

COMMUNITY NEWS

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October 21, 9am to 3pm
Mangrove Mountain Hall &
Mangrove Mtn Reserve
Cnr Wisemans Ferry & Waratah Rds

WHAT COMES FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

Oh, that old Dad joke! I bet that next you're going as me "Why did the chicken cross the road?". Truth be told, the answer to the second question (which I wasn't going to mention, but seeing as you ask) gives a hint to settling once and for all the egg conundrum.

For a start, you have to know a little more context to understand why the chicken crossed the road.

The chicken you see, waited patiently by the side of the road, halfway down the "dipper" heading from Kulnura to the crossroads at Mangrove Mountain. Where the speed limit is 100 km/h. Being a wily bird it knows that cars often exceed that speed limit as they race down either slope toward the bottom, either accelerating up out of the 60 km/h zone as they head toward Kulnura, or racing down the hill in one last dash of speed before they slow to the lower limit heading south. It's been around, this bird. Certainly no Spring Chicken! It knows that even the most cautious driver finds it hard to keep the speed down along that stretch. And the trucks! Anyone would think they're being driven by an over testosterone rooster sometimes! Whoosh! Forty tonnes of danger that could turn a slow chicken into a cloud of bloody feathers faster than you can say "Cluck".

The chicken also prefers a hot day. Like that first hot Saturday of September when the mercury nudged over 30c, and the early Spring heat hinted of a dangerous summer ahead. Heat that dries the ground. Heat that browns the leaves. Heat that gets the neighbourhood kids whooping in the freshly cleaned pool for the first time this side of Winter. Heat that makes the bitumen on the road shimmer like a desert mirage. Blurring the view of the safe haven that lies across some six

metres of blacktop.

The chicken waits by the roadside. Tense. Focused. Poised like Sam Kerr in the seconds before the game's first whistle blows. A vehicle appears around the bend from the Kulnura side and gathers speed as it passes Hallards Road. Still the chicken waits, until it can see the whites of the driver's eyes. In the split second before the chicken kicks off it chants "You've got this" in its little chicken mind.

Then like a lightning crack it launches itself onto the bitumen. The driver's eyes widen and bulge like chicken eggs out of his skull. The hot bitumen burns the racing chooks feet,



the heat allowing no wasted step or pause. The grill of the approaching, speeding vehicle looms tall over the tucked down head of the racing bird. Beneath its flying feet the white centre line; halfway! No time for celebration, only time to keep on racing. The car is closer, each second bringing it nearly 30 meters closer, the driver still in that moment of reaction time between the brain registering danger and the hands and feet on the controls slowing and steering away.

Zoom!! The vehicle passes by as the chicken's front leg touches in the red gravel on the far side of the side. A single, solitary feather spirals upwards, lofted by the disturbed air of the passing car. Chicken lungs bellow beneath its chest feathers.

It turns and faces the road again. Waiting. Another vehicle appears from the Crossroads side....

Why did the chicken cross the road? To train for the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Chicken Race! Come see the action and Cheer Your Chook at the 60th Mangrove Mountain Country Fair, Saturday October 21st, Mangrove Mountain Recreation Reserve, Wisemans Ferry Road.

And my bet? The egg doesn't stand a chance. With a training regime like this the chicken is going to come first every time!

Simon Perry



Future looks brighter for the Union Church

Nearly two and a half years after the former committee announced their intention to sell the Mangrove Mountain Union Church and appointed a liquidator, control has now been wrested back by the community.

An increasing number of groups are using the Church and hall for religious services as well as community activities.

With the generous support from the community and those further afield, the expenses of returning the Mangrove Mountain Union Church property back to community trusteeship has finally been covered.

However, donations are still most welcome as funds are very tight at this early stage of getting the facility back on its feet as we take on the care and upkeep of the property with many ongoing costs such as electricity, insurance and maintenance.

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Keith Aranjo

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Mangrove Mountain Country Fair -
Saturday, 21st October, Mangrove Mtn Hall
Central Coast Plateau Chamber of
Commerce AGM - 7.00pm Tuesday,
November 14, 2023, at the Mangrove
Mountain Memorial Club

STOP!

Next issue Published
3rd November 2023

** DEADLINE **

** 27th October '23 **

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Thirsty?

...Visit the Girl Guide Drinks Stall at the Country Fair This Saturday!

Community Service is a very important element of the Australian Girl Guide Program and Kooree Central Mangrove Junior Guides, Guides and Leaders have run stalls

at the Country Fair for more than 50 years. Initially it was fun stalls like hoopla, lucky dips, splash-a-moosh then hot dogs and ice creams, in the days of dry ice, remember that?

For more than 35 years, Guides have run the drinks stall spending months buying at just the right price to raise as much funding as possible to optimise community grants. The only year we ran out of drinks was 2018 and we still have no idea why that happened except that it was a hot day, but then we have



2010 Girl Guides Drink Stall



2023 AGM Notice

7.00pm Tuesday,
November 14, 2023

Mangrove Mountain
Memorial Club

had many hot Country Fair Days over the years. We do not intend to ever run out again.

The relationship that the Girl Guides have with the Country Fair clearly demonstrates the ongoing policy of community organisations working together, as a team, to provide funds for projects, big and small that will add to our community resources.

Working on the drink stall has given hundreds of Guides the chance to experience customer service, which they love, and service for their community.

Lorraine Wilson
Kooree District Manager
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Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce membership provides a raft of benefits through a direct link to the three tiers of government locally and Business NSW.

- Business Hotline – Unlimited calls, support and advice.
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- Energy Savings – comparison tool, compare and choose then let Business NSW handle all the paperwork.
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- Webinars and Events – on a variety of business topics presented regularly.
- Apprenticeship Support Australia – schedule a free chat on how to sign up an apprentice or trainee, help access funding and government incentives for which you may be eligible.

As well, all the Regional chairmen on the Central Coast meet an Integrated Chamber meeting a bi monthly basis with Central Coast Council's General Manager and department heads.

One of the easiest ways to discuss issues affecting our community or your business with any of the three tiers of government is to become a Chamber of Commerce member.

Want to know more? Want issues affecting businesses west of the M1 heard?

Join the Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce.

*Lorraine Wilson, Chairman
Central Coast Plateau
Chamber of Commerce*

Singing Group

It's a fun and relaxed time to sing along to your favourite tunes in a small group just for the joy of it.

There are a huge variety of songs from pretty much every decade and style of music; folk, pop, rock, country and show tunes. If we don't have what you'd like to sing we'll

get it for next time.

Players of instruments and all type of music fans welcome.

Enthusiasm compulsory with talent entirely optional!

Meeting at Mangrove Mountain Hall 6pm on the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. Why don't you come along to sing along!

Kim & Leila, 0401 516 501



**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 October 26th**

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Where: Mangrove Mountain Computer Club
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CWA Mangrove Mountain Branch News

As we enter our sixth year as a branch it was lovely to welcome three new members and continue to enjoy being an active part of our community.

Activities

Our crocheting and knitting lessons are going well. The State Handicraft competition for the group project this year is four different glasses cases. We have worked out our pattern and as soon as the Country Fair is over, we will tackle this next project. Currently, all of our energy has been going into preparation for the Country Fair and the upcoming church fund raiser. We also study a different country each year and this year we will be studying France.

Agriculture and Environment

Every year the Country Women study topics on Australian fauna, flora and a Foe. This brings awareness to our members and better understanding of problems farmers face on a day to day basis. This year we will be studying the Microbat, fungi and our foe, Fire Ants. I set out to read more about fire ants to increase my awareness and sincerely



Fire ants are 2 - 6 mm long with a range of sizes in one nest. Image courtesy of the National Fire Ant Eradication Program.

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hope they can be eradicated.

The NSW DPI has news and fact sheets on the 'Red imported fire ants' and has issued an Emergency Order that restricts the movement of fire ant carrier materials being moved into NSW from the fire ant infested area of Queensland.

Fire Ants are a high risk to NSW and have been found 5.5 km from the NSW border at Tallebudgera in Queensland. They have also been found at Mermaid Waters, Tabooba, Kleinton,

Carrara, Worongary, Mudgeeraba and Innisplain. The closeness of the South East Queensland infestation makes fire ants one of the highest biosecurity risks to NSW

It is good for all of us to be aware of biosecurity and what we can do to help in our day to day activities.

State AGM

Every year we travel to a different part of the state for our Annual General Meeting in May, where we have the

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12pm Tuesday 24 October



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opportunity to send two members along to vote for the following twelve months. Many members travel as observers to this meeting every year to enjoy the friendship and comradery, meeting different members around the

state. Next year we will be travelling to Coffs Harbour.

Membership Opportunity

You are invited to join our Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch. We are

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*Branch President
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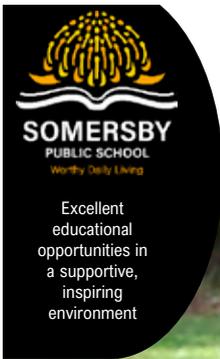
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Shingles Vaccine Now Free for 36,015 People in Robertson

From 1 November, 36,015 Australians in Robertson will have free access to the best protection against shingles through one of the most comprehensive and widely available vaccination programs in the world.

The Albanese Government is investing \$826.8 million to provide almost 5 million people who are at risk of severe disease from shingles with a free Shingrix® vaccine under the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

This includes everyone aged 65 years and over, First Nations people 50 years and over, and immunocompromised people 18 years and over at high risk of herpes zoster infection.

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The risk of developing shingles increases with age and people aged 65 years and over are at highest risk of complications like post-herpetic neuralgia.

Shingrix® will replace Zostavax® on the NIP from 1 November 2023, following advice from the independent

medicines experts at the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) and the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).

Minister Butler said “Without vaccination, almost one in three Australians will get shingles in their lifetime.

“Shingles can be severe, so it’s really important that eligible people talk to their GP or pharmacist about getting the shingles vaccine.”

“This investment will ensure nearly five million Australians can get free protection from shingles and the very painful nerve damage that it causes.

Dr Gordon Reid stated “The Albanese Government is providing

older Australians on the Central Coast with the best protection against shingles, with 36,015 people in our electorate to get free access”

Media Release from the offices of
Mark Butler MP
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WEDNESDAY
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\$15 schnitzel night from 530pm

THURSDAY
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\$15 roast night from 530pm

FRIDAY
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Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society invites you to join them for a Christmas celebration on Saturday December 2 at the Wombat Café 5935 Wisemans Ferry Road Gunderman.

Annetta from the Wombat has promised us a scintillating repast including:

- Ham and seasoned chicken platters
- Garden salad and potato salad
- Knotted chive and cheese roll.

A scrumptious dessert of peach or coconut meringue or a slice of triple chocolate fudge cake.

Tea and coffee included. Some alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase.

Locals know how delicious the food Annetta prepares is and now the rest of us can enjoy as well.

Where: We will meet at the Wombat café 5935 Wisemans Ferry Road Gunderman at 12.00 pm for a 12.30 lunch.

When: Saturday December 2 at 12.00pm.

Cost: \$30 for members and \$35.00 for non-members per head.

We will have a raffle with all tickets sold on the day and drawn on the day.

Bookings: essential to secretary@dlhhs.org.au or 0405 321 478 .

Bookings to be received by 28 November.

All welcome.

Jan Kofron

Coachwood Nursery Open Days

Coachwood Nursery was registered as a wholesale nursery in 1976 by Ruth Donnelly when she was 16 on her parents property at Coachwood Road, Matcham. In 1997 the nursery relocated to Somersby to expand and employed 9 people at its peak supplying the nursery and landscape trade with a large range of hardy plant varieties and a huge range of rare and

collectible plants.

Peter and Ruth then specialised in succulents when the last drought hit the Central Coast. They both worked tirelessly with the local community for 6 years to stop the proposed 100 acre open cut sand mine located next to the Somersby primary school.

They have now made an important decision to relocate from Somersby to the mid north coast where they will continue their passion for horticulture. Their interest in growing and selling rare and collectible plants has not diminished over the years and they enjoy sharing their love of gardening to the public throughout the year through the Harvest Festival, farm gate sales



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Almost everything for sale in their Dried Flower Emporium is grown organically and harvested on their 15 acre property. There is a real need for Australian grown dried flowers and foliage to be made readily available to the public. Imported dried flowers are treated with chemicals, so having a range of chemical free naturally dried Australian and exotic plants for sale is far more environmentally friendly.

Their property is also perfect for horses, a health retreat, other primary production, eco tourism etc, and has a well established organic orchard and vegetable gardens with plenty of water. There are 2 bores, a dam and a 7 Meg water licence with DA approvals for the wholesale nursery and office building.

Peter and Ruth now have their property for sale. Their upcoming Nursery Open Days 27,28,29 October



and 10,11,12 November will have big price reductions on their stock.

If you or anyone you know might like to purchase their 15 acre property at 900 Wisemans Ferry Road, you can contact their listing agent Michael Kidd Realestate for an inspection on tel: 02 43761440 or email sales@

michaelkidd.com.au or visit his website www.michaelkidd.com.au or, talk to your own real estate agent, as they can deal directly with Michael Kidd to arrange a shared sale by conjunction, or you can contact Peter and Ruth Donnelly directly on 0491 147448 for further information.



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P&C Before and After School Care operated from Kulnura Primary School from 1994 to 2008 when it became a stand-alone community incorporated service that has helped so many families to care for their little ones while working. Our aim is to have our service running in the new year Monday – Friday.

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Peats Ridge & District CWA

Our AGM was on the 9th October with all positions filled and then we had our normal meeting with a cake competition of Plain Butter Cake, Remembrance Biscuits and Gluten Free Orange Cake (very yummy). The Chairperson for our AGM also judged the cakes we thank Judy Betteridge for giving up her precious time for us.

Next meeting will be 6th November

and we want to invite the community to participate in a cake competition where an official NSW Cookery Judge, Mrs Judy Betteridge, will judge Boiled Fruit Cakes and Sultana Cakes (must be cooked in 20cm tins). Everyone is welcomed and learn some of the little tricks for a perfect cake. Time will be 11 am at the P R Community Hall.

Come and enjoy the experience and share a cuppa with us and of course a good laugh.

Till next time take care,

Christine Sanfilippo
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A very happy group with their cakes

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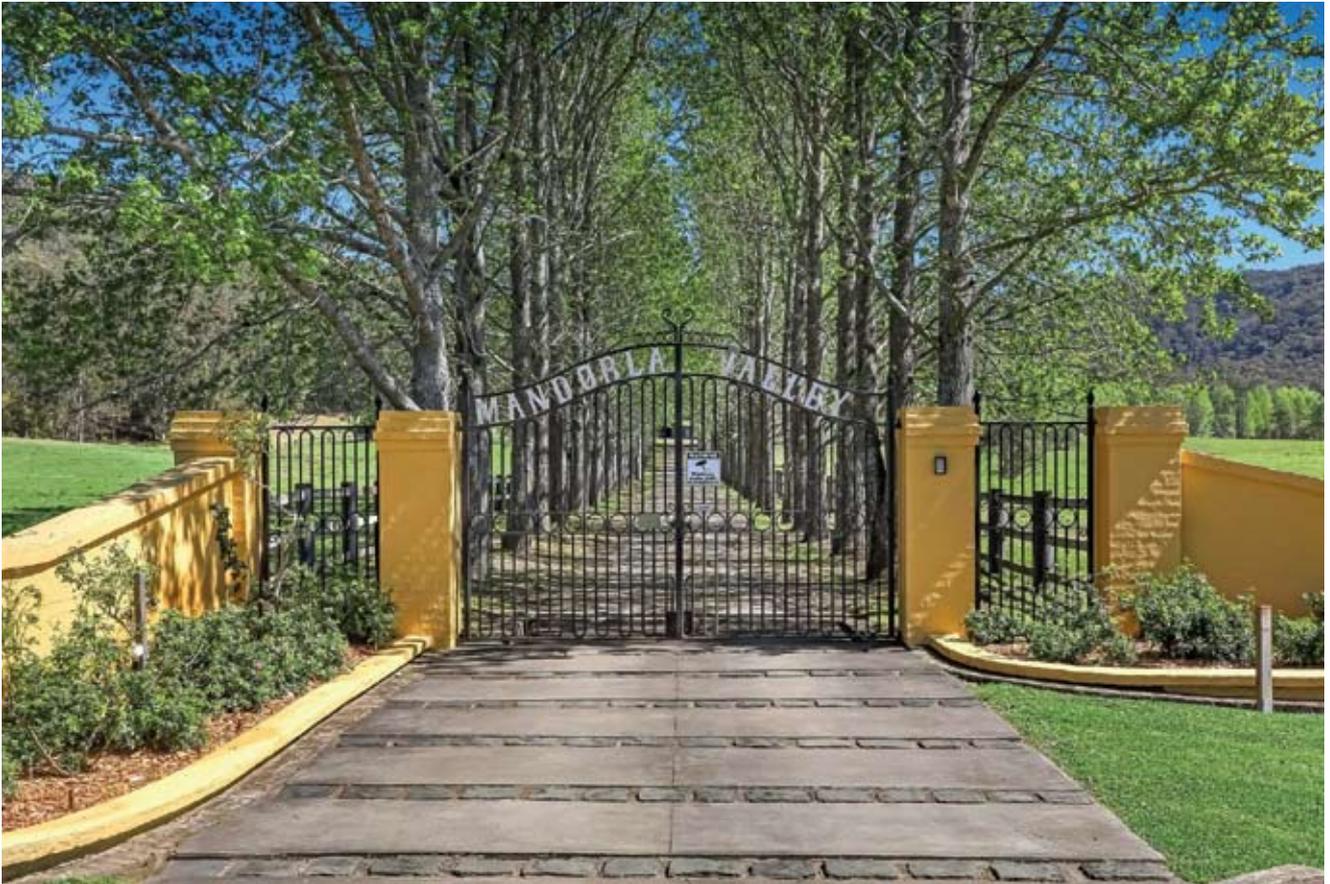
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Kulnura RFB to Celebrate it's 75th Anniversary

Kulnura Fire Brigade is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a short ceremony and historical display.

**Time: 10:30-11:30 am
(11am speeches)**

Date: Saturday 28th October 2023

Location: Kulnura Fire Station

Followed by light refreshments.

**Members of the community are
welcome to attend.**

Kulnura Brigade formed in 1948 and is one of the oldest Bushfire Brigades on the Central Coast. The brigade has always been connected to the local community and from its very beginning was mostly made up of farmers and other local community members. Not long afterwards, other local brigades –Mangrove Mountain, Spencer, Somersby, Bucketty, Laguna and Yarramalong - were formed and

together we all work to serve and protect our local area.

As well as the official speeches we would love to share some brigade history on the day. Did you know that some years back the new fire trucks were too tall for the existing fire shed? How do you solve that problem?!

Over the years the community has come together to support the brigade and the brigade has been proud to serve this community in return. We would like to share this opportunity to celebrate and hope to see you there.

*Alicia Douglas
Secretary*



'DARK MATTER' - An exhibition of ceramics and paintings by Sioux Garside, 11 - 19 November 2023, Thursday - Sunday, 11am - 5pm

Wollombi is beautiful in winter. As the earth slowly rotates back towards the sun, light waves sparkle on frost, mist rises into the atmosphere and vapor circulates back into the environment.



*Above: Raising the roof on the fire station
Below: 1994 bushfires Kulnura*



The earth is also bathed in invisible cosmic rays that reach us through the atmosphere from outer space. I look to the sky and nature to capture the colours of the day. My search is to achieve a synthesis between cultural world, natural world and inner world.

Since 2006 Sioux has worked as an



'Light in the Cosmos'
Acrylic on canvas

arts advisor in the private and public sectors. She also maintained her studio practice and previously exhibited ceramics at Watters Gallery and Delmar Gallery Sydney. Last year she curated the survey exhibition Colin Lanceley Earthly delights for the National Art School in Sydney.

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DATES

Barrington Tops at Riverwood Downs
Tuesday 31 October to Wednesday 1 November

Jervis Bay at Hukisson Bayside Resort
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- ◆ Reluctantly it's time for the current custodians on this tranquil 26-acre retreat to move on.
- ◆ This property has so much to offer, the 2-bedroom home has been freshly painted inside and out, new bathroom, new timber decking and new Jindara wood heater for cosy winters.
- ◆ The kitchen is a mix of yester year with solid fuel stove (wood burning) and vintage cabinets, there is a modern stove as well.
- ◆ The informal gardens feature a combination of native and exotic plants which is a garden enthusiasts delight with native rock lilies, flannel flowers, bulbs and beautiful Wisteria and sweet-smelling Jasmine.
- ◆ From the grass tennis court to the sandstone and timber outdoor entertaining area there is so many features to provide active people with lots to enjoy, especially the wet Sclerophyll bush gully with walking track. There are large cleared grassed areas suitable for horses and other grazing animals with a shelter in one paddock or just for the enjoyment.
- ◆ The large 140 m2** work/storage shed is the perfect place to embrace hobbies, storage shipping containers for bits and pieces, chook yard and 2 buses and caravan perfect for guests.
- ◆ There is a water bore (currently inoperative), dams and ample water storage with 4 large water tanks.
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Get revved up at ChromeFest 2023

The Central Coast is once again putting the pedal to the metal to host ChromeFest - one of NSW biggest cars shows - at The Entrance, 27-29 October.

There is no car show that compares to the Central Coast's home-grown ChromeFest where hundreds of car enthusiasts and rock 'n' roll fans come together to kick up their heels for a tribute to classic cars, vintage glamour and everything 1950s and 60s.

ChromeFest is a free three-day event - Friday 27 October to Sunday 29 October - held at The Entrance and presented by Central Coast Council, with support from a range of sponsors.

Central Coast Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said ChromeFest 2023 event program, is all about cars,

chrome, fashion, swing dancing and tunes from the good ol' days.

"Now in its 15th year, the festival's iconic Show n'Shine classic car displays have been opened for the first time to include show car owners of all makes and models pre 1979 with a passion for car shining! We invite all those who have poured their blood sweat and tears into restoring their cars to deliver a work of art, ensuring a bigger range of show cars at the event," Ms Smith said.

"ChromeFest will host over 10 live bands across 5 stages, a free evening show Friday in Memorial Park, a ticketed event Saturday night, pin up competition, fashion parades, stalls, displays, car cruises and much more."

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said ChromeFest is one of the major events Council delivers every year attracting thousands of visitors and generating significant economic and social benefit for the Central Coast.

"You can't help but enjoy this nostalgic event with a walk down memory lane and soaking up the atmosphere at the outstanding cafes, restaurants and bars throughout The Entrance over the ChromeFest weekend," Mr Hart said.

The event has lots of activities for everyone with highlights from the 2023 program including:

- Show n' Shine and iconic classic car displays
- retro market stalls, trade stalls and general market stalls
- five outdoor stages most boasting undercover dancefloors and live entertainment
- vintage glamour fashion parade
- The Australian Pin Up Pageant NSW Grand final
- The Entrance Social Club Hotel Hub
- Roving entertainment
- Pop up DJ
- Paint N Chrome workshops
- ChromeFest Walk of Fame (new area located in the Bayview Mall and Short Street Carpark)
- PLUS, much more!

Plan your ChromeFest weekend by visiting <https://chromefest.org>

Council is also reminding community members and visitors to drive carefully when heading to The Entrance during the event, with increased traffic and some delays expected due to road closures. For up to date information on all road closures happening on the Central Coast search 'road closures' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

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SPENCER NEEDS A NEW CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

Spencer is finally acknowledged as a tourist destination and people are flocking to this tiny hamlet located at the junction of Mangrove Creek and the Hawkesbury River known as the 'Hub of the Universe' to enjoy delicious food, friendly hospitality, whilst taking in the breathtaking views and soaking up the relaxed, peaceful and unique village atmosphere.

Spencer has come into its own with a new mobile tower, an upgraded public wharf and just recently completed

public amenities but there are very limited playground facilities for children visiting the area.

According to the Central Coast Council 'Playgrounds are the heart of any neighbourhood and important community hubs'. The Spencer children's playground is certainly not innovative and high quality compared to the other 260 playspaces in the Central Coast region which provide equipment that is a 'whole park' experience. These playspaces offer multiple activities for a range of ages and abilities as well as attracting, connecting and helping children to play and socialise.

*Robyn Downham
President*

Connecting Seniors grant funding available to keep older members of the community engaged

Eligible not-for-profit organisations developing projects that engage older people within their communities are encouraged to apply for a \$300,000 in grant funding from a \$600,000 package under the Connecting Seniors grant program.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP said this grant funding acknowledged



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and supported the growing ageing population in New South Wales.

“These grant funding support activities can provide a real social lifeline for seniors, especially for those living alone. Here on the Central Coast, almost one in three members of our community is aged 60 or over.

“Our seniors deserve quality of life... and quality of life is commonly dependent upon connection. Positive social connection. And we all know the benefits of meaningful connection.

“Connected people are happier people – happier people, who are better able to cope with tough times. With life’s challenges, connected people feel safer, loved...and cared for.

“We encourage not-for-profit organisations with a vision for enhancing the quality of life of our older population to pursue these important projects.”

“Not for profit organisations can apply for grants of \$20,000 for new projects and \$30,000 for enhancements and/or expansions of existing projects.”

The Connecting Seniors grant program – which includes not for profit organisations and local Councils – builds upon previous grants which have been proven to reduce social isolation for thousands of seniors in NSW.

“I’m excited to see some of the great ideas take shape that stem from these grants. I encourage eligible

Mountain Anglicans News

With the Country Fair activity fast approaching, we are now preparing for the Christmas season. We have just taken down a Christmas hamper for the refugee family our parish has been supporting, and we are now collecting for the Samaritans’ Christmas hampers that they will hand out to those in need.

organisations to apply.”

Grant applications close on 25 October 2023. Successful projects will commence in early 2024.

Grant funding information is available at www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/connecting-seniors-grant-program

Connecting Seniors grants at a glance:

Not-for-profit organisations can apply for the following grants:

Category 1 (Creation grants for new projects). \$20,000 awarded to 5 innovative projects. Overall value of \$100,000.

Category 2 (Enhancement and/or expansion grants for existing projects). \$30,000 each for 10 different organisations. Overall value: \$300,000.

The Connecting Seniors grant

We have been blessed with having our local minister for many years to conduct our own worship services at the Scout Hall, 153 George Downes Drive Central Mangrove, at 8am every Sunday. The Reverend Jim can be contacted on 0407210861 for any prayer requests and he is also licensed to conduct baptisms, funerals, weddings etc as well as the Sunday worship services. He can also be contacted to arrange for confirmation services by the Bishop.

The Bible discussion group has resumed after the holidays, and we are talking about Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

Our prayer group is still active with a lot of problems overseas to pray about as well as thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

If you have any enquiries or would like to participate in one of our groups, you are very welcome – just contact the Reverend Jim for details or just turn up.

May God bless you and your loved ones this coming Christmas season.

Wendy and Jim Innes

program delivers on the Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021-2031, with the government committed to creating a more inclusive community and addressing isolation and loneliness.

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

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

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

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. https://permaculturecc.org.au/
Permaculture Central Coast Kulnura & District Garden Club		Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com
Ladies of the Valley Morning Tea		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: mepccinc@gmail.com , 0412669649
Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee		
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting		
Mountain Districts Association (MDA)		3rd Thu of mth except Jan, 7pm, at The Hub of Mangrove Mtn. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529 www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au
Mountain District Football Club Meeting		Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club President Robyn Downham 0414248224 Email info@rivercares.com.au
River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District		Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
Rotary Club Meeting		President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc		Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com
Spencer Community Ladies Social Club		Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.
Newsletter		Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group		Tues & Sat. 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781

SPIRITUAL

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 the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall
Christian Service		9.30am second and fourth Sundays. Mangrove Mountain Union Church, cnr Bloodtree Rd & Wisemans Ferry Rd

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



Maitland Liveweight Sale Report 9th October 2023

A total of 610 cattle yarded this week at Maitland.

It was a mixed yarding of cattle, with majority of the yarding being Angus restocker weaners around 200kg-300kg

All regular buyers in attendance. The restocker and trade market was firm to 20c/kg stronger on the heavy end. Export cattle were firm to 20c/kg easier on the heavy cows.

- Butcher Vealers made 190c/kg to 290c/kg
- Restocker Angus Steers made 170c/kg to 240c/kg
- Other Breeds of Restocker Steers made 110c/kg to 200c/kg
- Angus Restocker Heifers made 100c/kg to 160c/kg
- Euro Heifers Suitable to Feed made 120c/kg to 210c/kg
- 350kg Plus Angus Steers made 170c/kg to 215c/kg
- Mixed lightweight Non-Descript Cattle made 15c/kg to 70c/kg
- 2+4 Teeth Steers made 120c/kg to 190c/kg
- Heavy Cows made 140c/kg to 150c/kg
- Medium Cows made 100c/kg to 130c/kg
- Light Condition Cows made 20c/kg to 70c/kg

15th Annual Spring Female Sale Report - 7th October 2023

A total of 600 cattle yarded on Saturday for the Annual Spring Female Sale at Maitland, a mixed yarding with cattle reflecting the dry weather.

The Market was firm to easier in

places, with the well bred cattle selling well.

- Weaner Heifers 3 months to 12 months made \$180 to \$1000 with an average of \$350
- PTIC Heifers made \$450 to \$1000 with an average of \$600
- Cows and Calves made \$500 to \$1400 with an average of \$750
- PTIC Cows made \$400 to \$1150 with an average of \$650
- Unjoined Cows made \$200 to \$700 with an average of \$400

A friendly reminder that we are often in the area seeing clients and looking at their livestock and if you would like us to call in be sure to give us a call.

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<p>St Barnabas Christian Service Yarramalong Serbian Orthodox</p> <p>Kariong Community Baptist Church</p> <p>Divine Retreat Centre (Ph 04 6848 6782) 160 Hensons Road, Somersby www.divineretreatcentre.org.au</p> <p>Catholic Service - Spencer</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Wollombi</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Somersby</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Yarramalong</p> <p>YOUTH</p> <p>Junior Girl Guides 5-10</p> <p>Girl Guides 10-15</p> <p>Scouts, Cubs & Venturers Peats Ridge Scout Hall</p> <p>HISTORICAL</p> <p>Brisbane Waters Historical Society</p> <p>Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society Inc.</p> <p>First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter</p> <p>The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group</p> <p>Wyang District Museum & Historical Society</p> <p>ACTIVITY/HOBBY</p> <p>Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group Coastal Communicators Toastmasters</p> <p>Craft/scrapbooking</p> <p>Saturday Craft Group/Spining and bobbin lace</p> <p>Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)</p> <p>HALL BOOKINGS</p> <p>Kulnura Hall Mangrove Mountain Hall Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts Culture and Heritage Centre Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall</p>	<p>Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised) 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$20). 1184 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge</p> <p>Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Philip House, Mt Penang Gardens, Chris Clarke email pastorkcbc@outlook.com</p> <p>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</p> <p>Holy Trinity Church, 2nd Sat of the month 4pm, Contact 43771374 or 43771168 as times may change each month. 2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi. Every Sat. evening vigil - 5.30pm St. Francis of Assisi Centre, 30 Lutana Rd, Somersby. 1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas All welcome. Enq 0428 438577</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 www.alisonhomestead.com.au</p> <p>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</p> <p>Contact Central Coast Council. Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289 Hall bookings: 0413 359 655 or AH 4373 1488 enquiries@yarramalonghall.org.au https://yarramalonghall.org.au</p>
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Mangrove Creek Dam Visitor Centre now open!

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The \$3.2 million project has been rebuilt after Central Coast Council received \$2.567 million from the Commonwealth and NSW Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund.

Key features of the new facility include a new interactive visitor education centre, accessible family friendly amenities, a children's play space and revitalised picnic area with new picnic table shelters, bins and bench seating.

Council Director for Water and

Sewer Jamie Loader encouraged the community to come out and see the new visitor centre.

"The Mangrove Creek Dam Visitor Centre provides an exceptional visitor experience through the provision of modern visitor facilities, providing educational insights into the water supply system, natural environment and cultural heritage of the area.

"Central Coast Council provides a potable water supply service to approximately 350,000 residents across the region. Key components of the water supply system include Mangrove Creek Dam, Mangrove Creek Weir and their associated catchments.

"The Mangrove Creek Weir and Mangrove Creek catchments were significantly affected by the Three Mile Fire in December 2019, with the Mangrove Creek Dam Picnic Area

being destroyed.

"Mangrove Creek Dam is the largest dam on the Central Coast and a key component of the Central Coast Water Supply System. With approximately 20,000 visitors a year, the provision of an enhanced visitor experience improves our tourism offering in the Central Coast hinterland.

The Mangrove Creek Dam Visitor Centre is open from 9am to 5pm seven days per week, excluding Christmas Day. The site will be closed to the public during periods of extreme and catastrophic fire danger to manage public safety.

For more information on the Mangrove Creek Dam Visitor Centre go to Council's Your Voice our Coast website.

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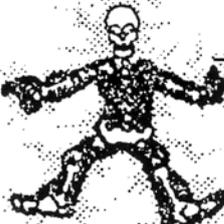
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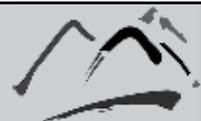
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