Tue, 7-9pm, Mangrove Mtn Union

Church. All welcome. Contact 0425313433. Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529 Contact: 0411 136 145

President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Ph Glenys Palmer on 4374 1441 for enquiries. First Tuesday of the Month 7.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club Every 2nd month. Check website for further details.www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781

Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 10am; Service of Prayer & Praise at St Mark's Laguna. ph 0481269 653 2nd & 4th Sun 10am; Holy Eucharist at St John the Evangelist, Wollombi. 0481269 653 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$15). (cont'd next page)

Council trials innovative recycling process for mattress waste

Central Coast Council, in partnership with Mattress Recycling Australia, is trialling a new process that recycles 100 percent of mattresses dropped off at Kincumber Waste Management Facility.

The trial aims to minimise the amount of waste sent to landfill, reduce methane gases being produced from decomposing mattresses and recycle end-of-life waste products by turning them into a resource.

Council Unit Manager Waste Services and Business Development, Andrew Pearce said that Council annually receives more than 20,000 mattresses across its three waste management facilities.

"Historically mattresses were sent to landfill, however, over the last four years we have been stockpiling and bulk shredding these mattresses to recover the metals for recycling and reduce the amount sent to landfill," Mr Pearce said.

"Under this new trial we are collecting and bulk transporting the mattresses to a dedicated resource recovery facility where the mattresses are processed into separate commodities for which there are end markets.

"During the initial three-month trial at our Kincumber Waste Facility we have collected and transported 2,240 mattresses or 56 tonnes of mattresses, helping to save 1,792 cubic metres of landfill.

"This trial ensures 100% of the mattress materials are reused and recycled with the stripped metals reused as railway wheels, foam repurposed into carpet underlay, material utilised in decorative wall panels and the remaining products, including floc, wood and plastic, processed as biofuel.

"An added benefit is that we have been working with a contractor who is creating employment opportunities

to achieve social outcomes, including employment and skills development for those with disabilities and the long term unemployed.

"We are now investigating the possibility of extending the trial to our Woy Woy Waste Management Facility, which will then help us inform future business decisions, including whether this approach can be rolled out across all our Waste Management Facilities."

Mayor Lisa Matthews said it was vital that Council continued to find new and innovative ways to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

"This trial is a great example of how committed we are to resource recovery and we could do so much more if there was more funding available," Mayor Matthews said.

"That is why we are supporting the 'Save Our Recycling' campaign, which calls on the NSW State Government to work in partnership with Council to improve waste and recycling processes which will deliver local jobs and improve the local environment at the same time."

The cost to deposit mattresses at Council's Waste Management Facilities is at a charge of \$26 per mattress in addition to the mixed waste fee, or they can picked up for free through the kerbside collection service available to most households.

Visit centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/ residents/waste-and-recycling for more information on Council's Waste Management Facility locations and opening hours, or lcoast.com.au/ keepyourstreetneat to book a kerbside collection.

> Cherie Mildwater Communication Officer Communication and Engagement Central Coast Council

REGULAR ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS (cont'd)

Kariong Community Baptist Church

Catholic Service -Spencer

- Wollombi

- Somersby

- Yarramalong

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Junior Girl Guides 5-10

Girl Guides 10-15

Scouts, Cubs & Venturers Peats Ridge Scout Hall

Mangrove Mountain Playgroup

HISTORICAL

Brisbane Waters Historical Society

Dharug &Lower Hawkesbury 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

Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Kariong Public School Hall, Jonathan Houston 0427 731277 2nd Sun of each month at 4pm, Holy Trinty Church, Contact 43771374 or 43771168 2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi. Saturday evening vigil – 6.00pm St. Francis of Assisi Centre, Lutana Rd, Somersby. 1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas Catholic Mass All welcome. Enq 4356 1321 1st Fri, 5:30pm-8:30pm Divine Mercy Friday 3rd Sat, 8:00pm to 12:00am, Night Vigil Last Sun, 9am to 4:30pm, One Day Retreat Union Church 9.00am second, fourth and fifth Sundays. Mangrove Mountain 3rd Sunday each month, 11.00am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised)

Kooree Guide Cabin, every Monday in school term, 5.00pm – 6.30pm Kooree Guide Cabin, every Monday in school

term, 6.00pm-7.30pm Cubs meet 6.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesdays Scouts meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Tuesdays Venturers meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Mondays Contact 0438 476 562

Every Tues (except school holidays) 10am to 12pm, Kooree Guide Cabin. Amba on 0474204472 or ambalee79@yahoo.com.au

25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 94818478 jankofron@optusnet.com.au 2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30, Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact John 43921926 or Jon 43116254.

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

Open Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times by appt. Contact 43521886 email info@ alisonhomestead.com.au. website: www. alisonhomestead.com.au

Meets first Wednesday of the month www.cclug.org.au - all most welcome 1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952 Yarramalong Hall 4th Sat of the month 10am to 5.00pm cost \$12per person ph 43561196

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

GENERAL NOTICE:

Mangrove District Markets

Mangrove Mountain Country Fair

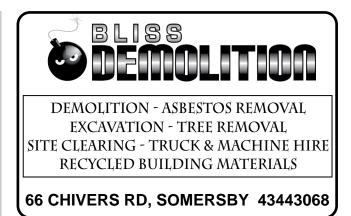
Most events and gatherings have been cancelled or postphoned due to Corona virus restrictions and distancing safety measures. Information will be updated when available.

Second and Last Sunday each month 8.00am to 3.00pm, at Mangrove Hall

17th October 2020, Mangrove Hall & Crown Lands grounds



20 Sierra Crescent, Gosford East Email: rayhay@bigpond.net.au



Yarramalong **Local Stands for Greater Sydney LLS Board Election**

Dr Bob Stacy, lives on the Central Coast in the Yarramalong Valley. He comes with a lifelong interest and love of the land. He grew up in the Hunter Valley on a large cattle property and now continues in a long family tradition at 'Summerlees Farm' fattening cattle, and producing eggs, fruit and marmalade.

Bob is a graduate of the University of New England (BSc), Loughborough University of Technology, UK (MSc) and University of Ballarat (PhD). He also has numerous industry based qualifications that underpin his appropriateness for a role on the LLS Board.

He is also an accredited WHS and Environmental auditor and investigator. This training is critical in supporting good corporate governance at the board level.

In more recent years, he has again taken up the challenges of living in the bush. Issues of biosecurity, biodiversity and animal health come to the fore. These include for example, water conservation and management, weed (fireweed & whiskey grass) and pest (foxes, dogs & deer) control, disease control, and soil, pasture and animal management.

The LLS Boards

The elected board members will sit alongside those appointed by the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW, Adam Marshall, and together they will guide Local Land Services.

Local Land Services is the frontline agency that helps grow and protect agriculture and environments in NSW and connects rural people to the best advice and services.

"We need people on our boards who know the issues of rural NSW, who are from a variety of backgrounds with a range of expertise," said Mr Bull, State Chair of Local Land Services.

BOARD ELECTION 2020

Voting in the 2020 Board election is now open. Electronic voting packs can be requested up until 5:00 pm Wednesday 6 May 2020. Requests for postal packs closed at 5:00 pm Monday 30 March 2020.

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If you experience any issues with the electronic voting process please contact Austelect on 1800 224 420 or email help@austelect.com

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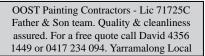
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