

COMMUNITY NEWS

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RIDE SALLY, RIDE

If the ghost of the late, great rhythm and blues artist and song-writer Mack Rice visits the Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair this year he'll no doubt be humming to himself "Ride Sally, ride..." as he watches all the excited faces of everyone enjoying the fun of the rides and activities at the show.

The annual MMDCF is fast approaching - Saturday 19th of October, 9am to 3pm - and will again see faces new and old rushing to the corner of Wisemans Ferry Road and Waratah Road, in Mangrove Mountain. Well, rushing but in a very demure way and being very mindful of all the

pedestrian traffic as people walk from their parked cars!

As always, this year's Fair will provide a great range of rides and activities for kids of all ages. New this year will be a swinging pirate ship, and supervised rock wall climbing. The climbing activity requires no prior experience, and is a fantastic opportunity for kids to stretch themselves (figuratively and literally) as they scale new heights.

Of course the Country Fair wouldn't be a country fair without animals! Expect sheep shearing, bottle fed goats, ducklings, Clydesdale horses, cows, young calves, and heifers. Not to mention horse and donkey performances, and dog agility displays.

Sadly, despite the fact that our Elite Squad of Chooklympians have been training hard they will likely brood the Fair out this year due to Avian Flu. Who can blame them considering our



own experience missing out on all the fun during COVID lockdowns! We hope to see them again next year.

The Country Fair will also host antique machinery (no....that doesn't mean someone's old Nokia phone), with old tractors with implements, and a range of stationery motor driven doodads. Note: "Doodad" is a technical word for some sort of machinery that sits there chugging smoothly away turning assorted belts and wheels for purposes entirely beyond me.

So dust off your best hat, give your elastic sided boots a quick brush, and save the date - Saturday 19th of October, and get yourself down to the 2024 Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair. Ride, Sally, Ride.

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Should Bucketty have a pub?

After a nearly 2-year application process, Cessnock Council is due to vote on the proposed pub/restaurant and ancillary brewery located in Bucketty at a council meeting on the 23rd of October.

This is our second attempt at bringing the hospitality of beer making and communal enjoyment that comes with it to Bucketty.

My wife, Alexi, and I originally planned to open the first "Bucketty's" in the actual suburb of its namesake, however we stumbled after receiving poor advice and the original application was rejected in 2019. After licking our wounds, we proudly opened a version of Bucketty's brewery & pub at the beachside suburb of Brookvale in 2021. Bringing the bush to the beach and having a blast while doing it.

Creating a business and becoming part of a community has been incredible. Neither of us had any experience in brewing or hospitality when we started this journey so we've had to learn fast, particularly as we first opened smack-bang in the middle

of the pandemic.

While it's been great running Bucketty's in Brookvale, we never gave up on the original dream of creating a brewpub in Bucketty.

So! We're having a crack - but this time around we're a little wiser, understanding the complexities of the application process and community expectations.

Our dream is for Bucketty's Brewery to be a community meeting place and hospitality offering. We'll have a small on-site brewery creating unique beers brewed with local ingredients served exclusively inside a 150 pax pub/restaurant. Delicious local food will be prepared through an onsite kitchen and we're also anticipating being open for coffees and snacks from early in the morning.

The proposal has been a real hot-button topic in the local area, with many concerned about the environmental impact and traffic generation of the development. We've worked closely with multiple ecologists, bushfire consultants, traffic consultants both from council and independently to find a way to build without the need for any wholesale clearing.

Our land is lucky to have hosted a winery in the distant past, and we inherited a large, cleared area, a rarity in Bucketty, that'll be used for the development.

Many of you may have read last

edition of the Community News depicting us as being dishonest and without regard for the local koala population that calls our land home. Please be assured that we are completely committed to safeguarding koalas. We have surveyed every koala feed tree surrounding the development and all are being retained. There's also a full management plan in place for both the construction and ongoing operation to ensure we're doing everything possible to be good neighbours to the wonderful local wildlife that occupies our property.

I'm yet to receive any direct contact from the anonymous author from last month's article, or any member of the BAD brewery committee to discuss their concerns. However I'm readily available if anyone reading this would like to discuss on nick@buckettys.com.au

We're hoping to build Bucketty's Brewery in what is currently a pretty isolated piece of country. Feedback we've received from the majority of residents is that they'd love to have a place to drop into for a sandwich, coffee or a fresh beer served directly from the tanks, looking over the incredible bushland of Bucketty. How good!

Hopefully we get the green light next month and you'll be one of the first to join us. Cheers!

Nick and Alexi McDonald

UPCOMING CATTLE AUCTIONS

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Mangrove Mountain Country Fair – Competition Schedule

Sections A to F Adults - (16 years and over)

SECTION A – ART

Entries close 11am Friday!!

Category (2 entries per category):

- 1 Painting
- 2 Drawing
- 3 Collage
- 4 Photography (Enlarged)
- 5 Digital Imagery - manipulation
- 6 Sculpture / ceramics

SECTION B – CRAFT

Category (2 entries per category allowed):

- 1 Patchwork, appliqué
- 2 Lace
- 3 Quilting
- 4 Sewing Machine article
- 5 Knitting
- 6 Crochet **(prize donated by CWA)
- 7 Embroidery, tapestry, cross-stitch
- 8 Toys, incl dolls, teddies
- 9 Fabric incl fabric painting & dyeing
- 10 Woodwork
- 11 Metalwork
- 12 Pottery / Glass
- 13 Article made from mostly recycled materials **(prize donated by CWA)
- 14 Item of Clothing for a 2 to 3 year old **(prize donated by CWA)
- 15 Soft balls (6) **(prize donated by CWA)
- 16 Other

SECTION C – COOKING, JAMS & PRE-SERVES

Category (2 entries per category allowed):

- 1 Man Cake (must be cooked by a male 16 & over)
- 2 Slices (4)
- 3 Muffins or Cupcakes (4)
- 4 Biscuits (3 of 3 types, 4-6 cms wide (9)) **(prize donated by CWA)
- 5 Scones (4)
- 6 Other Cake, not iced
- 7 Cooking for a Special Diet
- 8 Coconut Ice **(prize donated by CWA)
- 9 Bread
- 10 Loaf Cake **(prize donated by CWA)
- 11 Marmalade
- 12 Jams, jellies
- 13 Lemon, Passionfruit Butter
- 14 Pickles, Relish, Chutney **(prize donated by CWA)
- 15 Sauces
- 16 Preserved fruit or vegetables.

SECTION D- FLOWERS

Category (only 1 entry per category):

- 1 Arrangement based on a book, TV or movie theme
- 2 Three colour arrangement
- 3 Small arrangement (under 15cm tall)
- 4 Unusual arrangement

- 5 Native flower arrangement
- 6 Arrangement Full of Fragrance
- 7 Collection of Wildflowers (4-8 varieties)
- 8 Rose (1)
- 9 Roses (3)
- 10 Orchid (s)
- 11 Any other bloom
- 12 Cut of shrub

SECTION E – PHOTOGRAPHY

Entries close 11am Friday!!

NO bigger than Postcard size!!

Category (only 1 entry per category):

- 1 People / Portraits
- 2 Life on the mountain
- 3 Landscape / Weather
- 4 Animals
- 5 Flowers
- 6 Fun
- 7 Action / Sport
- 8 Travel / Urban
- 9 Other

SECTION F- PRODUCE

Alan Unitt Memorial Trophy awarded for Best Produce point score. More than 1 Entry per Category Allowed.

Category:

- 1a. Lemon (6) 1b. Lime (6) 1c. Orange - Navel (6) 1d. Orange - Valencia (6) 1e. Mandarin (6) 1f. Mixed citrus (6) 1g. Citrus – Other (6) 1h. Grapefruit(6)
2. Stonefruit (6)
3. Nuts, Berry fruits (punnet)
4. Other fruit (6)
5. Basket of Salad Greens
6. Herbs (bunch)
7. Homemade Beverages
8. Honey
9. Fresh Eggs (6)
10. Basket of combination of produce

Sections G to M Children - (15 years and younger)

SECTION G – ART

Entries close 11am Friday!!

Category:

- 1 Painting
- 2 Drawing
- 3 Collage
- 4 Photography (Enlarged)
- 5 Digital Imagery - manipulation
- 6 Sculpture or ceramics

SECTION H – CRAFT

Category:

- 1 Sewing (by hand)
- 2 Sewing Machine article
- 3 Knitting **(Special Prize)
- 4 Crochet **(Special Prize)
- 5 Embroidery
- 6 Soft Toy
- 7 Fabric painting / dyeing
- 8 Woodwork

- 9 Metalwork
- 10 Pottery / Glass
- 11 Painted eggs (4 eggs)
- 12 Other

SECTION I – COOKING

No Packet Mixes!!

Category:

- 1 Rock cakes (4)
- 2 Biscuits (4)
- 3 Slices (4)
- 4 Muffins or Cupcakes (4)
- 5 Cake (not iced)
- 6 Cake (iced)
- 7 Decorated Cake
- 8 Baked item where HONEY is the hero!
- 9 Other Baking

SECTION J – INVENTION / CREATION

Category:

- 1 Working Invention or model, incl drawings & plans
- 2 Article made from recycled objects
- 3 Article made from nature
- 4 Vegetable / Fruit Creature
- 5 Creation with egg/s
- 6 Homemade Slip Proof socks
- 7 Lego Animal or Bird (own creation only)
- 8 Lego landscape or building (own creation only)

SECTION K – FLOWERS

Category

- 1 Arrangement based on a book, TV or movie theme
- 2 Three colour arrangement
- 3 Small arrangement (under 15cm tall)

- 4 Pretty posy
- 5 Native flora display
- 6 Miniature arrangement (under 5cm tall)
- 7 Decorated saucer (arrangement in wet sand)
- 8 Arrangement in a boot/shoe
- 9 Single Flower

SECTION L – PHOTOGRAPHY

Entries close 11am Friday!!

No bigger than postcard size!!

Category

- 1 Family / Friends
- 2 Life on the Mountain
- 3 Places
- 4 Weather /sky
- 5 Animals
- 6 Things
- 7 Fun
- 8 Other

SECTION M – PRODUCE

Trophy awarded for Best Produce point score

(Combined Age Group)

Category

- 1 Basket of vegetables
- 2 Basket of fruit
- 3 Basket of fresh eggs (6)
- 4 Collection of herbs
- 5 Basket of combination of produce
- 6 Most interesting vegetable from your garden

15th Annual Mangrove Mountain Contemporary Art Award

The theme for 2024 is "Growers and Showers". Work may be in any medium. It must be delivered to Mangrove Mountain Hall from 3pm to 6pm on Thursday, 17th October or from 8am to 11am on Friday, 18th October. Entry is free. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$200 and the honour of the award.

Helen FitzSimons Memorial Family Aggregate Award

When entering, a family may nominate 8 items for the Family Aggregate Competition.

Family definition: must include at least 2 family members, one of whom must be multi-generational.

Points: 1st place – 10 pts, 2nd place – 5 pts, 3rd place – 2 pts. A tied score is decided by number of 1st places.

Adult Sections (16 years and over): ONE entry per person in each category unless stated otherwise.

All work should be labelled with name, section and category please.

Art & Photography Entries close 11 am Friday 18th October. All other Entries close 3pm Friday 18th October.

Children Sections (15 years and younger): ONE entry per person in each category.

All work to have name, class/year, school, section and category clearly marked on entry.

Art & Photography Entries close 11 am Friday 18th October. All other Entries close 3pm Friday 18th October.

Childrens Sections Age Groups:

a. Preschool

b. Kindergarten – Year 2

c. Years 3 – 4

d. Years 5 – 6

e. High School up to & incl 15 years

Example:

Jane Citizen
Year 3
School
Section J
Category 2c

GENERAL RULES OF SHOW

- 1 Entries accepted from 3pm till 6pm Thursday 17th October. Entries accepted from 8am Friday 18th October.
- 2 Art & Photography Entries close 11am Friday 18th October.
- 3 All other Entries close 3pm Friday 18th October.
- 4 All entries are Free and must remain on display until 3pm Saturday.
- 5 Entries must be collected by 5pm Saturday. Entries not collected will be disposed.
- 6 Articles exhibited in previous Mangrove Mountain Country Fairs cannot be shown.
- 7 Judges' decisions are final. While all care is taken, no responsibility will be accepted for damage or theft.
- 8 Children's Prize Money must be collected at the Fair. 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded \$3, \$2 and \$1 respectively.

Mangrove Mountain Country Fair

Escabags Available At Coast Libraries

Escabags, short for escape bags, are now available for the community to access from several Central Coast Council libraries.

Escabags contain high-quality products for people in the community experiencing domestic or family violence.

EscaBags are not gender-specific and come in two variations 'Parent and Child' and 'Single Adult'.

The bags are available at Woy Woy Library, Umina Beach Library, Tuggerah Library, Lake Haven Library, Kincumber Library, Erina Library, and Gosford Library.

Dr Gordon Reid MP, Federal Member for Robertson said "Escabags Ltd is an Australian registered charity who distribute 'Escabags' for victims fleeing domestic and family abuse.

"Central Coast Council have agreed to stock the bags at several libraries across the region for the community to access.

"The Federal Labor Government is investing \$4.4 billion in new funding to address the scourge of domestic and family violence.

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"The government is also responding to the Rapid Review into Prevention Approaches, including through investing in frontline services and initiatives to prevent violence.

To learn more about Escabags or to support the charity, visit: <https://escabags.org/>

Contact details for libraries that stock Escabags:

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Mangrove Mountain and Districts Country Fair

Entertainment Lineup

Hot off the press! We have some Amazing acts booked in to headline the main stage entertainment at next month's Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair 2024 on Saturday the 19th of October!

Piper Butcher

Commanding audiences with soulful tones and an engrossing stage presence, songstress Piper Butcher is a incredible talent.

Hailing from the Hunter, Piper has paved her music pathway supporting acts including Robben Ford (US), Ryan McMullan (UK), Kasey Chambers, Nathan Cavaleri, GRAACE, Ash Grunwald, Tori Forsyth, Kav Temperely (Eskimo Joe), Casey Donovan, You Am I, Karise Eden, Diesel and many more...

Piper Butcher released her debut EP "September" which debuted at number one on the Australian alternative album iTunes chart, and number 2 on the all genre album iTunes chart then went on to become an Australian Idol top 24 finalist in 2023.

We can't wait to have Piper Butcher perform at the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Country Fair on Saturday

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22nd October 2024
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Exploding Happiness

Exploding happiness are the funkiest groove and world music collective straight outta Sydney and are set to close the main stage with a carnival atmosphere of music, dance and good times!

Watch this space for more great entertainment announcements along with new and exciting attractions plus lots of old favourites happening at this year's Mangrove Mountain and Districts Country Fair on Saturday the 19th of October, 9am till 3pm at Mangrove Mountain Hall and Recreation Reserve. See you there!

Ryan Howard
Mangrove Mountain and Districts
Country Fair entertainment co-ordinator

Saturday 19th of October 2024

Main Stage

Entertainment

Piper Butcher

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BINGO from 11am
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WEDNESDAY

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\$18 schnitzels

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\$22 steak night

FRIDAY

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Friday, 29 November | 8-10pm

OCTOBER

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Saturday, 15 October | 8-10pm

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Sunday, 20 October | 1-10pm

DECEMBER

Brandon Duff
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Bucketty Brewery & Co proposed development: It's not a little cafe!

If approved by Cessnock Council, Brookvale based Bucketty Brewery & Co's proposed development in Bucketty Private Road 5 will dramatically change the landscape of the Bucketty bush community. Already, and without evidence of having sought or been granted approval to do so, large scale clearing works and building of structures has been completed on the site. Many question, reasonably, whether this approach, one that might be described as arrogant and inconsiderate with regards to the landscape and history of Bucketty, is a foretaste of what is to come.

Since 2019, a large number of full and part time residents of Bucketty have fought against the proposal, lodging objections to council for both the first, and now the second DA application. These objections are based on concerns over noise, traffic, clearing of sensitive environment that is habitat to the densest population of koalas in the Cessnock LGA and other endangered species, disruption to other residents, and increased bushfire risk.

To be fair, there are those who don't object to the proposal. There is certainly



"Artist rendering - Development Submission"

a (very) vocal minority who forcefully react to any voiced objections to the development. Unfortunately, on more than a few occasions their support for the proposal crosses into personal attacks against those objecting. I recognise these ad hominem 'arguments' for what they are; personal attacks against the character, motive, or other attribute of the person making an argument rather than the substance of the argument itself.

There are also a number of Buckettarians who are either ambivalent about the proposed development, or lend it some support because "Having a cafe somewhere local to pop down

to for a cuppa would be great'. I get that; I'm a regular at Laguna's Trading Post, Wollombi's Myrtle Cafe, and other existing local (OK... 'local' being a relative term here) venues.

Here then is the substance of the argument against the proposed development: IT IS NOT A LITTLE CAFE.

FACT: the proposed development is for a 150 seat restaurant, pub, and attached micro-brewery. The majority of that seating capacity is planned to be outdoors. FACT: for reference, 150 seats is substantially larger than Laguna's Trading Post, and similar to

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Wollombi Tavern. FACT: it is planned for there to be live music weekly at the venue which will be broadcast such that those seated outdoors can hear it. FACT: the development is planned to be open 7 days a week, to 10pm Friday and Saturday, and to 8pm all other nights. FACT: traffic along George Downes Drive approaches Private Road 5 in a signposted 80kp/h zone over a crest in both directions and visibility is therefore limited. Keep that in mind next time you're approaching Road 5 and see for yourself how much time you will have to react when you come over the crest to find a line of vehicles waiting to turn in, or coming out of Road 5. FACT: the 150 seat capacity and the economics of running that successfully dictate that vehicle traffic in and out of the venue will be significant. The principal of Bucketty Brewery & Co, Nick McDonald, has stated that he plans to bring coachloads of people in; keep that in mind too when you next drive by Road 5 and ask yourself just how those buses (and all the other heavy vehicles needed to supply the venue and remove rubbish) are going to turn in and out.

So then, to those who think that the proposal would be OK because a local cafe would be lovely; face facts, it is not a little cafe. To those whose natural reaction is to throw personal attacks when faced with objections; thank you for helping to make my point. As a near three decade owner and resident

THE TRUTH ABOUT CORNS AND CALLUSES ON OUR FEET

The skin on our feet often blisters or builds up a thick layer of hard skin when under excessive pressure or friction, forming callus and corns. This is often caused by our footwear, toe deformities or abnormal walking patterns.

The hard skin can become increasingly compacted to form Corns which can feel as hard and sharp as

of Bucketty I think this proposal will irrevocably and negatively alter the tone of Bucketty and such personal attacks against those of us against the development are, sadly, just an example of that.

Bucketty isn't just a state of mind, it's our way of life.

For more information contact bad.brew.bucketty@gmail.com.

Simon Perry, Bucketty

glass! Corns can develop between or about the toes and soles of the feet. They can even form under the toe nails! Corns can become quite painful and can ulcerate. Callused hard skin can build up about the edge of your heels or the soles of your feet. This can also cause bruising and bleeding under the skin, or your heel can develop cracking and splitting.

Unfortunately, corn pads and chemical callus removers sold for home use can burn the skin and cause further damage and so Ron does not recommend them.

Early, effective care is important to change the course of corns and callus. Podiatrists are trained to diagnose and treat corns and callus.

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28 September 2024
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Supporting Mountain Youth

At the last Country Fair meeting many community groups put forward applications to receive financial grants to acquire equipment, materials, services and repairs to infrastructure at their respective grounds and clubs.

There were some much needed projects, some very worthwhile proposals and exciting opportunities discussed.

I, as the Group leader for Peats Ridge Scout Group put in an application to receive funding to help send six mountain youth and one leader to the next Australian Scout jamboree in Maryborough Queensland. I had read the guidelines and eligibility and considered our cause a worthy inclusion in the funding allocations. My application was challenged by two

individual members of the meeting who, rightfully, questioned why the committee should fund a project that is going to only benefit six youth on the mountain. On the spot it was difficult to fathom this objection, but now that I had had some time to think about the question, I would like to take this opportunity to tell how Scouting benefits the Mountain districts, and how by supporting only six mountain youth, we are in fact supporting a whole community.

Firstly I would like to say how proud I am of all the mountain youth that have come through our log cabin in the past fifteen years that I have been a leader here. A huge number of them have all filled service roles here on the mountain itself, more widely on the central coast and throughout the world. Many in nursing and community support, many teachers, one is training as a paramedic, another is a part of a tank task force in the Australian Defence force, one works in the NPWS, one recently has started with a local engineering firm and is travelling around Australia with the team, and many more in local employment. They have all worked locally, have all purchased their own cars, and all have jobs. Many of them have also supported other community organisations such as the RFS, St John Ambulance etc, etc. Scouting is never just for the kids, it creates a ripple effect that will someday benefit all in the community.

A Scout Jamboree is not (as I have been told) just a holiday, it is an opportunity for our mountain youth to not only participate as part of a team, it creates leaders, willing workers, mentors and responsible, accountable, dependable, informed and mature adults. If you take the time to google famous Scouts, you will read the names of astronauts, adventurers, environmentalists, Prime Ministers, CEO's, Humanitarians, Decorated Military leaders, Presidents, Scientists, Doctors, Professors, and notably the current UNESCO director general.

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The purpose of the scouting movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. I have had great pleasure in accompanying Mountain youth to destinations such as Mongolia, China, and last year, with the amazing and valued support from the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair we took a patrol to South Korea.

The youth that attend these events all contribute to achieving the dream, they all have afterschool and weekend work, they all fundraise, (Bunnings BBQS, community stalls and clearly, the Mangrove Mountain Fair) they all take ownership of their dream and I see them smash many goals and hurdles to get to their destinations. They all support the community through their schools, ANZAC day services, supporting other Scouting events and as stated before, through their stewardship, first aid expertise, empathy, volunteering and later employment. We need to acknowledge that as the numbers of Mountain youth dwindle (look at the low enrolments and closures of our local schools in recent years) we need to nurture what we have, we need to focus on the next generation, we need to grow good leaders and we need our youth to make wise decisions for the community. They are our only future. We are not getting any younger. So please take a moment to think about Scouting, how you can support it or how your children can benefit and grow from it.

We are desperate for adult helpers and leaders and are always welcoming new youth members. Scouting is Inclusive and has no boundaries for identity, physical and mental ability, age or spirituality. We are all as one.

If you would like to know more about Peats Ridge Scouts, what they are up to, where they are going next (Queensland 2025, Portugal 2025, Poland 2027). Please phone me or



Part of the Peats Ridge / Hunter and Coastal / Australian contingent team meeting fellow Scouts from Taiwan at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea 2023".

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September 2024

Garden Club members had a wonderful morning at the home of Karynne and Tony at Wyong Creek in their award winning garden. They explained the expansion of the original garden with additional rock walls, woodchip pathways, orchid house with superb rock orchids in flower, and revitalizing the waterfall and creek system bordered by cycad, cordyline and lomandra. Many artworks, ceramic and metal, enhance the plantings.

Tony has planted mainly from tubestock, keeping where possible to plants endemic to Yarramalong Valley. The flower and vegetable garden is behind the house overlooked by Cluckingham Palace and resident chooks. Below the house is a small lawn area surrounded by mature trees with eye-catching bark and westringia, leading to an established native garden with many varieties of grevillea,

everlasting daisy and lilli pilli. The latest project is the lower area of natives including grevillea and banksia.

Vice president Dave shared his malabar gourd for show and tell, super easy to grow but somewhat of a mystery to cook/eat. In our plant competition prizes were won by Debbie for native teatree, Vivienne for rhododendron and Dave for fruit/veg.

Our October meeting will be on



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Far to the North of the site of the Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country fair (corner Wisemans Ferry and Waratah Roads, Mangrove Mountain) lies a place few know about, even fewer dare visit, and where individuals follow a more traditional way of life without the luxuries, like electricity. No, it's not Bucketty! It is the land of the Vikings and Anglo Saxon folk.

For a taste of what life was like for the Vikings and Anglo Saxon people come along to the 2024 MMDCF for a fascinating display of medieval items: weapons and armour, jewellery and clothing. See the "Huscarls Dark Age Re-enactment Society" as they





Notification of wild dog and fox control program

Greater Sydney Local Land Services will be leading an integrated wild dog and fox control program in the Central Coast with support from NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, Central Coast Council and the Forestry Corporation. This coordinated program is part of ongoing work to reduce pest animal numbers and their impact on primary production and native wildlife in these areas.

1080 wild dog and fox ground baits as well as Canid Pest Ejectors will be used on the listed properties below from **Monday 23 September 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024**. Pets and working dogs may be affected (1080 is lethal to cats and dogs). **Please restrain all domestic pets and working dogs and ensure they do not enter the baiting locations during this time.** In the event of accidental poisoning of domestic pets seek immediate veterinary assistance.

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If you would like to participate in a future program or have any questions, please contact Greater Sydney Local Land Services on (02) 4724 2100.



demonstrate Viking weaving and woodworking techniques, and even possibly some silversmithing or blacksmithing.

Save the date; Saturday the 19th of October (or Laugardagur the 19th of Haustmánuður, if you prefer the Viking version), slip on your chain-mail armour, and come see the Huscarls

show us what life was actually like before we spent our days walking around glued to our phones.

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*Simon Perry, for the
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FREE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

Free technology classes for people aged fifty and over to learn about all aspects of the internet and digital devices are now available at Ettalong Diggers, Central Coast Leagues Club, and through the Mangrove Mountain Computer Club.

The program, supported by the Good Things Foundation and Be Connected, an Australian Government initiative, provides workshops that teach you how to use and get the most out of your smartphone, tablet, iPad, or laptop.

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participate and take advantage of the learning opportunities available.

Quotes attributable to Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid MP:

“The Federal Labor Government understands that technology is increasingly becoming more and more integral in our everyday lives.

“It is imperative then that everyone in our community feels confident to use technology and get the most out of it.

“The Federal Labor Government is supporting several free technology classes for people aged fifty and up to learn about how to use the internet and technology devices, like smartphones, tablets, iPads, laptops, and more.

“I encourage our community to take advantage of the opportunities available and get along to one of the many workshops available across the region”, Dr Reid said.

The free technology classes take place on every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Ettalong Diggers from 10am, and the first and third Thursdays each month at Central Coast Leagues Club from 10:30am, and on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Mangrove Mountain Computer Club from 9:30am.

For more information, contact Ettalong Diggers on (02) 4343 0111, Central Coast Leagues Club on (02) 4325 9888, or the Mangrove Mountain Computer Club on 0408 895 330.

Or visit:
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*Media Release from the office of
 Dr Gordon Reid MP
 Federal Member For Robertson*

Recruiting, recognising and retaining young volunteers made simpler with Youth Volunteering Guidelines

Central Coast-based organisations seeking guidance on how to harness the skillsets and passions of young volunteers are encouraged to explore the recently published NSW Youth Volunteering Guidelines, an initiative of the NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020-2030.

The NSW Youth Volunteering Guidelines were devised in response to recommendations from the NSW Volunteering Taskforce to build capacity of volunteer organisations to recruit, train, manage and recognise young people as active volunteers.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP said it was pleasing to see the availability of practical guidelines for harnessing the diverse skillsets of young volunteers.

“Young people are valuable assets in our community. Our youth bring the energy, enthusiasm, curiosity and the fresh, bold thinking that is essential to the future health and sustainability of so many organisations here on the Central Coast. Through volunteering, our young people can develop important life skills, such as leadership, problem solving, communication and teamwork.

“Even more pleasing is that these practical guidelines have been shaped by young people and they offer a blueprint for engaging young people, using best practice principles.

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“These new guidelines will provide advice and guidance to organisations on how to best strengthen youth participation in the volunteering sector, in particular tapping into the different skills they bring to encourage them to volunteer.”

“What is exciting is that our young people are volunteering at fantastic rates – higher rates than ever, with 35 per cent of volunteers aged under 30. Seventy per cent of all people aged under 25 are engaging in some kind of volunteering activities.”

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club’s 2024 Junior Club Person of the Year and passionate Club volunteer, Ebony Falconer is an age manager for the club’s junior Nippers – working with children aged 5 to 14 who take part in a program of surf awareness, skills development, and fitness.

On Sunday mornings during summer, Ebony is down at Ocean Beach in the early hours, helping to set up the Club’s 90-metre sprint track, club flags in the competition area, and meet with age group managers and parents who work with Ebony on surf education and surf awareness, taking them to patrol, and seeing them on patrol.

Ebony often joins in the kids’ sprints, racing alongside them and cheering them on.

“I love joining in with them, seeing the joy and the excitement on their

faces when the little kids are racing.”

Surf life saving community as family

Ebony describes the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club as a family.

“When I was little, my mum and dad enrolled me in Nippers and wanted me to have an understanding of the surf, and now, the club is my family. They are supporting me and encouraging me in everything that I do.”

Volunteering at Narara Valley High School

Students of all ages at Narara Valley High School are given opportunities to contribute their time and skills to volunteering projects within the Central Coast community.

“Our school takes great pride in offering volunteering initiatives,” says teacher Brenda Gilmour. “We want students to understand that they have the capacity to contribute, and that connectedness with their community supports both their growth and development as well as the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of the people they are supporting.”

In 2024, students have organised and managed bake sales to raise funds for the Do it For Dolly and Wear It Yellow campaigns, participated in Clean4Shore, provided meals at Coast Shelter, collected donations for the Red

Shield Appeal, facilitated Harmony Day celebrations and assisted with school-based occasions (Meet the Teacher Night, Year 6-7 Transition Evening).

An active volunteer in Narara Valley High School’s Leadership Team, school vice captain Jarrah Fender-Waters’ most recent extracurricular activities have involved participating in a variety of community initiatives. They include preparing, cooking and serving dinner to vulnerable community members at Coast Shelter, a Central Coast-based charity as well as taking part in The Salvation Army’s Annual Red Shield Appeal.

“It is so rewarding to be able to give back to the community. My mother has been a real inspiration to me through her work at the Wyong Neighbourhood Centre. Through her work, and seeing her help others in need, I have been able to witness the real impact of volunteering in the wider community - helping our community be a better place.”

See the NSW Youth Volunteering Guidelines at:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/community-services/volunteering/resources-for-volunteering-nsw/nsw-youth-volunteering-guidelines>

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Focus on Stall Holders

In the bushlands of Mangrove Mountain, Kulnura, and the Watagans, Snives Hives is producing its natural, raw honey. This local business has gained recognition, including winning the Champion Commercial Honey award at the National Honey Competition during the Sydney Royal Easter Show. But Snives Hives is more than just a honey producer—it's a vital player in protecting local bee populations and supporting the region's food production.

Every hive at Snives Hives has been rescued. Partnering with Sydney Bee Rescue, Snives Hives takes in colonies that would otherwise be exterminated. These rescued bees are relocated to the managed forests, where they thrive and produce high-quality honey. This approach not only saves bees but also supports the local environment by maintaining essential pollinators.

Recently, the arrival of an exotic bee pest, Varroa destructor, has posed a significant challenge. This parasite, which has devastated bee populations worldwide, has made its way to the region, threatening both wild and managed hives. The impact on unmanaged hives has been particularly severe, raising concerns about local food production and crop pollination.

For Snives Hives, the presence of Varroa destructor has meant intensifying efforts to protect its bees while maintaining the high standards that have earned its honey so much acclaim. Managing this pest is difficult and requires careful monitoring, innovative pest management techniques, and a deep understanding of bee health. The team at Snives Hives is dedicated to keeping their hives healthy without using chemicals that could compromise the purity of their honey.

This work is about more than

just honey production—it's about supporting the local food chain. Healthy bee populations are crucial for pollinating many crops, which in turn sustains the agricultural community. At the time of writing, their bees are sitting on stone fruit crops in Mangrove and Kulnura. By keeping their bees healthy and providing them to local farms, Snives Hives is playing a critical role in ensuring the continued availability of high-quality, chemical-free honey and supporting local food production.

For residents of Mangrove Mountain and surrounding areas, Snives Hives' honey is more than a sweet treat. It reflects the care and commitment of a local business that values sustainability, community, and the environment. This commitment can be tasted in every jar of honey sold at the Mangrove Mountain Market, where Snives Hives has become a fixture.

At the Mangrove Mountain Market,

locals and visitors alike can find the Snives Hives stall, offering honey as pure as the bushland it comes from. The market has become an essential outlet for Snives Hives, connecting them directly with customers who appreciate the hard work behind every jar.

Despite the challenges posed by Varroa destructor, Snives Hives is determined to continue its mission. The team remains focused on keeping their hives healthy and their honey pure, ensuring that their bees can continue to thrive and support the local ecosystem. Snives Hives is proving that it's possible to succeed in business while doing what's right for the environment, serving as a reminder of the critical role local businesses play in preserving the health and vitality of our communities.

The markets are held on the first Sunday of the month at Mangrove Mountain Hall

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Save lives by starting the conversation about organ donation

With approximately 1,800 people on Australia's organ transplant waitlist and 14,000 more on dialysis for kidney failure needing help, Coasties are being encouraged to consider organ donation and start conversations with their family about their decision.

With the celebration of Jersey Day last week, which aims to raise awareness of organ donation, encouraging people to wear a jersey and begin the conversation with their family and friends about the importance of becoming an organ and tissue donor, there is never a better time than now to start a conversation.

Jersey Day was inspired by the gift of life that Nathan Gremmo gave to six people, five young adults and a baby, when he became an organ donor at the age of 13.

Honouring the gift of life given by

Nathan Gremmo, Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP encourages Coasties to go online and pledge to give the gift of life to those in need.

“Organ donation saves lives, and increasing awareness and consent is fundamental to lifting the donation rate. It’s gut wrenching knowing that more than 50 Aussies passed away last year while on the organ transplant wait list.”

Ms Tesch says that opportunities for transplants are being missed because families are uncertain about their loved one’s wish to be a donor.

“I encourage people who are considering becoming an organ donor, or already are organ donors, to have conversations with their family and friends, letting them know of your wishes.

“Families are always asked to support someone’s decision to be a donor before donation goes ahead. Families are much more likely to agree if their loved one is registered on the Australian Organ Donor Register, and their family knew they wanted to be a donor. It therefore so important that you begin the discussion today and not only register for organ donation, but begin the conversation with your family and friends.”

Anyone aged 16 and over can register at donatelife.org.au to become an organ

donor in just one minute, or with three taps in the Medicare app. People who think they may have already registered can perform an online check in just one minute.

Data shows that four in five Australians say they support donation, but only 36 per cent are registered.

“I urge our generous Coasties to please register as an organ and tissue donor. Just a minute of your time today can change so many lives in the future should the worst happen.”

One organ donor can save the lives of up to 7 people and help many more through eye and tissue donation. For the seriously ill, an organ or tissue transplant can mean the difference between life and death, being healthy or sick, seeing or being blind.

In 2023, more than 47,000 people in NSW registered as an organ and tissue donor. There were 142 people in NSW who died and became organ donors, giving the gift of life to 392 transplant recipients.

More information about Jersey Day and Nathan Gremmo’s inspiring story can be found at:

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Calga-Mt. White RFS	General meeting Training Information & updates Contact	3rd Mon of the month, 7.30pm all welcome Every Monday 6.30 except public holidays Facebook.com/calga/mtwhiteruralfirebrigade/ Captain.calgamtwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.
Kulnura VBFB at Greta Rd Station	General meeting Training	1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
Mangrove Mountain RFS Bloodtree Rd	General Meeting Training / Maintenance	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
Spencer RFS	General Meeting Training Maintenance	2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm 3rd Monday 6:30pm 4th Monday 6:30pm E: captain-Spencer-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au 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 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 11am at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
Kulnura & District Garden Club	Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradge@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.
Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee	Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 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)	www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au
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 rivercaresinc@gmail.com
Rotary Club Meeting	Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc	President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com
Spencer Community Ladies Social Club	Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com
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, 7.30pm at the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall
Mangrove Mountain Christian Service	9.30am second and fourth Sundays. Mangrove Mountain Union Church, cnr Bloodtree Rd & Wisemans Ferry Rd

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 9th September 2024

570 Cattle yarded today at Maitland, comprising of 540 trade/yearling cattle and 30 export.

Trade market was firm to cheaper. Export Job was also 10c cheaper.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 320c/kg to 460c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 350c/kg to 440c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 340c/kg to 435c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 275c/kg to 345c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 260c/kg to 360c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 280c/kg to 350c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 350c/kg to 415c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 290c/kg to 315c/kg
- Prime cows made 265c/kg to 280c/kg
- Store cows made 190c/kg to 245c/kg

Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 2nd September 2024

330 Cattle yarded today at Maitland. Comprising of 310 trade/yearling cattle and 20 export.

Trade market was firm to 20c stronger. Export job remained firm.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 330c/kg to 478c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 380c/kg to 472c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 340c/kg to

- 440c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 270c/kg to 386c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 280c/kg to 375c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 280c/kg to 380c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 330c/kg to 410c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 290c/kg to 370c/kg
- Prime cows made 280c/kg to 300c/kg
- Store cows made 190c/kg to 250c/kg

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'Get Ready' for emergencies ahead of bush fire and storm season

Central Coast Council is encouraging residents to 'Get Ready' for bush fire and storm events, by using the month of September to be more prepared and attend a community preparedness event.

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said bush fires and severe storms are more common this time of year and can impact any of our communities on the Central Coast.

"The community preparedness events are designed to empower the community to understand their own risks, be well prepared and connect with neighbours to help build resilience," Ms Smith said.

"History has shown that being prepared, aware and connected makes our community stronger and able to recover well after a natural disaster.

"The unseasonably hot weather in the last week of winter



and first week of spring, has shown us that it is important not to wait until it's too late, and start preparing now."

Warmer weather has arrived, so this month residents are encouraged to 'Get Ready':

- Download the Red Cross Get Prepared app during Red Cross Emergency Redi Week (16-22 September), which guides users to make important decisions ahead of time by completing a personal emergency RediPlan.
- Attend a local NSW RFS Get Ready Weekend event (21-22 September). A number of Central Coast Brigades are holding events in the Community. Find events near you.
- Attend our 'Get Ready' information session with Ourimbah RFS on 28 September, 10.30am-12.30pm, to gain practical tips in preparing for the upcoming bush fire season, and have an opportunity discuss their bush fire survival plans with RFS members. Find out more.
- Check out our online resources and guides that can help you to understand how bush fires and storms can affect you so, you can be better prepared to help protect your family, property and pets.

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said we know that severe weather and other emergency events will continue to be a part of our lives on the Central Coast, and these can occur at any moment.

"We are committed to keeping the community safe and are partnering with emergency services and key community organisations to raise awareness about emergency preparedness to assist members of the community," Mr Hart said.

"Regardless of whether you have recently moved to the Central Coast or have been a resident for decades – now is the time to understand your risks and create an up-to-date home emergency plan. I encourage our community to take the time to be better prepared."

For information and resources on preparing for storms, bushfire, heatwaves and other emergency events, search 'plan and prepare' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

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