

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Mangrove Mountain Community Art Project - Call Out for Child/ Youth Participants

Stories in Land_Scapes is an immersive installation inviting children and young people 7-18 years of age to work collaboratively with three specialised artists across visual communication, architecture and visual storytelling to develop a responsive artwork in reference to climate change and the environmental impacts which have affected Central Coast communities. The work produced will become part of an interactive

artwork in the Mangrove Mountain area inviting visitors during Harvest Festival to participate in a scavenger hunt. The artworks produced by the children and young people will become the clues and storylines throughout the scavenger hunt.

To be part of this project, we are inviting the home schooled community or any child or young person available to participate in weekly workshops. These workshops will be structured to assist participants with developing responsive artworks, including developing new visual art skills across their unique disciplines facilitated by the three artists. The workshops will be delivered from Mangrove Mountain Hall every Thursday 12.30pm-2.30pm on 2nd May, 9th May, 16th May and 23rd May.

For enquiries and further information email Madalyn.Trypas@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.



Madalyn Trypas
Cultural Development Worker
Central Coast Council

Mangrove Mountain Farmers & Artisans Market

April 7, 9am - 3pm
Mangrove Mountain Hall

mangrovemountainhall@gmail.com



Crafty News

What kind of ball is soft, cuddly, colourful; can be happily played with and thrown at others without hurting anyone? A Knitted one, of course! Which is why they are so popular in Children's wards in hospitals. Small knitted balls can be made very simply (even easier than last year's knitted teddy bears).

Here is one suggested method. Knit a small rectangle in any pattern or yarn, leaving a good length of yarn at start and finish. Sew the short sides together. Gather one long side tight and stuff the ball with new soft filling. Gather up the other long side and you're done. Try putting in some stripes for variety and use bright colours. Finished balls approximately 6 to 12 cm diameter across suit the hospitals best.

The Mangrove Mountain Evening branch CWA is again offering several special cash prizes at this year's Mangrove Mountain Country Fair (19th October). One such Adults prize is for the best knitted collection of at least 6 balls (suitable to be used in Central Coast hospitals with children). Entries may be donated to be passed on to the hospitals after the Fair (if you wish).

The Mangrove Mountain Evening CWA is also offering special prizes for: Best item of clothing for a 2 to 3 year old (Adult section) and Best knitting / crocheting (Highschool section).

If you have any questions about these projects, or need some needles or yarn, pop into The Hub on a Monday arvo, 2 to 4, and have a chat with the yarn bombing knitters.

Next issue, some cookery challenges.

Sue Douglas

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**Sunday 21st April 2024
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19th April 2024

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**** 12th April '24 ****

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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Ideal conditions embraced for hazard reduction activities

Clear skies will provide a chance for fire agencies and land managers to carry out crucial hazard reduction efforts throughout the state over coming days.

Favourable weather conditions will allow for planned burns to be undertaken across NSW, including the Moree Plains, Oberon, South Coast and Greater Sydney regions.

Over the coming days prescribed burns are taking place in the Berowra, Northern Beaches, Hawkesbury and Southern Highlands areas, taking advantage of the favourable weather.

The burns reduce fuel loads, lessening the intensity of a bush fire should they occur, and enhance the protection of thousands of homes against bush fires.

While smoke may settle in localised areas across the Sydney region, it is

expected to clear later in the week under a southerly change and forecast rain.

Residents in smoke-affected areas should minimise outdoor activities, secure doors and windows, shelter pets, and, when driving, exercise caution by slowing down and using headlights.

Those with respiratory or heart conditions, especially asthmatics, are advised to take necessary precautions, follow treatment plans, and keep medications readily available.

Further information on dealing with bushfire smoke can be found at www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/bushfire/Pages/default.aspx.

For a comprehensive list and map of scheduled hazard reduction burns in the coming week, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/hr.

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said:

“As we approach the end of the official bush fire season, it is important to focus on the work that can be done ahead of the next fire season.”

“Wet weather and unfavourable conditions in recent years have contributed to a significant backlog in hazard reduction which we are now working to get on top of. Government agencies are coming together to take advantage of favourable conditions and we have been presented with an early window.”

“Traditionally, agencies undertake a significant amount of hazard reduction burning in autumn so it is good to see this important work now ramping up, when and where possible, to minimise the impact of fires on NSW communities.”

“It is great to see the RFS, Fire and Rescue NSW, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry Corporation, local government and landholders get stuck into the important task of reducing the threat to communities.”

Commissioner of the RFS Rob Rogers said:



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CONDOLENCES

In recent weeks Phil Woodbury, Tony Monachino and Kim Starkey sadly have passed away.

Respected and well regarded members of the community.

May they Rest in Peace.

Condolences to the families.

“We must seize every hazard reduction opportunity, considering past challenges like wet weather and unfavourable conditions that led to the postponement of controlled burns across the state last year and in recent months.

“We also saw fire activity from mid-October 2023 to mid-January, particularly in the north of the state which has made prescribed burning difficult.

“I thank our RFS members and those from partner agencies who are working over coming weeks to complete these burns while the weather allows for it.

“While you may see and smell smoke from hazard reduction burning, residents are reminded to only call Triple Zero (000) if they witness a fire without a fire truck present.”

NSW RFS Media Release

Central Coast Local Planning Panel to consider DA/1060/2023 for 315 Greta Road, Kulnura

A Development Application for 315 Greta Road, Kulnura for “Construction of a Machinery Shed & Ancillary Rural Supplies (Concrete Pipes & Structures) Operation” DA/1060/2023 will be considered by the Central Coast Local Planning Panel.

The CCLPP meeting is to be held on 11 April 2024 beginning at 2pm with Panel members attending via video-conference.

The agenda, papers for the meeting including assessment report for the matter, will be made available Friday the week prior to the meeting on Council’s website.

There will be opportunity for members of the public to view or speak at the meetings as follows:

- The meeting will be live-streamed via Central Coast Council’s YouTube channel, recorded, and made available on Council’s website;

- The minutes of the meeting will also be published on Councils website;

- Members of the public who wish to address the Panel should submit a “Request to Speak Form” to the Local Planning Panel Secretariat via email localplanningpanel@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au. Forms are to be received no later than 12 noon on the day before the meeting.

The Request to Speak Form is available on Central Coast Council website.

Go to:

- <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/about-council/meetings-and-minutes>
- Then select “Local Planning Panel”
- Scroll down to “Attending and speaking at CCLPP meetings”
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The council documentation advises: *“If there are a large number of people who wish to speak on the same topic/agenda item, it may be useful to choose a representative to speak on behalf of multiple people.”*

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Processionary hairy caterpillars and abortions in mares



Equine Amnionitis and Foetal Loss (EAFL) describes abortions and the birth of compromised foals when pregnant mares are inadvertently exposed to some types of hairy caterpillars. This is a significant cause of reproductive loss in Australia.

Early intervention, including removal of nests containing shed skins and targeted treatment can protect the pregnancy and deliver a healthy foal. Nests are currently being seen in many areas throughout the Hunter.

EAFL was initially described in the Hunter Valley in 2004. The disease is caused by exposure to the hairs of the Processionary Caterpillar (*Ochrogaster lunifer*) when horses accidentally ingest them while grazing contaminated pasture.

The caterpillars grow in nests that resemble large tents/bags in the branches or at the base of trees. Each caterpillar molts (sheds its outer covering or exoskeleton), up to 8 times within the nest. Once the larvae

leave the nest, the nest falls apart and the discarded exoskeletons (hairs) are dispersed by the wind into the environment.

Horses accidentally ingest the hairs while grazing or feeding, the hairs then migrate through the lining of the gastrointestinal tract and invade the deeper tissues. Ingested hairs can cause illness and endotoxemia. Smaller doses might have mild symptoms like mild colic, weight loss or urticaria.

In pregnant mares, the pregnant uterus lies above the large colon, and the caterpillar hairs migrate from the colon and enter the pregnant uterus. Focal areas of infection (mucoïd Placentitis) occur when the hairs travel through the uteroplacental unit. This condition has varying severities, from mild changes in health to severe infection in the foetus, foetal death and abortion.

The aim is to prevent exposure and provide safe pasture environments

\$200 MILLION PLAY OUR WAY PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Play Our Way is a \$200 million Federal Government program supporting local governments and community, not-for-profit and sporting organisations deliver initiatives that make sport more welcoming and equitable for women and girls.

Grants will be available in two streams:

- Facilities – for projects that establish and improve sporting facilities that are designed for women and girls and further encourage them to take part in sport and physical activity by

by removing nests from trees and disposing of them. Care must be taken when removing these nests as the hairs can easily be dispersed into the environment. They can also cause urticaria and severe allergic reactions if the hairs come into contact with human skin. Bagging and burying of the nests is recommended.

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Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid MP said “This \$200 million investment in women’s and girls’ sports is a great win for the Central Coast and our female athletes and sports participants.

“The funding available will help strengthen women’s and girls’ sports programs across the nation and here on the Central Coast and will also help with sports facility refurbishments and upgrades to ensure they are fit for purpose.”

“I encourage all eligible applicants in our region to apply for funding and to request a letter of sport from my office”, said Dr Reid.

The Play Our Way grant opportunity guidelines and information on applications can be found at:

GrantConnect: <https://www.grants.gov.au/Fo/Show?FoUuid=5395024d-14cf-42bd-a69e-76b43dea5e67>

*Media Release from the office of
Dr Gordon Reid MP
Federal Member for Robertson*



Thursday 21st March 2024

Dear Community Groups,

The Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair has been running for over fifty years, supporting local community groups with financial support and infrastructure.

We have had our challenges over the years especially during the pandemic which cancelled the fair for two years.

Since this time, we have had two great fairs with record crowds. This has enabled us to raise a great amount of money to distribute to local community groups and schools. Even though costs to run the fair have increased substantially we have still managed to accumulate more funds than we have given away over the last two years.

The Country Fair’s constitution has always been that money raised will be returned to the community and this is still our aim.

With this in mind the Country Fair Committee is calling for another round of grant applications to distribute these surplus funds.

We are calling for groups which may have a major project which would benefit the greater community, or we may fund numerous groups with a smaller amount.

Our normal grant application rules will apply and the guidelines for deciding the successful grants will be the same as usual (see attached file).

Please send applications including quotes to the secretary via email Secretary-MMCF@hotmail.com by 5pm Thursday 16th May 2024.

We will advise successful applicants by the 30th June 2024.

As a reminder this year’s fair will be held on Saturday the 19th October 2024 from 9am – 3pm.

Kind Regards,

The Committee, Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair Inc.



Mangrove Mountain

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WHATS ON WEEKLY

TUESDAY

BINGO from 11am
Taco Tuesday – available all day

WEDNESDAY

MEAT RAFFLE drawn at 730pm
\$15 schnitzels – available all day

THURSDAY

MEMBERS BADGE DRAW – 730pm
\$18 burgers – available all day

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Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April 2024

Mythical Creatures - Scavenger Hunt.

Where: Kariong Library, during branch opening hours. Cost: free, All ages.

Search the Library for pictures of mythical creatures, tick them off and bring your completed scavenger hunt sheet to staff for a special sticker.

Which creature will be your favourite?

No bookings required
Enquiries: 4350 1578

Parker the Platypus - Scavenger Hunt

Where: Lake Haven Library, during branch opening hours. Cost: free. All ages.

Can you find Parker the Platypus hidden throughout Lake Haven Library?

Pop in during the holidays, tick off each Parker you can find on your scavenger hunt sheet, then bring it to staff to receive a reward.

No bookings required
Enquiries: 4350 1570

Monday 15 April

Learn to Knit

Where: Umina Beach Library,
10am- 12pm
Cost: free
6-12 years
Learn to knit with Umina Beach Knitters .
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4304 7333

Warhammer - Mordheim!

Where: Tuggerah Library, 10.30am
12.30pm. Cost: free.

All ages, parent/carers encouraged to play together. Game most suitable for 12 + years.

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miniatures in this tabletop battle game. Compete for treasure, glory, or just the thrill of battle as you plunder Mordheim of all its riches!

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Tuesday 16 April

Glow Engineers

Where: Woy Woy library,
2.30-3.30pm. Cost: \$5.50
6-9 years

If you enjoy building and hands-on construction, then you will love this work shop.

Unleash the engineer within and try your hand at challenges using glowing building materials in 'The Midnight Zone' glow room. If you wear something white or florescent, you will also glow!

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578

Manga Beads

Where: Tuggerah library,
11am-12pm. Cost: \$5.50
8-12 years

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Wednesday 17 April

Storytime and Craft

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10.30-11.30am
Cost: free. 2-8 years
Come and join us for a special story time and craft, and maybe a special visit from our library mascot Parker.
Bookings essential.
Enquiries: 4350 5724 or 4350 1578

Bingo for Kids

Where: Toukley library, 10-11am
Cost: \$5.50. 5-12 years
Come along for a friendly game of Bingo with lots of fun and laughter.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4350 1540

Thursday 18 April

Ozobots

Where: Erina Library, 10-11am
Cost: \$5.50. 8+ years
Join us for a screen- free robotics experience using Ozobots. Ozobots are tiny robots which can identify lines, colours and codes made on physical surfaces!
Draw lines and arrange colours to get these miniature robots ziggig, zagging and zooming based on your commands.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4304 7650

Wednesday 24 April

Plaster Painting

Where: Gosford library, 10-11.30am
Cost: free. 6-12 years
Choose a plaster fig urine, paint it and take it home to decorate your space.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4304 7500



Tales at the Theatre

Where: Laycock Street Theatre,
10.30-11 .30am
Cost: free. 4- 6 years.
Join us at the Laycock Street Theatre for songs, stories and craft!
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4323 3233 or 4350 1578

Friday 26 April

Fishy Fun Aquarium Diorama

Where: Erina library, 10-11am.
Cost: \$5.50. 5-10 years
Join us for a fishy experience this school holidays and make your own aquarium diorama using recycled cardboard and other materials.
Bookings essential

Enquires: 4304 7650

Paint a Pot

Where: Umina Beach Library, 10am-12pm. Cost: free. 6-12 years.
Paint a pot to plant a seed before Spring!
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4304 7333

Heishi Bead Jewelry

Where: Gosford Library,
Session 1: 10.30-11 .30am
Session 2: 1-2pm
Cost: \$5.50. 6-12 years
Express your creativity and personality with your very own bracelet or key chain using Heishi beads. What will you create?
Bookings essential
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Jennifer Wilder's passion to educate residents on the many benefits of urban shade trees encouraged her to seek out those in the local community who shared her concerns and vision, and in 2016 was instrumental in the formation of Grow Urban Shade Trees. (G.U.S.T.)

Jennifer will be visiting the Australian Plants Society-Central Coast's April meeting to share her experiences from joining these like-minded residents to lobbying local, state and federal governments for more urban greening. The objective is for G.U.S.T. to eventually become obsolete as Central Coast Council begins to see the importance of investing in green infrastructure.

Having taught for many years in hot remote areas, Jennifer anticipated living on the Woy Woy Peninsular to be so much more comfortable and cooler, but became increasingly concerned that the largely treeless streets and gardens were causing excessive heat. G.U.S.T. being entirely volunteer-based, has planted over 900 leafy shade trees which provide many benefits, among which, are the cooling of the area and providing habitat and corridors for birds and wildlife.

E-J Kydd
Publicity & Program Officer



presents
Jennifer Wilder from G.U.S.T.

AT OUR APRIL MEETING

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Kerryn Raco (aka MaidenK) "Is re-designing the pre-loved into wearable, visual and creative pieces of art. Her style and vision have been recognized globally. Her mastery has been acquired from some of the best. Combining the new and the old...MaidenK still allows a sense of nostalgia, whilst in the moment."



Kerryn Raco

Bhret "I paint art with Mind, Soul & Passion. This is a lifetime of my works on canvas. They are symbolic & reflect emotional feelings".



'The Facade' - Bhret McIntyre

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KULNURA AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

On 11th March Kulnura and District Garden Club had the opportunity to visit the home and garden of Sid and Pam at Jilliby. This couple is always so welcoming and we appreciate their warm hospitality. Their garden displays their passion, dedication and love in every part of their beautiful garden.

Sid and Pam gave a short interesting talk and then we had a Q & A about their garden. They shared with us about newly added plants, things that thrived and what to do with plants that struggle. They also have some exciting plans for future garden beds.

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After morning tea we had the opportunity to stroll around their garden. Taking photos, gathering cuttings and taking in the beauty and variety of plants, eg. Healthy guava trees, crucifix orchards, protea displays and some hidden beautiful roses.

Another treat was patting their very friendly Alpacas, who were quite interested in all the visitors to their hideaway.

The club members and visitors also enjoyed sharing each others cuttings, seeds and stories from their gardens. A highlight of the morning is the 'From you Garden' competition. This involves people bringing along either flowers, natives, fruit and vegetables and we all take time to vote for our favourite.

If you love all things garden, have an interest in gardens or just need some inspiration then please feel free to join us, we are a friendly bunch and you will be most welcome.

Our next meeting will be at Spencer on 8th April at Tony's garden. We gather at 9.30am for morning tea for



Johnny & Judy Have Created Their Dream Lives...

They have created the perfect marriage: living as they did in the 1950s – a simpler more wholesome time, when everyone knew their place. He earns the money and she stays at home, tending to home and hearth.

But behind the chintz curtains and the freshly aired bedrooms perhaps the fantasy is unravelling...

Were the 1950s as effortless and fabulous as Judy believes?

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Speakers include:

*Dr Stephen Gapps (author of the Sydney Wars, (2018) and Gudyarra: The First Wiradyuri War of Resistance (2021)

*Burruberrongal woman of Darug Aboriginal nation, Julie Janson novelist and playwright (author of Benevolence 2020 and Compassion 2024)

*Historian and Storyteller Max Burns-McRuvie



*Central Coast rock art enthusiast and investigator Bob Pankhurst

*Dr Laurie Allen, stone artefacts research Mangrove Creek valley and Peats Ridge

*Emeritus Fellow CSIRO, astrophysicist, Aboriginal Astronomy research, Dr Ray Norris (author with Cilla Norris Emu Dreaming: An Introduction to Australian Aboriginal Astronomy, 2009)

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Gosford Japanese Gardens come alive with Light, Music & Art

Featuring Light Artists, Performance Artists, Live Music and Fashion, Origami has been compared to Sydney's Vivid Festival when it premiered last April to a sold-out Audience.

Tickets have gone on sale for the Saturday 13th April outdoor event Origami "Folding Art and Sound" Festival that will transform the Gosford Regional Gallery and Edogawa Gardens into a playground of the unexpected, celebrating bold and original ideas intertwined with installations, vibrant imagery and video which will be beaming the Origami experience throughout the gardens and at the same time setting the bar for what Gosford is capable of delivering as well as encouraging visitors to start planning their trips to the Coast, last year amassing 21% of audiences from outside of the region including interstate.

Festival Producer Glitta Supernova stating for 2024 the ideas are big, bright, bold and set to work their magic across Gosford gardens, multi locations within the gardens will shine



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with truly immersive, inspiring Light, Music and wonder.

Set in the April outdoors we are creating a garden of delights folding Art with Sound, layering Live Music with Mesmerising Light & Visual Projection, DJs, food curators & Performance Art where you're invited at dusk to party into the night across multiple outdoor spaces into what will be an audio-visual feast in an experiential immersive journey to engage your senses, you don't need to travel to Amsterdam or New York to expand your contemporary experiences just hit the M1 to the Central Coast."

I am so very proud of our team, you have to be brave to create new work, to bring unique experiences and talking points to the Central Coast. Origami is all about transporting festival-goers to an unexpected wonderland.

This year's program delivers fresh and engaging content from First nations electro Pop to Headliners Global DJ Duo Stereogamous (Glastonbury, Burning Man who have collaborated as producers with artists such as George Michael, Kylie, Grace Jones, LCD Sound System, RÜFÜS & Sia Yaeji, Electric Fields) bringing the dance party vibes in between the live



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NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

music and performance sets and will be playing alongside Projection Artists St. Luc who are a force to be reckoned with in the realm of immersive entertainment having traversed the globe, igniting dance floors with their hypnotic visual experiences.

They will be bringing the garden alive, delivering extraordinary 3D mesmerising visual displays bringing feelings of joy, wonder and excitement to all who take it in" she explained.

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Tocal Field Days manager Charise Foulstone is excited to announce the addition of the first annual Tocal Field Days - Taylor's Outdoor Power Equipment Woodchop to the 2024 program.

“An Ag Show just isn't an Ag Show without a woodchop competition. This brings an exciting element to the Field Days program and will be a feast for the senses as world class competitors vie for State and National Titles.”

“We are pleased to work with the NSW Axemen's Association to present a quality competition and we are so thankful to Graeme from Taylor's Outdoor Power Equipment for recognising the potential of this event and getting on board as the major sponsor.”

Visitors will be able to get up close with competitors on Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th, 2024.

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COUNCIL ROADWORKS AS AT 28/3/2024

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See list of works below:

- Road grading works at Peats Ridge (Brieses Rd), Yarramalong (Bunning Creek Rd), Somersby Wirreanda Rd)
- Road Pavement works at Wisemans

Ferry Rd, between Spencer and Gunderman

- Heavy patch works at Lake Munmorah (Rosemount Ave & Azalea Cl), The Entrance (Boat Ramp Car Park)
- Pothole works at Bushells Ridge, Chain Valley Bay, Killarney Vale, Lake Munmorah, Mannering Park, Noraville, Terrigal, Umina Beach, Woongarah, Woy Woy
- Road shoulder and median maintenance works at Central Mangrove (Peats Ridge Rd Interchange) and Somersby (Peats Ridge Rd Interchange)
- Road resurfacing works at Jilliby (Little Jilliby Rd), Tuggerawong (Tuesday St), Warnervale (Virginia Rd)
- Road pavement upgrade works at MacMasters Beach (Scenic Rd), West Gosford (Debenham Rd S)

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Road pavement work at Debenham Rd South, West 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.calgamtwhite@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

Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce	First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC
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)	Third 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 Union Church, 2154 Wisemans Ferry Rd, MMtn. 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.
Kulnura & District Garden Club	Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com
Kulnura Tuesday Tennis	Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.
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, 7.30pm, Mangrove Mtn Hall. Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 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 www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au
Mountain Districts Association (MDA)	
Mountain District Football Club Meeting	Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club https://permaculturecc.org.au/
Permaculture Central Coast	President Marlee Maxwell 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	Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
Newsletter	Tues & Sat. 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781
Somersby Equestrian Club Club & Committee Meeting	
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed	
SPIRITUAL	
Anglican Service - Mountain Districts	Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms
Mangrove Mountain Union Church Trust	General Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall
Mangrove Mountain 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 Cattle Sale 25th March 2024

A total yarding of 600 cattle yarded at Maitland today, comprising of 550 trade/yearling cattle and 50 export.

Market remained firm to easier in places today. Export Market remained firm.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 220c/kg to 370c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 270c/kg to 390c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 280c/kg to 385c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 170c/kg to 300c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 200c/kg to 300c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 200c/kg to 320c/kg
- Yearling Steers made 220c/kg to 354c/kg
- Yearling Heifers made 245c/kg to 300c/kg
- Grown Steers made 210c/kg to 230c/kg
- Grown Heifers made 210c/kg to 220c/kg
- Cows made 120c/kg to 230c/kg
- Bulls made 170c/kg to 210c/kg

Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 18th March 2024

A total yarding of 620 cattle yarded today, comprising of 550 trade/yearling cattle and 70 export cattle.

Market all remained firm to slightly stronger in places, export market remained firm.

- Restocker Steers up to 250kg made 380c/kg to 430c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 260c/kg made 395c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 275c/kg to 375c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 190c/kg to 315c/kg
- 250kg-350kg made 182c/kg to 295c/kg
- Euro Steers + Heifers Suitable for

- Feed made 275c/kg to 345c/kg
- Angus Feeder Steers 380kg-500kg (Milk + 2 Tooth) made 320c/kg to 382c/kg
- Feeder Weight Heifers 380kg-450kg made 265c/kg to 315c/kg
- Grown Steers 480kg+ made 220c/kg to 285c/kg
- Cows made 120c/kg to 215c/kg

Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 11th March 2024

A total yarding of 805 cattle yarded today. Comprising of 750 trade/yearling cattle and 50 export.

All regular buyers in attendance. Trade/yearling cattle remained firm to 10c/kg easier and the export market was firm to 10c/kg stronger.

- Restocker Steers up to 260kg – 300c/kg to 404c/kg
- 260kg to 300kg made 270c/kg to 390c/kg
- 300kg to 360kg made 270c/kg to 380c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 260kg made 200c/kg to 340c/kg
- 260kg to 300kg made 180c/kg to 360c/kg
- 300kg to 360kg made 170c/kg to 350c/kg
- Feeder Steers and Heifers Suitable for Feed 330c/kg to 360c/kg
- Angus Feeder Steers 380kg to 500kg made 270c/kg to 360c/kg
- Grown Steers + Bullocks made 220c/kg to 285c/kg
- Best cows made 225c/kg to 256c/kg
- Cows made 160c/kg to 230c/kg

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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Kariong Community Baptist Church

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

Restitution Ministries
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10am every Saturday, Mangrove Mountain Union Church.

Divine Retreat Centre (Ph 04 6848 6782)
160 Hensons Road, Somersby
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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

Catholic Service -Spencer

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

- Wollombi

2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.

- Somersby

Every Sat. evening vigil – 5.30pm St. Francis of Assisi Centre, 30 Lutana Rd, Somersby.

- Yarramalong

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

YOUTH

Junior Girl Guides 5-10

Kooree Guide Cabin, 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Girl Guides 10-15

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Kooree Guide Cabin, 6.00pm-7.30pm
Mondays in school term, Contact 0417451764 for further information

Scouts, Cubs & Venturers
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Cubs meet 6.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesdays

Scouts meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Tuesdays

Venturers meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Mondays

Contact 0460 696 941

HISTORICAL

Brisbane Waters Historical Society

25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au

Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury
Historical Society Inc.

Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 0405321478 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

Wyong District Museum &
Historical Society

Open Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times by appt. Contact 43521886 email info@alisonhomestead.com.au website: www.alisonhomestead.com.au

ACTIVITY/HOBBY

Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group
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www.cclug.org.au - all most welcome

Craft/scrapbooking

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

Saturday Craft Group/Spining
and bobbin lace

2nd Sat of the month Somersby Hall (10am to 2pm) cost \$5 per person Carmen 0434071305

Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)

Last Sunday of month 2pm at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Contact Margaret Dale 0411104770

HALL BOOKINGS

Kulnura Hall

Contact Central Coast Council.

Mangrove Mountain Hall

Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289

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Constitutional Referendum on Councillor and Ward numbers

A Constitutional Referendum to determine the future number of Central Coast Councillors will be held at the same time as the local government election for Central Coast Council on 14 September 2024.

The referendum had been postponed from 4 September 2021 due to the Public Inquiry about the Council.

Referendum question

The referendum will ask Central Coast voters to determine the following question: 'Do you favour a reduction in the number of Central Coast Councillors from fifteen to nine? This will result in three Wards with each Ward electing three Councillors.'

Proposed change to Councillor and Ward structure

Community members will be asked to vote on whether they feel the current structure of 15 Councillors should be reduced to nine Councillors.

The reduction of Councillor numbers would also require the reduction of Wards in the Central Coast Local Government from five to three, with each Ward to be represented by three Councillors.

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The decision to hold the referendum was made by Mr Dick Persson AM, who was the administrator at the time.

Go to the Council website: <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/about-council/council/election-and-referendum> to learn more about the Referendum question, including for and against cases for each scenario.

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