

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Free broadband access for disadvantaged students

The Albanese Government will provide up to 30,000 Australian families with no internet at home free broadband for one year, as part of our plan for a better National Broadband Network (NBN).

The School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) will provide the opportunity for eligible school students to benefit from fast internet at home to support their education. More than 1,000 Australian families have already benefitted from home broadband connections set up under the initiative.

Those working closest with families and students, including State and Territory education bodies, selected charities, and community organisations, will identify families and support them to access the free service.

NBN Co is implementing this target affordability initiative with the support of a \$4.5 million commitment in the October 2022-23 Federal Budget.

The one-year of free services begins from the day the service is activated.

The SSBI is part of the Albanese Government's commitment to narrow the digital divide, including by making full-fibre NBN access available to an additional 1.5 million premises – 660,000 of which will be in regional areas – and working to support First Nations Australians digital inclusion through the formation of the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group.

For more information on the SSBI, visit [www.infrastructure.gov.au/ssbi](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/ssbi)

Dr Gordon Reid MP, Federal Member for Robertson stated “I strongly encourage locals interested in this initiative to contact my office so we can help connect you to the program”

*The Hon Michelle Rowland MP*

*Dr Gordon Reid MP*

*Media Release*



Country Fair meetings are now held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm at The Hub of Mangrove Mountain.

Our next meetings will be held on

Thursday 20th July 2023

Thursday 17th August

Thursday 21st September

Thursday 19th October

*Louisa Foxford, Secretary  
Mangrove Mountain & Districts  
Country Fair*

## Council Statement re Mangrove Mountain Landfill

Following the NSW Court of Appeal judgment delivered on 2 June 2023 in the matter of Verde Terra v Central Coast Council, Council has been notified that Verde Terra has filed an application for special leave to appeal to the High Court of Australia.

At this stage, Council has not been served with the application, but intends to actively respond.

*Central Coast Council  
Media release*

### REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

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# Community Emergency Communication Radio Rollout Progressing

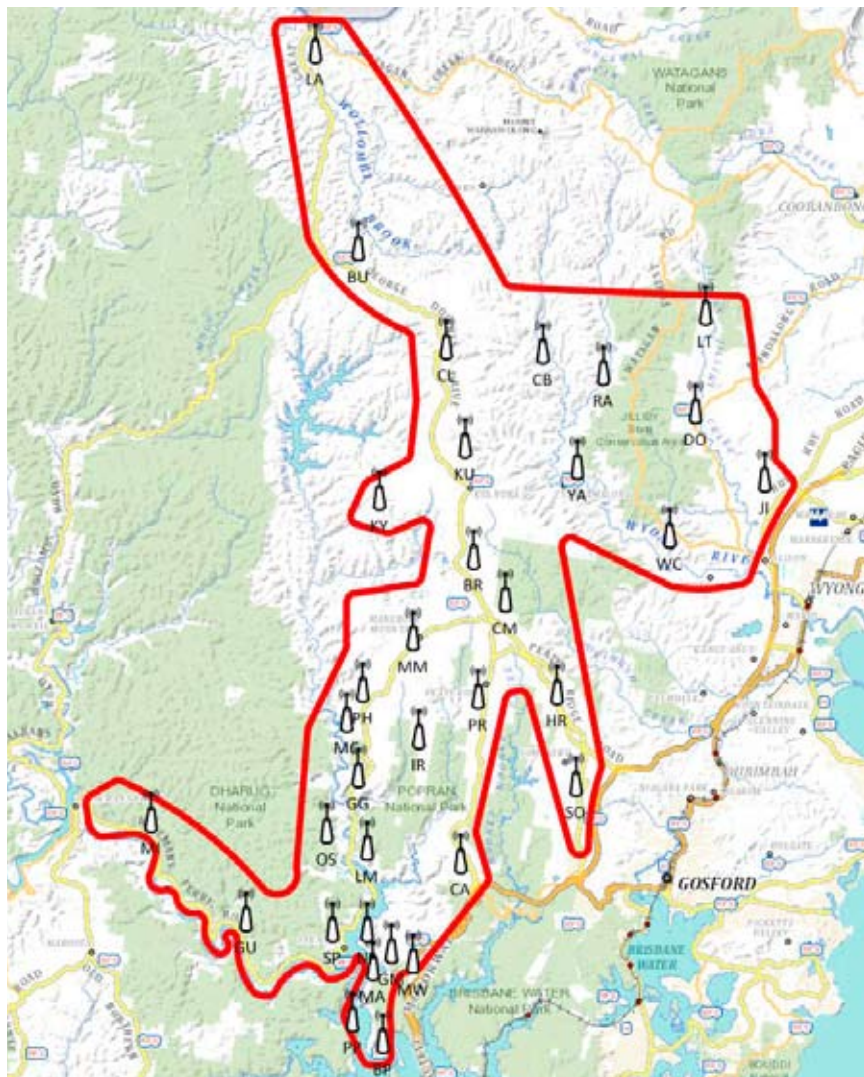
The aim of the CB radio system is to provide backup communications during emergencies such as bushfires, floods and storms, when power is interrupted, roads blocked and access limited. This will help communications between residents and emergency services and ensure that residents needs are addressed and emergency services can better target their efforts and get warnings through to residents.

A grant was obtained through the Commonwealth Government BSBR program to fund the supply and installation of a CB Radio and backup battery to participating households.


To date there are over 80 installations either completed or scheduled to be finalised and additional participants are being queued for following rounds of installations. There are also hand held radios being deployed in select situations.

Testing of the system has proven that the locations of the radios has enabled continuity of communications along the extent of the current installations, eg between Mangrove Mountain and Gunderman.

However there are a couple of "black



The area covered by the CB Radio Emergency Communications Network



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spots". One, at a point about halfway between the bottom of the dike and Tarbay Creek will soon be eliminated when CB's are installed in properties in the area but the second, between the Letter A and the intersection of Bloodtree Rd & George Downes Dr., will require more residents in that area to join in the program.

There also is no coverage south of Peats Ridge Public School to Mt White, so if you live in that area you are encouraged to participate.

The CB radio network is a system of last resort. The basic aims are:

- Ability to contact someone who can call 000
- Check on neighbours or vulnerable persons
- Receive warnings and guides on what action to take
- Provide feedback to emergency services
- Disseminate information provided by emergency services

Liaison is in progress with emergency and government services such as SES, RFS, Police, Local Area Health, LLS, Council, Red Cross, NEMA and others.

Protocols for communicating with these organisations are in the early stages of development.

One training session has been held and more are to be scheduled. User guides and communication protocols are being prepared.

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Keith Aranjó, Secretary, MEPCC

*This project is an initiative of the Mangrove Emergency Planning and Communications Committee and is supported by the Australian Government.*



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“I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow.” —David Hobson

Our July meeting was at the beautiful Hunter Regional Botanic Gardens at



Photos: various from visit to Hunter Regional Botanic gardens

Heatherbrae. These award-winning gardens are managed and maintained by a group of devoted volunteers, and include a stunning orchid house, a collection of rare and endangered plants, a herbarium with over 10,000 dried plant specimens, a café, a gallery space, and much more.

If you haven't been, it's an easy hour's drive up the freeway and well worth a visit. The gardens are open 7 days from 9am – 4pm. You can learn more here: <https://www.huntergardens.org.au/>

### July in the garden:

There's no excuse not to be spending time in the garden in the glorious winter sunshine. Even though we desperately



need rain (hard to believe that this time last year we were flooded in) there's lots to keep us busy. Mulching, tidying, pruning roses, preparing lawns for spring, keeping watch for winter pests, and also making sure you are watering well, given the current lack of rain.

### Winter warmer recipe:

I visited a friend yesterday and she served the most delicious Moroccan cauliflower. I convinced her to part with the recipe:

- Spicy Moroccan Cauliflower
- 1 large cauliflower
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 1/2 tsp dried chilli flakes
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 2 tsp moroccan seasoning
- 1 tsp sumac
- 1 lemon
- 3/4 cup plain Greek-style yoghurt
- 1/3 cup tahini

Preheat oven to 200°C. Combine spices in a bowl. Drizzle oil over cauliflower and sprinkle with spices. Place in baking dish and pour 1/2 cup water into pan and cover with foil. Bake for 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake for a further 20 minutes. Or, skip this step and cook in air fryer!

Place spinach leaves onto a serving platter, then cauliflower.

Combine yoghurt, tahini, lemon juice, sumac, salt and pepper, in a bowl and pour over cauliflower to serve. (or you can cheat and mix a pre-bought garlic dip with hummus, and add a

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Sprinkle with seed mix (optional) and attempt to share it. I am sure I could eat the entire cauliflower myself!

**Book of the month:**

Future Proof Your Garden – by Angus and Emma Stewart

A practical guide to creating and maintaining a water-efficient garden, including a comprehensive photographic plant directory, and insights into sustainable design, in big and small spaces.

Futureproof Your Garden is a go-to resource for anyone who wants expert advice on how to use, capture and store water efficiently in times of drought or deluge. Angus and Emma

help you to choose plants that not only suit your personal style, but that can adapt to changing environments. A photographic plant directory is packed with information on what to plant where, and the pair share design know-how that's adaptable to outdoor spaces of all sizes. Soil care is considered in comprehensive detail, and photo essays offer step-by-step garden DIY how-tos - including wicking beds, capillary watering, deep irrigation and ollas.

Make the most of a guide to plant selection that equips you to create landscapes that are functional, beautiful and resilient, covering techniques for ornamental, habitat and edible gardens. Filled with knowledge and wisdom from two generations of

widely respected horticulturalists, this is a must-have for any gardener looking to the future of what to plant and grow.

Angus Stewart is a Hobart-based horticulturalist who has spent a lifetime working with plants. He was a long-time presenter on Gardening Australia, and Futureproof Your Garden is his sixth book. Sydney-based horticulturalist Emma Stewart inherited her father's passion and is dedicated to a sustainable gardening future.

From: <https://www.booktopia.com.au/futureproof-your-garden-angus-stewart/book/9781922351302.html>

*I stood in my garden early yesterday morning wondering where the sun had gone... Then it dawned on me.*

**August Meeting:**

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am for a 10am start and our next meeting will be on Monday August 14th at Sustainable Natives, Somersby. Please contact us for more details.

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

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Karynne Courts  
(KDGC Committee member, 2023)



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# When Will Wisemans Ferry Road be Repaired?

A Prospectus developed by Central Coast Council and released in October 2022 identified a number of what are described as “Key Enabling Projects”. One of these is the restoration of Wisemans Ferry Road.

The prospectus details are as follows:

## Overview

Wisemans Ferry Road is a two-lane road that connects M1 Pacific Motorway at Kariong to the ferry crossing over the Hawkesbury River at Wisemans Ferry. This road provides the main access to the remote communities of Spencer, Lower Mangrove and Gunderman and is critical to other Mangrove Mountain communities.

Apart from the Hawkesbury River Bridge the M1 Pacific Motorway and the adjacent Pacific Highway Bridge, the Wisemans Ferry Road ferry crossing is the only other crossing point on the Hawkesbury River for vehicles. It also attracts tourists with a rich convict and colonial heritage along this scenic



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route through the hinterland of the Central Coast as well as visitors to the adjacent Dharug and Yengo National Parks.

In February 2012, two sections of road embankment failed on Wisemans Ferry Road at Gunderman. As a result of the high cost of reinstating the two travel lanes a semi-permanent closure of one lane at both sites remains in place. As a result of the natural disasters and storm events of 2022, a number of sites along Wisemans Ferry Road experienced significant damage to the road pavement and embankments with landslides and rockfalls occurring at multiple locations.

**CSP Objective**

Responsible - Solve road and drainage problem areas and partner with the State Government to improve road conditions across the region.

**Benefits**

- This project will provide improved access and safety for road users in delivering an enhanced road link between Sydney and the Central Coast.

- The reinstatement of this road is vital to enable this transportation to continue and fully realise the full potential of this essential road corridor.

**Project Timeline**

A year timeframe for consultation and design of these road works before moving into construction over a two-year timeframe, subject to final design.

The construction of these road works which include bank stabilisation, drainage improvements, pavement widening and carriage construction would commence following execution of a funding agreement.

**What is sought from Government?**

Contribution of \$10,000,000 to allow for the full restoration of two travel lanes on Wisemans Ferry Road at both embankment failure sites.

The NSW Government support Council’s submission under the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review for Wisemans Ferry Road, from Peats Ridge Road to Wisemans Ferry seeking transfer from a Regional Road to a State Road.



It should be noted that there are more than just two locations where the road is reduced to one lane. Central Coast Council has a program to fund a network of roadworks from Capital Funds but all are east of the M1. Wisemans Ferry Road, with the first lane closure dating back to 2007, has all the major roadworks planned pending funding from future grants.

Continuing past practice, the repair and upgrade of this road is a political football forever being passed around.

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# VALE PHILIP WILLIAMS

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the passing of Philip Williams on 10th July 2023.

Philip moved to Mangrove Mountain in 1969 And quickly became a part of the Mountain Community. He was a dedicated and active member of the rural fire brigade, working for many years as a Group Captain for Gosford.

He was awarded a life membership in the Mangrove Mountain Rural Fire Brigade along with the National Medal and 40 year long service medal.

In 1988 Phil combined his passion of cars and machinery with his love for community and embarked on a charity expedition from Bourke to Broome in a repurposed Thornycroft to raise funds for Variety Australia.

Philip has lived and worked in the Mountain community for most of his life. Phil leaves behind his beloved



wife of 50 years Susanne. His three children Amanda, Trevor and Rowena, his grandchildren Ella, Addison, Ruby and Madelyn and his undying sense of humor and love for his family and community.

We ask that you spare a moment to remember Phil and wish him luck on his next big adventure.

We are not having a funeral but

keeping to what Dad would have wanted we are holding a wake. If you would like to attend we would love to have you there.

It is planned for 10am Saturday 29th July at 89 Waratah Rd, Mangrove Mountain.

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*Rowena Williams*



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# Project Firestorm: Design Thinking for Bush Fire Resilience

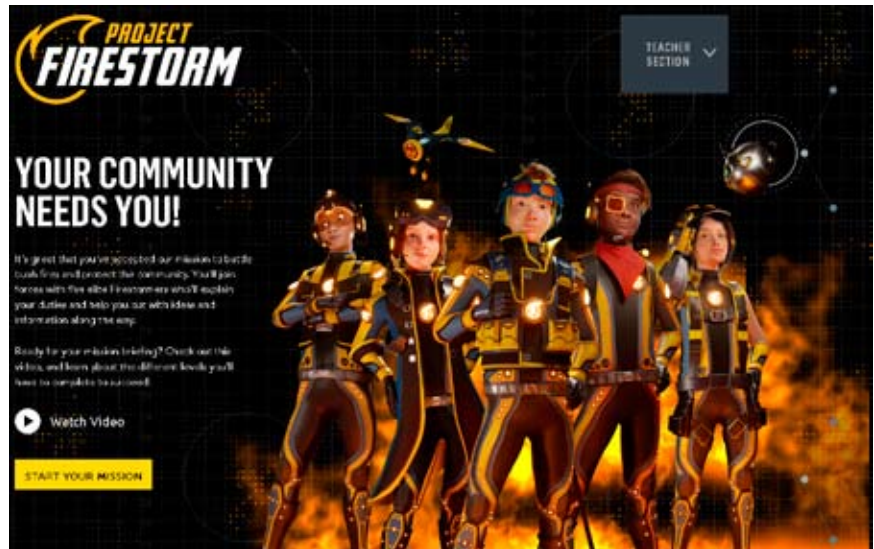
## Bush fire education in NSW receives a boost with new professional learning course for teachers

From fire-hunting robots to fatigue-detecting goggles, students across New South Wales will be tasked with developing innovative solutions for challenges related to bush fires under an expanded Project Firestorm.

NSW teachers will have access to a new professional learning course as part of Project Firestorm, an award-winning integrated STEM unit of work for Stage 3 students.

With support from the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer, the RFS is launching Project Firestorm: Design Thinking for Bush Fire Resilience, a NESA-accredited professional development course designed to equip teachers with the skills to deliver Project Firestorm in their classrooms.

Commissioner of the RFS, Rob Rogers, said the program is an interactive way for students to become leaders and advocates in bush fire preparation, survival and recovery.



“Project Firestorm is an opportunity for the RFS to help students understand the complexity of disasters and how they can affect their local community,” Commissioner Rogers said.

“It challenges students to apply design thinking to solve an authentic problem for their context in relation to bushfire detection, response and management.”

NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte said Project Firestorm was a great example of how students undertaking STEM subjects can be inspired by tackling real-world problems.

“Projects like this give our best young minds a real appreciation of the impact that science can have in our

everyday lives,” Professor Durrant-Whyte said.

“My hope is that some of those participating will choose to continue further studies through to university and eventually become part of our next generation of scientists and technologists.”

Project Firestorm: Design Thinking for Bush Fire Resilience will be delivered in eight locations across NSW during Terms 3 and 4.

Teachers can register their interest in attending at <https://nswrfs.jotform.com/231498613378870>

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other with managing weeds on their properties. They meet once a month, working with the assistance of a qualified supervisor to learn about and treat the weeds, and identify the native plants and habitats that can be found in the area.

The Mangrove/Somersby Green Team has recently enjoyed visiting the waterfalls that some of our members have on their properties after a morning's work.

The Yarramalong Green Team has been working regularly as well, making great strides with removing lantana and maintaining creek lines on the teams' properties.

During the next month, through the Green Team Project, we will be holding a Waterwatch training day for people who may be interested in water quality in their local area, this will be on Saturday July 29th.

We will also have a Fungi Workshop and Walk scheduled for Friday August 11th. For more information see the CEN Event List on our website: [www.cen.org.au](http://www.cen.org.au) or contact Paul Madden using the contact info below.

Anyone interested in joining the Green Teams or seeking more information can contact Paul Madden, Project Officer at the CEN office via

*Photos Opposite: from our Somersby/ Mangrove Green Team group, showing the waterfalls present on some members properties. (Photos by Paul Madden)*

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# When These Mountains Speak

Images by Jeremy Hudson and stories by Adrienne Ferreira

## The Food Farm, Wyong Creek

First generation organic beef, chicken and egg farmers Tim Eyes and Hannah Greenshields.  
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Year: 2023 Photographer: Jeremy Hudson Words: Adrienne Ferreira  
**WHEN THESE MOUNTAINS SPEAK**

The lush Yarramalong Valley has some of the loveliest farmland on the Central Coast. Nestled between Ourimbah State Forest and Watagans National Park, the land is fed by Wong River and has a rich cultural heritage, as well as a long history of citrus and dairy production.

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'We're farmers without a farm,'



*"Soil connects us all. Whether we're living in the country or the city, we're all connected through it — it's where we get our food, and our shared landscape. Even if there's a layer of concrete, we're still on it. It's there, even if we've covered it up. That's people's wounds and problems, too. It's still under there, and it's what we build on."*

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Tim said. ‘We lease unused paddocks in the local area and convert them to nourishing food-producing land. We manage three farms and we also lease some crown land in at Tuggerah — 250 acres of culturally significant land, and that’s where our main beef herd is. It’s really cool to be custodians of that for now. Considering what we do, and how we connect with people, looking after that incredibly sensitive environmental land throughout our farming system is really special.’

The Food Farm supplies beef and pasture-raised chicken and eggs up and down the east coast of NSW. Every week, Tim and Hannah attend popular farmers’ markets in Gosford, and at Carriageworks in Redfern, where they have formed strong relationships with customers who care about being connected to the food they eat.

‘Soil connects us all, whether we’re living in the country or the city,’ said Tim. ‘It’s where we get our food, and our shared landscape. Even if there’s a layer of concrete, we’re still on it. It’s there, even if we’ve covered it up. That’s people’s wounds and problems, too. It’s still under there, and it’s what we build on.’

Farming the valley is part of a deeper healing journey for Tim. Trauma in his

early life eventually led to a radical shift in his approach to agriculture, and today he is clear-eyed about facing life’s difficulties holistically, in order to evolve and create change for the better.

‘I’ve been through so many different models—at work and in my personal life. Now being in regenerative agriculture, I feel complete and whole as a person, because our landscape does as well. I was always battling a lot as I grew up, and then I was practicing conventional agriculture. It feels much better doing what we do now.’

Even with the challenges of climate change, Tim believes nature has the solution, if we can just pay close attention.

‘I aim to look for beauty in nature, even in natural disasters, rather than thinking it’s out to get us. My take on it—so that I can get through another thirty years of farming—is to notice the beauty in how nature performs. Accept that these things happen. We all have big emotions and big energies that we put out into the world, and it affects people. It’s the same as nature.’

Despite plenty of opportunities to leave the valley, Tim has decided to stay. ‘In a way, I definitely see that my role here will move into that

space of men owning who they are and becoming better people. Doing that, in this landscape and in this area, is something I’m called to, I think. I wouldn’t want to run away from it.’

### More Stories

The featured images and stories from the “When These Mountains Speak” exhibition can be viewed on the website [www.waysofseeing.au](http://www.waysofseeing.au)

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 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.

*Photography by Jeremy Hudson  
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# Navigating the Current Real Estate Market on the Central Coast of NSW

The Central Coast of New South Wales has long been admired for its picturesque landscapes and serene coastal lifestyle. As we navigate the current real estate market, it is crucial to understand the unique dynamics and trends shaping the property landscape on this sought-after stretch of coastline. Shedding light on key factors that are influencing buying and selling decisions.

1. **Strong Price Growth:** The Central Coast's real estate market has witnessed remarkable price growth in recent years. Buyers seeking a coastal haven within reach of major cities, such as Sydney and Newcastle, are flocking to the region. This heightened demand, combined with limited supply, has driven property prices upwards, making it a promising time for sellers. It is worth noting, however, that this growth has also presented

opportunities for astute investors looking to capitalize on the region's potential for long-term appreciation.

2. **Shift in Buyer Preferences:** The COVID-19 pandemic has influenced buyer preferences and reshaped the property market on the Central Coast. With remote work becoming more prevalent, individuals and families are seeking properties that offer functional home offices, ample outdoor spaces, and a balanced lifestyle. The desire for larger homes, proximity to nature, and access to amenities has led to increased interest in suburban areas and coastal villages, driving demand in these pockets of the Central Coast.

3. **Lifestyle Appeal and Amenities:** The Central Coast's natural beauty, pristine beaches, and idyllic lifestyle continue to be major drawcards for buyers. The region offers a range of recreational activities, including surfing, boating, and bushwalking, creating an enviable coastal lifestyle.

4. **Development Opportunities:** The Central Coast is witnessing an increase in development opportunities, particularly in urban centres and key growth areas. As the population expands, developers are responding with new residential and commercial projects, providing a diverse range of housing options for buyers. These developments not only cater to the growing demand but also contribute to the economic growth and infrastructure enhancement of the region.

5. **Investment Potential:** The Central Coast presents an enticing investment opportunity. With rising property values, investors are recognizing the potential for long-term capital growth and rental returns. The region's proximity to major cities, coupled with its natural beauty and lifestyle attractions, makes it an appealing choice for those seeking to invest in holiday homes, rental properties, or development ventures.

In summary the real estate market on the Central Coast of NSW is characterized by strong price growth, shifting buyer preferences, lifestyle appeal, and enticing investment opportunities.

As demand continues to rise and limited supply persists, the market favours sellers. However, buyers can still find value in well-selected properties and areas undergoing development.

Whether you are considering buying, selling, or investing, it is essential to stay informed, work with knowledgeable professionals, and seize the opportunities presented by the current market conditions on the Central Coast.

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Calga-Mt. White RFS	General meeting Training Information & updates Contact	3rd Mon of the month, 7.30pm all welcome Every Monday 6.30 except public holidays Facebook.com/calga/mtwhiteruralfirebrigade/ Captain.calgamwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.
Kulnura VBFB at Greta Rd Station	General meeting Training	1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
Mangrove Mountain RFS Bloodtree Rd	General Meeting Training / Maintenance	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
Spencer RFS	General Meeting Training Junior Training	2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm 3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30pm 4th Monday Training 6:30pm E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade 0415 668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd
Somersby RFS	General Meeting Training/Maintenance	First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except before Wed general meeting)
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Coastlink Friendship Group		Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove
Country Women's Association (Somersby)		Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.
Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)		First Monday of the month at Community Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400163.
Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)		2nd & 4th Tues of the month, 4-8pm at Mangrove Mtn Hall, General meeting 6pm 2nd Tues. Ph Judy 43771728
Gosford North Inner Wheel club		2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
Gosford World Vision Community Group		4th Tues 11am in Presbyterian Church, West Gosford Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 586 760. <a href="https://permaculturecc.org.au/">https://permaculturecc.org.au/</a>
Permaculture Central Coast Kulnura & District Garden Club		Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com
Ladies of the Valley		1st Tues, 10am to 12 at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Margaret Dale 0411104770
Mangrove Mountain Singers		1st & 3rd Tue, Mangrove Mtn Hall, 6-8pm Contact Kim & Leila 0401516501
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting		1st Thurs of the Month, 7pm, Mangrove Mtn Hall. Contact: <a href="mailto:mepccinc@gmail.com">mepccinc@gmail.com</a> , 0412669649
Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee		
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting		3rd Thu of mth except Jan, 7pm, at The Hub of Mangrove Mtn. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529 <a href="http://www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au">www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au</a> <a href="mailto:secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au">secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au</a>
Mountain Districts Association (MDA)		Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club President Robyn Downham 0414248224 Email <a href="mailto:info@rivercares.com.au">info@rivercares.com.au</a>
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Rotary Club Meeting		Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: <a href="mailto:spencercpg2@gmail.com">spencercpg2@gmail.com</a>
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Mangrove Mountain Christian Group		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
Mangrove Mountain Union Church, Christian Service		Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised)
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## LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



### Maitland Liveweight Sale Report 10th July 2023

502 cattle yarded at Maitland sale yards comprising of 440 trade/weaner cattle and 60 export cattle. The quality of the yarding was mixed with some good heavy Angus weaners, euro weaners and some secondary cattle on offer. Market was firm to slightly dearer and competition was better on all cattle, with the most improvement in the export market.

- Best butcher vealers 270c/kg to a top of 325c/kg.
- Restocker weaner steers (all breeds) up to 250kg, 200c/kg to a top of 380c/kg
- Steers 250kg to 300kg made from 1.90c/kg to a top of 378c/kg
- Steers 300 to 350kg made from 190c/kg to 372c/kg
- No Yearling/feeder steers to quote.
- Restocker Weaner heifers up to 250kg made from 160c/kg to 290c/kg
- Heifers 250kg to 300kg made from 170c/kg to 320c/kg
- Heifers 300kg to 350kg made from 160c/kg to 320c/kg
- Yearling Heifers 230c/kg to a top of 270c/kg
- Export market Grown Heifers 200c/kg to 220c/kg.
- Grown steers 214c/kg to a top of 232c/kg.
- Cows made from 100c/kg to a top of 220c/kg.
- Not many bulls to quote they topped at 206c/kg.

### Maitland Liveweight Report 3rd July 2023

540 cattle yarded today comprising of 500 trade/vealer cattle and 40 export. Quality of the yarding was mixed with most of the yarding being weaner/restocker cattle. Market was firm for angus restocker weaners and butcher vealers. Euro x weaners could have been back slightly.

- Best butcher calves 270c/kg to 354c/kg.
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made

from 150c/kg to 375c/kg.

- Steers 250 to 300kg made from 150c/kg to 370c/kg.
- Steers 300 to 350kg made 130c/kg to 368c/kg.
- Steers over 350kg made 130c/kg to a top of 345c/kg.
- Heavy Milk/2 teeth feeder steers making up to 340c/kg.
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 120c/kg to 292c/kg.
- Heifers 250 to 300kg made 130c/kg to 300c/kg.
- Heifers 300 to 350 made 125c/kg to a top of 270c/kg.
- Heifers 350kg plus made from 120c/kg to a top of 302c/kg.
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Catholic Service -Spencer

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- Somersby

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- Yarramalong

1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas All welcome. Enq 0428 438577

### YOUTH

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Mangrove Mountain Playgroup

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

### HISTORICAL

Brisbane Waters Historical Society

25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. [www.henrykendallcottage.org.au](http://www.henrykendallcottage.org.au)

Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury  
Historical Society Inc.

Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 0405321478 [jankofron@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jankofron@optusnet.com.au)

First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter

2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30, Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact Margaret 0409467710 or Gavin 43404435.

The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group

3rd Fri of month 7.30pm Pearl Beach. Peggy 0411754577 [pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com](mailto:pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com)

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Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289

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Culture and Heritage Centre

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