COMMUNITY NEWS

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Harvest Festival Hub at Mangrove Mountain Hall

Harvest Festival 2023 will be held during the June long weekend. Saturday 10 June – Sunday 11 June 2023.

Mangrove Mountain Hall

Sat, 10 Jun 2023, 8am to Sun, 11 Jun 2023, 5pm Free Entry

Corner of Waratah and Wisemans Ferry Roads, Mangrove Mountain NSW

Enjoy live music, food and refreshments at the alfresco outdoor dining and alcohol-free bar, bring a picnic blanket and enjoy a picnic lunch with the family underneath the gumtrees while the kids play in the playground.

Tantalise your tastebuds with a delicious Devonshire tea with CWA scones fresh out of the oven or join us for lunch with a hearty farmhouse soup from the Mountain Districts association!

Enjoy browsing the historic hall and stalls.

Other Venues

There are a range of unique events and experiences offered across thirty event hubs throughout the Central Coast's hinterland. Take this opportunity to get a glimpse behind the farm gate as you explore rural farming communities and their picturesque heritage villages right here on the Central Coast

Book and plan ahead. Check out the program and determine what activities you wish to visit. Be sure to book ahead so you don't miss out on any of your favourite hubs. There is also limited reception in some locations so plan your trip beforehand, so this doesn't affect your day

ATM and Cash Points

Some of the event hubs have limited access to cash points or ATM facilities



HAVE YOU GOT LIVESTOCK TO DISPLAY?

The search is on for livestock that can be displayed at the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair in October.



When the time comes, will you have some piglets, turkeys, a few ducklings, chickens and any other locally produced stock would be considered for the country fair?

Please contact Steve Raines 0455155075 Livestock co- ordinator.

as they are on farms or remote properties and internet and mobile phone coverage is not good. Plan ahead and bring cash, so you can enjoy the many activities around the region

Please visit https://www.lovecentralcoast.com/harvestfestival for more information.

Not only is there often a right and wrong, but what goes around does come around, Karma exists, chickens do come home to roost, and as my mother, Phyllis, liked to say, "There is always a day of reckoning,"...

Donald Van De Mark



STOP!

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** DEADLINE **

** 9th June '23 **

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THE ARC STORY

Our Hero: The Black Soldier Fly

Ever dream of the time when we don't have to bury anything in landfill?



Above - Black Soldier Fly Below - BSF Larvae



HARVEST FESTIVAL 10th - 11th June

Somersby CWA and **Somersby Hall Committee**

will be at the Somersby Hall

With yummy Devonshire Tea, Crafts, Cakes, Plants and Bobbin Lace Demo

All with a smile!

That time could be coming soon!! Learn how ARC Ento Tech utilises the eating prowess of the Black Soldier Fly to consume and recover all our food waste and turn them into new sustainable products, from organic fertiliser and insect protein for animal feeds to name a few. There are so many exciting things we are discovering about these very special insects. Find out how ARC is working with nature.

Visit us at Ento Park insect Farm and be awed at how we are changing the face of sustainability!

ARC's answer to plastic waste

Is there really a solution to this plastic problem? Yes there is!

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Bucketty & District Rural Fire Brigade will hold its AGM at 1400 hrs on Saturday 17 June 2023 at the Station at 5393 George Downes Drive, Bucketty.

EXPERIENCE...

- Discover the Black Soldier Fly and how they can solve our waste issue
- Learn about ARC's plastic waste process and how it can be turned into resources
- Engage in a hands-on experience with reptiles
- Experience our education hub full of critters and conservation
- Participate in garden tours whilst enjoying the beautiful country experience
- Take part in community and family gardening workshops with bush tucker
- Food and beverages available for purchase

Workshop details are as follows:

Saturday 10th June, 2023

9:30am- Tim Selwyn of Girri Girra-Acknowledgment to country and Smoking Ceremony

11:30am- Bush to Bowl- bush tucker experience and tour around property



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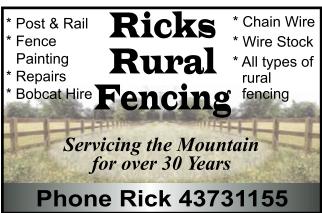


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Look out for hitchhiker pests

Imagine opening a new appliance or piece of furniture you've just bought from overseas to discover a cluster of insect eggs inside the packaging. Thinking little of it, you throw the packaging away. You could have just helped an incursion of an unwanted pest.

The problem

Australia is currently free of some of the world's most serious pests that threaten our industries, economy, environment and way of life.

However, the risk of hitchhiker pests entering Australia is increasing due to climate change, intensification of agriculture, increased movement of people and products, and supply chain complexities. Pests are spreading around the world and are being found in increasing numbers on or within sea containers and imported goods.

What are hitchhiker pests?

In simple terms, hitchhiker pests are those that can 'hitch a ride' to Australia within or on shipping containers, imported goods and other forms of transportation. They are not native to Australia but have a specific biology or behaviour that enables them to use or associate with inanimate goods or containers, survive an extended journey, and actively disperse to Australia's environment.



For example, khapra beetle can survive for several years in the cracks and crevices of shipping containers without food. This is due to a biological trait where they can go into a dormant





MANGROVE MOUNTAIN COMPUTER CLUB

Digital Connect - Free Technology Classes for 50 and Over's

Are you 50+ and would love some help with using digital technology? Mangrove Mountain Computer Club has partnered with Central Coast Digital Connect offering free classes for you to develop your skills and knowledge in the digital world!

The digital connect program provides free workshops and a chance to learn and ask questions about using smart phones, tablets and computers in your daily life. Learn how to securely access and use the internet, use and make the most of your device and keep in touch with others online.

These classes will help you make the most of your devices and keep up to date with all the latest improvements and services

What is Digital Connect?

Digital Connect is funded through Be Connected, an Australia wide initiative empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world. Be Connected provides online learning resources as well as a network of community partners - the Be Connected Network - who offer in-person support so you can develop your digital skills and confidence.

Students are asked to please bring along a device of their choice. This may include:

- · Smartphones iPhones & Androids
- Tablets iPads & Androids
- Laptops Apple & Windows

Each session will commence with a workshop followed by morning tea, and an opportunity for small group support with our team of volunteer digital mentors.

When: 4th Thursday of every month - NEXT SESSION JUNE 22nd

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Where: Mangrove Mountain Computer Club

6 Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain

Contact: Suzanne - 0408 895 330

state. Once they come across a food source (such as grain), khapra can re-emerge. If in a favourable place, their population can grow rapidly and contaminate nearby goods.

How you can help

Hitchhiker pests may be detected in a wide range of locations and items. We need every Australian and our international trading partners to look out for them.

You can help to look for signs of

hitchhiker pests if you:

- unload, process or transport imported cargo from our ports
- handle or trade imported goods
- have recently purchased imported appliances, furniture or other goods
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https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ campaigns/hitchhiker-pests

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Our community is mourning the loss of Bronnie, wife of Claude, mother of Gilli, and a true friend and Aunty





to many. Bronnie and Claude were founding members of the WVAC over 25 years ago and have made an amazing contribution to the artistic community ever since. The Wollombi Cultural Centre is testament to Bronnie's devotion to the arts and the people of the valley.

Bronnie held the positions of WVAC Secretary and Old Fireshed Gallery Bookings Officer for many years. Artists always had a warm welcome from Bronnie, which many would appreciate, along with her support for their work. We have all benefitted from Bronnie's devotion to WVAC and her work to maintain the Cultural Centre and keep culture alive and present in the centre of our community. Bronnie will be remembered for her kindness, loyalty,

generosity, grace, style, hospitality and her deep love for her family and friends, with whom we share our condolences.

Our next exhibition...

'The Geometry of Innocence' An Exhibition by Ilyas Papantoniou 10 - 18 June 2023 Old Fireshed Gallery

The Geometry of Innocence -

"I heard this phrase in a Bob Dylan song and the dissonance of these two words juxtaposed in so incongruous a manner struck me as odd, strange, remarkable, there was something there...Studying for my arts degree I was influenced by many things including the use of colour and the use of shapes geometric or organic; either way I try to express my thoughts and Dylan's phrase, as I thought about it over time, was a call to think and express myself in terms of language and to also in terms of objects. Geometry made me think of cousin Euclid and a long tradition of people drawing lines in the sand across many cultures over periods of time...Drawing shapes fill in a void and allows me to find myself in places I had not imagined possible; it is a liberating experience and a frustrating one, to find a way to make these thoughts and feelings come together in colour and placement. I have also tried in my practice follow the advice of an artist who said "throw





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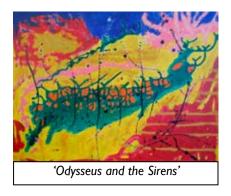
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some paint on a canvass..."

In brief, these influences come to place where three cultures have met and at times clashed- those of the immigrant, white Australia and Indigenous Australia and here I want to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land past, present and emerging."

Ilyas Papantoniou.



The Little Yengo Gallery

The Little Yengo Gallery was built and is maintained and run by volunteers to celebrate the rich Aboriginal history and culture of Wollombi and surrounding areas. The non-profit gallery displays an extensive range of Aboriginal paintings, artworks and artefacts. The proceeds from the sale of



Share the fun and learning and get a group discount to this year's Ento Park experience.

Discounted rates for registered groups (schools, scouts, girl guides, home school groups,
Gardening Clubs and the like) of 10 or more are available.

Contact Christian on 0479 043 244 or email admin@arcentotechltd.com.au for more details

the works, minus a small administrative fee, go directly to the artists.

Wollombi means 'meeting place', our totem is the waterhen. Please come and learn the waterhen story and meet the artists. New volunteers and artists are welcome.

Visit https://www.wollombi.org/little-yengo-gallery for our online gallery.

Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc Email: artscouncil@wollombi.org Web: www.wollombi.org F/B: https://www.facebook.com/ artscouncilwollombi







Showcase



Come down to Walkabout Wildlife
Park to see a showcase of the Creative
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community where people gathered to
talk, connect and make art—including
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collaboration by the Spencer community,
plus short documentary films.

Share a yarn (and check out the native wildlife) while exploring the showcase.

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Saturday June 10 10.30am onwards

Free entry and morning tea

For more information, call Breanna Pollock on 0419 014 446 or email breanna.pollock@ centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.







Mangrove Mountain Hall in final five of "Best Blues Venue" **Awards**

Our very own historic Mangrove Mountain Hall has been nominated for "Favourite Blues Venue" in the 2023 Blues Awards.

The hall is the only regional venue to make the final five nominated for this year's award and is in fine company alongside legendary Sydney music venues, The Vanguard and Lazybones, the multi award winning Butchers Brew Bar and trendy Sydney venue, Miss Celie's.

To reach the final five venues nominated, votes for venues in NSW are taken from the over 4,000 strong Blues music following of The Sydney Blues Society online group, so to be selected in the top 5 finalists is a massive

honour and achievement for our community hall and our Blues on the Mountain events

The final nominees are now voted on by the membership of The Sydney Blues Society of industry professionals and Blues music enthusiasts with the overall Winners of each category to be announced at a special Gala dinner and show



The crowd enjoys a dance at on of the "Blues on the Mountain" events at the Hall

on Thursday the 1st of June.

Several of the artists who have previously performed at Mangrove Hall are among those who have been nominated eg: Favourite Song Of The

Run D.B – Jesse Redwing

Favourite Album Of The Year Stax

of Blues - Ray Beadle, Blues Artist Of The Year Frank Sultana, Ray Beadle, Liza Ohlback, Jesse Redwing, Taj Farrant, Lil' G

AND last but not least, Ryan Howard, the organiser of the "Blues on the Mountain" events, has been nominated in the final group for Biggest Contributor To The Blues Community.







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Community Fight Against Feedlot Continues

On Saturday 27th May, 33 members of the community met in Mangrove Hall to progress their opposition to the proposed feedlot on Ironbark Rd.

Liesl Tesch introduced the session, handing over to Alex Stewart who explained the problems the feed lot would create.

This was the presentation given on the day: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1PnXJHS5OWOalUH iFuAOiqttlYrmmPDUhEjjcb4CZ18I/edit?usp=sharing

Submissions to Council relating to the feedlot are best lodged online and so a number of people who don't have computers used the facilities of the Mangrove Mountain Computer Club to make their submissions with assistance from Ron Collins.

People can make a submission by quoting the reference DA/4247/2022 and uploading it to the council website. Or can use the animal liberation submission form where they can edit the provided template.

The submissions close on the 6th of June so everyone needs to get in fast to not miss the deadline.

So far there have been hundreds of objecting submissions with the council website not keeping up with uploading them all.





Above: the QR code for the Animal Liberation submission link

The petition on change.org has over 1,800 signatures so far.

Given there have been so many objecting submissions it will be the Central Coast Local Planning Panel (CCLPP) making a decision not the council directly. The council will produce a report to the CCLPP based on their research and the communities' submissions.

There will be public hearings for the community to speak at a CCLPP meeting. We will be given 7 days' notice for when that is to occur.

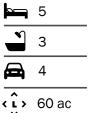












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THANK YOU SPENCER THAI

The Spencer Thai Restaurant hosted a complimentary Golden Ladies Mother's Day luncheon on Monday 15th May for 25 local grandmothers and great-grandmothers.

It was a glorious sunny day and there was much laughter and smiles all round as everyone enjoyed a delicious Thai buffet. Mr One and Pitam worked so hard to ensure that all the ladies felt spoilt and special by providing delectable Thai food in a friendly and relaxed environment.

As Mr One and Pitman are not able to see their mothers on Mother's Day this is their way of doing something nice for other mothers especially grandmothers and great-grandmothers in our community.

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CELEBRATING WOMEN OVER 60

An Instagram series by Sue Harris

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There are few things that I require to live a balanced and contented life - my faith, my family and the ability to be creative. After many years of working long hours, my days have finally become less frenetic. Rising early and walking several kilometres each morning before working a twelve to sixteen hour day, the day finally arrived when early mornings gave way to an indulgent coffee before rising and the opportunity to spend a little while writing, planning and thinking.

With the big 8.0. fast approaching, I have reached the stage where there are less claims on my time, leaving me free to pursue old interests and seek out new ones. The importance of my faith and my family is intertwined because my faith keeps me focused and my family keeps me grounded. Both of these play an active role in my creativity and for me the ability to create is as vital as breathing.

Twenty five years of encouraging others to release their imagination into various forms of expression while designing and making large and elaborate quilts in my spare time has now given way to smaller and more manageable quilts that usually end up



in various shelters, and an even smaller pursuit, but almost as time consuming, is a newly discovered passion for bookmaking. I also facilitated a group of ladies in a weekly Bible Study for over twenty years and many of these remain firm friends.

Life today is kinder, gentler, less demanding. The family home became rather empty; downsizing meant thinning out vast quantities of fabrics and books. A recently completed parents' retreat is now home and with one half of my family at the opposite end of the house and the other only fifteen minutes away I am content.

Sometimes it takes courage to face life over sixty, but we've weathered the uncertainties of youth.

Go to: https://www.instagram. com/seover60 women/ for inspiration.

I created the Instagram page in 2023 with my aim being to celebrate women over 60 who are wanting to connect and hear other women's stories, share ideas, passions and what makes them tick. It is empowering, motivating and beneficial for those who are on the same page.

Sue-Ellen Harris



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June meeting

The symbiotic relationships between plants and birds Plants' vital role in the life cycle of birds









Presenter Cathie Stubbs

When

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Where

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Cost

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Enquiries

EJ Kydd, 4362 3065 or see our website austplants.com.au/Central-Coast-Events



Raptor expert, Cathie Stubbs from Wildlife Arc, is our invited guest speaker for our meeting on the 10th June, 2023. Cathie has been involved in Wildlife Arc for almost 15 years, having coordinated and cofounded the Central Coast branch of Australian Seabird Rescue.

Apart from her passion in gardening, she currently runs a program educating, caring and supporting the wonderful wildlife carers and several rescue organizations, as well as education sessions for the public on a variety of wildlife related matters.

Cathie's topic will be "The symbiotic relationships between plants and birds" where she will expose the vital role between native plants and the life cycle of birds, and especially how changes in urban gardening styles affects their population and dispersal.



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World Continence Week, 19 to 25 June 2023

Over 5 million Australians - 1 in 4 people aged 15 years or over - experience bladder or bowel incontinence. This World Continence Week we hear the stories of those with lived experience of incontinence and encourage others to seek help to empower them to live confident lives.

"It's important that we share our experiences with other people. Your story will heal you and your story will heal somebody else. When you tell your story, you free yourself and give other people permission to acknowledge their own story."

Iyanla Vanzant, author, lawyer and American inspirational speaker

Incontinence is not just a woman's or an older person's issue, nor is it an inevitable part of ageing. Incontinence is a common condition that can be treated and proactively managed. Incontinence can affect people at any age, but in many cases, it can be prevented, better managed or even

cured. Seeking advice from a health professional is the first step.

Lack of support for incontinence and its associated costs affects thousands of Australians ability to seek and maintain employment. Sharing experiences of this makes the community aware and may motivate greater help and investment strategies for incontinence support and management.

Where to seek help

There are services available to help both you and the person you care for. Where possible, involve them by discussing the reasons and need for seeking help.

The first step is to call the National Continence Helpline on 1800 33 00 66. The Helpline has a team of nurse continence specialists who provide free and confidential advice, resources, details for local services, and information on continence products and funding schemes. An interpreter can be requested. The Helpline is staffed 8am-8pm AEST Monday to Friday.

Treatment or management plans

A specialist health professional will consider what lifestyle changes can help to improve or better manage incontinence, depending on the type of incontinence the person has and their care situation. They will help to set out a treatment plan which could include:

• Adequate fluid intake, including the

timing and types of drinks

- A diet to prevent or manage constipation, faecal incontinence and loose bowel actions
- Pelvic floor muscle exercises
- A bladder retraining or toileting program
- Toileting positioning and posture
- Medications (both prescription and over-the-counter medications such as laxatives)
- Continence products (pads and pants, bed protection, urinary sheath drainage or catheters)
- Equipment (bathroom or toilet grab rails, commode or portable urinal)
- An assessment of toilet accessibility and visibility (especially at night).

For more information and advice:

Talk to your doctor, nurse continence specialist or pelvic floor physiotherapist.

Phone the National Continence Helpline on 1800 33 00 66 and speak with a nurse continence specialist.

The National Public Toilet Map shows the location of more than 19,000 public and private toilet facilities across Australia, including adult change and baby care. toiletmap.gov.au

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Yarramalong RFS

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Coastlink Friendship Group

Country Women's Association (Somersby)

Country Women's Association (Peats Kidge & 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

Mangrove Mountain Singers

Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting

Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee

Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting

Mountain Districts Association (MDA)

Mountain District Football Club Meeting

River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District

Rotary Club Meeting

Spencer Community Progress Group Inc

Spencer Community Ladies Social Club

Newsletter

The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group

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

SPIRITUAL

Anglican Service - Mountain Districts

Mangrove Mountain Christian Group

Mangrove Mountain Union Church, Christian Service

St Barnabas Christian Service Yarramalong

Serbian Orthodox

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 Mon of the month, 7.30pm all welcome Training Every Monday 6.30 except public holidays Information & updates Facebook.com/calga/mtwhiteruralfirebrigade/Contact Captain.calgamtwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.

> 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 6:30pm 4th Monday Training 6:30pm E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade 0415 668953. 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)

Information: www.facebook.com/ YarramalongRuralFireBrigade/
Phone contacts: 0406 360588 or 0418 280764 Email: volunteer@yarramalongrfs.org.au

Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.

First Monday of the month at Community Hall, Peats Kidge School. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400163.

2nd & 4th Tues of the month, 4-8pm at Mangrove Mtn Hall, General meeting 6pm 2nd Tues. 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.

https://permaculturecc.org.au/

Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com 1st & 3rd Tue, Mangrove Mtn Hall, 6-8pm Contact Kim & Leila 0401516501

1st Thurs of the Month, 7pm, Mangrove Mtn

Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 0412669649

2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Mangrove Hall. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529 www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club

President Robyn Downham 0414248224 Email info@rivercares.com.au

Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529 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. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.

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 General Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at CTC (next door to Mangrove Hall) 9.30am second and fourth Sundays. cnr Bloodtree Rd & Wisemans Ferry Rd Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter &

(Christmas Carols dates to be advised) 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$20). 1184 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge

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LIVESTOCK



Maitland Liveweight Report 22nd May 2023

380 cattle yarded today comprising of 320 trade/vealer cattle and 60 export. Quality of the yarding was mixed with most of the yarding being weaner/ restocker cattle with a lot of secondary cattle on offer today. Market was firm today compared to previous sales for all categories of cattle.

- Best butcher calves 290c/kg to 380c/
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made from 150c/kg to 396c/kg.
- Steers 250 to 300kg made from 150c/kg to 390c/kg.
- Steers 300 to 350kg made 130c/kg to 360c/kg.
- Steers over 350kg made 130c/kg to a top of 360c/kg.
- No feeder steers to quote today.
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 120c/kg to 300c/kg.
- Heifers 250 to 300kg made 130c/kg to 325c/kg.
- Heifers 300 to 350 made 125c/kg to a top of 325c/kg. 350kg plus heifers made from 120c/kg to a top of 300c/

Grown heifers made up to 200c/ kg. Cows made from 60c/kg for the plainer boner cows and up to 190c/kg for the good heavy cows. A good pen of Charolais bullocks made 260c/kg to return \$2180 No bulls to quote today.

Maitland Liveweight Report 15th May 2023

620 cattle yarded today comprising of 580 trade/vealer cattle and 40 export. Quality of the yarding was good with most of the yarding being weaner/ restocker cattle. Market was slightly easier today compared to previous sales for all categories of cattle.

- Best butcher calves 290c/kg to 380c/
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made from 150c/kg to 380c/kg.
- · Steers 250 to 300kg made from 150c/kg to 385c/kg.
- Steers 300 to 350kg made 130c/kg to 425c/kg.
- Steers over 350kg made 130c/kg to a top of 380c/kg.
- No feeder steers to quote today.
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 120c/kg to 300c/kg.
- Heifers 250 to 300kg made 130c/kg to 310c/kg.
- Heifers 300 to 350 made 125c/kg to a top of 340c/kg. 350kg plus heifers made from 120c/kg to a top of 340c/

Grown heifers made up to 220c/ kg. Cows made from 100c/kg for the plainer boner cows and up to 190c/kg for the good heavy cows. No bulls or grown steers to quote today.

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

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

Saturday Craft Group/Spining and bobbin lace

HALL BOOKINGS

Kulnura Hall

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

Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Philip House, Mt Penang Gardens, Chris Clarke email pastorkcbc@outlook.com

Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am 1st Fri, 5:30pm-8:30pm Divine Mercy Friday 1st Sat, 5.30pm-9pm, Youth Ministry 18-35yr Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat

Holy Trinty Church, 2nd Sat of the month 4pm, Contact 43771374 or 43771168 as times may change each month.

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 All welcome. Enq 0428 438577

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Cubs meet 6.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesdays Scouts meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Tuesdays Venturers meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Mondays Contact 0460 696 941

Every Tues (except school holidays) 9am to 11.30am, Kooree Guide Cabin. Bec G, PH: 0421 996 029 Anne, PH: 0412 526 557

25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au 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 Margaret 0409467710 or Gavin 43404435. 3rd Fri of 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.

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 Sun. of the month 10am to 5.00pm cost \$12 per person ph 43561196 2nd Sat of the month Somersby Hall (10am to 2pm) cost \$5 per person Carmen 0434071305

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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 YOUR DIARY

Central Coast Harvest Festival

June 10 & 11, various locations inc Mangrove Hall

Bucketty & District Rural Fire Brigade AGM2pm Sat 17 June at the Station at 5393 George Downes Drive, Bucketty.

Saturday, 21st October, Mangrove Mtn Hall Mangrove Mountain Country Fair





WRITING FOR PLEASURE... CONTINUED

In my last article, "Writing for Pleasure" I extolled the virtues of writing which I find is becoming a dying art due mainly to the ease of electronically transmitting all manner of messages. Since that article was so kindly published, I have had a great deal of positive feedback and for that I thank everyone concerned.

Mankind has been communicating by writing for millennia. We have samples of rock art depicting stories of ages long past, not only in Australia but all over the world. We have hieroglyphics and other ancient writings in all manner of languages. Mankind it would seem has an insatiable urge to communicate, to pass on information and to ensure it lives on. With that thought in mind why would modern man fail to continue this practice? Yes, it is a fact that electronic messages do remain forever in some form. Consider the posts on social media vou made years ago that now come back to haunt you. I don't condone graffiti but in a way the people who "tag" buildings, underpasses etc are doing what the cavemen did and that is leaving a message. Is it any different from corporate bodies commissioning murals on the sides of buildings or the

Laguna Public School Celebrates Sesquicentenary

What a fantastic day we had at Laguna PS celebrating our 150th Anniversary on Saturday May 6th! We welcomed over 400 visitors who enjoyed live music, food, games and activities on a beautiful autumn day. A photo display in the library was a

dedicated areas of some cities where artists leave their mark? I'll leave it to you to make up your own minds.

It just brings us back to communicating, and with that thought I've decided to give a fountain pen and a small sample of ink as part of continuing the art of writing.

For those who wish to participate in this one time offer I ask you to come up with a reason you should get the pen in 25 words, or less.

The pen in question is a Hongdian Black Forest fountain pen. The pen has a full metal black coloured casing, a black E/F nib and a converter allowing any colour of

ink to be used. The pen is well balanced and writes very smoothly.

popular spot for many visitors as they found themselves or relatives in scenes captured from the school's past.

One of the best aspects of the day were the amount of former students who came along - Colleen Andrews perhaps being the oldest at 88 years old, a student back in the 1940s. So many familiar surnames - Sternbeck, Thompson, Nicholls, Andrews to name just a few. Keynote speakers Karen Jones and Chris Davey gave the attendees a sense of what is so special about our school, and for all of us, what is so special about our primary years. It was wonderful to see ex-students marvelling at the changes at the school but still remembering spots where they played, lost a tooth or skinned a knee!

A big thankyou to all of the students, staff and families who came along to support the celebrations on a Saturday, we all felt very lucky to be a part of such a special place as Laguna Public School.

Craig Howe, Principal

Submit your entries to the editor of the Community News and they will be forwarded to me. Entries close at the end of June '23.

The winner will be the best answer in the opinion of the independent judge.

What better time than winter to sit down in front of a roaring fire and write.

I look forward to your submissions. Stephen Versey

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