

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Mangrove Mountain & Districts
Country Fair will be held on Saturday
21st October 2023 9am - 3pm

PUBLICITY OFFICER

We are currently seeking the support of a member of the community to assist with the Publicity and promotion of the Mangrove Mountain Districts Country Fair. Do you have an interest in social media? You may be even a high school student with an interest in social media and or marketing/promotions.

We are looking for someone to assist with social media promotions and writing short articles for The Community News to promote the 2023 Fair. If you would like more information or are interested in assisting the committee please email secretary-mmcf@hotmail.com or contact Shane Eastman our president on 0417 436 529.

Little White Church Rescue SAVE THE UNION CHURCH

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Have your say on the proposed sale of Crown road at Kulnura

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP is encouraging community members to have their say about the future of sections of Crown lands roads at Kesbys Point Road, Kulnura, following an application to purchase this site.

Should this sale proceed, this road will cease to be a public road upon transfer of the road to freehold land in accordance with section 152H of the Roads Act 1993.

Ms Tesch says that it is important for the community to share their voice on any sale of government assets, lands or roads, "I welcome Crown Lands advertisement of this proposed sale to the community to allow residents to engage in consultation regarding the future of government lands.

"I understand that this road is used for a variety of purposes by community members across the region and as such, a variety of views exist on what the future of this road should be.

"I strongly encourage all interested community members to make submissions regarding the sale or disposal of the road to Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands, PO Box 2215, Dangar NSW 2309 by 14 September 2023."

For further information, visit roads.crownland.nsw.gov.au or contact Tracey Ward by email at tracey.ward@crownland.nsw.gov.au or on (02) 4904 2576 quoting file reference 23/05099, cluster 641 685.

It is important to note that under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, any submissions may be referred to third parties (such as council or the applicant) for consideration.

*Media Release from the Office of
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford*



Country Women's Association
of New South Wales

NOTICE OF AGM

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ABN: 82 318 909 926

Annual General Meeting to be held on: Monday 09th October 2023 10.30am

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2023

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"Lord, make me to know my end
And what is the extent of my days;
Let me know how transient I am."

Psalms 39:4

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Plant Lovers Fair - 16-17 September at Kariong.

Mangrove Mountain Community BBQ - Sunday 24th September, Mangrove Mtn Hall. Ph 0451 959926 for more information.

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

STOP!

Next issue Published
15th September 2023

**** DEADLINE ****

**** 8th September '23 ****

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MUGGINS

There's a person around your house,
They are a cleaning fairy,
They tidy the beds and wash the
dishes,
And make sure you have milk from
the dairy.

They slave away almost every day,
Just so you can lounge about.
They make the lounge so fluffy,
And with this, I have no doubt.

How does your book downstairs,
Appear on your bookshelf, so neat?
It's Muggins at work again,
And by golly, they've got sore feet!

When you sit down to dinner,
Before you eat your meal,
Do you ever stop and think about
How might Muggins feel?

Work is never completed for
Muggins.
Yes, I'm afraid it's true.
Because Muggins is always busy
Looking after you!

They make your school lunch,
Pack it so it's fresh,
But all Muggins wants,
Is a long, relaxing rest.

They run your bath on a cold night,
They make sure the dog is fed,
They clean and fold your laundry,
They lay out your bedspread.

They collect dishes from your
brother's room.
That have been there for a week,
They lay out mouse traps.
So you don't hear any squeaks.

You might be wondering,
Who is this Muggins you keep
saying?
Well, have a think.
Who cleans your toys when you've
finished playing?

It could be someone with long hair,
Or maybe short,
They could like doing art,
They could like doing sport.

It might be your mum or dad,
Maybe your brother,
It could be your Uncle,
Or maybe someone other.

Whoever it is if you see a Muggins
Struggling to keep up with demand,
Why don't you go on over,
And give them a helping hand?

*Evangeline Arnold
age 14*

Union Church "ALMOST THERE"


"BIG NEWS" is that we have now signed off on the Deed Agreements with the Liquidator for the Costs Settlement and the Appointment of the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group Inc (MMGC) as the New Trustee for the Union Church Property.

The MMGC will now step into the Trustee role to hold, maintain, and facilitate use of the Union Church property for the benefit of local Christian and Community Groups. Just waiting for the "stamping" of the deeds before we get the keys.

As mentioned last edition the settlement amount required by the Liquidator before appointing MMGC

[This poem is about someone in your household who does all the chores; for example, the laundry, washing the dishes, etc.

My stepfather gave me the idea, so I'd like to thank him. The word is simply made-up, as far as I know, it does not exist, it is just a silly name for someone who slaves away.]


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to the Trustee position is \$79,196.63. Two short term loans, each of \$20,000 (with very generous terms) have enabled us to now proceed with payment of the settlement amount.

Over the last fortnight and in response to the call for financial help from our community and supporters, contributions have been received which reduced the short term borrowing to \$20,000 which remains to be repaid.

If you haven't already, would you please consider giving financial support to help retain the Union Church property in our local community. No amount is too small! Donations can be made to the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group Inc. at Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, A/c 185477965.

Last Sunday's service was very enthusiastic with 29 people attending and lots of joyful singing to the music of Melanie's guitar. Our guest preacher, Pastor Satish Manmothe, gave an inspired message about the Joy that God receives from us and the Joy that we can receive from God (if only we choose to open our hearts and minds to receive it). We were

Ron Collins (left) and Rob Meggs (right) signing the Deed Agreements



also visited by four lovely Vanuatuan ladies, and two long-term Christian friends of the Mountain, Warren and Roena McKeown.

Please keep the Union Church property, and its return to the Mountain Community in your daily thoughts and prayers. And please don't forget that we still need financial help to pay of our borrowing, arrange insurances, make repairs, and bring the Union Church fully back into our community. Thank you to all in our community and from wider places for your continued support.

Robert Meggs for the Mangrove Mountain Christian Group Inc. (mob) 0429 443 310



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THE DHARUG AND LOWER HAWKESBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Please join us at the Wesleyan Chapel 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road Gunderman on Saturday 23 September where we are pleased to welcome local storyteller Mick Gow from Mangrove.

Mick will introduce us to "An Unlikely Lott" his current project which he hopes to develop into a novel based on his family history. With First Fleeters on BOTH his mother's and father's side there are many fascinating characters.

There will be mentions of the American War of Independence, shipwrecks, a death on a storm-swept lighthouse, mixed race lovers and fugitives, international scallywags, hold ups with Jimmy Governor and meetings with two Princes of Wales!!

Quite a few of these characters are rooted in the Hawkesbury, Gunderman and Mangrove Creek area.

Mick will show us how many worthy characters we've never heard of and their story of colonial Australia is one of unlikely triumph and prosperity.

We will meet at the Chapel at 1.00pm.

Community Wants Local Crown Road to Remain Open

Locals want local road to stay open! Meeting unanimous - "Do Not Close Kesbys Point Road, Kulnura". A decent number of good people

came together last Saturday morning as a show of our community's determination that Kesbys Point Road, Kulnura should not be closed



Mick's talk will begin at 1.30.

A delicious afternoon tea will be served after the talk.

Cost: \$10.00 per head members \$15.00 non-members. Price includes a ticket in the raffle drawn on the day.

Bookings essential to secretary@dlhhs.org.au or phone/test 0405321478 by Tuesday September 19.

All Welcome.

Secretary@dlhhs.org.au

and sold-off to the adjacent land-owner. Those present at the meeting represented a good cross-section of the people who use Kesbys Point Road to access McPherson State Forest. They included walkers, runners, mountain bike riders, bird watchers, horse riders, mum, dads, children, grandparents, neighbours, photographers, artists, historians, licensed foliage pickers, members of the Rural Fire Service, and

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more. There were also apologies to the meeting from many others for whom the gathering was too short notice.

All at the meeting were informed that the proposed road closure means the loss of direct and practical access to the northwestern section of McPherson State Forest. The closure will impact on recreational users of the forest, as well as the Rural Fire Service for bushfire risk management, Transgrid for maintenance of Electricity Transmission Lines, Forestry NSW for forest management, and Darkinjung LALC to access cultural sites.

If you are of the view that Kesbys Point Road should remain open for public use, then please do any, some, or all of the following actions.

1) Make a submission to Crown Lands NSW requesting that Kesbys Point Road not be closed.

Submissions by 14/09/2023 to:-
Crown Lands NSW
PO Box 2215
Dangar NSW 2309

and using File Reference:-
"23/05099, Cluster:641685" (mention road and suburb also)

2) Contact Central Coast Council, State and Federal Members of Parliament and object to its closure.



Australian Plants Society Central Coast

Native plants provide habitat, food and protection from predators and weather for our native pollinators on the Central Coast. Australian native bees are mainly solitary and can be seen in the warmer months, but those little black flies you know so well, noticed on warm sunny days, are our very own stingless bee.

Ben Davis-MacAndrew, an Environmental Scientist who is also known as The Wild Pollinator, will be visiting the Australian Plants Society-Central Coast for their September 9th meeting. Ben's passion for our native bees and other pollinators will be evident as he speaks with us about their role, how to identify and attract them to our gardens by creating insect havens, and selecting species of native plants which provide nectar and pollen throughout the seasons.

When Saturday 0th September, 1.30pm for 2pm start
Where: Phillip House, 21 Old Mt Penang Rd, Kariong
Cost: \$3 members & visitors (with lucky door prizes)

Enquiries: E.J. Kydd 4362 3065 or see our website austplants.com.au/Central-Coast-Event

3) Contact the Kesbys Point Road Historical and Preservation Society to help keep the road open.

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Joint Mobile Office forum

Dear Editor,

Went to Kulnura Hall last Monday to meet Leisl Tesch and Emma McBride our state and federal MPs.

It was cold and wet, but nevertheless there were 20 visitors in attendance. Pity no one brought the key to open the box where the aircon remote was kept .

The acoustics were so bad and with the rain and wind, it was so difficult to hear anything

Our MPs though, clearly defined the urgent needs on the Central Coast,

in particular our unsatisfactorily poor educational outcomes, which are being addressed. Unfortunately, so much was missed due to the ambient noise.

Good to see many familiar faces, but I don't think anyone grasped what format of meeting to expect. It would be good to see them at Kulnura Hall again, perhaps with better planning. RSVP and a pre-planned agenda perhaps.

One person I clearly heard was the gentleman next to me, (a town planner, I believe) who lectured us on the dangers and pitfalls of local councillors. We heard how 'painful, 'green' and inexperienced they were and how local government projects, policies and implementation should be left to the experts.

Gosh, this is just like back at school, year 12 and 13 in 1968, studying politics, government and constitutional matters. I learned that government by experts was called beaurocracy which usually leads to slow decision-making due to its hierarchical structure and extensive red tape. Bureaucratic systems lack transparency and accountability. Maybe he meant a technocracy or I think he'd prefer an epistocracy (rule by those who know best).

Unfortunately these systems can easily become autocratic, creating oligarchs and elitism.

Democracy's emphasis on participation can sometimes result in inefficiency and gridlock. It can also suffer because of the populist approach, inexperience and lack of knowledge of the elected representative, but they can certainly learn, or even be taught. An entrance course and exam could easily be designed as a prerequisite qualification.

A meeting with our MPs didn't need to be hijacked by a stooge espousing his and someone else's agenda.

Anyway, whilst condescending and far too lengthy, (was he at the right meeting?) it was good to have been transported back to school days, although I do seem to remember beaurocracy being a bad thing then.

Let's do it again, maybe with a loudspeaker too.

Andrew Nicholas



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THURSDAY

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 \$15 roast night from 530pm

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FISH OF THE HAWKESBURY IN WATERCOLOURS

Painting Workshop on Friday 29th September.

Location: The Hawkesbury Duck, Spencer 9am-4pm

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Hawkesbury Duck in Spencer. Get to know the creatures of our local and Australian waters. Painting from a beautiful fish illustration you learn how to capture the essence of colourful fish using simple techniques to paint in watercolours.

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Invite for local artists aged over 50 to enter Grandma Moses Art Competition, 2023

Central Coast Council is calling on local amateur artists over the age of 50 to enter its popular Grandma Moses Art Competition and Exhibition, hosted at Gosford's 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre.

Central Coast Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said this long-standing fixture on the cultural calendar is now in its 39th year.

"The competition takes inspiration from the life and work of American artist Anna Mary Moses, affectionately known as Grandma Moses, who created over 1,500 artworks between the ages of 78 and 101," Ms Smith said.

"It's never too late to expand or learn new skills, and this is a great opportunity for our older residents to brush up on their painting or drawing skills, exhibit their artwork and potentially win.

"I encourage our older residents to enter, come along to the exhibition and find out what else is on offer through our 50+ Leisure and Learning

Centres."

There's over \$3,000 in prize money to be awarded across five categories, including Open, Watercolour, Novice, 50+ Centre/Senior Centre Art Group Member and Central Coast Inspired.

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said that the calibre of entries the competition attracts each year is exceptional.

"These Central Coast residents have a deep well of talent and creativity to dip their paintbrushes into. We want to celebrate that, and all the ways older people contribute to the cultural life of our community," Mr Hart said.

Entries close Wednesday 30 August, however, artists will have until 11

September to submit the artwork. Entrants must be 50 years of age or over and be a resident of the Central Coast Local Government Area.

All entries will be exhibited at the Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre (217 Albany Street North, Gosford) from 12 to 14 September. The winners will be announced at the Centre on Tuesday, 12 September at 10.30am.

For more information, entry forms and competition guidelines, search 'Grandma Moses' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

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Artwork: 'Hawkesbury' by Gay Pickering (2022 winner of the Open Category)

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YOUNG TALENT RETURNS

What an amazing day we had for our Country Fair last October. After 3 years without a Fair, it was so good to have our annual get together up and running again.

One of my favourite spots at the Fair is inside the Hall. On the Friday before the Fair, I get to catch up with old friends, and meet new and old families entering their best stuff. By then the always fabulous displays by the 4 local schools' students have been arranged around the walls. (Many thanks to staff and Poppe). I wonder which school will win the coveted Best School Art award in 2023? (won by Central Mangrove P S last year).

It is also wonderful to see so many keen children on the mountain taking part in all the other sections exhibited in the Hall. Last year, many families enthusiastically recaptured this tradition.

Beginning with the preschoolers: Violet did well with her flowers, Chandra and Aurora shone in the

cooking, Maia had fun with eggs, and Joseph and Emilia entered several different categories very well.

The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 group had the most entries of all age groups: especially Zoe and Madeleine (8 each), Lee (7), Bronte (6), Tommy (5), Adrian (3), and Jovie and Electra (2 each). Between them, 17 children entered over 50 fabulous creations.

In Years 3 and 4, Matilda did well with her photography, and Inara, Talitha and Eric, with their art and craft.

In Years 5 and 6, Ava S, Elise, Heidi and Harmoni showed their talents in many categories. I do hope their enthusiasm continues when they head up to high school.

In the high school age group, all the entries excelled: Courtney, Harmony and Ava H with their art, Sophia and Amelia with their photography and Mia with her cooking. Keep up the good work. (How about some more young men entering too?) Once students turn 16, they join the adult side of the competition.

We all love to see lots of entries in the hall so everyone, locals and visitors, can enjoy them, on Saturday 21st October. Don't think to yourself: Will I enter the Country Fair? But instead, try asking yourself: What good things will I enter in the Country Fair this year? That's what the next school holidays are for.

If you are not sure what to enter, go to our website, mangrovemountaincountryfair.org.au and you will see the Arts & Crafts spot has the Competition Schedule/Fair Guide. (2023 is very likely to be very similar to 2022). Rest assured, if you bring something amazing to the hall, a place will be found for it.

Thank you parents for encouraging your kids, and for making that family commitment to get the fabulous entries to the hall on time. Hall is open Thursday 19th October from 3pm to 6pm. On Friday 20th October, Hall opens at 8am, Art and Photography close at 11am please, and everything else closes at 3pm.

Next issue: we find out who are the talented grown ups.

Sue Douglas



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Access to the property is along the all-weather sealed road to the front gate with a beautiful post and four rail hardwood fence making an impressive statement on arrival.

This 3-bedroom home has been tastefully updated with smart kitchen including Bosch convection hot plate and oven and large centre island. There is wonderful flow through the adjacent large informal living area out to the wide covered entertaining spaces on both sides of the house, and on to the sparkling concrete, heated salt-water pool. Elevated views are enjoyed from most rooms in the house.

The bathroom is roomy and offers a spa bath facility and was updated approximately 10 years ago. An additional external adjoining structure includes shower, toilet and laundry facility and is accessible directly from the covered patio.

The home has a combustion fire and a reverse cycle ducted air conditioning system, installed approximately 5 years ago, for all year round comfort. A separate 12-volt system has been installed in the house to provide backup power, including for lighting.

Water is plentiful with multiple tanks holding 99,000 litres of rainwater in total and has provisions for gravity feed should there be a power outage. Water can be pumped from the permanent creek to a top tank to provide gravity flow for irrigation.

A two-car garage and separate 7m x 12m lockable steel shed on concrete slab provide great storage options. There is also a shade house for the keen gardeners. Fruit trees include quince, plum, pomelo, mandarin, lime, lemon, apricots and more and there are well set up vegetable garden beds for continued supply of fresh produce.

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KULNURA AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB AUGUST

What a great day to visit Sustainable Natives at Somersby in August. The meeting had been postponed from the week before due to rain and we were rewarded with sunshine. Jonathan Steeds met our group with a full trailer selection of native plants. Jonathan and Olga are growing plants local to the sandstone ridges and damp gullies of the area, as well as lots of other natives.

He shared his extensive knowledge of species, natural hybrids and growing conditions and the history



Photos of local Kariong natives.
Top: *Grevillea speciosa*
Centre: *Isopogon anemonifolius*
Bottom: *Banksia ericifolia*
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and involvement of so many experts in the field. We marvelled at the beautiful flowers resulting from natural hybridization, many flourishing on the roadsides. A very pretty spider flower with small green flowers was passed around, as was a pink grevillea resulting from a red crossing with a white.

I did not know that these passionate gardeners swapped information in very small sub groups devoted to one section of grevilleas or other species.

We learnt about the native yam daisy which has edible roots and dandelion like flower. Also Isopogon or cone bush/drumstick flower, part of the Proteaceae family which is very wide spread in Australia.

Our members took the opportunity to buy tube stock and larger plants from a wide variety of their stock, usually only available to wholesalers and nurseries.

Louise also reminded us of upcoming events – Plant Lovers Fair 16-17 September at Kariiong. Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail 16th Sept to 15th October.

We will not be having meeting in September as the Garden Clubs of Australia Annual Conference is on in Lake Macquarie Area.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 9th October planned for a beautiful spring garden.

Please contact us for location and more details.

Please email 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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ARTS NEWS



Current exhibition: 'FRAGMENTS'
An exhibition by Christine Munce
and Sheree Roberts
19 August - 3 September
The Old Fireshed Gallery

Wollombi Cultural Centre.

"A fragment is not a fraction but a whole piece" - Lyn Hejinian

Once again back in Wollombi at The Old Fireshed Gallery, two local artists, Christine Munce and Sheree Roberts present a portfolio of their current works.

The exhibition explores the concept of Fragments: fragments of time, of history, of memory, and of that which

occurs in the landscape.

The works express the concept of Fragments through pencil, oil paint, pen, watercolour, ink and acrylic paint on canvas, fabric, paper, board and metal.

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Below left: Sheree Roberts,
right: Christine Munce



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Blues and Roots Revival

The Blues and Roots Revival music event is set to be held at the historic Dooralong Hall and Recreation Reserve on Saturday the 9th of September and features acclaimed Blues Rock bands, Owen Campbell and the Cosmic People, and The Jesse Redwing Band, plus 2023 Blues Award winners, Chloe Kay and The Crusade and Central Coast Blues and Roots artist, Niksta.

Owen Campbell and the Cosmic People

Owen Campbell has cemented himself as one of Australia's premier alternative blues/rock exports with 3 best-selling studio albums, 2 Eps, and over 12 years of national and international touring wowing audiences in all corners of the world from the USA, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Spain, Netherlands, Japan, Hong Kong, India, and even performing at the highest blues festival in the world, The Himalayan Blues Festival in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Owen's debut album, "Sunshine Road," was released in late 2013, reaching Number 1 on the overall charts (Australia), knocking Adele off the top spot in 2014.

Jesse Redwing Band

Jesse Redwing is one of the most soulful and authentic blues players in Australia

On top of touring Europe and the USA with his band, Jesse has supported such acts as Cedric Burnside, Jon Cleary, Cold Chisel, The Teskey Brothers and Ana Popovic.

Jesse has released two original albums, Comin' on and Light My Way, as well as two live records Live and Lascivious. And Blues on the Mountain, which was recorded right here at Mangrove Mountain.

Chloe Kay and The Crusade

Chloe Kay has been compared to the likes of Bonnie Raitt, Joss Stone and Leon Bridges by Rolling Stone, and with rave reviews from Triple J, American Blues Scene (US), Classic Rock (US), Blues Matters (UK) and more, Chloe Kay and The Crusade are one of the very few Gen Z female fronted blues, soul, rock n roll bands on the Australian scene, and they're making international waves whilst they're at it.

The poster for the Blues and Roots Revival 2023 event is set against a purple background. At the top, it says "Blues on the Mountain" with "19.2.2011" below it. The main title "Blues and Roots Revival" is in large yellow letters, followed by "Saturday 9th of September" and "Owen Campbell 2023" and "Jesse Redwing". Below this are three photos of the performing acts: Owen Campbell & the Cosmic People, Chloe Kay & The Crusade, and Niksta. At the bottom, there's a photo of the event venue and the text "scan code to book" next to a QR code. The text "All ages family friendly event" is also present.

Niksta

Niksta moved to the Central Coast with her family at the age of 12 and has grown to become one of the Central Coast's finest alternative Blues artists, releasing 8 critically acclaimed albums and touring around Australia with her own shows as well as supporting acts such as Jon Stevens, Xavier Rudd, Eskimo Joe and Pete Murray to name a few.

Featuring some of Australia's top touring Blues and Roots artists, along with one of our best local talents here on the Coast, this year's Blues and Roots Revival is a unique all ages family friendly event where you can bring your own picnic, dance and enjoy a great day of live music with friends and family in a picturesque hinterland location

Gates open at 2pm, with live music from 3pm. Great food will be available to purchase or BYO welcome.

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When These Mountains Speak

Images by Jeremy Hudson and stories by Adrienne Ferreira

The Dennis Family, Mangrove Mountain

4th generation native wildflower pickers and growers Clara Jones, Margaret Pontifex and June Clements

Wildflower knowledge has been in the Dennis family for generations. Mangrove Mountain sisters Clara Jones, Margaret Pontifex and June Clements come from a long line of local native plant-pickers — their family owned the second such licence ever issued in New South Wales.

‘You had to have land to go with the licence,’ Margaret explained. She and husband Ross have a small farm on Ironbark Road. ‘We bought this property because I inherited a native plant pickers licence from my mother, who inherited it from my grandfather. That’s how they made a lot of their money in the early days, by picking native flowers: Waratahs; Christmas bells.

‘This is a really good property because it goes down the creek and joins Popran National Park. We had a lease of five hundred acres down the back, originally. It’s not a good farming block, but it was all we could afford. The ground here is very wet—there’s a lot of hanging swamps and sandstone, all ironstone underneath us. It had to be drained. That’s why we only grow small patches of foliage plants, but flowers did well.

As children, the Dennis sisters lost their father to post-war mental illness and had to live with their mother on their grandfather’s farm. One of the poorer families on the Mountain, they were schooled by Black Friar’s correspondence, because they lived remotely and couldn’t afford the bus fare. But the community was tight-knit and supportive. As teenagers, they all worked picking fruit and vegetables on neighbouring farms, sometimes paid in produce, and they were offered picking rights to other families’ land.

‘In Christmas bell season, Mum and me used to leave the kids in bed as soon as there was daylight and we’d walk out into the bell swamps,’ said



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L to R: Clara Jones, June Clements and Margaret Pontifex

Margaret. ‘You used to have to get out early because every other man and his dog would come and pinch our bells. Same with the waratahs. We’d pick and pick ‘til we couldn’t pick any more, then we’d carry them all home and bunch them. Mister Parry from Gosford—the famous Parry’s Florist—used to come and collect them, because we didn’t have a car. Boronia, swamp heath, wattle, Gynea lily—they’d take all we could supply them with.’

Theft and a lack of regulation have always been a problem. ‘Unfortunately,

a lot of the flower pickers come in from Sydney and pull the bells out,’ Clara explained. ‘They come in, quickly pull them out and kill the plant — you must cut it. They’re doing it illegally. They don’t have a licence, but it’s not enforced.’

Clara described picking soft fern for the butcher shops and laurel for ANZAC day. ‘Pines, gum, lemon tea tree, lilly pillly. We left the natural hanging swamps—we knew to leave them.’ Later, they supplied wildflowers

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- Clara Jones.
The Dennis Family



to the Sydney markets.

'In 1953, when Queen Elizabeth was crowned, we sent waratahs, boronia and wattle from the Dennis family for her bouquet,' Margaret reported with pride. 'Air freighted by TAA!'

Although everyone in the Dennis family was encouraged to get a trade, farming ran in their blood. 'Dad grew veggies, but was a fully qualified motor mechanic,' said Margaret. 'Great-grandfather and grandfather grew Granny Smith apples and mandarins opposite McKenzie Park. I think they just liked the dirt!'

Their brother, Bill Dennis was one of the first to establish organic farming in the region. A qualified carpet layer with a shop in Newcastle, Bill started Central Coast Organics. He supplied shops in Woy Woy and The Entrance and was President of the NSW Organic Farmers Association.

Margaret had a career as a school teacher, and Clara was a nurse. 'But we made a lot of money out of the family knowledge of native flowers, and we had the ground.' Margaret's daughter, Maria, is now a 5th generation picker. 'She still picks from this place and her own at Kulnura, now that we're no longer able to.'

Like much of the agricultural land on the Central Coast, Mangrove Mountain is under threat by soaring land prices and an influx of wealthy Sydney investors seeking a rural lifestyle, but with no real interest in farming. Clara sees this as a serious concern.

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After a lifetime on the Mountain, Clara has witnessed some fundamental changes in the way the native landscape



The original wash tub:

'In Mangrove, the tub was where you bathed the kids and where you washed the clothes; we used it as a rinsing tub. If you had little chicks you had to keep confined, they lived in there. When dad or grandfather slaughtered a pig, you'd put boiling water out of a copper into the tub and de-hair the hog. When there was going to be a real big family do, they used to put the home-made bread dough in it, because we didn't have a baker out here. It was also fire protection — when the terrible fire came up the mountain from Spencer in the 1950's, my mother filled the tub with water... We were told that if the fire came, we had to climb into the tub and cover ourselves with wet towels. Everything was multipurpose back then. It had to be.'

- Clara Jones.

is managed. She's on the Mangrove Mountain Flora Reserve Trust, and sees a growing threat from fire, but not in the way most people expect.

Previously, locals would burn at certain times of year, the older generations taking advice from First Nations Peoples and working with them to manage the bush.

'There are a lot of turpentines as well as hanging swamps,' said Clara. 'They'd tell us when it was the right time to back burn and cool burn. Those Aboriginal techniques were absolutely excellent, but we don't do any of that now.'

At that time, many First Nations Peoples on the Central Coast worked

as axemen in state forests, but when key forests became national parks in the 1970's, the axemen moved north and the area lost this Indigenous knowledge.

'If you had bell swamps, the practice was to burn every 8th year, in March,' Clara explained. 'Waratahs and heath banksia need burning every so often, too. There was water down there, but dry on top. All that dry stuff suppresses the growth. After burning, the next year you'd get a bumper crop of bells.'

'The laws became such that nobody was game to burn anymore. We are losing the diversity of the native flora that are dependent on fire to reproduce. And one day, if a fire gets into that reserve, there will be a firestorm. I've seen it and I know how bad it is.'

'We'd need a team of about fifty people and some Aboriginal Elders to volunteer to safely get the reserve burnt. Now we understand we need that knowledge, but it's a very slow process to reincorporate those practices.'

'We are the last generation who were involved in this collaborative land management with Aboriginal people, and we're getting a bit old to be able to do it.'

More Stories

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

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
& Stories by Adrienne Ferreira

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Annual Engagement Plan making it easier for community participation

Central Coast Council has launched an annual Community Engagement Plan 2023-24 which will include progress reports to Council as part of the Operational Plan.

The Community Engagement Plan seeks to address community concerns about having more awareness of forward community engagement activities being undertaken by Council.

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said Council has an Engagement Framework that defines our approach to engagement to ensure accountability and consistent application.

“The annual Community Engagement Plan will be available for the community to view on Council’s

Your Voice Our Coast website and will be updated quarterly in line with Council’s quarterly reporting cycle,” Ms Smith said.

“Council’s engagement platform, Your Voice Our Coast sees an average of 98,000 unique visits annually hosting a range of projects from infrastructure delivery to policy updates.

“While Council regularly informs the community and does see high engagement, we are always looking at ways we can improve.

“By showcasing our upcoming engagement activities, the annual plan will enable a more inclusive process for community engagement,

as the community can view other projects that have not yet commence engagement activities and share a preliminary comment on or even opt in to stay updated.

“While this is an exciting step for our engagement with the community it is also a timely reminder that planned activities may change and additional engagement activities may be identified as we progress projects.

Council Administrator Rik Hart said we’re committed to building strong relationships and delivering a great customer experience in all our interactions.

“This plan will help to engage and



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communicate openly and honestly with the community to build a relationship based on trust, transparency, respect and use community participation and feedback to inform decision making.

"This plan is a roadmap for the community to ensure a balanced and collaborative decision-making process

theme is growing each year, and we are always thrilled with the quality of the entries.

Entries can be any medium and we encourage diversity. Our sculptural entries have been very interesting. I look forward to our first digital or film responses!

We know that there are many local artists producing work of high standard and we encourage all of you to enter this prize to showcase our area!

Entry is free and the winner will receive a cash prize of \$200 in addition to the honour of the award.

Entries from artists over 16 years of age can be delivered to the Mangrove Mountain Hall on:

- Thursday, 19th October between 3pm and 5pm or
- Friday, 20th October between 8am and no later than 11am

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between the community and Council is achieved."

View the Community Engagement Plan at yourvoiceourcoast.com/engagementplan and sign up to Council's eNews to have your say.

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To the editor community news

Unreliable coverage mobile phones

Do you experience this problem? Sometimes there is good coverage, sometimes none or poor. Can be cut off mid call. But the provider says they can't find any fault.

It's frustrating and can be dangerous. I was told it is caused by high usage at certain periods of the day, But that didn't add up as I have found I can lose coverage any time of the day or night, its unpredictable and so frustrating.

I recently visited a relative in Queensland who had a similar problem. Apparently it can be due to someone in the area thoughtlessly and illegally installing some sort of "booster" which gives them extra coverage while robbing basic coverage from others.

I have been informed that if one has this problem, and gets internet, which I don't, they should report it to the E safety commissioner.

As it isn't a network problem as such, more like an entitlement or greed mindset.

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| Anglican Service - Mountain Districts | | Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms |
| Mangrove Mountain Christian Group | | General Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at CTC (next door to Mangrove Hall) |
| Mangrove Mountain Union Church, Christian Service | | 9.30am second and fourth Sundays. cnr Bloodtree Rd & Wisemans Ferry Rd |
| St Barnabas Christian Service Yarramalong | | Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised) |

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



Maitland Liveweight Sale Report 21st August

Numbers down this week at Maitland with 360 cattle comprising of 290 trade/weaner cattle and 70 export cattle. Quality of the yarding was mixed condition was back also. Market trend firm in most places slightly better on the restocker heifers.

- Angus weaner steers 200c/kg to 300c/kg depending on quality, and weight.
- Angus weaner heifers made from 140c/kg to 250c/kg.
- Crossbred weaner steers were from 150c/kg to a top of 280c/kg.
- Crossbred heifers topped at 278c/kg.
- Best butcher calvers were from 270c/kg to 340c/kg.
- Yearling steers made from 240c/kg to 310c/kg
- Yearling heifers made from 120c/kg to 230c/kg
- Heavy feeder steers got up to 280c/kg.

Grown steers topped at 240c/kg. Cow market was firm this week cows were 100c/kg for boner cows to 200c/kg and the best bull made 210c/kg.

Maitland Liveweight Sale Report 14th August

Numbers up this week at Maitland with 430 cattle comprising of 380 trade/weaner cattle and 50 export cattle. Quality of the yarding was mixed condition was back also. Market trend slightly softer.

- Angus weaner steers 200c/kg to 330c/kg depending on quality, and weight.
- Angus weaner heifers made from 140c/kg to 230c/kg.
- Crossbred weaner steers were from

- 150c/kg to a top of 270c/kg.
- Crossbred heifers topped at 200c/kg.
 - Best butcher calves were from 270c/kg to 360c/kg.
 - Yearling steers made from 280c/kg to 344c/kg
 - Yearling heifers made from 200c/kg to 230c/kg

Grown steers topped at 266c/kg. Cow market was easier this week cows were 100c/kg for boner cows to 200c/kg.

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Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the 2023-24 Volunteer Grants are now open.


The 2023-24 Volunteer Grants provide funding of between \$1000 to \$5000 for organisations to support the work of volunteers.

Eligible volunteer organisations can request an EOI form from the Office of the Federal Member for Robertson.

Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid MP, says local incorporated, not-for-profit, volunteer organisations are encouraged to apply.

“Each year, the Volunteer Grants provide funding to local volunteer organisations to support the work of its volunteers”, Dr Reid said.

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volunteers, or promote awareness of volunteering opportunities in the community”.

“For an EOI form, and for the grant opportunity guidelines, I encourage interested volunteer organisations to get in touch with my office”, Dr Reid said.

“For the 2022-23 Volunteer Grants, the Federal Government was able to provide up to \$66,224 to local volunteer organisations in Robertson”.

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