

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Time running out to have your say on regional telecom issues

Australians living and working in regional, rural and remote communities are encouraged to have their say on telecommunications issues with submissions closing in under a month.

The Hon Alannah MacTiernan, Chair, Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee, has also urged people to have their say via a short survey – and spread the word about the Review to friends, family and colleagues across regional Australia before it closes on 31 July.

The Committee, established to conduct the Australian Government's Regional Telecommunications Review is examining the experiences of people in regional, rural, and remote parts of Australia and the suitability of their telecommunications services.

Residents, businesses and community organisations can make a submission or complete the survey, with the Terms of Reference outlining key issues for the Committee to examine. An issues paper has also been released to shape ideas.

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

Previous Reviews have led to policy initiatives and programs such as the Mobile Black Spot Program and the National Audit of Mobile Coverage; all a direct result of community feedback.

The Terms of Reference, set by Federal Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, outline the key focus areas in the Review, including the:

- opportunities for new and emerging technologies to strengthen telecommunications systems in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia,
- effectiveness of existing government initiatives,
- modernisation of the universal services arrangements,
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in natural disasters,
• extent to which the needs of First Nations communities are being met.

The 2024 Review is chaired by the Hon Alannah MacTiernan, who served in federal, state, and local government. She is joined by Committee members Mr Ian Kelly, Ms Kristy Sparrow, the Hon Fiona Nash and Dr Jessa Rogers.

The Committee will report to Minister Rowland by 31 December 2024.

For more information on the Review, to make a submission, or to complete the survey, visit: <https://www.rirc.gov.au/consultation>

The Chair, the Hon Alannah MacTiernan said “This opportunity comes around only once every three years and the strength of each Committee’s recommendations back to government – and the actions they take – are underpinned by the views

of people living in regional, rural, and remote communities.

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REPORTING POTHOLES

The Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce has been reporting and discussing alternative and additional funding for our mountain roads on a regular basis.

Peats Ridge Road, George Downes Drive, Wiseman's Ferry Road have been the major issues brought to the quarterly Integrated Chambers Meetings with CCC Department Managers.

Central Coast Council has an "Online Customer Service Centre" that allows you to report potholes, as well as issues with other Council managed assets such as trees, waste management, animals and so on.

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Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch CWA

At our July meeting we spent the two hours prior to the meeting working on different projects. Karen finished off some beanies she had been working and then modelled them for us. We did plenty of talking, drinking tea and having fun.

Mangrove Mountain Evening CWA has had a few very busy months. We worked with the Church to entertain the community with the Poet's Breakfast, we've been working the Mangrove Mountain Markets, the Harvest Festival and we combined with Peat's Ridge Branch to hold our two in one day covering Agricultural and Environment and France our country of study this year.

As the end of our CWA is in September we decided at our June meeting to donate some money mostly to help our local community.

When we donate to the local community we also donate to the Association Fund which helps to run our State Office, cover our insurance and help to pay for the advocacy

work CWA is well known for. We have donated \$5,000 to the groups as follows.

- \$1000 to Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Inc
- \$1000 to the Trustee for the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Trust
- \$1000 to Coast Shelter
- \$300 to Central Mangrove Public School P&C Association
- \$300 to Kulnura Public School P&C Association
- \$200 to Wires Central Coast
- \$200 to Team Griffiths for Chris O'Brien Lifehouse
- \$1000 to CWA State Office for Association Fund

I would like to take this time to thank you the community who support and encourage us in our endeavours.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month we have activities. In July we will be working on how to cook different pastries, then in August some of us will be cooking jams and relishes while others will be working on a group project for next years handicraft competition. If you would like to join this friendly group of girls. Come along or give us a call, we will make you very welcome. We meet at the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall.

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Council celebrates NAIDOC Week with flag raising ceremony and community BBQ

Central Coast Council opened NAIDOC Week 2024, with an official flag raising ceremony and breakfast BBQ on Monday morning 8 July 2024 outside the Council Administration Building, 2 Hely St, Wyong, .

NAIDOC Week, held across Australia from 7-14 July, honours the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It provides an opportunity for all Australians to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a society where the wisdom and contributions of Indigenous peoples are fully valued and respected.

Central Coast Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith, said this year's theme, 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud', honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations cultures—with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define

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Experience Pickleball for free on the Central Coast!

Central Coast residents are invited to dive into the world of Pickleball with free equipment hire, courtesy of a new initiative aimed at getting people active through one of the world's fastest-growing sports.

A collaborative effort between

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Council will also be holding additional activities at local libraries, including NAIDOC scratch art at Erina Library and NAIDOC Storytime at Umina Beach Library.

These activities are always a hit during the July School Holidays. This year, we have storytelling sessions, cultural workshops, and interactive experiences that highlight the richness of First Nations heritage.

Council Administrator Rik Hart said Council is dedicated to fostering strong relationships with local First Nations communities.

"The Central Coast has one of the largest and fastest-growing indigenous communities in Australia, with more than 17,000 residents identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander," Mr Hart said.

Central Coast Council Media Release

the Office of Sport, Central Coast Council, and community stakeholders has paved the way for Pickleball's expansion across the region. The initiative includes the introduction of new court markings, partnerships with local clubs, come-and-try days, and free equipment rental – including from Council libraries!

Pickleball, known for its appeal to all age groups, has gained significant popularity on the Central Coast, offering an exciting option for sports and active recreation enthusiasts.

Central Coast Council Director

Community and Recreational Services, Melanie Smith said "To borrow the Pickleball kit from the participating Council libraries – you simply become a member of the library, which is also free to do, and borrow the equipment. The kits include everything needed for a Pickleball game, including the net, paddles, balls and a bag to transport the gear in."

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Dying to Know Day and Creightons Funeral Service shine light on the power of community and diversity in Australian's end of life planning.

Creightons Funeral Service will host Dying to Know Day 2024 as part of this year's campaign.

On the 8 August 2024, at the Hillside Chapel, 57 Palmdale Road, Palmdale and at St Patricks of Nulkaba, Cnr Wine Country Drive and Kerlew St, Cessnock, Creightons is supporting Dying to Know Day – a national annual campaign aimed at shifting the narrative around death, dying and end of life planning – hosting an event with guest speakers to discuss Wills and Probate with local Lawyers, Advance Care Directives with representatives from NSW Health, Assisted Dying updates, and PrePaid Funeral Plan information.

Dying to Know Day aims to shine a light on the transformative power of community in helping to dissolve the discomfort of talking about death and dying and encourage

individuals to talk about their own unique final arrangements. This year's focus is around personalised final arrangements and building community. "We want to call out the powerful role that community plays in supporting conversations around death and dying, and encourage each person to share their unique stories, ideas and opinions on what truly matters in their end of life plans," said Lyn Parkes, Community Liaison Manager of The Palmdale Group.

To start the conversation with others in the community, Creightons is hosting two information sessions, and invite you to enjoy light refreshments and engage in meaningful conversations with fellow attendees. These are free events for the community, everybody is welcome to attend.

- St Patricks of Nulkaba Chapel, Cnr Wine Country Drive & Kerlew Street, Cessnock Time: 10am-11.30am Thursday 8th August 2024 To RSVP email creightons@palmdalegroup.com.au or phone 02 4991 5556.

- Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park, 57 Palmdale Road, Palmdale Time: 2pm – 3.30pm Thursday 8th August 2024 To RSVP and reserve your seat email info@palmdalegroup.com.au

Each year, a growing number of Australians participate in the Dying to Know Day campaign by bringing together their community for in-person

and online events. Dying to Know Day events aim to encourage Australians to 'get dead set' by initiating conversations around death and dying, and help individuals to plan and talk about their final arrangements.

People are also encouraged to join the conversation and share their experience or #FinalArrangementfloral bouquet on socials using the hashtags #GetDeadSet #DyingToKnowDay #FinalArrangements #D2KD2024, and tagging @D2KDay on Facebook and Instagram.

h t t p s : / / w w w . creightonsfuneralservice.com.au/event/dying-to-know-day/

About Dying to Know Day:

Dying to Know Day public health campaign runs throughout the year, with an annual day of recognition on August 8. In 2021, Proveda (formerly Community Care Northern Beaches (CCNB)), successfully merged with The Groundswell Project, proudly integrating this important program. Dying to Know Day hopes to facilitate meaningful conversations among individuals from diverse communities, encouraging each person to share their unique stories, ideas, and opinions on what truly matters in their end of life plans. In return, the campaign aims to empower Australians to feel supported and inspired by their own wishes for their final arrangements and help to dismantle the misconception that end of life planning must be a solitary



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MOONEY CHEERO RIVER HUB SECURES FUNDING

The Mooney Cheero community-run 'River Hub', a much-loved space used by Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point residents as a community library, for children's activities, creative workshops and more, has secured \$5,500 for security cameras under the NSW Government's 2023 Community Building Partnership Program.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP

endeavour.

To learn more, visit www.dyingtoknowday.com or contact:

Jessie Williams, Manager, Community Programs at Proveda jessie.williams@proveda.com.au.

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said the River Hub provides more than just a venue for the Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point community.

"The River Hub, managed by Mooney and Cheero Point Progress Association, is a magnet for the community for people of all ages. The Association has turned the old school building into a fantastic place – a community destination for all kinds of appealing events that help bring the community together.

"It's a real pleasure to provide this Community Building Partnership Program funding which will help the venue to continue to thrive."

MooneyCheeroProgressAssociation President, Jim Lloyd said the grant funding was well received.

"This grant is great news for our

small community. The money will be used to install security cameras at our community 'River Hub'.

"They (the cameras) will provide increased safety for volunteers and visitors using the facilities as well assisting to reduce vandalism and other antisocial behaviour.

"The River Hub and community gardens (old Mooney School) is the only community run facility in our village, providing an important venue to conduct workshops, library facilities, children's activities and other events.

"We thank Liesl Tesch and the NSW government for their support of this project."

Media Release from the
Office of Liesl Tesch
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Sunday Jazz became part of the Leagues Club's weekly entertainment in early 1993. Jazzleague was formed later in the year to show support for that initiative and has continued for 28 years, providing band bookings, stage & sound production and vital word-of-mouth publicity.

Over those years, many Jazz luminaries have appeared including



FUTURE CHOICES TRANSITION EXPO FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

Transitioning from school to the next stage of your life when you are living with disability often comes with unique challenges and sometimes unexpected opportunities. The Hunter and Central Coast Future Choices Expos are the only events of their kind in the region, attracting over 120 exhibitors with

Don Burrows, Graeme Bell, Janet Seidel & Tom Baker, as well as tour groups from USA, UK, Europe & interstate. Members have also enjoyed trips to Jazz Festivals, special events & river cruises.

Young bands have been introduced to the "Jazz Family" and \$65,000 in scholarships has been awarded to encourage Jazz youngsters by way of members donations & fundraising.

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a focus on connecting young people living with disability to employment services, employers, education providers, disability providers and government services to help them make informed decisions about their future and the support available in the move to adult life.

Presented by Career Links, a not-for-profit organisation that creates pathways and opportunities for all young people as they transition from school to work and further education, the events are also run in conjunction with the National Disability Coordination Officer Program and the NSW Department of Education Support Teachers. Operating since the year 2000, the event is a critical information resource and important date on the calendar for school leavers and their parents or carers who face the day-to-day challenges of living with a disability and are seeking to explore opportunities and pathways open to them.

"Each year the event attracts approximately 1,500 students," said Career Links CEO, John Purcell. "Some attend with a school group, others come with their parents or their

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The events attract exhibitors from a range of organisations including:

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- *TAFE Colleges
- *Registered Training Providers
- *Group Training Companies
- *Youth Support Services
- *Career Services
- *Employers
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"Career Links connects our young people, no matter who they are, to the next stage of their lives through education, jobs and information. Some young people want tertiary education, some want vocational training and/or apprenticeships, some need special needs support services and others are just looking for a job. Those who come to our Future Choices Expos are looking for that extra support, they want to know what opportunities are out there for them and we like to think that we are helping their dreams come true, aiding them on the path to the next stage of their young lives."

Future Choices Hunter Expo takes place on Wednesday 7th August 2024, 9am - 1pm at McDonald Jones Stadium, Turton Road, Broadmeadow and the Future Choices Central Coast Expo is held on Wednesday 28th August 2024, 9am - 1pm at Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi.



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For more information and to arrange interviews, please contact Liane Morris, liane.morris@careerlinks.nsw.edu.au or call 0404 881 455



National Tree Day
Sunday 28 July 2024
Killcare Beach and Porters Creek, Wyong
9am - 1pm

Are you ready to connect with nature and your community while enjoying a fun day outdoors and getting your hands dirty?

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NATIVE GARDEN

We recently planted a native garden at the Crossroads. It was paid for by a Stronger Communities grant and we hoped to beautify one of the entries to our area. It took many years of negotiating with Council to make this happen.

Before the planting, the area was full of tall weeds and a real eyesore. It took days of work with equipment to clear it and prepare and plant the garden.

We have had very positive comments and support from the surrounding neighbours and businesses including Agrana and Terry's Automotives. Visitors to the area have also commented on how lovely it is that the area is clean and how beautiful it will



be when the plants grow.

Unfortunately, a large number of plants have been stolen.

This has been devastating for us. It's very hard to understand that people

can be so selfish.

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Poppe Zouroudis, 0400105653



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Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group

Our last meeting was held on 4th July. Remember that you are all welcome to attend our group meetings that are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Mangrove Mountain Hall at 7.30pm.

First with some lovely news.

On 17th June, two of our hardworking committee members were recognised by Central Coast Council in it's "Celebrating Volunteers" awards. Ryan Howard for leadership and Keith Arango for Resilience.

More good news is that the Mangrove Mountain branch of CWA have donated \$1,000. We will be using this to purchase a new table to replace the bush furniture outside the hall.

Our committee is meeting with Council on 16th July to discuss an upgrade of the toilets at Mangrove Mountain.

We are concerned about the state of our roads and verges and are asking council for a better maintenance program.

We were disappointed to miss out on a State Government grant to have

airconditioning installed in our historic hall.

We discussed the need to be ready to apply for grants as they become available. For example to update and

equip the hall to make it safe during bushfire, as it is a designated "safer place".

Margaret Pontifex sent a letter telling us about a meeting she attended held



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by the Advisory Panel for Mangrove Mountain Landfill and Spencer Landfill. This panel was formed many years ago and it is good to know that they are meeting again. We need to be informed about what the progress is. Their next meeting will be after the council elections in September.

When we vote for councillors in September, we will also be asked to vote “Yes” or “No” to council wards being reduced from 5 to 3, and councillors from 15 to 9. We urge you all to vote “No”.

We hope that more community members can attend our meetings and help this group get things done for the benefit of all.

Poppe Zouroudis

CENTRAL COAST EVENTS SET FOR A BOOST AS LOCAL EVENTS GET BACKING FROM THE NSW GOVERNMENT

Three fantastic events in the Gosford electorate are set for a boost with the announcement of \$20,000 of funding for each event, a total of \$60,000 under the Regional Event Fund, growing regional visitation on the Central Coast.

The Naturellement, Glenworth Grazing and Words on the Waves Writers Festival 2025 have received a total of \$60,000 funding under the NSW Government’s 2024/25 Regional Event Fund, assisting organisers to bring their vision to life.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP said this significant commitment to three different local events would help organisers continue to bring a vibrant offering of events to the Central Coast cultural landscape and economy.

“It’s fantastic news that the Naturellement, Glenworth Grazing and Words on the Waves Writers

Festival 2025 has received this funding support from the NSW Government. Events like these make our Central Coast community such a wonderful place to live, full of joy and rich cultural diversity. Not only this, but these events attract visitors to fill our hotels, restaurants and visitor attractions, which will play a key role in stimulating the Central Coast visitor economy,” Ms Tesch said.

“Regional events such as these have been faced with significant challenges over recent years, and grants such as these ensure that our locally grown events industry are able to flourish while showcasing the rich diversity of our region.”

Recipients of the 2024/25 Regional Event Fund align with the NSW Government’s ambition to drive the state’s visitor economy growth to even greater heights, with a review of the NSW Visitor Economy Strategy currently underway, including new targets for regional NSW.

The Regional Event Fund is managed and administered by the NSW Government’s tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW. To view the full list of successful recipients and for more information on the program visit the following link.

Media Release from the Office of Liesl Tesch Member for Gosford

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Rallying to raise funds for cancer research

Catherine Hyatt and Kate Wilson from Kulnura are Team 'Champagne Sheilas' and are raising funds for the Cancer Council by participating in the Mystery Box Rally 2024. This rally will see us departing Airlie Beach in mid August on a mystery five day route with 350 other participants. We will be travelling around far north Queensland in a car that is at least 25 years old, via some of its most formidable roads and remote communities. Look (and Listen) out for our 1982 Ford Fairlane cruising the mountain in preparation for our upcoming journey!

Practically everyone in the community has been touched by cancer at some time and supporting this rally provides an opportunity to help in a small way toward finding a cure.

This year the rally aims to raise \$1.3m for Cancer Council, which is used to fund cancer research projects nationally. Since 2009 Box Rallies (which includes the Shitbox Rally) have raised over \$45 million and are the largest funders for the Cancer Council



in Australia. Our team is hoping to raise \$20,000 towards the cause.

We are holding a Bogan Bingo night as our final fundraising activity at Kulnura Hall. This will be a night of fun with some great prizes to be won, popular games such as the coin toss, raffles and silent auction items. If you would like to join us get a table together or come on your own – everyone is catered for. Prizes for best dressed (optional). Ticket price includes a sausage sizzle and an 'old fashioned supper' later in the night.

If you would like to have your business advertised on the rally car or

would like any more information please contact either Catherine (catherine@hge.net.au) or Kate (katie68@bigpond.net.au) and see how to make this happen. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation you can do so via our We Give page <https://2024.mysteryboxrally.com.au/champagne-sheilas> Follow us on Champagne Sheilas Facebook page and see how our journey unfolds.

We hope you are able to support us in doing our small bit toward Cancer Research and would love to see you at the Bogan Bingo night.

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Calga-Mt. White RFS	General meeting Training Information & updates Contact	3rd Mon of the month, 7.30pm all welcome Every Monday 6.30 except public holidays Facebook.com/calga/mtwhiteruralfirebrigade/ Captain.calgamwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.
Kulnura VBFB at Greta Rd Station	General meeting Training	1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
Mangrove Mountain RFS Bloodtree Rd	General Meeting Training / Maintenance	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
Spencer RFS	General Meeting Training Junior Training	2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm 3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30pm 4th Monday Training 6:30pm E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade 0415 668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd
Somersby RFS	General Meeting Training/Maintenance	First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except before Wed general meeting)
Yarramalong RFS		Information: www.facebook.com/ YarramalongRuralFireBrigade/ Phone contacts: 0406 360588 or 0418 280764 Email: volunteer@yarramalongrfs.org.au

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

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 Afternoon Tea	1st Tues, 1pm to 2.30 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)	Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club 2nd Thu. Ph Elaine Burrows 0412988353
Mountain District Football Club Meeting	
Probus - West Gosford	President Marlee Maxwell Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com
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	Committee Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.00pm 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 1st July 2024

550 Cattle yarded today at Maitland.
510 Trade/Yearling Cattle and 40
Export Cattle.

Market remained firm

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 240c/kg to 366c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 290c/kg to 370c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 280c/kg to 362c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 190c/kg to 296c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 210c/kg to 295c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 225c/kg to 326c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 260c/kg to 368c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 210c/kg to 320c/kg
- Prime cows made 190c/kg to 205c/kg
- Store cows made 120c/kg to 180c/kg
- Bulls made 160c/kg to 210c/kg

Upcoming Sales

Boambee Angus On Property Bull & Female Sale

9th August 2024 – 1pm
Sale will be interfaced with
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This year Boambee Angus will be conducting their 1st Annual Bull and Female Sale on property on Friday 9th August 2024, consisting of 30 stud

Angus bulls, 8 stud female lots and 80 commercial yearling Heifers.

The sale will feature 7 sons of the 2021 Texas Angus top selling bull, Texas Iceman R725, purchased by Mackas Pastoral. He is a bull you have to admire for the consistent type he stamps on his progeny, with plenty of depth and carcass quality.

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Saturday 27th July 2024, 1pm, viewing from 10:30am.

On-Property: "Sugarloaf", Dungog NSW, Online: AuctionsPlus.

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- 50 Commercial Angus Females
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Restitution Ministries
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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.

- Yarramalong

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

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Junior Girl Guides 5-10

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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

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ACTIVITY/HOBBY

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Craft/scrapbooking

1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952

Saturday Craft Group/Spining and bobbin lace

Yarramalong Hall 10am to 5pm, \$12/person. Bring along your projects. Dates & details: stackm@skymesh.com.au or ph 43561196

Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)

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

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

HALL BOOKINGS

Kulnura Hall
Mangrove Mountain Hall
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Contact Central Coast Council.

Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289

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New and improved Somersby Falls Visitor Precinct opened

Located in the beautiful rainforest setting of Brisbane Water National Park, alongside waterfalls and viewing platforms, the new and improved Somersby Falls Visitor Precinct has officially opened thanks to a \$4.4 million commitment by the NSW Government.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP said “Somersby Falls is an absolute gem of the Central Coast, with cascading falls and stunning walking trails, it is the perfect place to visit with family and friends for a picnic or walk, getting back into nature.

“Our national parks are places to be in nature, to swim, to seek adventure, to understand Aboriginal heritage and to appreciate the beauty of our natural environment and the beauty of this location is definitely well recognised, with over 110,000 visitors to Somersby Falls recorded in 2021 drawing in visitors from our local community and from across NSW.

“I know that many across our community have memories from across their lives visiting this picturesque location. I am proud that our Government is ensuring that our national parks’ conservation values remain protected and cared for into the future for generations to come.



“Alongside improved visitor amenities and safety upgrades, I am so glad to see that this upgrade has focused on improving accessibility at the falls, ensuring that everyone across our community can enjoy the beauty that our national parks have to offer. With an average of 50-60 million visits to our NSW national parks across the year, it is so important that accessibility upgrades are considered in any future works to ensure that everyone can enjoy the benefits and beauty of getting out in nature.

“A special thank you to the team at the National Parks and Wildlife Service for achieving this fantastic outcome, after many years of hard

work since the design phase started in 2019. Thank you to the teams that worked so hard on this project, in particular Laurie Pasco, Tim Woods, Rachel Kempers and Steve Atkins.”

Features of the new and improved visitor precinct include a new small bus drop-off and pick-up location, a new carpark with increased capacity, and improved accessibility across the site, including dedicated accessible parking spaces, improved accessible visitor amenities and accessible access across the precinct, including the new accessible viewing platform at the falls.

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