

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## FREE Share Our Space Spring school holiday activities Kulnura and Somersby

Join us for a FREE "Share Our Space" cricket clinic, designed for kids aged 5-10 who are new to the game!

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Activity details and Registration links:

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Friday, 4 October 2024  
9.30am - 3.30pm  
Ages 5 -10  
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/bf7c8f>

Cricket NSW FREE holiday program  
– Somersby Public  
Friday, 11 October 2024 10am - 3pm  
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## RFS AT THE COUNTRY FAIR

Join us at the Mangrove Mountain and District Country Fair 2024! The Mangrove Mountain Fire Brigade will be on hand to answer your questions about our services and community support. We're also here to assist you with your bushfire survival plan and

discuss how to prepare your home and family for the fire danger period.

We have a wealth of resources available, including bushfire survival plans, flyers on how to prepare your livestock and pets for the fire season, and information about fire danger ratings and our other programs. If you're thinking about joining the RFS, this is a fantastic opportunity to meet our members and ask any questions. Plus, we'll have fun activities for the kids and our fire trucks for you to check out. We can't wait to see you there!

Tarryn Nester  
Captain



Mountain Before and  
After School Care Inc.

## AGM

Mountain Before and After School care at Kulnura Public School will be holding our 2024 Annual General Meeting on 21st of October at 1.30 with the General Meeting to be held after, this will be held in the OOSH room at Kulnura Public School.

Enquiries please contact Michael Kidd, OOSH Director, 0439 761 440.

## MEN'S SHED

On the 1st November at 6pm. anyone interested in attending a men's shed or helping to establish a Men's Shed on the Mountain is invited to come along to the Church Hall at 2154 Wisemans Ferry Road Mangrove Mountain.

Ron Collins  
President MMUC Trust.

## STOP!

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18th October 2024

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\*\* 11th Oct '24 \*\*

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# Survey on Driver Behaviour During Floods and Bushfires

I am writing to kindly request your assistance in promoting the “Flood and bushfire preparedness surveys” which are part of my PhD research project titled “Measuring and improving individual preparedness in response to flood and bushfire emergencies”.

This research is conducted under the supervision of Dr. Milad Haghani at UNSW Sydney. The surveys focus on flood and bushfire preparedness and willingness to drive/not drive in floods and bushfires:

Flood preparedness survey- [https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_08sulUePUZqqkXc](https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_08sulUePUZqqkXc)

Bushfire preparedness survey- [https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1MISfZ9qSy7Xohg](https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1MISfZ9qSy7Xohg)

Thank you for your time and support in this endeavour. Please note that this project has received ethics approval from UNSW, and the responses will be anonymous and remain confidential.

Best Regards,

Sara Fazeli, PhD Candidate

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**Flood and bushfire preparedness**

Researchers at UNSW are conducting a project about flood and bushfire preparedness in Australia. All Australian residents over 18 years old are invited to take part in either one or both surveys on flood and bushfire preparedness. Your input is invaluable in developing knowledge that can inform policies on emergency response strategies and community resilience.

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# ONLINE APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS FOR SERVICES AUSTRALIA

Minister for Government Services and the National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill Shorten MP is urging Australians to skip the queues in Services Australia service centres and use the new national online booking system.

“At last, you can book appointments to see Services Australia online, not just turn up and be kept waiting,” Minister Shorten said.

“After a successful pilot in Hobart earlier this year, Australians can now use the new online booking capability to make appointments in more than 300 service centres nationally.

“The online appointment booking option will be particularly helpful to older and younger Australians, people with disability, parents with young children and carers, who are part of the cohort this new system was designed to assist now.”

Since recently launching, already more than 81,700 appointments have been booked online.

Centrelink customers can book a 15-minute phone appointment or 30-minute face to face appointment with a staff member at their local Services Australia service centre.

Customers can book, reschedule or cancel some appointments using their Centrelink online account through myGov or the Centrelink Express Plus mobile app.

The range of appointments that can be booked include:

- ABSTUDY
- Age Pension
- Carer Payment
- Digital Coaching
- Disability Support Pension
- JobSeeker Payment
- Parenting Payment – partnered
- Parenting Payment – single
- Youth Allowance
- My Aged Care - general face to face appointments

Minister Shorten said the new appointment booking option was proving very popular, as people value the ability to book, reschedule or cancel an appointment online so they don’t have to spend time in a queue.

“We know people want the convenience online services provide, but sometimes they need to talk to someone. This new service offers the best of both worlds for people who want or need to visit their local service centre,” Minister Shorten said.

“People can go online and choose a time that suits them for an appointment, either on the phone or at their chosen service centre, and they don’t have to spend time in a queue.”

Minister Shorten said ongoing improvements mean more Australians are getting the assistance they need, when they need it.

“The recent onboarding of an additional 3000 staff has already reduced claims backlogs and phone wait times. The online appointment booking capability is another step in the right direction toward improving access to services,” Minister Shorten said.

Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid MP has welcomed the new online booking system.

“The Federal Labor Government is improving accessibility to Services Australia for everyone in our community.

“I welcome this improvement and encourage the community to skip the queues and book your next Services Australia appointment online”, Dr Reid said.

For more information visit: [servicesaustralia.gov.au/appointments](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/appointments)

*Media Release*  
The Hon. Bill Shorten MP  
Minister For The National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Minister For Government Services  
Member For Maribyrnong

Dr Gordon Reid MP  
Federal Member For Robertson




**NSW NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE**

## Notice of 1080 Baiting

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

Aerial baiting is scheduled for **14th October 2024 to 18th October 2024**.

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

The program is designed to minimise predator impacts on wildlife, especially threatened species, and to minimise the impact of wild dogs on neighbouring stock.

Signs will be placed at the entry to the baiting location.



Domestic pets are not permitted in National Parks and Wildlife managed lands. Pets and working dogs may be affected (1080 is lethal to cats and dogs). Pets and working dogs must be restrained or muzzled in the vicinity and must not enter the baiting location. In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

Landlords, please notify tenants or visitors to your property of the proposed operation.

**Please contact the NPWS Central Coast Area Office on (02) 4320 4200 for more information or check the NPWS web page alerts.**




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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

# SOMERSBY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE PILE BURNING

FOR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES IN THE SOMERSBY & SURROUNDING AREAS

## Pile Burning

- › Burning of cut & stacked vegetation is referred to as a pile burn
- › Pile burns can be a useful method for reducing bush fire fuels, bush regeneration, property maintenance & agricultural activities.



### BEFORE YOU LIGHT THAT FIRE:

There are four simple steps;

- STEP 1 Seek environmental approval (if required)
- STEP 2 Obtain a Fire Permit (if required)
- STEP 3 Provide notifications
- STEP 4 Check if it's a Total Fire Ban Day

### Key things you will need to consider prior to lighting the pile burn:

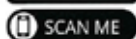
- Pile size may be up to **2 m** in diameter & a maximum height of **1.5 m**
- Vegetation must be of a diameter of **150 mm** or less
- Dry & dead vegetation generated on the premises only
- The burning of non-vegetative waste is not permitted. Building materials (treated pine, gyprock, asbestos) plastics, furniture & tyres are prohibited
- Notify the NSW RFS & adjoining neighbours 24 hours prior.
- **The statutory Bush Fire Danger Period runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March,** however it may vary due to local conditions. If you are planning to light a fire in the open during this time, you **will** need a Fire Permit.



Notifying us of your planned burn can help reduce unnecessary emergency call-outs. You can notify the Rural Fire Service of your activity using the QR code below or going to the website shown below.



[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify)



Check these guides for more information on permits & reducing hazards on your property:

Central Coast Council: *Open Burning Policy (May 2019)* [www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

NSW RFS: *Standards for Pile Burning & Before you light that fire* [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Captain Paul Byrne at Somersby Brigade on 0421-937-309

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE  
**1800 NSW RFS**  
1800 679 737  
[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



# Funds Issues

To the Editor,

As a member of 3 of the groups that fundraise for the country fair grants, I was of the understanding that grants were for the Community not for individuals or paying bills, as said in the scouts story in the newsletter, last year with a grant from the Country Fair Committee 6 kids and the Scout leader went to South Korea and this year they are asking for more money to go to Queensland and Portugal. It seems that the grants given to the Scouts are only benefiting 6 kids and the Scout leader.

I don't have a problem with helping the Scouts or any other group if the money is being used to help the Community.

If they need a new roof on the building or if the building needs repairs or if the children need new equipment that would benefit all the Scouts this year and into the future.

If all the other groups on the Mountain applied for a grant to send people away for a holiday we would be told that's not what grants are for, for example if the footy club wanted an end of season trip away or the CWA asked for money to send 6 ladies from each of the 3 branches on the Mountain to go to their yearly Conference or if the Guides wanted money for guide camp the money would go nowhere.

We all work too hard all year to make the Fair happen and we should spend the money where it is needed for the whole of the Community not a select few.

Regards,  
Debbie Fyson

Hello,  
I would like an explanation as to the disbursement of funds from the Country Fair.

Who is and how many people decide on the successful recipients and the amount each group receive.

I was amazed to see a scout group receive funding to go to a jamboree. Not only the leader but 6 scouts. What do they do towards the community. It is more like a one off holiday that they do not have to pay for. Maybe other groups could request funds for conferences. What do we see from the jamboree that contributes to the community. In fact when do we see the scouts do anything in the community for the long term gain of Mangrove Mountain residents.

There are many needy projects in the community that would be most grateful to receive some assistance, ever so small, to help towards a project that all residents can benefit from.

It is extremely disappointing to see the hard earned labour of folk at the country fair be used in such a way that benefits no one locally.

# NOTICE OF AGM



Country Women's Association  
of New South Wales

## Peats Ridge and Districts Branch

ABN: 82 318 909 926

Annual General Meeting to be held on: Monday 21st October  
2024 10.30am

At Peat's Ridge School and  
Community Hall  
1231 Peats Ridge Road, Peat's  
Ridge

For further information please  
email  
cwaofnswpeatsridge@gmail.com,  
or  
phone Kaye on 02 43741163

Happy holidays.

The committee needs to look closely at the usage of funds and publish the intended recipients and amounts before disbursement.

Regards,  
[Name supplied]

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## Local Land Services (LLS) will be at the Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair

Make sure you pop into the LLS stall where you can meet the friendly staff, check out some great wildlife displays and find out about ways to manage your land in a healthy and productive way. Display information will include:

## Get Online Week!

Kariong Neighbourhood Centre is excited to be part of Australia's largest community-led digital inclusion campaign, Get Online Week!

Our fun, free Get Online Week event is a fantastic opportunity learn a new digital skill. Come along, meet new people, and take part in our morning tea and information session.

Event details

- When: 15th October 2024
- Where: 10 Langford Drive, Kariong
- RSVP: 02 43401724 | admin@knc.net.au

We can't wait to see you there! We're proud to be supporting our community to feel more confident and safe online through Good Things Foundation Australia's Get Online Week 2024 campaign. Find events, tips for getting online, and more on the Get Online Week website: <https://aus.getonlineweek.com>

*Kerry Scarratt  
Volunteer Administration  
Kariong Neighbourhood Centre*



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**Maree Whelan**  
Senior Land Services Officer  
Greater Sydney  
Local Land Services  
[www.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au)

# Natural Capital and the value of healthy riparian zones

Natural Capital and the value of healthy riparian zones - walk and talk in Yarramalong / hosted by Greater

Sydney Local Land Services

Farmers and land managers who are interested in making the most of their properties' natural capital are invited to come along to a morning of short talks and a paddock walk to learn more about riparian areas on Wednesday 16 October on a local property in Yarramalong - 10am - 1pm.

You will hear first-hand from the landholder and Local Land Services staff about:

- Maintaining and improving riparian vegetation.
- What natural capital is and why it is important.
- What natural capital support services you can access with LLS.

Lunch will be provided.

Registrations are essential and can be made here:

[https://regionalnsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_en9AYhYcA0fyEES](https://regionalnsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_en9AYhYcA0fyEES)

or

<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/greater-sydney/events>

**Maree Whelan**  
Senior Land Services Officer  
Greater Sydney  
Local Land Services



## Mangrove Mountain MEMORIAL CLUB & GOLF COURSE

### WHATS ON WEEKLY

#### TUESDAY

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#### WEDNESDAY

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| <b>Mandi Jerry</b><br>Sunday, 23 October 11-10pm             | <b>Spank &amp; the monkey</b><br>Friday, 20 December 11-10pm  |
| <b>Darren Rolling Keys Duo</b><br>Monday, 5 November 11-10pm | <b>Carren Rolling Keys Duo</b><br>Sunday, 27 December 11-10pm |
| <b>Den Woodham</b><br>Tuesday, 14 November 11-10pm           |                                                               |
| <b>Paul Bergagin</b><br>Monday, 27 November 11-10pm          |                                                               |
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# Council unveils draft Public Toilet Strategy

Central Coast Council is inviting the community to help shape the future of its public toilet network. A draft Public Toilet Strategy (Strategy) is now open for public comment on Your Voice Our Coast (YVOC).

Council Director Infrastructure Services, Boris Bolgoff said the draft Strategy outlines Council's vision for a comprehensive network of public toilets across the Central Coast that meets the needs of residents and visitors.

"This Strategy is an important document that will guide Council's investment in public toilet infrastructure for the next 22 years," Mr Bolgoff said.

"It outlines a long-term plan for renewals, new builds and demolitions/rationalisations, ensuring our network of 212 public toilets meets the evolving needs of the community and reflects best practices in the industry."

The Strategy identifies 79 public toilets in need of renewal, with an estimated investment of \$27.5million over the next two decades. Additionally, it proposes the construction of 27 new public toilets at an estimated cost of

\$9.2million in areas experiencing population growth or gaps in existing coverage. It also includes plans for demolishing/rationalising 11 existing facilities, primarily due to redundancy or proximity to new builds. In essence, it is proposed to increase the total facilities by 16.

Key considerations in the draft Strategy include:

- Prioritisation of public safety through 'Safer by Design' principles.
- Implementation of S.M.A.R.T. principles to optimise designs, construction, maintenance, operation, usability and use of technology.
- Development of a standardised public toilet design for ease of maintenance, construction and identification.
- Alignment with Council's Long-Term Financial Plan and commitment to responsible resource management.

Council Administrator, Rik Hart said community input was important in shaping the final strategy.

"The draft Public Toilet Strategy has been informed by extensive consultation with community groups, sporting organisations, disability advocates and tourism representatives," Mr Hart said.

"We value the community's perspective and encourage everyone to have their say on the draft Strategy to ensure our public toilet network serves

# \$40,000 commission opportunity for creatives

An opportunity is on offer for local creatives to receive up to \$40,000 commission through Central Coast Council's Creative Art Central program, which is designed to support local creative practitioners to produce new and contemporary works that demonstrates a strong connection to community.

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith is calling on local practitioners to be inspired to collaborate and create with the community.

"We're inviting local emerging and established creative practitioners that specialise in visual, performance, digital, literary, community arts and crafts to register their interest in developing a new work that encourages community participation during its

the needs of our growing community and thriving tourism industry."

The draft Public Toilet Strategy is on public exhibition and open for feedback on Council's YVOC engagement platform from Friday 27 September until Friday 25 October.

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production,” Ms Smith said.

“This may be developed through an interactive community program or public presentation which encourages community engagement and participation.

“By providing opportunities to commission new works and investing in the local creative landscape, Council not only assists with nurturing the growth of local creative practitioners but also in promoting stronger partnerships within the creative industries on the coast.

“Our community can view videos online to hear from previous year participants about their experiences with the Creative Art Central program, which have produced a diverse range of projects including, a large-scale sculpture, documentary and short films, and other initiatives across the performance and community art space.

Creative Art Central is a merit-based art in community program with an independent panel of judges. Registered practitioners who are ranked in the top 10 against the eligibility criteria, will each be awarded \$1,000 in seed funding to further develop and refine their initial concepts over a three-month period. The successful recipients will then be announced in May 2025.

Register your interest in the program between 7 to 21 October.

Search ‘creative art central’ at [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au) to find out more.

Central Coast Council, Media Release

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## Helping someone who is grieving

### NALAG Guest Speakers

We invite you to attend an informative session with guest speakers from NALAG - National Association for Loss and Grief (NSW) Inc with us to discuss Coping Strategies, Helping someone who is grieving, Christmas can still be special.

Coping with Christmas has much to do with challenging your expectations of the 'perfect' Christmas.

It is important to acknowledge that you are not totally responsible for others' happiness, but also that they cannot assist you if they are not aware of your pain or concerns.

Be gentle with yourself, trying not to expect too much of yourself or those around you, makes good sense, but often needs planning.

**Saturday 16th November 2024**

**10.00am - 11.30am**

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# The Trustee for the Mangrove Mountain Union Church 1914 Trust Inc.

The management committee of the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Trust ( MMUC/ Little White Church on the Mountain ) would like to thank the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair for their generous donation towards helping to paint the interior of the Church. We have had many favourable comments on the fresh new look inside the Church.

The Church is being used on a regular basis for Religious Services and is available for weddings and Funerals.

The Church Hall has activities booked 6 days a week with some days having morning and evening bookings.

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# PLAYGROUND REFURBISHED

The popular community playground in the grounds of the historic Mangrove Mountain Hall received a makeover with removal of weeds, subsurface preparation, all new softfall mulch and edging funded by Central Coast Council on Wednesday the 25th of September.

On behalf of the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group inc



and all who use the playground, a big thankyou to Central Coast Council for



funding and co-ordinating the project and for having the job completed all in one day around our busy hall hire schedule.

*Ryan Howard  
President Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group inc.*



On the 29th November the CWA "Taste of Europe" will be held in the Church Hall so keep an eye out for booking details in the Community News.

**MEN'S SHED.** On the 1st November at 6pm. anyone interested in attending a men's shed or helping to establish a Men's Shed on the Mountain is invited to come along to the Church Hall at 2154 Wisemans Ferry Road Mangrove Mountain.

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Our inaugural race day was held at the Wyong Race Club on Sunday 4th August introducing the Kulnura Cup, Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club Plate and the Somersby Bracelet.

A wonderful, fun day was had by all. It had the feeling and atmosphere of a big street party with mountain and valley folk getting together for a long overdue catch up and to reminisce.

Our recipients this year of the whopping \$16,500 we raised was Westpac Rescue Helicopters (Broadmeadow branch), Cedar Creek Wombat rescue and Jade Bousfield and her 4 kids. Everyone will remember Jades partner, Matt Hall, who past tragically on our roads earlier this year.

We have more wonderful days planned with a golf charity day and sportsman lunch at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club before our next race day in August next year.

Keep your eyes open for more info

on dates and how to participate.

Enormous thanks goes to our generous sponsors and supporters.

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Central Mangrove PS 100m mixed relay champions. Left to Right: Sheng Su (reserve) Adrian Aranja, Mason Zappia, Charlie Galea, Campbell Lane



Left to Right: 2nd place - Middle Dural PS, 1st place - Central Mangrove PS, 3rd place - Somersby PS

The Sydney North Public Schools Regional Athletics Championships were held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre on Monday, September 23.

Teams from three local schools, Central Mangrove, Peats Ridge and Somersby public schools, competed on the day.

The teams represented the Brisbane Water Zone with students and parents making the trek to Homebush on the day.

It was a clear but hot day as the team lined up around the track. All runners performed well and the all important baton changes went well.

Central Mangrove finished first, 1.38 seconds ahead of Middle Dural with Somersby a further second away.

Next it's off to the State competition where the athletes will compete against competitors from across the state.

The NSW Primary Schools Sports Association Primary Athletics Championships will be held on 23-24 October at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre.

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# Road To Recovery And Resilience: Wisemans Ferry Road Remediation Work Forging Ahead

Repairs and betterment works are now underway for more than 40 landslip sites on Wisemans Ferry Road in Spencer and Gunderman on the Central Coast, thanks to \$28.3 million from Albanese and Minns Government’s Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Wisemans Ferry Road experienced widespread damage including embankments with landslides and rockfalls at multiple locations, after major flooding and storms in 2022.

The road will be restored to its pre-disaster function and become more resilient to future natural disasters, as part of Essential Public Asset Reconstruction and Regional Roads Transport Recovery Package initiatives.

These initiatives help local councils in NSW rebuild road and transport infrastructure projects in disaster-impacted communities. Alongside current road pavement rehabilitation, over the coming months Wisemans Ferry Road will see works across four interconnected segments to rectify several critical landslide and embankment erosion issues. Completion of the Wisemans Ferry Road project is anticipated in June 2026, weather depending.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Jenny McAllister said

## Information Advisory from RIX Specialist Contracting

The RIX group have been engaged by the Central Coast Council to undertake embankment stabilisation works at different locations along Wisemans Ferry Road.

Due to the complexity of the project some of the work will need to be completed at night and require closure of Wisemans Ferry Rd.

Details of the first road closure are as follows:

Location: 5540 Wisemans Ferry Road, Gunderman

Dates: 8th October to 12th November 2024

Days and Times: Sunday 8pm - 5am, Monday 8pm -5am, Tuesday 10pm-5am, Wednesday 8pm-5am, Thursday 8pm-5am

Through access will also be provided at 10pm, 12pm & 3am

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Regards,  
Trevor House,  
Senior Project Manager  
0467372184



Image from Google Maps. No. 5540 circled

“The Albanese and Minns Governments are committed to working with Central Coast Council to build a stronger and more reliable road network that keeps local communities connected and freight operators moving. “Restoring and improving vital infrastructure such as Wisemans Ferry Road helps local communities respond and bounce back more quickly to any future natural disasters.”

Member for Robertson, Dr. Gordon

Reid said “I welcome the collaboration between the Federal and State Labor Governments to start these much-needed rehabilitation works along Wisemans Ferry Road.

“I know through conversations with my community that safety along Wisemans Ferry Road is a top priority, being one of the primary roads in and out of the area. “As an emergency doctor, it is vitally important that frontline services can access these

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communities easily and safely.”

NSW Minister for Planning, Paul Scully: “We have seen Wisemans Ferry Road severely impacted by weather events in recent years so this investment in upgrading more than 40 landslip sites is important. “When repair works are undertaken in disaster prone areas, we want to make sure they make the area more resilient for the future.

“These works on Wisemans Ferry Road are long overdue for the community to return to their normal travel routes around the area.”

NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Jenny Aitchison said “We know Wisemans Ferry Road is vulnerable to severe weather events, and this funding will help Central Coast Council to both carry out necessary repairs and to ensure the local road network is more capable of withstanding future natural disasters.

“This funding will provide a boost to Council, to improve the local roads that people use every day to travel to work, see their families and get to medical appointments.

“Working together, we can help communities remain connected or re-connect faster following a severe weather event.”

NSW Minister for the Central Coast David Harris said “These extensive rehabilitation works are a huge win for residents, visitors and freight operators who rely on Wisemans Ferry Road.

“These works will improve safety significantly while also ensuring the region can bounce back quicker.

“I’m proud to be part of a government providing funding which will improve the daily lives of regional communities.”

Gosford MP Liesl Tesch said “Wisemans Ferry Road has been significantly impacted by severe weather events and the local community are very happy to see work progressing to not only restore the road, but ensure it’s improved for the long-term benefit of all locals and visitors.

“The Central Coast deserves to have infrastructure that can recover more quickly from these types of disasters, allowing life to get back to normal more quickly.

“Simply repairing the damage without addressing the underlying problems would eventually be more costly for all concerned.”

Central Coast Council Director Infrastructure Services, Boris Bolgoff said “The long-awaited works have been much anticipated by the community after many natural disasters and storm events impacted local roads and the day-to-day life of locals, as well as visitors to the area.

“Since the time that emergency works were undertaken to reinstate road access and ensure safe use of the road, Council has continued to work on delivering solutions to get the road back to working order and to better



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withstand future natural disasters.

“We are excited to have successfully secured funding from the Australian and NSW Governments and for the remediation works on Wisemans Ferry Road to now be underway.

“This is a very welcome milestone for the community and the tourism industry, and we thank the Australian and NSW Governments for their funding support.”

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As with most sporting groups, we too rely on the support of dedicated volunteers and community members to make our impact possible.

We are a driven group of people, dedicated in offering our members, aged 5 to adults, a safe and supportive environment to develop and learn all things horse, through social and competitive involvement.

Currently we are seeking voluntary or discounted assistance for the upgrade of our current riding arena area, through levelling with earth-working machinery and topping with appropriate riding surface materials. This area is approximately 30m x 70m in area and our grounds are located on Jilliby Rd, Jilliby.

Your expertise in this field would greatly help us achieve our goals, to provide a better and safer riding area for the children and adult members of our horse-riding community.

We understand the value of time and skills of those in these industries and would be immensely grateful for any support you could provide, whether it is volunteering your time, offering services at a discounted rate, or even pointing us toward others who might be in a position to help our club out. No amount of assistance is ever too little.

In return we would acknowledge your contribution on our social media, provide testimonials for your kind support, collaborate with you for future projects that align with your area of expertise, suggesting that our members support those who support our club, for future requirements.

Over the past few years, our members have been impacted greatly with poor weather conditions impacting our riding grounds, so we

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SHAPES FUTURE PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL

Central Coast Council has released the results of its extensive community engagement program, undertaken over the past 12 months, that will guide the review of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The CSP is a ten-year vision for the Central Coast, developed by the community, that sets out the community's priorities used to guide Council's actions.

The comprehensive report titled 'Community Strategic Plan Engagement Report 2024' captures the voices and aspirations of residents across the Central Coast.

Council Acting CEO, Marissa Racomelara said the findings play a crucial role in determining the future direction of the region for the next decade.

"This report is a reflection of our community's hopes and dreams for the Central Coast," Ms Racomelara said.

"It provides valuable insights which will shape the future of our region and guide Council's decision making for years to come."

The engagement process, conducted over the past year, involved a variety of methods to ensure everyone had a chance to be heard. These included surveys, community workshops and in-depth interviews with specific groups.

Council Administrator, Rik Hart highlighted "These findings will be an invaluable resource for the incoming councillors, ensuring they have a clear understanding of the community's needs and aspirations to better inform



would love the opportunity to work with those who have expertise in the areas sought to further our mission to provide a safer and more weather resistive environment for our members to utilise.

If you would like to give back to your local community and help us /

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Council's decision-making process as they shape the future of the Central Coast."

The report identifies several key themes that resonated strongly with the community, including:

- Responsible Council governance with improved transparency, accountability and community engagement on decisions impacting the region.
- Protection of Aboriginal heritage through community education, site protection and land regeneration.
- Balanced housing development that includes adequate supporting infrastructure, green space and affordable housing.
- Increased opportunities for young people, including jobs, education, training and recreational activities.
- Support for local business and employment through streamlined processes, tourism promotion and improved accessibility.
- Improved cycleways, footpaths and public transport options.

Beyond these themes, the report also identifies areas where residents expressed satisfaction, such as appealing parks, maintenance of waterways, protection of built heritage and disability access. It also acknowledges the importance placed on aesthetically pleasing built environments, safety in the community and access to services.

"The findings from this report will be used collaboratively with the

# LIVING WITH THE RIVER PHOTO COMPETITION

We are excited to announce the NSW Reconstruction Authority's inaugural Living with the River photo competition and would love your support in spreading the word among your members. This competition aims to gather a diverse and rich collection of photographs that capture the essence of living with the Hawkesbury-Nepean River.

We invite photographers of all ages and skill levels to submit images that depict what 'Living with the River'

newly elected Council to review the current CSP and determine necessary changes," Mr Hart said.

"By reviewing the report, Councillors can make decisions to support plans that effectively address the community's needs..."

**The Community Strategic Plan Engagement Report 2024 is available for download from Council's online engagement hub, Your Voice Our Coast.**

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means to them. This could include the river as a place for recreation, a source of livelihood, a place of beauty a force of nature, or a site of cultural significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The river's dual nature as a source of life and a cause devastating floods is also a key theme.

With \$5000 in prizes up for grabs, this competition celebrates the Hawkesbury-Nepean River and highlights the need to be aware of the risks for communities living on the floodplain.

### Competition details:

- Categories: Primary School, High School, Open, AI and Semi-Professional
- Special Prize: A half day photography workshop for the winning secondary school, values at \$2200
- Entry Deadline: 2 February 2025

### How to enter:

For more information and the terms and conditions please visit [nsw.gov.au/living-with-the-river](http://nsw.gov.au/living-with-the-river)

This competition is a wonderful opportunity, and we would greatly appreciate it if you could share this information with your members and encourage them to participate.

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| Spencer RFS                           | General Meeting<br>Training<br>Maintenance                      | 2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm<br>3rd Monday 6:30pm<br>4th Monday 6:30pm<br>E: captain-Spencer-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au 0415<br>668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd                                                           |
| Somersby RFS                          | General Meeting<br>Training/Maintenance                         | First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station<br>Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except<br>before Wed general meeting)                                                                                                 |
| Yarramalong RFS                       |                                                                 | Information: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/YarramalongRuralFireBrigade/">www.facebook.com/<br/>YarramalongRuralFireBrigade/</a><br>Phone contacts: 0406 360588 or 0418 280764<br>Email: volunteer@yarramalongrfs.org.au |

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

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| Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce<br>Coastlink Friendship Group | First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC<br>Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre,<br>Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove                                            |
| Country Women's Association<br>(Somersby)                               | Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall<br>Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact<br>Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.                                  |
| Country Women's Association<br>(Peats Ridge & District)                 | Third Monday of the month at Community<br>Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries<br>please contact Christine 0419 400163.                             |
| Country Women's Association<br>(Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)       | 2nd & 4th Tues of the month, 4-8pm at<br>Mangrove Mtn Union Church, 2154<br>Wisemans Ferry Rd, MMtn. General meeting<br>6pm 2nd Tues. Ph Judy 43771728 |
| Gosford North Inner Wheel club                                          | 2nd Wed each month 11am at Phillip House in<br>Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760                                                               |
| Kulnura & District Garden Club                                          | Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui<br>Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradge@gmail.com                                                                  |
| Kulnura Tuesday Tennis                                                  | Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts.<br>Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.                                                                     |
| Ladies of the Valley Afternoon Tea                                      | 1st Tues, 1pm to 2.30 at Angels Sussurri Cafe<br>Yarramalong, Margaret Dale 0411104770                                                                 |
| Mangrove Mountain Singers                                               | 1st & 3rd Tue, Mangrove Mtn Hall, 6-8pm<br>Contact Kim & Leila 0401516501                                                                              |
| Mangrove Mountain & Districts<br>Community Group Meeting                | 1st Thurs of the Month, 7.30pm, Mangrove<br>Mtn Hall.                                                                                                  |
| Mangrove Emergency Planning<br>& Communications Committee               | Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 0412669649                                                                                                                |
| Mangrove Mountain Country Fair<br>Committee Meeting                     | 3rd Thu of mth except Jan, 7pm, at The Hub<br>of Mangrove Mtn. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529                                                                |
| Mountain Districts Association (MDA)                                    | <a href="http://www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au">www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au</a><br>secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au  |
| Mountain District Football Club Meeting                                 | Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the<br>Mangrove Memorial Club                                                                                    |
| Probus - West Gosford                                                   | 2nd Thu. Ph Elaine Burrows 0412988353                                                                                                                  |
| River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury<br>River District                  | President Marlee Maxwell<br>Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com                                                                                              |
| Rotary Club Meeting                                                     | Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529                                                                                                               |
| Spencer Community Progress Group Inc                                    | President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings,<br>4377 1167, spencercpg2@gmail.com                                                                         |
| Spencer Community Ladies Social Club                                    | Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer<br>Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364                                                                    |
| Newsletter                                                              | Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com                                                                                                                     |
| Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed                                     | Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt<br>4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781                                                                    |

### SPIRITUAL

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| Anglican Service - Mountain Districts | Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall,<br>Sunday School during school terms                                |
| Mangrove Mountain Union Church Trust  | Committee Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at<br>the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall                           |
| Mangrove Mountain Christian Service   | 9.30am second and fourth Sundays. Mangrove<br>Mountain Union Church, cnr Bloodtree Rd &<br>Wisemans Ferry Rd |

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## LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



### Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 23rd September 2024

400 Cattle yarded today at Maitland comprising of 450 Trade/Yearling Cattle and 50 Export.

Trade Market was firm to cheaper in places. Export job was firm to 10c dearer.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 320c/kg to 450c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 350c/kg to 450c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 315c/kg to 450c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 250c/kg to 340c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 260c/kg to 345c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 250c/kg to 350c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 350c/kg to 410c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 290c/kg to 345c/kg
- Prime cows made 290c/kg to 310c/kg
- Store cows made 230c/kg to 270c/kg
- Bulls made 200c/kg to 260c/kg
- Bullocks made 300c/kg

### Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 16th September 2024

380 cattle yarded today at Maitland, comprising of 340 Trade/Yearling Cattle and 40 export.

Trade Market remained firm as did the export market.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 340c/kg to 470c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 350c/kg to 475c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 340c/kg to 430c/kg

- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 270c/kg to 334c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 240c/kg to 332c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 265c/kg to 334c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 350c/kg to 410c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 290c/kg to 315c/kg
- Prime cows made 280c/kg to 300c/kg
- Store cows made 220c/kg to 270c/kg
- Bulls made 190c/kg to 280c/kg

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| <p>St Barnabas Christian Service<br/>Yarramalong<br/>Serbian Orthodox</p> <p>Kariong Community Baptist Church</p> <p>Restitution Ministries<br/>Independent SDA Church<br/>Divine Retreat Centre (Ph 04 6848 6782)<br/>160 Hensons Road, Somersby<br/><a href="http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au">www.divineretreatcentre.org.au</a></p> <p>Catholic Service -Spencer</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Wollombi<br/>- Yarramalong</p> <p><b>YOUTH</b><br/>Junior Girl Guides 5-10<br/>Girl Guides 10-15</p> <p>Scouts, Cubs &amp; Venturers<br/>Peats Ridge Scout Hall</p> <p><b>HISTORICAL</b><br/>Brisbane Waters Historical Society</p> <p>Dharug &amp; Lower Hawkesbury<br/>Historical Society Inc.<br/>First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter</p> <p>The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group</p> <p>Wyong District Museum &amp;<br/>Historical Society</p> <p><b>ACTIVITY/HOBBY</b><br/>Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group<br/>Coastal Communicators Toastmasters</p> <p>Craft/scrapbooking</p> <p>Saturday Craft Group/Spining<br/>and bobbin lace<br/>Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)</p> <p><b>HALL BOOKINGS</b><br/>Kulnura Hall<br/>Mangrove Mountain Hall<br/>Mangrove Mountain Union Church &amp; Hall</p> <p>Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts<br/>Culture and Heritage Centre<br/>Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall</p> | <p>Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter &amp; Christmas Carols dates to be advised)<br/>2nd &amp; 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$20).<br/>1184 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge</p> <p>Sun @9.30am, Church &amp; Kid's Program, Philip House, Mt Penang Gardens, Chris Clarke email <a href="mailto:pastorkcbc@outlook.com">pastorkcbc@outlook.com</a></p> <p>10am every Saturday, Mangrove Mountain Union Church.</p> <p>Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am<br/>1st Fri, 5.30pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Friday<br/>1st Sat, 5.30pm-9pm, Youth Ministry 18-35yr<br/>Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat</p> <p>Holy Trinity Church, 2nd Sat of the month 4pm, Contact 43771374 or 43771168 as times may change each month.<br/>2nd &amp; 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.<br/>1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas All welcome. Enq 0428 438577</p> <p>Kooree Guide Cabin, 5.00pm – 6.30pm Mondays in school term,<br/>Kooree Guide Cabin, 6.00pm-7.30pm Mondays in school term, Contact 0417451764 for further information</p> <p>Cubs meet 6.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesdays<br/>Scouts meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Tuesdays<br/>Venturers meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Mondays<br/>Contact 0460 696 941</p> <p>25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. <a href="http://www.henrykendallcottage.org.au">www.henrykendallcottage.org.au</a><br/>Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 0405321478 <a href="mailto:jankofron@optusnet.com.au">jankofron@optusnet.com.au</a><br/>2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30, Point Clare Hall (except Jan &amp; Dec). Contact Margaret 0409467710 or Gavin 43404435.<br/>3rd Fri of month 7.30pm Pearl Beach. Peggy 0411754577 <a href="mailto:pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com">pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com</a><br/>Open Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times by appt. Contact 43521886 email <a href="mailto:info@alisonhomestead.com.au">info@alisonhomestead.com.au</a> website: <a href="http://www.alisonhomestead.com.au">www.alisonhomestead.com.au</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.cclug.org.au">www.cclug.org.au</a> - all most welcome<br/>1st &amp; 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952<br/>Yarramalong Hall 10am to 5pm, \$12/person. Bring along your projects. Dates &amp; details: <a href="mailto:stackm@skymesh.com.au">stackm@skymesh.com.au</a> or ph 43561196<br/>2nd Sat of the month Somersby Hall (10am to 2pm) cost \$5 per person Carmen 0434071305<br/>Last Sunday of month 2pm at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Contact Margaret Dale 0411104770</p> <p>Contact Central Coast Council.<br/>Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289<br/>Church &amp; Hall bookings 0412669649 <a href="mailto:mmucsecretary@outlook.com">mmucsecretary@outlook.com</a><br/>Hall bookings: 0413 359 655 or AH 4373 1488<br/><a href="mailto:enquiries@yarramalonghall.org.au">enquiries@yarramalonghall.org.au</a><br/><a href="https://yarramalonghall.org.au">https://yarramalonghall.org.au</a></p> |
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# Court decision supports Council's prosecution of illegal tree clearing

Central Coast Council has successfully prosecuted a landowner in the Mangrove Mountain area for unlawfully clearing vegetation without approval.

The unlawful clearing related to the removal of approximately three hectares of native vegetation, equating to about 240 Olympic sized swimming pools. The vegetation removed included Red Gums, Turpentine, Forest Oak and Tea Trees which were likely habitat for native wildlife. Ground cover was also removed, and most tree stumps had been destroyed by heavy machinery.

The magistrate convicted the

landowner of the illegal act, issuing a penalty of \$55,000 and awarding over \$5,000 to Council in court related costs.

Council Director Environment and Planning, Jamie Loader said Council is pleased with the outcome given the nature and scale of the clearing, and is now also considering further action to have the vegetation reinstated and rehabilitated to ensure people do not profit from illegal action.

“This decision by the Local Court should send a warning to other landowners who disregard the law around illegal land clearing,” Mr Loader said.

Council Administrator Rik Hart said the decision is a significant result and Council will continue to prioritise action to address unlawful activity across the local government area.

“Council will continue to position itself as a firm but fair regulator in accordance with our Regulatory Policy and will continue to drive improved compliance with legislation, particularly where there is serious harm to the environment,” Mr Hart said.

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