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LPP REJECTS CONCRETE PIPES & STRUCTURES DA

Following a large number of submissions and review by the Central Coast Council, DA/1060/2023 (Rural Supplies and Machinery Shed) was brought before the Central Coast Local Planning Panel.

The LPP conducted a site orientation and considered documentation supplied with the application, the Council assessment report and other submissions and has refused the application.

Panel Decision:

- 1. That the Local Planning Panel refuse the application DA/1060/2023 315 Greta Road, Kulnura (Lot 631 DP 599979) Rural Supplies and Machinery Shed subject to the reasons for refusal detailed in Council's Assessment report and having regard to the matters for consideration detailed in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- 2. That Council's Environmental Compliance Services Unit be notified of the outcome of the application determination and determine whether to pursue enforcement action to seek compliance with the order issued to the landowners on 14 March 2023 (Notice/34/2023).
- 3. That Council advise those who made written submissions of the Panel's decision.

Reasons

The proposal has been assessed having regard to the heads of consideration in Section 4.15 the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The proposed development cannot be characterised as 'rural supplies' as defined under Central Coast Local Environment Plan 2022 and as such is prohibited in the RU1 Primary Production zone. Furthermore, the proposed development does not satisfactorily meet other relevant requirements of Central Coast Local Environment Plan 2022 and Central Coast Development Control Plan 2022, has unsatisfactory and unreasonable adverse impacts, and is deemed unsuitable for the site and not in the public interest.

Information from the Central Coast Council

Local connectivity issues in the spotlight as regional Australians invited to have their say

Communities across regional, rural, and remote Australia can now have their say on telecommunications issues as public submissions open on the Regional Telecommunications Review.

The input of local communities will form an essential part of the Review – held once every three years – which will see the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee deliver recommendations to Government.

The Review is closely examining the experiences of people in regional, rural, and remote parts of Australia with telecommunications delivery, as well as considering the unique needs of First Nations communities.

Residents, businesses and community organisations can make a submission, with the Terms of Reference – announced by Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP – outlining key issues for the Committee to examine. An issues paper has been released to help frame ideas.

We are focused on how the universal service arrangements could be modernised to meet today's needs, the potential of emerging technologies, the effectiveness of existing Government investment programs, and the improvement of telecommunications in emergencies.

Feedback from the public has been essential in previous reviews to ensure the Committee's recommendations are well-targeted and based on evidence. For this Review there are three options available to have your say: attending a face-to-face consultation, providing a formal submission or completing a survey. The survey will be published in May 2024.

Since March 2024, the Committee has visited Western Australia and Tasmania for face-to-face consultations with local issues also forming an important part of the Committee's considerations. More locations for face-to-face consultations will be announced shortly.

The 2024 Review is being led by the Hon Alannah MacTiernan, former Western Australian Minister for Regional Development as Chair of the Review Committee. She is supported by the Hon Fiona Nash, Ms Kristy Sparrow, Dr Jessa Rogers and Mr Ian Kelly.

To have your say visit <u>www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/2024-regional-telecommunications-review</u>

The Hon Alannah MacTiernan said "Access to telecommunications services is critical for regional residents and businesses across so many aspects of everyday life – and we want to understand the lived experience of these services so that future policy actions are well-targeted and backed up by evidence.

"With technology changing rapidly we also want your ideas about how things can be improved and what would make the most difference for you and your community.

"We really encourage Australians in the bush to have their say via a submission or completing the survey in coming months, while we continue our face-to-face consultations across the country.

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Confucius

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Time to have your say on the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-25

Central Coast Council's draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-25 was presented to Council at the 23 April Council meeting, and will be on public exhibition for community feedback, from 29 April to 27 May 2024.

The draft Operational Plan and Budget, also includes information about rates, fees and charges and estimated income and expenditure.

Central Coast Council CEO, David Farmer is encouraging the community to provide input into what Council will be investing in over the next 12 months.

"This Operational Plan and Budget is the final year in Council's Delivery Program 2022-2025 and will also be the plan that the newly elected Council will be working with after the September Council elections," Mr Farmer said.

"The draft Operational Plan and Budget contains detail on what monies will be available and where it is being proposed to be spent. In summary, it is proposed that in 2024-25 Council will receive \$723.5 million in operational revenue and spend \$712.8M on services and operational functions."

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said the draft Operational Plan, and capital works program aims to deliver the services that will benefit the entire Central Coast, contributing to its economic growth and social wellbeing.

"A key part of the draft plan is the proposed investment of \$309.9M in capital projects, focused on renewing and upgrading the existing asset portfolio."

Highlights from the proposed capital works program include:

- \$21.3M in Sports facilities and Fields
- \$4.8M in Waste and Resources
- \$7.8M in Shared pathways and footpaths
- \$63.1M in Roads and Drainage
- \$21.4M for Natural disaster remediation
- \$4M in Environmental management
- \$4M in Parks and Playspaces
- \$122.6M in Water and Sewer projects
- \$4M in Community facilities
- \$2M in Arts and Culture
- \$22.7M in Libraries
- \$32.2M in additional infrastructure projects

Key initiatives and projects include:

- continued progress of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) solution
- progressing Gosford Waterfront project
- major upgrade to Mardi Water Treatment Plant
- completion of the Gosford Regional Library
- south cell construction at Woy Woy Waste Management Facility
- preparation for the return of elected representatives to Council, and
- continuing to provide quality services to the community.

"I strongly encourage the community, whether as individuals or businesses on the Coast, to take the time to have a look at the draft plan and budget and provide feedback before the closing date of the public exhibition," Mr Hart said.

A printed version of the draft Operational Plan and the draft Fees and Charges will be available to view at the customer service desks at both the Wyong Administration Building and the Gosford Service Centre.

From 9am Monday 29 April until 5pm Monday 27 May 2024 the community can view and have their say on the draft Operational Plan 2024-25 and the draft Fees and Charges at www.yourvoiceourcoast.com

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MOUNTAIN ANGLICANS

Easter Sunday celebrations are now behind us, and then we celebrated ANZAC remembrance-day at the Mangrove Mountain Golf club with the local RSL club, VIPs, and other members of the community. Reverend Jim led the prayers and laid a wreath on behalf of the Anglican church.

Many thanks to the many people who worked so hard to make the event such a success and all those people who supported it, despite the poor weather.

Mother's Day, when we remember all those things – great and small, that those in 'mothering' roles selflessly performed is approaching rapidly. We give thanks for all mothers, for their love, devotion, and protection. To help acknowledge this, every person present will be given a token of appreciation, and a special morning tea will be served after our 8am worship service in Peat's Ridge Scout Hall, located at 153 George Downes Drive Central Mangrove.

Our on-line prayer group continues and anyone wanting to be included in our prayers can just contact Rev Jim on 0407210861. You are warmly invited to come and join our worship service or other groups. Contact Rev Jim or just turn up at our 8am service.

If you have any questions about getting married etc., or baptisms (at any age) – and want the baptism recorded/registered with the parish (for future reference), you can contact Rev Jim to arrange a venue and time. Confirmation services by the bishop can also be arranged.

As the weather cools down, we will

soon be lighting the open fire in the hall. The first fire of the year will be on the day of Pentecost, in keeping with our church tradition. Members of the congregation will be asked to wear something red, and the hall will be decorated to symbolise the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Christian Church.

Our cheerful Bible discussion group is in recess for the school holidays and will resume when School returns, so we would love you to come and join us at Noreen's home. It is all free and supper is provided afterwards.

We recently took another load of food supplies down to the Samaritan Foundation at Wyoming to help those in need on the Central Coast. We are now collecting for the next delivery.

Hope to see you soon.

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With over 30 stalls at our April market, including many new stalls, the markets are growing with something new and interesting every month.

Our next market is on Sunday the 5th of May from the new time of 9am till 2pm and features more exciting new stalls, including yummy gluten free pastries, cakes, baked goods, sauces and more from Soul Food, as well as beautiful original landscape, flora and fauna paintings, cards and tote bags from a talented local artist from Wollombi, a perfect gift idea with Mother's Day just around the corner.

After receiving great feedback online on our Facebook page to our question of what you would like to see/see more of at the markets, the top responses were for Mushrooms/more fruit and

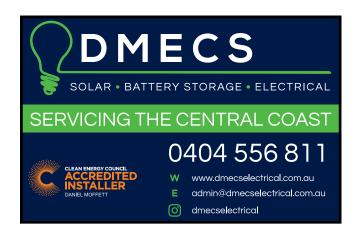


veg, more food with gluten free and vegan options, fresh artisan bread and finally live entertainment. We have been working hard on delivering on all these suggestions and are pleased to announce that due to popular demand The Mangrove Mountain Farmers and Artisans Market will be stocking Margins Mushrooms as part of an expanded fruit and veg stall at our May market as well as fresh Tinapay Sourdough bread.

The aforementioned Soul food will be bringing a great range of gluten free and vegan options and we are in the process of locking in a couple of other great new stalls that you'll see on the day! Artistry on Wheels entertainment caravan will be joining us later in the year, and we are working on a new busking stage with some fantastic local performers for our June market onwards.

Also returning this Sunday will be a great selection of your favourite stallholders from our first two markets, including fresh local produce, plants and flowers, honey, jams and preserves, hand made pottery, jewellery, woodworking, candles and soaps as well as award winning Cheese's, gourmet Chocolates, Kombucha and Chai tea, AJP BBQ and more!

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The Mangrove Mountain Farmers and Artisans Market is an event of the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group Inc and is proudly organised and run by local volunteers.

Next Market: Sunday the 5th of May, 9am till 2pm at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall and recreation reserve

Ryan Howard

Mangrove Mountain Union Church Trustee Changes Approved by NSW Fair Trading



After the sale of the MMUC was stopped, a new trustee was appointed in accordance with the Deed of Trust.

Subsequently, an application was made to NSW Fair Trading to use the name "The Trustee for the Mangrove Mountain Union Church 1914 Trust Inc" and this has been approved.

A new Constitution has also been registered and it emphasises that the role of Trustee is the prime focus. The conduct of religious services is being carried out by other groups both local and from outside the district.

The Church and hall are both available for hire at affordable rates for religious services, weddings, funerals, baptisms etc. The hall is being used for community meetings, craft activities, CWA meetings and Pilates classes.

It is great to see the MMUC once again being used and supported by the community.

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We act for a cyclist who was involved in an accident at Yarramalong Road, Wyong Creek at approx. 7:20AM on Saturday 13 January 2024.

We would be grateful to speak to any witnesses who may have seen a white 4WD driving erratically near a large group of cyclists travelling along Yarramalong Road (near Red Hill Road).

Please call Burgan Lawyers on (02) 4956 3751 with any information.



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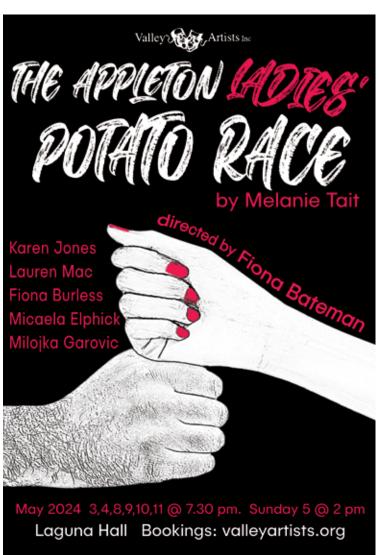
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The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race

A play by Melanie Tait

Get ready to laugh and be thoroughly entertained in the latest production by Valley Artists!

Appleton is the quintessential Aussie country town facing rapid change as well-heeled city slickers and tree-changers move in. Some long-term residents embrace change, others are less than impressed. Simmering tensions come to a head and friendships tested when a group of local women, of various ages and backgrounds, are challenged by the determined new GP Penny to take on the blokes. Penny is outraged to learn about the disparity in prizemoney being offered for the blokes and the women at the upcoming local show's famous main event, the annual potato race.

The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race is inspired by real life events in the NSW southern highlands and stars five fabulous local women. This is a funny and big-hearted tale about women taking action, standing up for your principles and showing there's more than one way to win a race.

"A very Australian, effervescently entertaining, laugh-out-loud funny play with serious things to say and a gentle way of saying them." Limelight Magazine

The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race runs over six evening performances (3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th of May at 7.30pm) and a 2pm matinee on Sunday 5th of May at Laguna Hall, 3734 Great North Road, Laguna (next door to The Trading Post)

Tickets \$35 Adults, \$25 Concession, \$20 Students Bookings www.valleyartists.org



Camilla Dorsch, Producer Valley Artists Inc





NSW NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE

Notice of 1080 Baiting

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is conducting an aerial baiting program in Popran and Brisbane Water National Parks.

Aerial baiting is scheduled for 4th May 2024 to 11th May 2024.

The operation will use 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) poison for the control of wild dogs and foxes.

The program is designed to minimise predator impacts on wildlife, especially threatened species, and to minimise the impact of wild dogs on neighbouring stock. Signs will be placed at the entry to the baiting location.



Domestic pets are not permitted in NPWS National Parks managed lands. Pets and working dogs may be affected (1080 is lethal to cats and dogs). Pets and working dogs must be restrained or muzzled in the vicinity and

must not enter the baiting location. In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

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Survey to help drive strategic solutions to support the Central Coast community's wellbeing

Central Coast Council is inviting residents of all ages and backgrounds to fill in a Community Wellbeing survey, to help understand the community's perception of their own wellbeing and quality of life here on the Central Coast.

Have your say! The survey is open until 5pm 10 May on Council's online community engagement hub Your Voice Our Coast, *yourvoiceourcoast. com/wellbeing*.

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said this survey will help Council drive strategic solutions to improve and support the local community's wellbeing.

"Council has a key role in delivering and advocating for services, infrastructure and programs that connect our communities and make the Central Coast a great place to live," Ms Smith said.

"The results from this survey will highlight where Council needs to focus efforts and plan future services and programs, as well as advocacy to other levels of government, to support community wellbeing and address local issues. It also provides Council with a baseline of community sentiment following the global pandemic and current concerns such as the rising costs of living.

"This survey links into our Community Strategic Plan which guides how Council plans and delivers community services, facilities, and programs to meet community values and needs.

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said this survey ensures that the voice of the Central Coast community guides



Council's strategic planning and actions to support their wellbeing.

- The online survey takes approximately 10 15 minutes to complete.
- Residents without access to online facilities, have an option to participate in the survey by phone or by filling in a paper survey. Find out more, by contacting Council's Customer Service on 4306 7900.
- Responses will remain anonymous, and participants do not need to enter any identifying personal details.
- Demographic data such as your age, gender and suburb help to ensure that the thoughts and feelings of a good mix of people on the Central Coast are captured.
- This survey touches on sensitive topics, so if this raises personal concerns, people are advised to reach out to available support services. Council's 'where to find help' webpage has some contact information for local health and wellbeing services.

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CB Radio Network Inauguration Event

Although CB radio installations will continue until all of the CB radios are installed, the CB Radio Emergency Communications Project has reached it's formal endpoint.

An inauguration event to mark this milestone was held on the 18th April in Mangrove Mountain Hall.

Thirty one people including Liesl Tesch MP Member for Gosford.

The project will see over 300 CB Radios and four Farm Fire Fighting trailers distributed.

All CB radio equipment has been purchased and to date over 150 CB's have been deployed.

A number of local people from throughout the district formed the project team that worked on technical issues, selection of equipment, purchasing, community engagement, communication protocols training.

The CB Radio Network has been implemented with equipment purchased through the BSBR grant, anyone with an 80channel UHF CB radio can participate.

To get information on the protocols used on this network or if you are interested in participating please email your enquiry to mepccinc@gmail.



com.

The CB radio network enables isolated communities to communicate with each other, with emergency services authorities and with disaster relief agencies. It facilitates relaying critical information about what the community needs, advising the community what emergency help is coming and enables people to support others in the community.

Areas included: Bucketty, Calga, Dooralong, Gunderman, Jilliby, Kulnura, Laguna, Lemon Tree, Marlow, Mangrove Creek, Mt White, Mangrove Mountain, Peats Ridge, Somersby, Spencer, Wendoree Park, Wollombi, Yarramalong and adjoining areas.

The CB radio network was

by the Mangrove implemented Emergency Planning Communications Committee with Commonwealth funding from Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

Successes to date: There haven't been any recent disasters but there have been some localised issues.

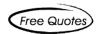
On several occasions during phone and power outages people have been able to stay in touch and check on each

An elderly resident had requested help but lost phone contact. A neighbour was contacted by CB and checked. The resident was accompanied in the ambulance to hospital.

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One local has decided to help fellow road users and Council by spraying yellow paint around bad potholes.

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Above: Whisky Grass Left: Swamp Banksia

properties.

They meet once a month, working with the assistance of a qualified supervisor to learn about, and treat, the weeds, and identify the native plants and habitats found in the area.

The Mangrove/Somersby Green Team's last meeting was on a property in Somersby, and this month's focus was on Whisky Grass (Andropogon virginicus).

Whisky Grass grows best in paddocks and open areas of bushland. The Green Team was using hand removal techniques and bagging all the plant material which carried seeds. Whisky Grass can usually be identified using the 'whiskers' or brown wilted blades of grass which grow at the base even in small young plants.

Native Plant Spotlight

This month we found a Swamp Banksia (Banksia robur) on the property which had just finished flowering (pictured opposite page). Swamp Banksias, like many other Banksias, flower in the autumn and winter. This makes them important food sources for the insects and birds

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Sunday 9 June, 9.30am - 12.30pm

A walking history tour. Featured in the Central Coast Harvest Festival.

- Sip a colonial brew at the Hawkesbury Duck museum space on the Lower Hawkesbury River.
- Hear from an expert history teller and raconteur
- Discover the site of an original tidal mill and the stories of the floating stores and butcher boats when the river was the highway.
- Traverse Governor Darling's route to the Hunter and appreciate the rigours and rations of the no three iron gang

The tour

Explore the story of food on the lower Hawkesbury with our engaging historyteller and interpretation expert Max Burns-McRuvie. Our tour starts at the Hawkesbury Duck where we hear about the convict and colonial menuwonga pigeon pie, hominy porridge, wallaby tail soup anyone? We travel to Finch's line, one of Governor Darling's great routes from Sydney to

which stay on the coast year round, or migrate to the coast for the colder months. The Swamp Banksia grows between 1-2m tall and has flowers which range from 10-17cm long.

There are multiple Green Teams on the coast, including the Mangrove/ Somersby and the Yarramalong Green Teams, and anyone interested in joining or seeking more information should contact Paul Madden, Local Landcare Coordinator at the CEN via phone: 4349 4491

or email: paul.madden@cen.org.au

the Hunter, abandoned in 1829. Hear about the rigours and rations of the no 3 chain iron gang hacking out the route north amidst an abundance of native yams, tubers, figs, grapes and berries regularly eaten by the local Aboriginal people. We visit Mill Creek, so named after a 1830s tidal mill where wheat and maize were ground for the convict stores and shipped to Sydney. At Trollops Reach gain insights into the butcher and bread boats - the floating stores delivering food to the communities of the lower Hawkesbury when the river was the highway.

History books, vintage and local produce for sale at the Hawkesbury Duck



Tickets: www.heritageventures.com. au/taste, Cost: \$30-\$60



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Strategic Weeds Grant Funding 2024

The Strategic Weed Grant Program will allow for coordinated control, education, and regional planning of weed management. Additionally, the funding will allow for control programs to bring weed infestations within landholder capacity to manage, providing for reasonably practicable weed control.

Many actions of the Hunter Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan require community involvement in weed management, this funding provides that opportunity for those community groups.

The Grants Program will have \$300,000.00 of available funds. There is no minimum requirement for co-contribution, however, those applications with a higher level of co-contribution will receive additional points in the eligibility scoring. All sources of co-contribution can be considered, however, non-grant/non-government funds as cash and labour will be seen as a higher value for money.

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be assessed across 4 rounds in 2024. Background

Hunter Local Land Services Strategic Weeds Grant Program (The Program) was established in 2022 to implement actions of the Hunter Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan, facilitate the distribution of funds targeted at weed management, and assist in community-based projects or landscape-level projects to mitigate the impacts of priority weeds and establish best practice weed management in the Hunter Local Land Services region.

The following are the current funding streams contributing to this grants program:

 Hunter Catchment Contributions and Hunter Catchments Contributions Strategic Fund: Hunter Local Land Services allocates a budget each year from Hunter Catchment Contributions to undertake works in weed management across the catchment of the Hunter River.

 Widespread Weeds Fund: deliver weed control programs that are guided by the Hunter Region Strategic Weed Management Plan and the Hunter Regional Weeds Committee. For development and disbursement of documents associated with best practice weed management, such as educational resources, weed management inspection and strategies response planning documents. For progressing outcomes, objectives, and activities of the Hunter Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan.

Program periods will vary by application type. Typically project

periods are by the end of the financial year the project was awarded funding, however, projects can be delivered over multiple years. All projects must be completed within five years from commencement of the funding deed. Individual contractual documents will detail the required period for a project to be delivered. All applicants are encouraged to speak with the Hunter Regional Weed Coordinator to gain advice on potential partnerships, project design, and linking edibility criteria.

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https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/ regions/hunter/grants-fundingscholarships/strategic-weeds-grantfunding-2024

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Junior Training

Somersby RFS General Meeting Training/Maintenance

Yarramalong RFS

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC Coastlink Friendship Group

Country Women's Association (Somersby)

Country Women's Association (Peats Kidge & District)

Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)

Gosford North Inner Wheel club

Gosford World Vision Community Group

Kulnura & District Garden Club

Kulnura Tuesday Tennis

Ladies of the Valley Morning Tea

Mangrove Mountain Singers

Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting Mountain Districts Association (MDA)

Mountain District Football Club Meeting

Permaculture Central Coast River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District Rotary Club Meeting

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Anglican Service - Mountain Districts

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3rd Sat, 9am-12 pm, breakfast 8.30am Every Thurs as required, generally 10am-1pm 3rd Sat in even months, at 1pm, All welcome bucketty@lowerhunterrfs.com.au 4998 8130

3rd Mon of the month, 7.30pm all welcome Training Every Monday 6.30 except public holidays Information & updates Facebook.com/calga/mtwhiteruralfirebrigade/ Captain.calgamtwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.

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

Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm 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

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Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove

Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.

Third Monday of the month at Community Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400163.

2nd & 4th Tues of the month, 4-8pm at Mangrove Mtn Union Church, 2154 Wisemans Ferry Rd, MMtn. General meeting 6pm 2nd Tues. Ph Judy 43771728

2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760 4th Tues 11am in Presbyterian Church, West Gosford Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 586 760. Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.

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President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364

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Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms General Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall 9.30am second and fourth Sundays. Mangrove Mountain Union Church, cnr Bloodtree Rd & Wisemans Ferry Rd

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Applications open to join the **Government's Youth Steering Committee**

The Commonwealth Government is looking for young people to play a vital role in shaping government policy and programs that matter to them.

Minister for Youth Dr Anne Aly today invited young people from across Australia to apply to be part of the Government's Youth Steering Committee.

'Young people are uniquely placed to help shape practical solutions to the problems they are facing.

"It's an exciting time to join the Committee, help us implement Engage! and embed the role of young people in our democratic processes", Dr Aly said.

Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid MP is encouraging young people on the Central Coast to apply.

"The Federal Labor Government wants young people to have input on the policies that affect their lives.

"I am encouraging young people between the age of 12 to 24 in the region to read up on what the committee will do and to apply if they would like to help build a better future", Dr Reid said.

no experience required. applicants aged between 12 and 24 are



encouraged to apply for at least seven new two year positions, alongside some existing members reappointed to the 14 person Youth Steering Committee.

To ensure the committee represents the diversity of young people in Australia, applications are sought from young people with a range of backgrounds and experiences including young people with a disability, young people with lived experience of mental ill-health and First Nations young people.

The Committee will work closely with Dr Aly, ensuring that young people are involved in government decision-making, including the implementation of Engage! A strategy to include young people in the decisions we make.

Applications to join the Youth Steering Committee close on Sunday 19 May 2024. More information is available at youth gov.au.

Joint Media Release Hon Dr Anne Aly MP Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Youth Dr Gordon Reid MP Federal Member for Robertson

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

Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall

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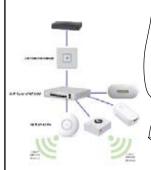
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