COMMUNITY NEWS

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Fire Danger Period Conditions

Our local area is currently outside of the fire danger period which means you are allowed to burn without a permit, however you still need to notify and follow these conditions:

- You need to notify the RFS of your burn. You can do this at any time online by searching 'notify to burn' or visiting https://www.rfs.nsw.gov. au/fire-information/BFDP/burnnotifications
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- You need to check the weather for adverse conditions including hot

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- Ensure you have a clearing around your burn area
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- Ensure it is not a total fire ban day.
- Monitor the fire at all times and ensure it is fully extinguished.

Following these rules reduces un-necessary 000 calls and allows resources to be used where they are most needed. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our community safer by following these rules.

Tarryn Nester, Captain Mangrove Mountain Rural Fire Brigade tarrynnester-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au 137 Bloodtree Rd, Mangrove Mountain





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Battle of the Bands is back!

Central Coast Council is excited to announce the return of Battle of the Bands, offering young musicians the chance to compete for stardom and prizes. This iconic event, previously held from 2004 to 2019, is making an electrifying comeback, to bring together the region's best young bands.

Previously, band members aged 12 to 24, competed in the same event, however this year, we're introducing the 'Kids Clash Division' for bands with members aged 10-13, giving even younger musicians a chance to showcase their talents.

With the support of Damien Gerard Sound Studios, Musicians Making a Difference, Central Coast Music and Arts and The Skills Engineer, the competition includes three heats, two semi-finals, and a grand-final, culminating in the Creative Engineers Showcase event where winners will be announced.

Central Coast Council Director of Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith, said "We're also offering support for schools with the Play it Forward School Prize, which will benefit the winning band's nominated school, supporting students in the Music/CAPA Faculty," Ms Smith said.

Are you ready to rock the stage? Register now and begin your journey where talent meets opportunity.

Heats kick off on 5 July at The Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue, 7pm.

Central Coast Council Media Release

"For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong."

H. L. Mencken

STOP!

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Mangrove Mountain Farmers and Artisans Market

With the Mangrove Mountain Farmers and Artisans Market growing every month , we thought we'd let you know about some of the new stalls joining all your favourites at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall and recreation reserve at our next market on Sunday the 7th of July!

- The Country Squires beautiful handcrafted timber creations from chopping boards, serving platters, and picnicware to custom signs, horse accessory hangers and more!
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The CWA Mangrove Mountain Evening Group will be serving scrumptious Devonshire Tea's from the hall kitchen and you can sit back and relax at the tables and chairs under the trees enjoying mouth watering pastries and cakes from Oh My Days, who were voted as one of the top 100 bakeries/patisseries in the world! Or try the yummy Gozlame or middle eastern cuisine for lunch.

We're aiming to showcase the best in local produce, artisan and cottage industry right here on the Mountain for locals and visitors to the area alike as well as creating a great day for the community to get together and enjoy catching up over a cuppa, or browsing the market stalls, so why not join us at next market on Sunday the 7th of July 9am till 2pm at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall and recreation reserve. Entry is free.

If you would like to have a stall at Mangrove Mountain Farmers and



Artisans Market and join a great selection of stalls, we still have outdoor stall sites available. A 3x3m marquee site costs just \$25.

Upcoming market dates are: Sunday 7th of July, Sunday 4th of August, Sunday 1st of September and Sunday 6th of October

Mangrove Mountain Farmers and Artisans Market is an event of the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group Inc. Funds raised from stall site fees goes towards the upkeep and maintenance of the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall and recreation reserve.

For enquiries or to book email mangrovemountainhall@gmail.com or Ph 0405416289

Ryan Howard



Council seeks feedback on water and sewer pricing proposal in preparation for 2025 IPART Submission

Central Coast Council is continuing with community engagement, seeking feedback from residents and businesses about their water and sewer services.

Customers can share their feedback on water and sewer customer values, desired service outcomes, and Council's water and sewer pricing proposal. This feedback will help to shape and inform Council's IPART submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal in 2025, and subsequently the outcome of the 2026-2031 pricing Determination.

Central Coast Council Director for Water and Sewer, Jamie Loader encourages the community to participate in the feedback activities.

"Community engagement activities are informative and collaborative experiences and are an important part of our Water and Sewer Community Engagement and Education Strategy and 2022-2026 Water and Sewer Delivery Plan. This work ensures that our customers are at the centre of Water and Sewer planning, reporting and the upcoming pricing submission.

"In this engagement phase, we have already held our first Deliberative Forum at Gosford.

"We have launched an online survey and started our series of twelve popup engagement stalls across the Coast. The Pop-up stalls are a great

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES

Pop-Up Engagement Sessions

Keep an eye out for one of our pop-up stands across the Central Coast throughout June and July! We will be at shopping centres, parks and commuter hubs to listen to your views - come and say hi if you see us!

Very Short Film Competition

Are you ready to make a splash with your creativity? Central Coast Council Water invites you to take part in our short video competition.

Engaging with Vulnerable Communities

We will be conducting various sessions throughout June.

Other Engagement Opportunities

Go to the Central Coast Council website to register your interest in providing feedback:

<u>https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/residents/water-and-sewer/about-water-and-sewer-services</u> and then select the box "Water and Sewer Community Engagement and Education Strategy"

Top 100 Customer Workshop

We will be hosting 2 separate workshops with our top 100 water users. There will be an online and in person workshop to choose from 2 July - online, 9 July - in person

Deliberative Forums

We will be hosting a series of deliberative forums with community members. Forum dates: South Forums - 20 & 29 June, North Forums - 27 June & 6 July

Telephone Survey

We will be interviewing a representative selection of community members across the LGA. - June

Customer Focus Groups

We are hosting 2 customer focus groups with participants sought from targeted recruitment. By inviting community members to participate in focus groups we are wanting to empowering their voice in decision-making processes.

25 June, 2 July

Workshop for Businesses

We will be hosting a workshop with business owners across the LGA.

This will be a great opportunity for businesses to provide feedback on their experiences with water and sewer, values and desires - 9 July

opportunity for the community to speak directly with our staff and share feedback about their water and sewer services." said Mr Loader.

Customers can share their feedback on water and sewer customer values, desired service outcomes, and Council's water and sewer pricing proposal. This feedback will help to shape and inform Council's submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in





2025, impacting the 2026-2031 pricing Determination."

Central Coast business owners can register to give feedback about their water and sewer values and requirements through participation in a workshop on 9 July. Council's top 100 water users are also invited to participate in one of two workshops on 2 and 9 July.

Creatives and young people can express their views about Council's water and sewer services through a 'A Very Short Film' short video competition.

Central Coast Council Administrator, Rik Hart said that Council is committed to providing a customer-focused, sustainable water future for the Central Coast

"Community participation is a key part of keeping customers at the centre of Council's water and sewer service provision. The various engagement platforms in this engagement phase provide fantastic opportunities for customers and community members to be active participants and provide valuable feedback about their water and sewer services," Mr Hart said.

To learn more, submit your feedback or register to attend an event, search 'water and sewer' at your voiceour coast. com

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Flying High at Mangrove Mountain

Central Coast Soaring Club held an open day at the Mangrove Mountain airfield off Bloodtree Road on Saturday 29th June

The club has been operating for over

40 years on Council owned land and hope to do so for many years to come.

The members hope to engage more with the local community especially with those who may wish to take part in the volunteer run operation and maybe learn to soar with the local wedge tails!

Currently members attend the facility on Thursdays and Saturdays with plans to also fly on Sundays.

GUIDES TO HELP PREPARE FOR AND RECOVER FROM DISASTERS

NSW DPI have released three essential guides to help you plan for, prepare against, and recover from natural disasters. These will provide practical advice, checklists, and strategies tailored to primary producers. It is your go-to guide for resilience and recovery in agriculture.

- · Managing risk before, during and after natural disasters: A guide for primary producers
- Finding help after a natural disaster: A guide for primary producers
- · Disaster-Ready Plan: A guide for primary producers

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The department under the NSW State Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN) is the appointed combat agency for biosecurity (animal and plant) emergencies and also a support agency as the Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area (AASFA) in natural disasters and other emergencies.

We provide systems, processes, resources, and tools to manage emergencies and assist in building safer and stronger communities.

Alongside our partner organisations, provide agricultural, and community assistance during emergencies, including:

- · Assist primary producers, animal owners and the community in preparing for emergencies.
- Coordinate support during emergencies that impact on animals and plants, including maintaining animal welfare.
- Relief assistance to primary producers to help recovery.

Community members and groups have a role in preparing for emergencies that affect animals, plants and agriculture, and assisting to respond and recovery from adverse impacts.

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Jackie Pearson at our July Meeting

Protecting our Wetlands





At our next meeting on Saturday 13th July 2024, Jackie Pearson, who has had an amazing career as a journalist, ghost writer, editor, campaigner and independent publisher, will be talking to us about the wetlands of the Central Coast. Jackie is the Community Liaison Officer for the Community Environment Network (CEN) and as well, publishes her own news site promoting ethical public interest journalism.

There are more than 20,000 wetlands in New South Wales where important and unique ecosystems flourish providing valuable biodiversity and habitat for plants and animals. Jackie will show us where our regional major wetlands are, focusing on three of the most significant, Porters Creek Wetland at Warnervale, Spring Creek Wetland at Doyalson and the Central Coast Wetland at Tacoma. We will learn their history, their current status, likely future and most importantly, how we can protect and preserve them.

When

1.30pm for 2.00pm start Saturday 13th July, 2024

Where

Phillip House 21 Old Mt Penang Road Kariong

Cost

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Winter Season Update Mountain Medicine

As the weather has turned cold, and the leaves have dropped, changes are also occurring here at Mountain Medicine. We have all been kept very busy with the surge in Flu and Covid cases hitting the Mountain. We have had plenty of practice now with instituting our isolation procedures, and thank everyone for their cooperation in reducing the spread of viral illnesses, so patients can still be to seen by a doctor face -to- face when the clinical situation demands. We continue to encourage people to get boosted.

Its probably pretty obvious to everyone by now, that our wonderful practice manager Jasmine will be taking her maternity leave soon. She has been working hard to make sure she has handed over to the team, and we have been fortunate indeed to find a replacement. We know you will make our new receptionist Chomp, another local, feel very welcome as she steps in to cover Jas for the rest of the year. Chomp has experience working in the medical arena, and is studying a degree in Medical Science. Jas will

be keeping an eye on us and popping in, so we will be excited to have a wee one on board as well. We know you all wish Jas the best.

The team at Mountain Medicine have been awarded accreditation from AGPAL (Australian GP Accreditation Ltd) for another three years, and Dr Christine Wade is an accredited GPTP (GP training programme) supervisor. She has just been awarded Life Membership of the RACGP, as recognition of her long-standing contribution to the specialty of general practice.

So many of you have given us extraordinary feedback on our GP training registrar Dr Arsenios Magdas, who has worked very hard towards achieving the Fellowship of the College of General Practitioners (FRACGP), whilst he has been here at Mountain Medicine with Dr Christine Wade as his College Supervisor. He is a wonderful clinician and has a very loyal patient base. We congratulate him on his success in attaining the Fellowship qualification. After having

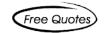
spent the past thirteen years in studies to graduate from medical school and then pass his FRACGP exams, Dr Magdas has decided to take a step back from clinical work for a while and take a sabbatical over the coming months. He will complete his semester in the last week of July.

We are very fortunate in being a training practice that is sought after due to our unique position and training opportunities, and so the continuity of registrars is assured. We are very pleased to introduce the next registrar to join us Dr Sepali da Silva. Like Dr Magdas, Dr Da Silva is a very experienced clinician and is in her final advanced GP 3 term.

Dr Da Silva was undertaking surgical training in Germany, and had completed 2 years of cardiothoracic training when she met an Australian, fell in love and moved to Australia to start a family. Since being in Australia, she has continued her training. She worked for 3 years at Westmead Hospital in ICU/HDU (high dependency unit), then 2 years in the emergency department of Gosford Hospital. Sepali then swapped over to GP training and has been working in a very busy skin cancer clinic in Port Stephens for the past 18 months. Her supervisor is a renowned educator, and



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Sepali has been taught flap techniques for major skin cancers, as well as facial plastic techniques.

Sepali is the mother of four young boys (I know!) and so has a particular interest in paediatrics. She has completed the Essential Paediatrics Programme by Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (12 months), and really enjoys the sense of giving back that working in a regional community offers. Dr Wade is certain that her



experience of learning as much from the registrar as she taught with Dr Magdas will be repeated with Dr Da Silva.



The team at Mountain Medicine respects Dr Magdas decision to take some time off after he has spent so much time studying, and is hopeful that he will make his way back to us. We are very grateful to have found a doctor of Dr da Silva's calibre, and with her astounding experience in skin cancer, we are sure she will be a very valuable member of the team from the outset.

Once again, it is a privilege to provide medical care to this amazing community, and we look forward to continuing into the future with our dedicated team of doctors, allied health and nurses, ably supported by our wonderful and ever patient receptionists.

Mountain Medicine 40 Niclins Road Mangrove Mountain



Green Teams Update

The Green Teams are small groups of local volunteers assisting each other with managing weeds on their properties. They meet once a month, working with the assistance of a qualified supervisor to learn about, and treat, the weeds, and identify the native plants and habitats found in the area.

The Mangrove/Somersby Green Team's last meeting was on a property in Mangrove Mountain, and this month's focus was on Lantana (Lantana camara).

Lantana grows either in shade or the open, and can form dense clumps. It is one of the weeds which can regrow if large, older stems are left on the ground. Large masses of Lantana have the ability to swallow and suppress native plants beneath them and prevent any seedlings from growing beneath them. Lantana can be treated in a variety of ways, from chemical spraying to cut-and-paint chemical treatment and manual removal (pulling it up out of the ground).

Native Spotlight

This month has been a good month for fungi spotting (see photos). These Agaric type mushrooms, also known as toadstools, are identified by the stalk and cap style form and gills on the underside of the cap. The Amanita muscaria (on the right) looks like the classic toadstool mushroom and was seen on a Green Team property in Somersby, while the orange capped mushrooms (lower right) were found on a Green Team property in Yarramalong.

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





Top:Amanita muscaria Above: orange capped mushrooms Below: Lantana (Lantana camara)



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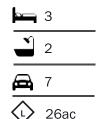






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Central Mangrove Public School News

A New Path to Reading Success at Central Mangrove Public School

At Central Mangrove PS, we are committed to equipping every child with the ability to read - and read well! Learning to read is such an essential skill to not only find success in school and to thrive in society, but to also experience the joy that reading brings to life. We want every child to be successful in reading! We are learning more about what research says about how children learn to read, how to make sure every student learns to read, and what to do when a children counters difficulty in learning to read. The research that we're learning about and implementing is called the Science of Reading.

Decades of research have determined that reading occurs in a specific way in the brain in all people. It does not occur naturally the way that speech does. The process must be taught. It is a process of building neuropathways in the brain that link sounds of speech to written symbols or letters. The strings of letters are attached to meaning, and then those letter strings with meaning' are stored in the brain's "letterbox" for later retrieval that is instantaneous and effortless. This process is called orthographic mapping and it is our goal to help our students build a giant 'letterbox' of instantly retrievable words. That translates into fluent reading and subsequent comprehension. Guessing at words based on context does not aid in orthographic mapping, phonic decoding does.

As Martin Kozloff points out "If a child memorized ten words, the child can only read ten words, but if a child learns the sounds of ten letters, the child will be able to read 350 three-sound words, 4,320 four-sound words, and 21,650 five-sound words."

It's an exciting time for Central

Mangrove PS as we deepen the alignment of our instruction for our youngest learners with the Science of Reading! This term we have been focussing on ensuring our kindergarten students all have the essential pre reading skills needed to ensure the greatest success as they move into more advanced phonics learning. Mrs Shaw and Mrs Anderson have been implementing a new phonological awareness program - PreLit. Students have been loving participating in fun and engaging lessons based on storybooks (many of which we all know and love - think Dear Zoo! Green Egga and Ham, and The Very Hungary Caterpillar).

Next term our Year 1 and Year 2 students will begin engaging the InitiaLit program, an evidence-based synthetic literacy program which teaches phonics alongside a rich literature and vocabulary component to further provide all children with the essential core knowledge and strong



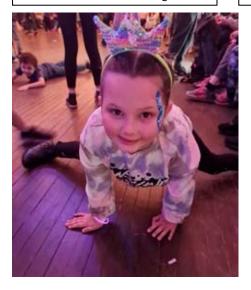
Above: the CMPS P&C team Below: Limbo dancing



Above: Check out the tattoo



Above:Three Amigos Below:Three Amigos II







foundations to become successful readers and writers.

Mountain Districts Small Schools Winter Wonderland Disco

On the 15th of June the Mangrove Mountain Public School P&C held a fun filled disco. There was pizza, face painting, glow sticks, karaoke, limbo, dancing and loads of fun! A great night was had by all.

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Above: Kids Karaoke Below: I'm excited



Below: Photo buddies





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International Blues Music Day 2024 at Mangrove Mountain Hall

International Blues Music Day is celebrated on the first Saturday in August with live Blues music events organised all around the world.

Every year International Blues Music Day events have been held in Sydney and Canberra and following on from the success of last year's event, our historic Mangrove Mountain Hall will once again be joining the major capital cities with a special Blues on the Mountain event on Saturday the



SINGLETON PASTURE DEMONSTRATION SITE FIELD DAY

Join the team from Hunter Local Land Services at the Singleton Pasture Demonstration Site for the first field day for 2024.

Themes of the day include: Grazing management Dealing with wet conditions Animal health & nutrition

WHEN: Thursday 18 July TIME: 10am - 12.30pm

WHERE: Singleton Pasture

Demonstration Site

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This year's event will feature a stellar lineup lead by some of Australia's best guitarists, Jesse Redwing, who was a semi finalist at this year's International Blues Challenge in Memphis, along with his all star band featuring legendary bass guitarist, Harry Brus, the Nathan Beretta Band, who are currently no.1 on the Australian Blues Music Airplay Chart, plus multi award winning Simon Kinny Lewis Band and 2024 Blues Award winner, Ewan Lund!

This is one of our best ever lineups folks, and the campground is already booked out with music lovers travelling from afar to witness these amazing acts performing together on the one night!

A limited number of tickets for this event are available and pre booking is recommended via www.trybooking.com/CQBVP

Great food will be available to purchase from one of our favourite food vendors, Stripped Street Food, BYO drinks.

Blues on the Mountain is an All ages family friendly event. Doors open at



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the earlier time of 5pm.

Tickets cost \$40 (Adult) \$20 (Youth 12-16yrs), children under 12 years of

age accompanied by a paying adult, free.

Ryan Howard







Peats Ridge & District CWA

A combined day held together with Mangrove Mountain Evening and Peats Ridge & District branches on the 16th June was a great day. The weather was truly with us with blue sky and the sun shining. The Church Hall was set up with a French theme and guests were all ready for good company, and of course, good food. Morning tea welcomed everyone.

The day began with Judy welcoming everyone and the day was held in two parts.

Part 1. The first Guest Speaker was Clare from WIRES and she spoke to us on Microbats and how important they are to the environment. The slide show was very interesting as well.



Second Guest Speaker was on Fungi with Pam who has written a book on her favourite subject. There are so many species of Fungi and many different species. Fungi is also very important to the environment.

Third Guest Speaker, Tracey, spoke to us on the Dry Solar Panels which are capable of extracting moisture from the air and turning it into water and this would be a great when one goes camping.

Fourth Guest Speaker was Margie who has now got a passion of seaweed.



Margie brought many species collected where some get washed up on beaches and some species remain under the sea.

Fifth Guest Speaker was Karen who spoke on Fire Ants which are travelling down from Queensland into NSW and if found would be devastating to the soil and most importantly to humans resulting in terrible rashes.

Kaye was kept busy keeping all the speakers to a time limit as it was nearing lunch time.

We were all excited about lunch which began with potato & leek soup; pate with crackers; fresh baked bread; a board at the centre with



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And so the next part of the day was on the Country of Study this year being France and this began our International part. Judy called out the correct answers on the quiz and many got the answers correct.

Miranda spoke to us on the history of the land and the people, the Cathedrals and the Eifel Tower which has 770 steps. King Louis 14 lived in the centre of Paris but found it too populated and therefor moved out to a Palace where the Louvre is situated. King Louis 15th and 16th also lived there but King Louis 16th reign found himself in the uprising of the people which we know as the French Revolution.

Catherine sent us on a culinary journey through France with wine and cheese country and so much more with various products grown in various parts of the Country. Camembert Cheese was discovered in the town of Camembert; wines from Bourdeaux; Champagne comes from Champagne.

Miranda then sang a song in French to finish the session which was a lovely way to end the day.

Gifts were given to all the Guest Speakers and the raffle was drawn.

Everyone left the day with smiles on their faces and all were happy for a great day and we were happy too as this was proof the day had been a success.

Till next time, take care,

Christine Sanfilippo

P.S. on behalf of all the CWA ladies I want to wish Keith and Ryan for receiving awards for volunteering to our great community.

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The Chair and three board members are appointed by the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales while the remaining three board members are elected by Local Land Services ratepayers.

Together they focus on the strategic direction of the organisation, promoting the services offered, encouraging partnerships and building strong relationships with investors while also communicating the priorities and concerns of customers to local boards.

Section 29 of the Local Land Services Act 2013 sets out the functions of local boards. They are legally binding and should be interpreted as the definitive reference regarding the role of local boards

HUNTER LLS

Brynnie Goodwill, Wollombi Valley (Appointed Board member)

Brynnie's commitment to the Hunter region is demonstrated through her role in establishing the Greater Wollombi Valley Community Resilience Network and management of an organic farm that is used as a demonstration site for many community projects.

Brynnie is an experienced non-executive director, and has been responsible for financial oversight and risk management as non-executive director of several boards, including Deputy Chair Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, Community Housing Limited, Earth Trust, BKG Group, Deputy Chair of Women for Election Australia, former member of the Finance Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Sydney North Primary Health Network (SNHN) and Chair of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee.

Brynnie holds qualifications in Arts, International Affairs and Law. She is also a graduate of the AICD.

GREATER SYDNEY LLS Linda Bracken, Wrights Creek (Appointed Board Member)

Linda Bracken has had a varied career within the ABC, from being appointed as manager of triple j to revitalise the brand for young Australians, to being Head of Content

and Multiplatform for ABC Radio where she had staff in 54 locations and was responsible for the on-air strategy and talent selection across all ABC radio networks including ABC Rural. Concurrent to this, she was one of the key executives charged with leading the digital transformation of the organisation.

Linda is now a consultant, and is working with Board Matters, a governance and strategy company. Through Board Matters, she works with boards (from national organisations, corporates, charities and government entities) to develop their strategic plans and facilitates board strategic planning workshops.

Bob Stacy, Yarramalong (Elected Board members)

Bob Stacy, lives on the Central Coast in the Yarramalong Valley. He grew up in the Hunter Valley on a large cattle property and now runs a small farm producing cattle, eggs, fruit and marmalade.

Bob has vast experience in the public and private sectors here in Australia and offshore. His main area of expertise is in the area of non-financial risk - workplace health and safety, human resources and environmental protection and sustainability. This is his first term on the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Board.

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INCLUSION IMPROVEMENT REFERENCE GROUP **MEMBERS SOUGHT**

Central Coast Council is calling on community members with a lived experience of disability, their family members, carers, and advocates working in the local disability sector, to apply to join its Access and Inclusion Reference Group (AIRG).

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said as part of their role, members will help develop the next four-year Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

"AIRG members generously volunteer their time to share their lived experience, knowledge and insights to help Council further understand the barriers faced by people with disability and how to address these for a truly accessible and inclusive Central Coast," Ms Smith said.

"This group will meet quarterly commencing September 2024 for a period of 12 to 18 months, providing valuable input to Council in matters relating to access and inclusion as well as the development of the new Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP), 2025-29. The DIAP sets out the actions that Council will deliver to enable people with disabilities to better



access mainstream services, facilities, information and support to be fully included and able to participate in community life."

Central Coast Council Administrator, Rik Hart encourages interested community members to find out more and apply before Friday 19 July.

"To be a truly inclusive Council, we need to hear the voices of people who live with disabilities and understand the barriers they experience to fully participate in mainstream community life so we can implement effective plans and actions, Mr Hart said.

"An ongoing engagement process enables genuine dialogue community and stakeholders to ensure the DIAP actions are current, contemporary and achieve positive outcomes for people with disabilities.

"The term of the current Access and Inclusion Reference Group has ended, and we thank these members for their valued contributions over the past 18 months in helping Council create a more inclusive and accessible Coast for locals and visitors."

Expressions of interest are now open and close 5pm Friday 19 July

To find out more and to apply, search 'Access and Inclusion Reference Group EOI' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.

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COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

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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 Afternoon 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

Spencer Community Progress Group Inc

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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

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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.

1st Tues, 1pm to 2.30 at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Margaret Dale 0411104770 1st & 3rd Tue, Mangrove Mtn Hall, 6-8pm Contact Kim & Leila 0401516501

Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.

1st Thurs of the Month, 7.30pm, Mangrove Mtn Hall

Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 0412669649

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 Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the

Mangrove Memorial Club https://permaculturecc.org.au/ President Marlee Maxwell

Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529

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

Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com Every 2nd month. Check website for further details.www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au

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Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms Committee Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.00pm 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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LIVESTOCK



Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 24th June 2024

750 Cattle varded today at Maitland. Comprising of 700 Trade/Yearling Cattle and 50 Export Cattle.

Market was firm to stronger in the Trade section and remained firm on the export cattle.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 2600c/kg to 370c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 290c/kg to 375c/ kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 275c/kg to 350c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 210c/kg to 310c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 220c/kg to 295c/
- 300kg-380kg made 215c/kg to 330c/
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 230c/ kg to 345c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 190c/ kg to 325c/kg
- Grown Steers made 160c/kg to 230c/kg • Prime cows made 190c/kg to 210c/
- kg • Store cows made 120c/kg to 180c/ kg
- Bulls made 150c/kg to 220c/kg

Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 17th June 2024

An increased yarding of 1100 cattle yarded today at Maitland. 950 Trade/ Yearling Cattle and 150 Export Cattle.

With a few buyers out of the market today the Trade/Yearling cattle sold to a cheaper trend especially heifers. Export cattle were firm.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 240c/kg to 378c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 280c/kg to 390c/ kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 280c/kg to 368c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made

170c/kg to 262c/kg

- 250kg-300kg made 210c/kg to 300c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 210c/kg to 330c/kg
- Best Butcher Vealer made 348c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 260c/ kg to 360c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 230c/ kg to 318c/kg
- Grown Steers made 120c/kg to 250c/kg
- Prime cows made 205c/kg to 220c/ kg
- Store cows made 140c/kg to 180c/kg
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Mangrove Mountain Hall Mangrove Mountain Union Church & Hall

Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts Culture and Heritage Centre Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised)

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Water Bottling Facility Proposed for Finns Rd Kulnura

It seems that a "Zombie" DA is being used to build a water bottling facility at 102 Finns Road Kulnura without warning or community knowledge.

No information has been provided on the size of facility, exact location, hours of operation, or how the facility will impact the local area particularly Finns Road, which is a quiet street, as trucks come in and out of the facility.

How Does This Happen?

In 2002, the owners applied for a DA to build a water bottling facility with the original expiry in 2004. It is understood that at that time, it was not necessary to publicise any DA application for community response. Prior to the 2004 expiry, the owners did some minor works such as build a driveway and footpath. This was apparently enough for the council to confirm that works had started and the DA no longer had an expiry date.

So for 20 years Nothing Happened!!! In reality, the minor works were barely visible and no further works in relation

to the DA was performed.

Then in the week commencing 17 June 2024, machinery began to appear and substantial earthworks have commenced at the property.

WITHOUT any warning the DA has been brought back to life and the water bottling facility is being built with locals being unaware of what will be erected in their midst. Hence the term "Zombie" DA!

Note that new legislation requires substantial works to started before a DA is deemed to have commenced but only for DA's after 2020. There is also currently an enquiry into zombie DA's with the nsw legislative assembly committee on environment and planning to determine whether new laws should be enacted which may introduce additional requirements for zombie DA's.

So if you are concerned with knowing that a water bottling facility will be erected at 102 Finns Rd Kulnura, please contact:

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