

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Conservation Land Under Threat

A letter to the Minister for Planning  
17th July 2024

To: The Hon Paul Scully MP  
NSW Minister for Planning  
Dear Mr Scully,

We are gravely concerned about a planning proposal by the Central Coast Council that could see thousands of hectares of Conservation Land on the NSW Central Coast needlessly downgraded and destroyed.

Thanks to the foresight of the Gosford City Council, way back in the 1970s, a network of natural bushland reserves was created, to be kept as community land in council ownership for passive recreation and conservation.

Coastal Open Space System or COSS is the reason why the former Gosford City local government area, now the southern half of the Central Coast LGA, has green escarpment as far as the eye can see, and unique reserves including Rumbalara, Katandra, Kincumba Mountain, Captain Cook Memorial Park and Winney Bay Reserve – loved and enjoyed by residents and visitors.  
The Central Coast Council

Administrator, Rik Hart, has pushed through a proposal that will downgrade deferred lands to the C3 and C4 zones which will open them up to unnecessary and inappropriate clearing and development. THIS IS NOT LIKE FOR LIKE and it will take a wrecking ball to our COSS lands strategy.

The Biodiversity Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) within the Environment and Heritage Group in the Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water (DCCEEW) has advised against this. This is native species habitat - essential for the protection of biodiversity on the Central Coast now and for all future generations.

BCS said all deferred matters land zoned 7(a) should be zoned C2 (Conservation). This is LIKE FOR LIKE and the only way to protect this land from development.

We urge Minister Scully to take the advice of his government's Biodiversity Conservation and Science Group. Refuse Council's recommendation and adopt the recommendation of the Biodiversity Conservation and Science Group from DCCEEW.

Yours sincerely,

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## SECOND VETERANS' FORUM PLANNED

A forum has been organised for the veterans' community to discuss matters relating to veterans and their families.

Any issues concerning the Department of Veterans' Affairs will be also addressed and suggestions on how the Federal Government can help resolve any difficulties discussed.

This is the second veterans' forum facilitated by the Federal Member for Robertson and highlights his commitment to veterans and their families on the Central Coast.

The Assistant Minister for Defence and Assistance Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite will also be at the forum.

The Federal Labor Government has delivered a range of support to the veterans' community over its term.

Including, eliminating the veteran compensation claims backlog, employed more staff and increased funding to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, simplified and harmonised the veterans' entitlements legislation, boosted defence personnel and veterans' housing, tripled the GP veteran access payment, and increased the services and supports for veterans transitioning from service.

And there is more work to do.

If a veteran or family member is unable to attend but has an issue that requires assistance, contact Dr Reid's office on (02) 4322 2400 or email Gordon.Reid.MP@aph.gov.au

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**\*\* 9th August '24 \*\***

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# CORRUGATED CAFÉ REOPENS AS 47 OAKS CAFÉ

The Corrugated Café in Peats Ridge has been in operation since 2002 and with respect to the previous operators, they have serviced the locals and transient truck drivers diligently for many years.

In May 2024, the ownership changed, and the café has been invigorated with a new menu, new staff and an internal

revamp with renovations undertaken at the end of July.

When you walk in and pick up the menu, it might look simple. The options range from everyday burgers to pies, cakes and salads, but add a little secret with ‘not your every’ day ingredients, put together by a quality chef, these “simple” options become something else. Providing a variety of healthy and satisfying meals for all who visit the café – catering for the early morning drivers, tradies, the travellers, the equestrians, the car & motorbike clubs, the farmers and of course, all the regular locals who are looking for a tasty and satisfying meal.

Apart from the range of burgers, there is also a fantastic range of breakfast options with the regular (and Fancy) Egg and Bacon options. However, you must try the Smashed Avo, the Breakfast Burrito and for those with a big appetite, you absolutely can’t go wrong with the Big Breakfast.

Another reason to drop by is to grab one of the “best pies in Australia”. Shhmoakesys Pies are generous with a combination of a smoked brisket meat filling (that’s prepared for over eight hours) and a delicate melt-in-your-mouth pastry. These gourmet pies are available at 47 Oaks, but be quick as



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they do sell out on a daily basis.

If you have a sweet tooth – there’s lots of lovely cakes, pastries and slices to choose from. The carrot cake is definitely a hit and the freshly made gluten free Brownies from “The Brownie Lady” are also exquisite. You just have to drop by and try.

If you’re a coffee connoisseur, the team have taken the time to ensure that the coffee is of consistent quality - with your choice of cappuccino, flat white, long black, espressos, macchiato, affogato and more. But if you’re not about the coffee, there’s also hot chocolate, chai, dirty chai’s, mocha, various tea options, iced coffees, milkshakes and smoothies.

The owners are keen to provide all customers with satisfying café experience and are also collaborating with locals for their produce and drinks.

For any avid gardeners, you can also grab the used coffee grounds for your garden beds – it makes for good (FREE) fertilizer – great for tomatoes, hydrangeas, blueberries and more.

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# PETITION TO FIX LOCAL ROADS

As you may know I sadly lost my partner Matt as a result of a multi-vehicle accident involving three trucks and ute on Peats Ridge Road on February 6th, 2024

I have now started a petition to getting the roads fixed.

Matt was a 29 a beloved partner to Jade and a father to four beautiful babies Noah 5, Elora 3, Jakara 1, and Kyron 10 months old, he was a business owner and just a family man he always made sure we had what we needed he was always offering to help people and just devoted his time to helping people that's why he started a removalist business to help people in need he was just a person you always wanted to be round.

I know many accidents have happened up at Mangrove and now it's time to take a stand.

As many of you all know they have reduced the speed where the accident occurred and to the council that is problem fixed but really speed was

next time you drop in - have a chat with the new owners - Grant or Julie to find out more while you order something delightful off the "simple" menu.

Lita Hernandez

not a factor in the accident it was 100k road now reduced down to 80k

I either want that road fixed as it was the main cause of the accident or I want barriers up in the middle to prevent someone else losing their life.

I need everyone's help to get this forward and get something some done up here asap before someone else loses a loved one. My babies now have to grow up without their Dad and I have to live life without my soul mate

So please everyone let's band together and get this done I know a lot of people travel these roads so we will have something to stand for.

Any further questions:

Jade Bousfield  
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The 'whoops' of delight and expressions on local visitors' faces said it all.

They were the ones who took the opportunity to experience gliding, aviation's safest and purest form of gliding at the recent Discovery Day held at the Central Coast Soaring Club, on Bloodtree Road, Mangrove Mountain.

The open day enabled visitors to inspect the clubs hangar and aircraft and hear why gliding attracts people of all ages to the art of 'soaring with the eagles' for a very economical cost.

Interest in gliding was canvassed at the recent Warnervale Airshow and the local Harvest Festival.

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The Club has been operating for forty years on its existing site which is owned by Central Coast Council, and operates on Thursdays and weekends, weather permitting.

Folks of all ages who may not wish to fly but are interested in aviation, are always invited to drop in and they may even choose to take part in non flying activities as associate members.

If interested in learning more, please contact Tim Brodie on 0432 550160 or search [ccsoaring.com.au](http://ccsoaring.com.au).

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The event  
Come and explore the incredible Hawkesbury landscape from a comfortable and easy to operate double sea kayak. Join us for a paddle along the serene waters of Popran Creek. Launching from Spencer we glide past Triangle and Neverfail Islands and on

the way chance a glimpse of the local birdlife, including azure kingfishers, white faced herons and soaring sea eagles. History unfolds through the lost names of Sawmill Flat, Kellys Creek and Neverfail island. Hear about the Kellys of Popran who bred horses for the British raj in India, the floating stores delivering to now abandoned wharves and the era of river funerals and the 'mosquito fleet'. Morning tea amongst the Casuarinas and BBQ lunch at a secret location further upstream. Returning to Spencer with the tide. Double kayaks, morning tea, lunch and all gear provided.

### The guide

Peter Vaughan is an outdoor guide and adventure instructor interested in helping others to appreciate the outdoors and develop confidence in their own abilities. His primary

# Kulnura and District Garden Club

July 2024 Report

The Community Environment Network's liaison officer, Jackie Pearson, was guest speaker at the Kulnura Garden Club's meeting at Somersby on Monday, July 8. The members really enjoyed the informative discussion.

Jackie's presentation was about growing provenance gardens. She explained that the CEN has two wildplant nurseries at Ourimbah and

interests are kayaking activities on rivers, lakes and the ocean. He also enjoys abseiling, hiking and leading groups into Tanzania and Mt Kilimanjaro. He has a background in teaching at secondary and tertiary levels and is particularly enthusiastic about programs that have mixed modes of travel which engage with the history and geography of exciting, new locations.

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Local provenance is a term used to describe native plant populations that occur in a given area.

Many native species can be found across a broad area. For example, the Hairpin Banksia (*Banksia Spinulosa*) are endemic in three states from coastal Victoria to Cairns in Queensland but a Hairpin Banksia from southern Victoria will have a very different genetic composition to its Cairns cousin.

Growing endemic plants from seeds collected in the same area has many advantages including: the plant will have adapted to the local conditions over a long period of time. You will protect the area's biodiversity and combat threats to it. You have a higher likelihood of success because

the weather conditions, soil types and climate will be appropriate. You will help provide habitat for endemic fauna species and will have a higher likelihood of creating refuge in your garden for threatened and endangered species.

Plants sourced from other areas can jeopardise the genetic integrity of the same endemic species.

Jackie said the CEN Wildplant nursery at Ourimbah (behind the facilities management building on the Ourimbah Campus of Newcastle University) opened every Thursday and on the first Saturday morning of

each month. Volunteers are welcome.

CEN also has volunteers at its Tacoma nursery on Friday's to help with seed propagation and other activities.

She also spoke about the programs and projects CEN is currently working on and put a callout to local landholders to assist with CEN's Platypus Watch project (see notice on page 13).

For more information about any of CEN's projects, programs or campaigns visit [www.cen.org.au](http://www.cen.org.au) or call Jackie on 02 4348 4327. She is in the office 9am till 1:30pm Monday to Friday.

Jo Eyes

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# PASTRY COOK OFF!

A keen group of Mangrove Mountain CWA (evening group) members displayed their expertise in cooking a variety of pastries for visitors and a new evening branch member.

The opportunity to observe, help prepare pastries and delight in eating the results sure made for a very informative night allowing lots of conversations and laughter, whilst we listened to Judy, Catherine and Karen share their recipes to produce the most delicious food.

Demonstrations of how to make;

- \* Hot Water pastry
- \* Shortcrust pastry
- \* Small tart shell pastry
- \* Sweet pastry for small tarts shells
- \* Choux pastry
- \* Commercial puff pastry

The results were delicious:

- \* Portuguese Tarts
- \* Date Scrolls
- \* Profiteroles (as well as French Onion style)
- \* Mini meat pies to name a few.

Thank you to the CWA demonstrators



for their generosity and commitment to community members.

The Mangrove Mountain Union church hall was opened on a cold night but a warm and comfortable evening was shared in the kitchen and at the tables.

The effort in providing specialised cooking experiences for members and visitors was very much appreciated.

I would highly recommend attending future cooking sessions (watch out for Community News to know when they are to be held) to see for yourself, what

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Thanks again,

Sue

*just so beautiful . . . .*

. . . last week a Scribbly Gum tree on my property was “yarn-bombed” by my neighbour. To be more specific, a colourful crocheted artwork was installed over part of the tree’s trunk.

It was a complete and utter surprise to me, but it was perfect. A beautiful act, beautiful in empathy, beautiful in execution, and beautiful to behold – just so beautiful!

In this topsy-turvy world, it is

wonderful to have lovely neighbours and good friends to help with constructive, peaceful (and beautiful) responses to life’s challenges. For all my blessings I thank and praise my Lord.

*Robert Meggs, Kyola Road, Kulnura.*



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# Council Election Candidate Travels West

Gosford West election candidate Kevin Brooks dropped in to the town and country catch up community picnic at Mangrove Dam on Sunday.

Mr Brooks was invited by Kulnura

residents Lee and Mike Erlin.

Kevin Brooks said "It was lovely to enjoy the clean air, breathtaking scenery and good conversation with local people from Kulnura, Mangrove Mountain and other places.

Local issues raised with me included tree clearing, waste dumping, unapproved developments, maintenance of fire trails and static water tanks, and lack of enforcement by Council.

Gosford West is geographically the largest Ward on the Central Coast and, whilst most people live in the urbanised area from Gosford to the Peninsula,



# JUST A THOUGHT

Having studied the proposed alteration to council elections I strongly disagree, not so much with the numbers but with the proposed wards.

The arrangement proposed would greatly disadvantage the "rural sector west of the freeway" as the urban dwellers east of the freeway would possibly hold the numbers, negating the voice of the rural community. They could clearly end up with no representation at all, couldn't they?

Suggest that those west of the freeway be awarded a ward of their own, thus electing 12 new councillors in all. That would mean that only 25% of councillors would be representing the largely "forgotten" 75% of the land area of the shire.

*MJ Pontifex*

it is important that this wonderful hinterland has a voice.

The community here is as engaged and informed as anywhere on the Central Coast, and I think this local knowledge and commitment could be leveraged by Council for better outcomes."

*Media Release by Kevin Brooks*

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# PSSA FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION AND GALA DAY



Above: Players from Central Mangrove, Cowan, Jiliby, Kulnura, Laguna, Peats Ridge and Somersby Public Schools

On Friday 26th July local public schools and some from nearby areas took part in round 1 of the Public Schools Sports Association (PSSA) 2024 Football Knockout Competition.

The games were exciting and all teams put in their best efforts with Laguna PS and Jiliby PS winning their games and progressing to round 2.

The games were played at Bloodtree Sports Park at Bloodtree Road, Mangrove Mountain with the Mountain Districts Football Club hosting the day, cooking up a sausage sizzle and setting up the grounds. After the PSSA Competition games finished, students participated in friendly games against the other schools in attendance.



Above: A student thanks Steve Collins, Principal of Kulnura PS for coordinating the day.  
Right: Cowan and Somersby in action



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# NUPTIALS FOR LOCAL MP

The Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid MP, has tied the knot with partner, Shaylee Hilton.

Gordon and Shaylee met in Year 4 while studying at Central Coast Grammar School.

The wedding took place at Old Parliament House in Canberra and included family, friends, and parliamentary colleagues from Federal and State Government.

Gordon exclaimed "Shaylee is the love of my life. She is beautiful. Her compassion and empathy – are what makes this world – and in particular, my world, a better place to be in.

*Media Release from the office of  
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# Mangrove Mountain Farmers and Artisans Market

With the Mangrove Mountain Farmers and Artisans Market continuing to grow, we are excited to be adding great live music to our markets, kicking off this Sunday the 4th of August with this month's feature artist, acclaimed acoustic Blues artist, Jack Derwin.

Jack will be performing two wonderful sets

10 am till 11 am

11.30am till 12.30pm

So you'll be able to sit back and enjoy the smooth and soulful acoustic Blues from Jack Derwin whilst enjoying a CWA Devonshire Tea or brunch from Oh My Days patisserie, or catch the 2nd set for lunch with a yummy Gozleme, or spice it up with some Middle Eastern Cuisine or a meal from Dan's Jerk Joint or duck across the road to The Hub between sets to grab your favourite burger.

Plus we have more new stalls joining all your favourites at the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall and recreation reserve this Sunday! Please welcome

Hawkesbury Essential Oils

Cakes by Tay – personalised cakes and cookies

Warped and Twisted Designer knitted scarfs and clothing

Bosco and CO – pastries and treats for dogs

Hawkesbury Air Plants – intrigued? So were we! But these designer plant arrangements are simply stunning!

Also welcome back after a short break: Sustainable Natives, Nagz Bagz, Barry Peick Woodworking and Zaytoona middle eastern cuisine.

Currently we have 40 stalls selling everything from fresh local Fruit and Veggies, La Tartine Bread, Honey, Cheese, Olives, gourmet chocolates, Jams and Preserves, Plants and Flowers to Handmade Pottery, Soaps, Macramé, Jewellery, Woodworking, beautiful original paintings and so much more!

We're aiming to showcase the best in local produce, artisan



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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 our next market on Sunday the 4th of August 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, please email [mangrovemountainhall@gmail.com](mailto:mangrovemountainhall@gmail.com) or phone 0405416289

Upcoming market dates are: 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.

Ryan Howard

**CENTRAL COAST PLATYPUS WATCH**  
Landholder call out

- Identify platypus hotspots**  
Are you a landholder living along Wyong River, Cedar Brush Creek, or Jiliby Jiliby Creek? Central Coast Platypus Watch needs your help! Help us test your waterway for platypus, using state-of-the-art technologies, including eDNA and identify platypus hotspots within Wyong River.
- Learn about the health of your waterways**  
Collect water quality, riparian and waterbag data with Central Coast Waterwatch and learn about how the health of your catchment affects platypus populations.
- Connect with like-minded people**  
Connect with passionate, like-minded people and help protect and conserve the Wyong River Catchment.

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# INTERNATIONAL BLUES MUSIC DAY

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 as part of the worldwide celebration and following on from the success of last year's event, Mangrove Mountain will be joining the major capital cities with a special international Blues Music Day event at our very own historic Mangrove Mountain Hall on this Saturday the 3rd of August.

This Saturday's event will feature a stellar lineup led 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.

With the evening show already booked out with music lovers traveling from afar to join the mountain community and witness these amazing acts performing together on the one night, a second matinee show has been announced.

The show is all ages family friendly with great food available to purchase, BYO drinks and snacks. So why not come along and enjoy a fantastic afternoon of live music with the whole family.

Doors for the matinee show open at 12.30pm with live music from 1pm till 4pm.

Tickets cost \$40 (Adult) \$20 (Youth 12-16yrs), children under 12 years of age accompanied by a paying adult, free.



Blues on the Mountain  
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# Concert for Greg

a fundraiser for Greg Foster and his Mum

**Saturday 3rd of August 2024**  
**Mangrove Mountain Hall**  
1pm till 4pm

Nathan Beretta

JESSE REDWING

THE SIMON KINNY-LEWIS BAND



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To book visit [www.trybooking.com/CTSXS](http://www.trybooking.com/CTSXS) Tickets to the matinee show will also be available at the door on the day.

All funds raised from the matinee show are being donated in aid of specialised care and medical care equipment for live music photographer & videographer Greg Foster to help look after his Mum who now needs full time at home care after they

were involved in a bad car accident that changed their lives forever. Greg has professionally filmed and photographed so many of our Blues on the Mountain events over the years out of the goodness of his heart and we hope to raise enough funds from this special matinee show to assist Greg with the purchase of a specialised care bed for his Mum.

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# Current Candidates for Central Coast Council Elections

The NSW Electoral Commission publishes a register of candidates and groups.

The table below shows all candidates as at 27/7/24. All are candidates for Councillor and no one has made a declaration regarding political party affiliation.

There is one group registered with the lead candidate BROOKS Kevin Peter and SIZER Stephen the second. No

political party affiliation is declared. This group is standing in the Gosford West Ward. The Platform/objectives is "Ratepayers' Choice".

For more information on candidates and groups go to <https://elections.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-disclosure/public-register-and-lists>

In the exercise of their functions, neither the NSW Electoral Commission nor the Electoral Commissioner are

subject to the direction of any Minister administering New South Wales electoral legislation. This independence is set out in sections 10(4) and 12(4) of the Electoral Act 2017. It is a crucial element in preserving the integrity of the electoral system in New South Wales.

However, the NSW Electoral Commission is required to report annually on its work and activities.

Candidate	Ward	Part of a group	Platform or objectives
BELLAMY Lisa Robyn	Gosford West	No	My platform focuses on protecting the natural environment, ensuring transparency in local government, and representing the voices of everyday Coasties.
BLAKEWAY Sarah Katherine	Gosford West	No	Standing for the natural environment and transparency in local government while fostering a strong connected community
BROOKS Kevin Peter	Gosford West	Yes	Ratepayers' Choice
BURGIN Alexander Michael	Wyong	No	
CHAPMAN Paul William	Gosford West	No	
HULL Skaie Tifanie Klayre	The Entrance	No	
KINGS David Graham	Gosford East	No	"Running an efficient council is essential for fostering transparency insuring that resources are allocated effectively and addressing the diverse needs of the community in a timely manner an efficient council builds trust with residence promotes sustainable development and enhances the quality of life for all citizens by making informed decisions and implementing policies that reflect the communities best interest. Small businesses are the life blood of our local community, fueling economic growth creating jobs and fostering a unique and vibrant culture. They provide personalized services local support and initiatives and Building lasting relationships with their customers. by shopping locally and supporting small businesses we not only invest in the prosperity of our neighborhoods but , but also strengthen the fabric of our community ensuring its resilience and vitality for future generations. Local sporting venues are the heart and soul of our communities. They are more than just places where athletes compete they are where neighbors meet friendships form and community pride thrives investing in local sporting venues is an investment in Health well-being and unity of our society. These spaces provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to engage in physical activity learn teamwork and discipline and build lifelong connections by supporting and maintaining these venues we ensure that future generations have the opportunity to experience."
MILLWARD Jara John	Wyong	No	"One Coast, One Community, One Future" Jara Millward is committed to fostering a unified and thriving Central Coast community, advocating for positive change, and ensuring the Wyong ward has a strong voice in Council. With a wealth of experience in the Community Services sector, small business ownership, and family life on the Central Coast, Jara brings a unique and comprehensive perspective to local governance. Objectives 1. Fix and Improve Our Road Infrastructure, 2. Improve and Maintain Our Community Facilities, 3. Increase Efficiency in Council to Cut Costs, 4. Stimulate Business Growth to Generate More Jobs, Leveraging Experience, Community Services Expertise: With eight years of experience in the Community Services sector on the Central Coast, Jara understands the needs and challenges faced by disadvantaged members of our community. Small Business Owner: As a small business owner, Jara recognises the importance of a vibrant local economy and the role that businesses play in job creation and community development. Family Life on the Central Coast: Raising a family in the Central Coast has given Jara a deep appreciation for the region's potential and the importance of creating a safe, supportive, and prosperous environment for future generations. Independent Advocacy Jara Millward is proud to run as an independent candidate, free from political affiliations.
MULQUEENEY Tegan Michelle	Gosford East	No	To make a difference
SIZER Stephen	Gosford West	Yes	Ratepayers' Choice

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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)
Yarralong RFS		Information: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/YarralongRuralFireBrigade/">www.facebook.com/ YarralongRuralFireBrigade/</a> Phone contacts: 0406 360588 or 0418 280764 Email: <a href="mailto:volunteer@yarralongrfs.org.au">volunteer@yarralongrfs.org.au</a>

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce Coastlink Friendship Group	First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC 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 Yarralong. 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.
Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee	Contact: <a href="mailto:mepccinc@gmail.com">mepccinc@gmail.com</a> , 0412669649
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting	3rd Thu of mth except Jan, 7pm, at The Hub of Mangrove Mtn. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529
Mountain Districts Association (MDA)	<a href="http://www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au">www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au</a> <a href="mailto:secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au">secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au</a>
Mountain District Football Club Meeting	Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club
Probus - West Gosford	2nd Thu. Ph Elaine Burrows 0412988353
River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District	President Marlee Maxwell Email <a href="mailto:rivercaresinc@gmail.com">rivercaresinc@gmail.com</a>
Rotary Club Meeting	Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc	President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 4377 1167, <a href="mailto:spencercpg2@gmail.com">spencercpg2@gmail.com</a>
Spencer Community Ladies Social Club	Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: <a href="mailto:spencercpg2@gmail.com">spencercpg2@gmail.com</a>
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed	Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781

### SPIRITUAL

Anglican Service - Mountain Districts	Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms
Mangrove Mountain 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 22nd July 2024

860 cattle yarded today at Maitland. Including 820 Trade/Yearling cattle and 40 export.

Market was firm to slightly easier in places in the trade cattle. Export market was firm.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 320c/kg to 410c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 320c/kg to 418c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 270c/kg to 405c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 230c/kg to 326c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 260c/kg to 330c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 260c/kg to 345c/kg
- Best butcher vealer 360c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 300c/kg to 364c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 270c/kg to 345c/kg
- Bullocks made 230c/kg to 260c/kg
- Prime cows made 240c/kg to 278c/kg
- Store cows made 190c/kg to 220c/kg

### Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 15th July 2024

590 Cattle yarded today at Maitland. Including 570 Trade/Yearling cattle and 20 Export Cattle.

Market was firm to dearer in the trade sector this week. Export market was dearer.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 300c/kg to 442c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 310c/kg to 430c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 300c/kg to 400c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 230c/kg to 330c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 270c/kg to 320c/kg



- 300kg-380kg made 260c/kg to 345c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 300c/kg to 380c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 260c/kg to 340c/kg
- Prime cows made 240c/kg to 265c/kg
- Store cows made 190c/kg to 230c/kg

### Upcoming Sales

Boambee Angus Bull & Female Sale  
- August 9, 2024

Sale will be interfaced with AuctionsPlus

Open Day: 12th July 2024 – 10am to 4pm

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Serbian Orthodox

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2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$20).  
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Kariong Community Baptist Church

Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Philip House, Mt Penang Gardens, Chris Clarke email [pastorkcbc@outlook.com](mailto:pastorkcbc@outlook.com)

Restitution Ministries  
Independent SDA Church

10am every Saturday, Mangrove Mountain Union Church.

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Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am  
1st Fri, 5:30pm-8:30pm Divine Mercy Friday  
1st Sat, 5.30pm-9pm, Youth Ministry 18-35yr  
Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat

Catholic Service -Spencer

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

- Wollombi

2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.  
1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas All welcome. Enq 0428 438577

- Yarramalong

### YOUTH

Junior Girl Guides 5-10

Kooree Guide Cabin, 5.00pm – 6.30pm Mondays in school term,

Girl Guides 10-15

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

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### HISTORICAL

Brisbane Waters Historical Society

25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. [www.henrykendallcottage.org.au](http://www.henrykendallcottage.org.au)

Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury  
Historical Society Inc.

Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 0405321478 [jankofron@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com)

Wyong District Museum &  
Historical Society

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### ACTIVITY/HOBBY

Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group  
Coastal Communicators Toastmasters

[www.cclug.org.au](http://www.cclug.org.au) - all most welcome

Craft/scrapbooking

1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952  
Yarramalong Hall 10am to 5pm, \$12/person. Bring along your projects. Dates & details: [stackm@skymesh.com.au](mailto:stackm@skymesh.com.au) or ph 43561196

Saturday Craft Group/Spining  
and bobbin lace

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

Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)

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

### HALL BOOKINGS

Kulnura Hall

Contact Central Coast Council.

Mangrove Mountain Hall

Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289

Mangrove Mountain Union Church & Hall

Church & Hall bookings 0412669649

Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts  
Culture and Heritage Centre

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