COMMUNITY NEWS

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Mangrove Mountain Landfill

Latest from Land and Environment Court Case 2023

The Court of Appeal judgment was delivered on 2nd June. The judge refused Verde Terra's request not to have to put in a new Development Application.

The critical outcome from the Court of Appeal judgment is that any new DA would be required to be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement.

It is most unlikely that VerdeTerra would be capable of sustaining a position of minimal environmental impact to allow any DA to be approved, so the Court of Appeal judgment is about as good a result as we could have hoped for.

The community still has a lot of work to do before this case is over: -

- We DO NOT want a Waste Facility at this sensitive, water catchment site.
- We DO want the site to be cleaned up.
- We Do want the site to be returned to the community.

For the full story on this Landfill, look at MDA's website: -

https://mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au

Poppe Zouroudis Secretary



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SPENCER'S ARTWORK 'WHY SPENCER'?

Not only do we have state of the art new public toilets but it now proudly displays our 'Why Spencer' artwork.

After the bushfires in December



2019 a Creative Recovery Day was organised by Breanna Pollock, Program Manager Disaster Resilience from the Central Coast Council along with the assistance of local artist GauriMa Grace in November 2020, to support and bring the Community together in a fun, friendly and social environment.

This Creative Recovery Day was designed to provide a platform where the residents could come along and work together on an art project titled 'Why Spencer' and paint whatever they wanted but it had to be something that expressed what living in Spencer meant to them.

These Creative Recovery community projects provide a vehicle whereby people can express their grief, frustration, loss and anxiety following a disaster by painting in a relaxed and happy environment connecting with other people, sharing experiences and showing compassion, understanding and support for one and another.

Robyn Downham President RiverCares





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.







REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Blues on The Mountain - Sat 5th Aug, 6pm Mangrove Hall, book at www.trybooking. com/CHDNH

Bogan Bingo - Sat 5th Aug, 7pm Kulnura Hall, Bookings 0417 761 111

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

Some get what they deserve, others deserve what they get.

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STOP!

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** DEADLINE **
** 14th July '23 **

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Concrete Pipe Business Proposed For Kulnura Site

HAVE YOUR SAY NOW!
PRESERVEOURIDYLLICRURAL
COMMUNITY - WE STRONGLY
OBJECT TO THIS DEVELOPMENT
DA/1060/2023

Only five immediate neighbours were notified, yet this issue is of great concern to so many in the wider community.

It uses the word Rural in its DA proposal. It is not rural. It is heavy industrial. It is really an industrial, large scale concrete pipes and culverts storage and sales business. This storage and sales of massive pipes and culverts should be based in an existing industrial zone. These massive pipes

View of the pipes from Cherry Lane

are predominately for the construction industry, with very few sold locally to farmers.

It has operated unapproved since 2021.

Council needs to uphold its LEP, CCP and RU1 zoning.

It is an eyesore, incongruous in this stunning rural landscape.

Greta and Springs Roads are narrow country roads. They are a through roads used by commuters, tourists, motorcyclists and locals. They are not suited to the already current large numbers of trucks and the damage they cause. The roads are in poor condition and are under constant repair at the cost of the ratepayers. Drivers are regularly forced off the road. We don't need more trucks delivering, buying and selling massive pipes to add to already overburdened country roads.

This type of business/development does not belong here.

Operating 6 days a week is unfair and unjust for locals and tourists who use

the roads. Add these business hours to their already existing intensive chicken broiler production enterprise means more oversized heavy trucks.

The applicant claims studies are not necessary, but studies must be conducted by qualified independent organisations to estimate the increase in all generated traffic movements and the resultant economic effect to road maintenance and increased safety risk to road users. The DA says there will be no effect on water. The site drops to the south located a short distance from Ourimbah Creek, a major water catchment area. Therefore, studies should also be done by qualified hydrologists and then conclusions made.

Their current operation is unapproved and has been operating since 2021 (without Council approval and with instructions from Council to remove the pipes in August 2021).

THIS DA OFFERS NOTHING POSITIVE TO THE COMMUNITY





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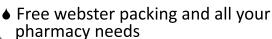
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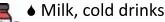


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YET IS FULL OF RISKS AND NEGATIVES.

Please make your voice heard and protect this precious and unique rural environment and our amenity.

You can lodge your objection to this DA by submitting it on the council website or you can scan and email it to ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Following requests from the community closing date for submissions has been extended until 11th July.

This gives those of you who rushed their submission or were notified late and wish to lodge a thoughtful or properly structured submission time to do so. If you want to do this, contact Ryan White on 02 4306 7900, asking him to allow you to resubmit or amend your existing submission. (based on short notice and technical issues with Council's website DA Tracker).

If you know anyone who needs help with lodging a submission, give them a hand please.

After much research and advice from various quarters we are engaging the services of a suitably experienced Town Planner.

Town planners know and speak the language of consultants and council environment and planning staff.

Advice from an experienced source, is that it is unlikely that in two weeks a small group of people like us would be able to gain the knowledge and expertise required to achieve the results of an expert who has spent his life in planning. We have contacted Ian Sinclair, an expert in these matters and have obtained his plan of action and quote.

It will be necessary that we all contribute according to our ability towards his costs of \$4,950.

We believe that we are in good hands. He will visit the site at 315 Greta Road very soon.

Please give us your feedback and forward this to your friends and neighbours who are concerned about our amenity and rural environment.

Keep informing others in our Community, our families and friends to continue sending submissions and petitions on change.org https://chng.it/pmzmNJQCkf



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Agritourism Options for Farmers

The NSW government has made it easier for farmers to use their land for tourism activities such as farm experiences, cellar doors and farm stay accommodation

Simpler planning rules will:

- help landowners add value to their existing agricultural operations and encourage the next generation to farm the land
- help make farms more resilient to the economic impacts of natural disasters and other unexpected events
- support sustainable tourism, giving people more reasons to visit regional and rural NSW.

If you meet requirements under the exempt and complying development pathways, here are five ways you can use your farm for new business ventures.

1. Camping on your farm

You can host campers on your farm without planning or building approval if you meet certain requirements, including:

- Tents are 6 metres from any building, caravan, annex or campervan
- You host up to 20 people at any one time, for up to 21 days for each visit
 - Your farm is at least 15 hectares
- 2. Fast track new buildings on your

farm

You can build a new structure to sell produce from your farm through a fast-track approval if you meet certain requirements, including:

- The building is up to 200sqm and up to 7m or 10m in height, depending on your property size
- It is set back from certain neighbouring agricultural uses
- There is a maximum of 100 visitors at any one time.

3. Give visitors a rural experience

You can host events such as tours, weddings, conferences and other functions. To do this, you must meet certain requirements, including:

- Events (except tours, school visits and horse riding tours) must have a maximum 50 people, 52 days a year
- Events must take place during specific times 8.00am to 6.00pm Sundays to Thursdays and public holidays and 8.00am to midnight Fridays and Saturdays
- Neighbours are given at least one week's notice before the use commences.

4. Run a small farm gate business

You can use an existing building on your farm to set up a business such as a store, café, or tastings and workshops to highlight your land's produce. To do this, you must meet certain requirements, including:

- Use up to 200sqm of the building
- Operate during 8.00am to 5.00pm Sundays to Fridays or public holidays,

and 7.00am to 5.00pm on Saturdays

- Host a maximum of 100 visitors at a time
- Parking is provided on your property.

5. Build a roadside stall

You can build a roadside stall on your farm without planning or building approval if you meet certain development standards, including:

- Your stall has a maximum footprint of 9 square metres
 - It's located on your property
- It's not adjacent to a freeway, highway or tollway
- There's room for customer parking.

Read the full list of requirements for how to set up a new business on your farm at https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Planning-amendments-agriculture



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Tickets to the event of the season will be released at 9am on Monday the 3rd July. Be the talk of the 'ton' and secure your seats quickly, as this is an event not to miss.

Open your coin purses and count your shillings, tickets are \$190 per person or \$1,800 for a table of 10.

All funds raised at this auspicious occasion will help the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service support those in need across our fair region.

DATE: Saturday 23rd September 2023

VENUE: Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific

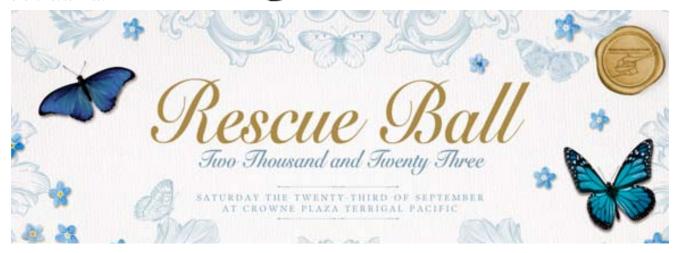
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2023 Sustainable Future Festival

1Coast (a Central Coast Council and Cleanaway partnership) is inviting performers, vendors, schools, and community members who are passionate about sustainability and reducing waste, to submit expressions of interest for participation in the Central Coast Sustainable Future Festival.

The Sustainable Future Festival is a free community event celebrating living sustainably on the NSW Central Coast.

Held at the University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus on the traditional lands of the Darkinjung people, the Sustainable Future Festival aims to educate and inspire Central Coast residents on how to live more sustainably and keep our coast as beautiful as ever.

The annual event will showcase a series of engaging workshops, demonstrations, speakers, performances and markets with a particular focus around resource management, reducing waste, recycling more and living for a sustainable future.

The Sustainable Future Festival is scheduled for the 14 and 15 October 2023, with a day set aside exclusively for our school community on the 13

PILE BURNING

The bushfire danger period may have ended but fires still present a risk to people, structures and the environment.

Pile burns can be a useful method for reducing bush fire fuels, bush regeneration, property maintenance & agricultural activities.

Some rules for pile burning:

- Pile size may be up to 2 m in diameter & a maximum height of 1.5 m
- Vegetation must be of a diameter of 150 mm or less
- Burning must minimise smoke impacts by avoiding green, damp and compacted piles.
- Burning should not cause nuisance to neighbours or a smoke hazard to traffic. Where nuisance or smoke hazard occurs, the fire is to be immediately extinguished.
- Dry & dead vegetation generated on the premises only
- An open pile burn fire must be at

October 2023.

If you are looking to feel inspired, educated and motivated to make a difference, this festival is something you won't want to miss!

If you are interested in being a part of the festival as a presenter, stallholder, community group or school, please visit www.sustainablefuturefestival. com.au or contact info@ sustainablefuturefestival.com.au

- least 20 metres from any dwelling structure, building, or unmanaged vegetation (native or non-native).
- All combustible material within 4.5 metres of the fire must be removed.
- Adequate water supplies and/or fire fighting equipment must be immediately on hand.
- An open fire must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Burning should only take place when weather conditions are suitable with winds under 15km/h.
- Notify the NSW RFS & adjoining neighbours 24 hours prior.

Alternatives to burning all fallen timber

Keeping fallen timber and dead trees in the landscape is one of the best things you can do for biodiversity and landscape health on your farm.

In a paddock or on a woodland floor, fallen timber stabilises soil, reduces erosion, and creates a protected microclimate where small animals can thrive, nutrients collect, and seedlings can gain a foothold protected from grazing and the elements.

Supporting healthy farm ecosystems

- Hundreds of species of wildlife rely on fallen timber for shelter and food resources, while standing dead trees often provide hollows that are important nesting sites for wildlife.
- During natural disasters such as fires, logs and tree hollows provide shelter for wildlife.



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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

HAPPY HOUR 4-6pm COCKTAIL HOUR 6-7pm MEAT RAFFLE drawn at 730pm New restaurant specials every week from 530pm

SATURDAY

POOL COMP from 630pm entry fee \$5



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- Retained dead timber plays an essential role in ecosystem recovery post-fire, enabling flora and fauna to recover more rapidly across the landscape.
- You can support biodiversity by retaining fallen timber and dead trees, particularly large hollow-bearing trees, on your farm.

Is fallen timber a fire risk?

Not all fallen timber increases fire risk. Larger branches, logs and fallen trees do not easily ignite and, once ignited, don't contribute significantly to the spread of fire. In contrast, fine fuels contribute the most to fire spread, intensity and severity and are the target of fuel reduction burns.

Fine fuels:

- Includes woody debris < 6mm diameter, such as dry grass, leaf litter, twigs and dry bark
- Have very low moisture content; and are quick to ignite and burn out
- Enable fires to spread rapidly and higher into the woodland canopy, which can lead to 'crowning' fires

Heavy fuels:

- Includes woody debris > 6mm diameter; such as dead branches, trees and logs
- Are slower to reach ignition so may not ignite as fire passes through; however if heavy fuels do ignite, they may continue to smoulder after the fire front has passed
- Create only low flame height and low risk of ember attack

The best way to protect houses and other infrastructure is to maintain a 30-40m buffer zone around them.

Check www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and centralcoast.nsw.gov.au for more information

SCARECROWS ARE BACK IN SPRING 2023

Yarramalong valley's famous scarecrow competition will be back bigger and better than ever in 2023.

The competition will run from Friday 8 September 2023 to Sunday 24 September 2023.

We'll keep you posted via Community News, other publications and social media as we refine further information and website development.

Phillip Clamp





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 JULY 27th

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Where: Mangrove Mountain Computer Club

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150 APPRENTICE **SCHOLARSHIPS UP FOR GRABS**

NSW Government announced that applications are open for the 2023 Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships program.

The program will support 150 firstyear apprentices with \$15,000 each to complete their training and further their career.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch, says that with the current skills shortage, this scholarship will give a helping hand to apprentices.

"In a skills shortage, NSW needs to have a pipeline of skilled workers, and this scholarship will commit to that, ensuring that students move into rewarding careers, despite their personal circumstances.

"It is important that apprentices have the ability to complete their training and thrive during the education process.

"These scholarships will allow more Coasties into vocational education."

The Scholarships are named in honour of the late Bert Evans AO, a passionate advocate of vocational education for more than 30 years.

The Scholarships are awarded to apprentices in NSW who have demonstrated:

• Financial hardship and/or personal

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ANIMAL HEALTH SEASONAL UPDATE

Over the past 6 months, we have seen the usual Mid Coast and Hunter animal health challenges such as pinkeye and worm burdens reducing production in young stock.

Barbers pole worm and Black scour worm, in particular, have caused production and stock losses. The warm wet weather has provided perfect conditions for survival of worm larvae on pasture and we encourage all producers to manage worm burdens in weaner and yearling stock now.

These same conditions have also seen stock and production losses from

hardship

- Capability for vocational education and training, and
- A positive attitude and application in the workplace and in off-the-job training.

Applications are open now and will close 21 July 2023.

Go to https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/apprentices-and-trainees/support-with-your-apprenticeship-or-traineeship/bert-evans-apprentice-scholarships or call 13 28 11 for more information and to apply.

Liesl Tesch Member for Gosford the virulent "Ikeda" variant of Theileria that arrived on the Mid Coast in early to mid-2000 and has since spread up and down the coast and to several other states. Cases started with a bang in September 2022 and, as per usual, have continued right through summer and into autumn.

Unlike sheep, goats evolved over many years to deal with worms by using grazing behaviour to stay away from worms – this is why they're happy browsing from trees, eating from the tops of large grass tufts and sampling the washing from the clothesline. As a result of this evolutionary change, goats developed large and highly efficient livers to deal with the toxins in the trees and other browse plants.

These important differences in goats mean that if you fence them in and ask them to eat within 10cm of ground level (where most of the worm larvae live) they are incredibly susceptible to picking up worms; and that many of the drenches that are used in sheep cannot just be used in goats at sheep dose rates as their liver metabolises them very differently.

For more information go to https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au and search for "Barbers Pole Worm"

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CELEBRATING WOMEN OVER 60

An Instagram series by Sue Harris

Meet Judy Betteridge from Mangrove Creek. A woman who is tirelessly helping her friends, community and family:

Growing up in the city, I had a country Mum who instilled in us a love for nature and the country. I always wanted to move to the country and be closer to the earth. I love a simple life, embracing my garden and connecting with nature. I love being part of the community.

When we moved to Mangrove Creek, we attempted to become selfsustaining. It was a lovely place to bring our family and enjoy open spaces, cooking around the campfire and sharing our lifestyle with our family.

I have strong connection to people and love to help build self-confidence in people. I joined the Country Women's Association and found a whole new family of women with similar interests. I have a love for cooking and love to share my cooking skills with other likeminded cooks.

I learnt to make preserves when I was very young but my education bloomed in this area when I moved into an area like ours where we had many other fruits and vegetables to test my preserving skills. I have connected with many clever people who have taught me so much, and I always say to anyone I teach that we must always pay it forward and share our skills.

In 2011 I became a Land Cookery Judge and my role is not to only judge people's cooking at shows and various



competitions, but to also encourage excellence in cooking. I always tell people that we eat with our eyes first, so the food needs to look good. Of course, we all know that the final test of good food is how good does it 0 taste.

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



St. Albans Village Market is more than simply a produce market. It is a carefully curated selection of quality gourmet produce, artisan craft goods, vintage clothing sellers and more who are committed to our ethos of quality at a fair price.

Our gates are open on the 2 Sunday in each month - Feb to Dec - from

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.

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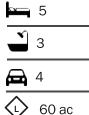
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International Blues Music Day on the Mountain

Join us as we celebrate International Blues Music Day on Saturday the 5th of August with a special Blues on the Mountain event at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall.

The event will feature multi award winning Australian blues artist, Dom Turner and his band, The Rural Blues Project. Dom is best known as guitarist, lead vocalist, and founding member of the iconic Australian blues group, Backsliders. Joining Dom is the shuffle king himself, legendary drummer Rosscoe Clarke (Foreday Riders, Cyril B Bunter) and accordion, melodica and keyboard master, Johnny G (Johnny G & the E-Types).

Dom Turner's band The Rural Blues Project is blues beyond the 12-bar. The band presents versions of 20th century guitar-based blues songs, all played in an upbeat, raw and electrified style-from Robert Johnson to Lead Belly, Fred McDowell to RL Burnside, breathing new life into old songs for 21st century audiences.

The band will feature tracks from their debut album Sit Tight, which spent two months atop the Australian Blues and Roots Music Airplay Chart.

Blues on the Mountain is an All ages family friendly event. Doors open at 6pm, with great food and light refreshments available for purchase, BYO welcome.

Tickets cost \$30 (Adult) \$15 (Youth 12-16yrs), children under 12 years of age accompanied by a paying adult, free. To book visit www.trybooking. com/CHDNH

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The Greenteams are small groups of local volunteers assisting each other with managing weeds on their properties. They meet once a month, working with the assistance of a qualified supervisor to learn and treat the weeds, and identify the native plants and habitats that can be found in the area.

The Mangrove/Somersby Green team continues to meet regularly, and photos from the latest meeting can be seen below.

The Yarramalong Green team has recently formed, and its first meeting was a planting event at a volunteer's property at the end of last year.

Anyone interested in joining the Greenteams or seeking more information can contact Paul Madden, Project Officer at the CEN office via phone: 4349 4491 or email: paul. madden@cen.org.au











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Above: Pseuderanthemum variabile from Yarramalong Green Team.

Below: Eucalyptus piperita (Sydney

Peppermint) hollow which provides habitat, taken with the Mangrovel Somersby Greenteam.



Below: Fungi (likely Mycena cystidiosa) growing on leaf litter, taken with the Mangrove/Somersby Greenteam.



This initiative is made possible by the NSW Landcare Program. A collaboration of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW inc. supported by the NSW Government





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(this is the rescheduled session from April 2023)

When These Mountains Speak

Images by Jeremy Hudson and stories by Adrienne Ferreira

Ways of Seeing: When These Mountains Speak is an inter-cultural project in the form of an innovative series of pictures and stories which share the stories of seven farming families who live in the valleys and mountains of the Central Coast, NSW. They represent a range of cultures and generations from diverse backgrounds.

To celebrate Refugee Week 2023, the community was invited to an exhibition on Saturday 24 June at Mangrove Mountain Hall to enjoy the images shot by local photographer Jeremy Hudson and accompanying stories by Adrienne Ferreira.

The Central Coast is a community built on cultural diversity. The human connection that exists between locals

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and visitors to the beautiful region is further enriched by the cultural heritage of many of the local and diverse business owners. This series reflects and shares stories of those businesses between the valleys and mountains from the perspective of established and first generation farmers. These are the untold stories where human determination and care for the land take place.

Meliora Farm, Peats Ridge

Third generation avocado and citrus farmers Robert and Lyndall Kemp; Tim and Elise Kemp, with Chris and Lachlan.
meliorafarm.com.au

There's something special about Peats Ridge that keeps drawing the Kemp men back. With 120 acres of verdant groves, meandering creeks and scenic views down to the Hawkesbury River, Meliora Farm is an undeniably



Tamarillo's in fruit



L to R: Robert, Lyndall & Tim. Robert's father bought the tractor in 1963. 'It's a David Brown 990. It's done at least 20,000 hours on the farm and still going!'

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beautiful place to grow up, yet horticulture has never been easy.

'Citrus has always been marginal, as far as returns go,' said Robert, whose father Ken bought the land in 1925. Robert attended Hawkesbury Agriculture College (now University of Western Sydney), then went to the Northern Territory to work on cattle stations in the late 1950's and early 60's.

'I would have stayed there, but Dad wrote to me and said he'd had enough farming and wanted to sell the place. I decided I wouldn't like to see it sold, so I came back and took over.'

Robert's wife Lyndall recalled that they had to do all sorts of extra things in the early days to make ends meet. They had hairdressing salon, a laundromat and a fertilising business. 'You had to,' she explained. 'It's not broadacre like way out west. It's very

and sometimes get nothing for it, after all those hours you'd put in. I said to Dad, "If I'm going to come back to the farm, we're not growing tomatoes!"

Like Robert, Tim loved growing up on the farm, but he wasn't sure he wanted to take over.

'It's incredible how similar our stories ended up being,' said Tim. 'I went to Hawkesbury as well — the 3rd generation of Kemps to go there. There was never any pressure from Dad to come back to the farm. He said "Get out and experience the world and decide what you do."

After working in Sydney, then travelling through Canada and North America for many years, Tim eventually returned to expand on Robert's avocado venture. It was great timing. Production was good, demand for avocados continued to boom, and the switch from citrus proved highly

bad very quickly. The cost of inputs went up 100%, then 300%.

Throughout these dramatic changes of fortune, the Kemps have had to evolve and innovate to stay on the land. Tim is grateful for his wife, Elise, and the knowledge she brings. 'Elise is such an important part of the business. She has a banking background and manages all the finances. Her expertise is what's keeping us going now.'

The lure of this landscape is something felt by more than the Kemps. Tim and Elise's 'Pick Your Own' farm experiences have exploded in popularity, with groups and families coming from the Central Coast and beyond to engage directly with harvest season and enjoy the picturesque surroundings.

Their youngest, Lachlan, is the 4th generation at Meliora to show an interest in farming.



intensive here.'

To supplement the citrus, Robert started growing tomatoes for the Sydney market. 'Tomatoes were much more labour intensive, but you could make money out of it,' he said. 'Or you could make nothing at all.'

Their son, Tim, shudders at the memory. 'Dad cured me of tomatoes when I was a kid. The endless amount of work you had to do to get the crop ready to pick, then you pick the crop

profitable.

'Everything has to evolve to keep up with the times,' Tim reflected. 'Travel widens my view of farming — I have a worldview. It helps deal with the shocks when you can see it coming.'

Recently, the shocks have been brutal. Drought and fires, followed closely by unremitting rains took a devastating toll on the trees. 'Then Covid hit and shut the market down. It went from being quite good to really

'It's in his blood,' said Tim. 'There's no pressure, but he's tracking along the same path as Dad and me. Study, travel, then come back to the land.'

The featured images and stories from the "When These Mountains Speak" exhibition can be viewed on the website www.waysofseeing.au

Central Coast Council Photography by Jeremy Hudson & Stories by Adrienne Ferreira





SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT YAAS!

Don't get bored these July school holidays! YAAS! has three FREE events in Gosford, a short stroll from the train station.

These events are for 12-18 year old LGBTQIA+, First Nations & youth living with disability as well as all your mates and allies.

YAAS! Young Authentic and Social is an award-winning arts and culture program hosting social groups, creative workshops and celebrations.

We're kicking off the school holiday program on July 5 with Gosfords own Elemental Arcade at Fun Haus Factory in Gosford for an afternoon of trading card and video gaming, and of course, new friends. Jump on the Nintendo Switch with Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, or learn how to play Cardfight!! Vanguard! Everyone is welcome, no gaming experience necessary.

Next up is the LGBTQ Performance Workshop, facilitated by local LGBTQ artists Carlee Heise and Luca Carter.

School Holiday Program

Central Coast Council has lots of free and affordable activities and events

Council Director of Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said our popular school holiday program is delivered from a range of facilities including the Gosford Regional Gallery, libraries, leisure centres and theatres.

Join us on July 7 at Fun House Factory, Central Coast's Contemporary Multiarts Centre, for a chance to get creative and express yourself with other diverse youth through theatre games, character exploration, story-telling and drag! This workshop is suitable for all or no experience levels. Get out of your comfort zone in a safe space.

Finishing the school holiday program with a bang at our massive music video shoot on 12 April at Fun Haus Factory. Feature in a music video shoot for a new song written and produced by local young artist "Ashton", a finalist in the eMergent Sounds competition through Central Coast Council. Their song 'Expectations (Y.A.A.S)' is all about being your authentic self and celebrating your beautiful differences, so come and share your amazing and unique self with us in this epic music video! Don't want to be in front of

"We understand that students in year 12 are likely to be focused on their studies these holidays, so our libraries have study spaces for students and a free HSC talk discussing strategies to boost results; presented by Dr Bruce Dennet. He is co-author of 11 textbooks and has over 45 years teaching experience."

To make it easy for parents and carers to find out what's on and where, we've listed school holiday events on our website at <u>centralcoast.nsw.gov.</u> <u>au/whats-on</u>

Sensational STEAM Challenge



the camera? That's okay, there will be plenty to help with behind the scenes on the day, holding equipment, making the sets, lights etc

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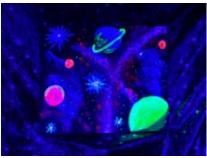
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Paper Quilling



Gosford Library, 118 Donnison St Gosford, Mon, 10 Jul, 10:30am

Pom Pom Fun

Gosford Regional Gallery, 36 Webb St, East Gosford, Mon, 10 Jul, 10am - 12pm, \$25

Create a Steampunk Hat



Kariong Library, 98 Mitchell Drive, Kariong, Tue, 11 Jul 2023, 10:30am, \$5.50

Digital Art Illustration Workshop



Erina Library, The Hive, Erina Fair Shopping Centre, North South Rd, Erina, Wed, 12 Jul, 1pm, \$5.50

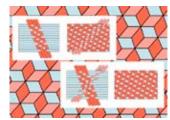
Tales at the Theatre

Laycock St Community Theatre, 5 Laycock St, Wyoming, Thu, 13 Jul, 10am

Koori Kinnections

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Contact

Kulnura VBFB General meeting at Greta Rd Station Training

Mangrove Mountain RFS General Meeting Bloodtree Rd Training / Maintenance

Spencer RFS General Meeting Training
Junior Training

Somersby RFS General Meeting Training/Maintenance

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

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Ladies of the Valley

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

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St Barnabas Christian Service Yarramalong

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/ Captain.calgamtwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.

1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm

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E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade
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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 Ridge 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 Tues, 10am to 12 at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Margaret Dale 0411104770

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 $secretary @\,mountain districts association.com. au$ 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)

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Maitland Liveweight Report 26th June 2023

630 cattle yarded today comprising of 640 trade/vealer cattle and 80 export. Quality of the yarding was mixed with most of the yarding being weaner/restocker cattle. Market was firm to slightly dearer in places today compared to previous sales for all categories of cattle, with some big improvement in the light weaner heifers.

- Best butcher calves 270c/kg to 364c/
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made from 150c/kg to 360c/kg.
- · Steers 250 to 300kg made from 150c/kg to 355c/kg.
- Steers 300 to 350kg made 130c/kg to 358c/kg.
- Steers over 350kg made 130c/kg to a top of 366c/kg.
- Heavy Milk/2 teeth feeder steers making up to 340c/kg.
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 120c/kg to 290c/kg.
- Heifers 250 to 300kg made 130c/kg to 340c/kg.
- Heifers 300 to 350 made 125c/kg to a top of 314c/kg.
- Heifers 350kg plus made from 120c/ kg to a top of 335c/kg.
- · Cows made from 100c/kg for the plainer boner cows and up to 200c/ kg for the better heavy cows.
- Grown steers made up to 220c/kg and bulls made from 180c/kg to 210c/kg.

Maitland Liveweight Report 19th June 2023

720 cattle yarded today comprising of 640 trade/vealer cattle and 80 export. Quality of the yarding was mixed with most of the yarding being weaner/restocker cattle. Market was firm to slightly dearer in places today compared to previous sales for all categories of cattle, with some big improvement in the light weaners.

- Best butcher calves 270c/kg to 380c/
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made

from 150c/kg to 390c/kg.

- Steers 250 to 300kg made from 150c/kg to 370c/kg.
- Steers 300 to 350kg made 130c/kg to 358c/kg.
- Steers over 350kg made 130c/kg to a top of 355c/kg.
- Heavy Milk/2 teeth feeder steers making up to 3450c/kg.
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 120c/kg to 290c/kg.
- Heifers 250 to 300kg made 130c/kg to 320c/kg.
- Heifers 300 to 350 made 125c/kg to a top of 325c/kg.
- Heifers 350kg plus made from 120c/ kg to a top of 300c/kg.
- · Cows made from 80c/kg for the plainer boner cows and up to 200c/ kg for the better heavy cows.
- Grown steers made up to 200c/kg and one heavy bull made 210c/kg.

On-Property Bull Sale

7th Annual Sale: Saturday 29th July 2023, 1pm. Sugarloaf Angus holds its on-property Angus Bull sale on the last Saturday in July.

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Catholic Service -Spencer

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Junior Girl Guides 5-10

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ACTIVITY/HOBBY

Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group Coastal Communicators Toastmasters

Craft/scrapbooking

Saturday Craft Group/Spining and bobbin lace

Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)

HALL BOOKINGS

Kulnura Hall

Mangrove Mountain Hall Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts Culture and Heritage Centre

Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall

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

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.

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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

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 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. alisonhomestead.com.au

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 10am to 5pm, \$12/person. Bring along your projects. Dates & details: stackm@skymesh.com.au or ph 43561196 2nd Sat of the month Somersby Hall (10am to 2pm) cost \$5 per person Carmen 0434071305 Last Sunday of month 2pm at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Contact Margaret Dale 0411104770

ContactCentral Coast Council. 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





Solar and battery systems installed across 20 local Rural Fire Stations

Solar and battery systems have been installed at 20 Rural Fire Stations across the Central Coast to ensure services can continue to operate independently should a grid power fail occur during natural disasters.

Central Coast Council's Director Environment and Planning, Dr Alice Howe said the initiative will be of particular importance to the many community members who live in isolated and vulnerable areas across our large Local Government Area, who have previously faced limited access to basic needs such as power and vital emergency services during natural disasters.

"The installation of solar and battery systems at local Rural Fire Stations will provide the community with the assurance that they can access emergency services during times of need," Dr Howe said.

Dr Howe said Council has partnered with NSW Public Works to manage this initiative, which is jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments.

"The ability to generate and store renewable energy also provides economic benefits, including savings on the consumption and cost of electricity."

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said this is a great move towards further ensuring that our community and local emergency services are prepared when faced with natural disasters.

"It is crucial that our local fire services can maintain operational during a bush fire and these new resources will help to achieve that. It also serves as a timely reminder to our community about the importance of being prepared for emergency events at home," Mr Hart said.

"I urge residents living near bushland to understand the potential bushfire risk to their property and learn how to reduce that risk.

"Being prepared for bushfires can save lives and property, which in turn helps us to recover from these events more quickly when they do occur."

Local Rural Fire Stations that have received solar and/or battery systems include:

- Dooralong RFS, batteries only
- Mangrove Mountain RFS, batteries only
- Kulnura RFS, batteries only
- Pearl Beach RFS, batteries only
- Empire Bay RFS, batteries only
- · Somersby RFS, batteries only
- Matcham Holgate RFS, batteries only
- Phegans Bay RFS, batteries only
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