# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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# Why do we have a Country Fair each year?

When we moved here, I went to my first Fair in 1981 and was pleasantly surprised and curious. I delved into the history in old minute books and was amazed at the origins. The Country Fair had started in the 1960's as a fundraiser



Above: earlier Produce Display Stand Right: Competition Entries Below: pre-2003 Woodchopping

to support a Bush Nurse for a rural community with no doctor. In the mid 1970's the government agreed to fund the Bush Nurse, but the Country Fair didn't stop. I guess the locals enjoyed all the other reasons to have a Country Fair- including: an annual get together with friends and neighbours, a chance to show off accomplishments and a lot of family fun.

And, of course, the money. Even with increasing costs; even on rainy days; even when problems happen at the last minute; the Country Fair makes money.

How come? Solid traditions, good organization and a willing army of volunteers (groups and individuals).

What for? The list of Country Fair beneficiaries is long, including: the Childrens Centre, the local primary schools, the community halls, the Guide

Cabin, the Pony Club, the Scouts, the Football Club, and the Sports Park on Bloodtree with its Skatepark and Playground. (I'm sure not too many other communities have started their own sports grounds or children centres). Many times Fair money has given access to government grant money, both on a \$ for \$ basis and as a way to prove locals were serious about a new project. Fair money has been used to obtain community facilities that may not have been possible, or at least taken much longer, without all our groups working together. Country Fair money gives ideas a chance to grow.

So let's be thankful, keep our Mangrove Mountain Districts Country Fair alive and well, and see you on Saturday 18th October.

Sue Douglas





"You can't use reason to convince anyone out of an argument that they didn't use reason to get into"

Neil deGrasse Tyson

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## Council Proposal for Water and Sewer Price Increases

Following endorsement at the Council meeting of the 23 September, 2025 Central Coast Council is now submitting its water and sewer pricing proposal to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for the 2026–2031 period.

The proposal is designed to balance affordability for customers with the need to maintain high-quality services and invest in essential upgrades to our water and sewer network. It reflects extensive community engagement since 2023, resulting in a submission informed by customers.

Based on the proposal, a typical household bill would increase by around 8% [plus 2.9% CPI, totalling 11.1% for medium households] in the first year, with yearly increases capped in line with inflation. Over this five-year period, Council will invest \$577.8 million in critical upgrades, including improvements to water and sewer treatment plants in order to improve

our environmental performance and respond to the needs of a growing region.

To help mitigate the impact of the proposed price increase on customers, existing Water and Sewer Fund reserves are proposed to be utilised to fund legacy works, such as the removal of accumulated sludge. These reserves represent revenue collected from customers over previous years, and their use in this context ensures that the cost of these essential works is not passed on to customers through further price increases.

Council's Director of Water and Sewer said the proposal was about striking the right balance.

"We're keeping bills as affordable as possible while investing almost \$578 million to make sure our water and sewer services remain safe, reliable and ready for the future," Mr Loader said.

"We know cost of living is front of mind for many households, which is why we're proposing to use fund reserves to help reduce the impact of these essential works."

Customers will be kept informed throughout the process. While Council submits the proposal, it is IPART that make the final decision on pricing. As soon as IPART receives the proposal, a link will be included on our Your Voice Our Coast (YVOC) page so that customers can be redirected to IPART's website to provide feedback on the full

# IPART Report on July 2022 price determination:

- From the 2022-23 financial year typical household bills for water, wastewater and stormwater services increased on average by an equivalent of 28% over 4 years.
- We have decided that this will be the last time we set stormwater prices. By 1 July 2026, we expect all stormwater costs to be paid through local government rates rather than water bills.

pricing submission and access further information. This ongoing process is an important opportunity for local voices to be heard and considered in shaping the outcome.

Central Coast Council Mayor, Lawrie McKinna said that Council has listened closely to our residents over the past two years, and their feedback has shaped this submission.

"This proposal reflects what our community told us matters most, affordability, reliability and future-proofing our essential services," Mayor McKinna said.

"Council is committed to keeping bills stable in real terms while continuing to invest in the upgrades

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# REVVED UP FOR CHROMEFE\$T 2025

Central Coast Council is once again gearing up to host one of Australia's most iconic car festivals—ChromeFest is returning to Memorial Park at The Entrance from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 October 2025.

ChromeFest is a free, family-friendly celebration of classic cars, rock 'n' roll culture, and retro lifestyle. With over 450 pre-1979 show cars on display, the event features car cruises, live entertainment across five outdoor stages, retro and market stalls, a fashion parade, dance demonstrations, USA

our region needs. Council is proposing to use existing reserves to fund legacy works. It's a responsible and fair approach.

"We encourage everyone to have their say when the IPART consultation opens. This is your chance to have your say and help shape the future of water and sewer services on the Central Coast."

For more information search 'future water and sewer service options' at yourvoiceourcoast.com

Central Coast Council Media Release band Lance Lipinsky and the Lovers and even a special Elvis cameo.

Central Coast Council Mayor, Lawrie McKinna said that ChromeFest is more than a car show.

"ChromeFest is a celebration of culture, connection and creativity that brings together car enthusiasts, music lovers and families for a three-day tribute to everything 1950s and 60s," Mayor McKinna said.

"Now in its 17th year, this vibrant and inclusive event attracts thousands of visitors from near and far, supporting local businesses and generating millions for our local economy.

"We're proud to support an event that entertains, unites our community, showcases the best of the Central Coast and delivers real benefits to the region."

#### Show car registrations open

Owners of pre-1979 show cars of all makes and models are invited to be part of this iconic event, including a twilight car cruise and Show n' Shine display and competition alongside the picturesque waterways of The Entrance.

Show car pre registrations can be submitted online at chromefest.org and will be open until midnight Sunday 19 October. There will be an option to pay on the day for show car entries on the Saturday and Sunday, with limited spaces available.

ChromeFest is presented by Central



#### PEATS RIDGE & DISTRICTS CWA

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# The problem with ultra-processed food

Ultra-processed foods (or UPFs) are food-like substances that the food industry creates to make money. That's right - they don't create their products to feed us, or provide any nutrients that we are deficient in. These large companies deliberately engineer their 'food-like' products to be overconsumed - they are designed for the least amount of effort to eat them in the quickest possible time.

They have no concern for the negative implications they have on our health.

UPFs are linked to rising rates of obesity, to metabolic diseases such as diabetes, and to poor gut health. It is projected that by 2050 that over half the world's population will be overweight or obese, and the cause of this is undoubtedly the food we eat.

To mass produce a product that has a long shelf life, and is irresistible to the consumer, big food companies use cheap ingredients, and then spend their massive profits on advertising (particularly to children) and product development.

They employ scientists to 'design' food to be addictive. They work on creating the right 'mouth feel' and the perfect ratio of salt, sugar, and fat to stimulate our brain to want more!

How do we know what foods are UPFs? If you can't make it at home from real ingredients, if it has ingredients that you don't recognise, or if it contains chemical emulsifiers, sweeteners, or anti-caking agents you can be sure it is an Ultra Processed food (think Pringles, breakfast cereals, and pretty much all fast food).

Real food on the other hand normally is a single ingredient - like a carrot.

Processed food is real food that has been changed in some way - such as grinding wheat to make flour, or a home-made soup. Ultra-processing requires breaking a food down to its basic units, and then combining it with other basic food units or chemicals, usually via pressure and heat, and then adding chemical flavourings, colourings, and other substances to make it hyper-palatable.

I know this article will be read by many people from the Mangrove Mountain community who have a diet based on whole foods. We are so lucky to live in an area where we have access to fresh produce - there are many places in the world which are now being called 'food deserts' because of the lack of access to any other food than fast food or frozen preprepared meals. The creep of UPFs into our diet is happening though, and our kids are particularly vulnerable to the marketing messages that the big food companies use.

To avoid UPFs take a look at the ingredient list of a packaged food. If it's long, or has ingredients listed that sound like they belong in a science lab, then maybe rethink your purchase. UPFs often take up the middle part of a supermarket. Try to keep to the edges where the bakery, the deli, and the fresh produce are. If you have kids and you can leave them at home when grocery shopping, that's also a great strategy. Never under-estimate the pester power of kids! But don't forget - the food companies have designed marketing campaigns specifically to make your kids want their product.

It's not easy to eat healthy in what is now an obesogenic environment.

If you are interested in knowing more, or would like some help to improve your diet and lifestyle, Merlene from Better Habits Health Coaching (a part of Better Health Practices in Kariong) has appointments available.



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### PEATS RIDGE & DISTRICT CWA

Our Branch is one of 14 under the umbrella of Northumberland Group and every September we have a Culture Day with a theme and this year was "Reach for the Stars". Members participate in plays, original poems written by a member and monologues.

Our marvellous Culture Officer Margie had us, once again, in a play whereby Donna was our school teacher and rest of us as 6yr old children and yes we played up and had so much fun being naughty.

Our Branch won three trophys: Kaye with her monologue on her trip to Cairns, a trophy for Best Branch Item and the big Memorial Trophy for Best Branch Interpretation of Theme. It was a day full of fun.

In the past we won many trophy's one of which was for the best performance of the "Itsy Bitsy Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" and I leave the rest to your imagination.

Culture days is an example of the diverse interests available for







members to express their creativity and are not only fun but help women step outside their comfort zone to build confidence whilst in a friendly supportive environment and learn new skills while working together.

Our Branch meet every 3rd Monday of the month at Kulnura Hall at 11.30 for a cuppa and meeting starting at 12.

Till next time, take care,

Christine Sanfilippo Publicity Officer



# Kulnura and Districts Garden Club

September 2025

Spring has sprung! September saw our driveway framed by Manchurian Pears (Pyrus ussuriensis for the formal Latin-speaking horticultural folk) flipping from bare bones at the start of the month, to wedding-worthy white confetti flowers the next week, to lime-green leaves the following week. If we blinked, we would have missed it! It reminds me of a podcast series "In the Kitchen Garden with Mickey Robertson" I discovered a few years ago, from which I learnt the term

by a 'yum' lunch at Angel Sussuri Café

- those whispering Angels served up a
treat! Thank you to our club member
Robyn for organizing the event! One
of the great things about our club is that
everyone contributes in many different
ways—many hands make light work!

The Rustic Nest was until recently owned by Paul, one of our club members, until he flew the coop interstate and it was purchased by the Angel Sussuri team. The property has been meticulously crafted to boast eclectic cottage style gardens set amongst picturesque surroundings.

and build in the Yarramalong Valley. Ezekiel Waters was a stone cutter by trade who, after government funding for building Darlinghurst Gaol ran out, was given land in Hexham before moving to Yarramalong with his family due to frequent floods in the Hunter region. They are considered pioneers of the area alongside the Stinson family, clearing their land and establishing a home and farm in the valley.

The main building, rebuilt in 1919 around the original sandstone, now serves as a welcoming guest house, preserving the nostalgic ambiance of





"ephemeral", meaning "lasting for a very short time". It seems the sense of privilege experiencing the beauty of nature is heightened when the star attraction is 'ephemeral'. The joy of our morning walks is heightened in the ephemerality (if there is such a word) of spring – flowers blossom one day and the next they are gone. The delights of gardening! If only the lawn-mowing for the next few months was ephemeral!

Our garden club members had our September meeting at "The Rustic Nest", opposite (and part of) the Angel Sussuri Café at Yarramalong. What a delightful morning it was, topped off The property is filled with rare native flora and fauna, and a unique grass amphitheatre (my dreams of a Blues on the Mountain style event was kyboshed so as not to disturb the peace of the Nest's neighbours).

This charming property built by Ezekiel and Jane Waters in 1885, who came out from Northern Ireland, is steeped in history nestled amidst the serene beauty of Convict sandstone. This property has evolved over the years retaining its historical essence.

The Waters family, led by pioneers Ezekiel and Jane Waters and their son James "Jimmy" Waters, were among the first families to permanently settle yesteryears.

Our members enjoyed a walk around the property after having morning tea and a presentation from Deborah and Aurora about the history and plans for the property, and checking out the highlights including a Bower Birds nest, sculptures, variety of plantings including some interesting bamboos and hanging plants, and a bit of a chat with a couple of interesting hardworking 'garden gnomes' including one called 'Terry'. What impressed most is the wonderful 'vibe' of the garden-achieved through wonderful design and no doubt a lot of hard work. A real treat!

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Back at home in our garden during September the spring bulbs and lavender are flowering, all the stone fruit blossom has come, pollinated, and gone, and green leaves are popping out everywhere while the citrus has gone into massive blossom.

The last of the citrus especially grapefruit has been harvested, with grapefruit marmalade and grapefruit bitters (superb as a tonic-alternative for a G&T) coming out of the kitchen. Parsley and coriander and other herbs along with peas and lettuce are at their prime this month, and dinners are a treat!

The shiny new tractor has been great in helping get our canola crop in off the fields (OK, fireweed, I admit, EVERYONE in our valleys is suffering from the fireweed curse this year). The ever-neighbourly Dave I'm sure is seething in jealousy as the blades effortlessly slice the fireweed from its roots like a well-honed Japanese sword committing hari kari, and I just know he's there watching, planning his next April Fool's caper.

Rosemary Morrow's book "earth user's guide to permaculture" is helping us pull together our permaculture design for our property, helping us to reflect on sustainable design, and inspiring us to observe and wonder



'why is it so?'.

Being enjoyed with the morning coffee is @davidthegood YouTube channel David the Good. American chap from Alabama is highly entertaining and challenges one's thinking with concepts like 'compost everything', 'grow or die', and 'survival gardening'. Watching this fellow has made me lose my fear of weeds, and my compost has gone 'next-level'!

Our next meetings will be on Monday

13 October and 10 November. We welcome new members and visitors to Kulnura and Districts Garden Club it's a wonderful club, and a great way to be introduced to local gardens and gardening knowledge!

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#### **Update: Mangrove** Mountain **Public Toilets** Redevelopment

The Mangrove Mountain public toilets, initially omitted from the Council's Public Toilet Strategy, are now subject to a needs assessment by Council staff. This process aims to establish the optimal specifications and final design for the replacement

To accurately quantify user demand, electronic counters have been installed in both cubicles. These devices will provide empirical data to substantiate the high usage levels reported by local residents.

The counters use electronic sensors to detect human traffic in each cubicle. They do not record images.



Current proposals recommend the installation of a full pump-out system equipped with a sealed, water-flushing mechanism. This upgrade is intended to address persistent issues associated with the existing composting units, specifically leakage and odour emission as well as the high usage rate.

Please note: Until the redevelopment is complete, users are strongly advised to avoid the effluent pool adjacent to the building due to potential health risks.

To facilitate ongoing community engagement, a QR code plaque has been mounted on an external post.



Users are encouraged to scan the code to access an online portal for submitting feedback or comments directly to Council.

Acknowledgement is extended to Anne for raising this issue with council and her consistent liaison and advocacy on behalf of the community

Left: Counter located on the wall inside each cubilcle.

Below: Effluent leak beside the building. Right: QR code for feedback



throughout this process.

Background: The land on which the facility is situated was donated to Council by the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group. Prior to this contribution, no public toilet facilities were available in the area.







#### **818 Dicksons Road, Jilliby** "Two Homes, One Lifestyle"

Welcome to an extraordinary lifestyle property in the heart of Jilliby, offering two beautifully appointed homes set across approximately 45 acres of rolling countryside. With breathtaking valley views and endless possibilities, this property is perfect for large families, multigenerational living, or those seeking the option to rent out a second residence.

The main home is a true country retreat, blending character with comfort. Featuring four bedrooms and two bathrooms, it is designed with family living in mind. The oversized master suite is a standout, complete with a spacious walk-in robe and a brand-new ensuite that feels like a private sanctuary.

Outdoors, the lifestyle opportunities are endless. A huge, enclosed deck with spa provides the ultimate setting to take in the magnificent views, whether it's hosting guests or unwinding after a long day.



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#### 660 George Downes Drive, Kulnura

Nestled in the Central Coast hinterland in a sought after rural pocket of Kulnura, experience the simplicity of rural living with this versatile 11.4-acre property.

The main home offers 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, providing ample space for a family. The master bedroom comes with an ensuite and a walk-in robe. An outdoor entertaining area invites you to enjoy the fresh air and scenic views, while the slow combustion fireplace inside adds warmth and coziness during the colder months.

The land itself is open and cleared, making it suitable for a variety of uses, from hobby farming to recreational activities. Multiple cleared grazing acres for horse paddocks are a feature, offering plenty of space for your four-legged friends! Including a solar system in place to help reduce energy costs and a bore ensuring a reliable water supply for the property.



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#### Big arenas, big dreams at Central Mangrove

Triple Crown Lodge at Central Mangrove has been a name tied to racing prestige. It's built on horsepower and history. Now, as it comes onto the market, buyers have the rare chance to take the reins of a place with deep equine roots and shape its next chapter.

#### An equestrian playground

There's arenas – and then this arena. An enormous, international-sized riding arena (80m x 40m) will turn the heads of serious competitors, especially those in Western disciplines like cutting, reining, or campdraft.

"There's not many properties that have the arena size quite like this," Tyson Nicholson, Rural & Lifestyle Specialist at McGrath Hunter Valley Cessnock, said. "It really is quite incredible and so while the property could suit someone looking to set up a broodmare property, a pre-training racing stable, or a spelling property for racehorses, it also presents an opportunity for someone into cutting or reining."

Supporting facilities include a large 60m round yard, six-horse stable block with warm wash bay and tack room, and groom's quarters ideal for clinic accommodation or conversion to a shed.

For conditioning, horses can stretch out on the 700m grass trotting and canter track, or rotate through 19 electrified paddocks with shelters, auto waterers, sprinklers, and secure outdoor stables. Four paddocks also feature yards and lockable stables, offering ultimate flexibility for trainers

and breeders.

#### Hold your horses, there's golf and bowling

Beyond the horse haven, Triple Crown Lodge delivers an enviable lifestyle package. The 27-acre (12-hectare) property is host to leisure facilities you won't find anywhere else. Think a private 88m par 3 golf hole with tee box, large green and bunker, and a 35m x 7m grass bowling green for friendly weekend matches.

There's also no shortage of space for machinery, with dedicated sheds for tractors, mowers, and all the gear that comes with acreage living.

#### **Double the opportunity**

At the heart of the property is a grand open-plan residence, offering seven bedrooms, three bathrooms and five car garages. It's a home that's all











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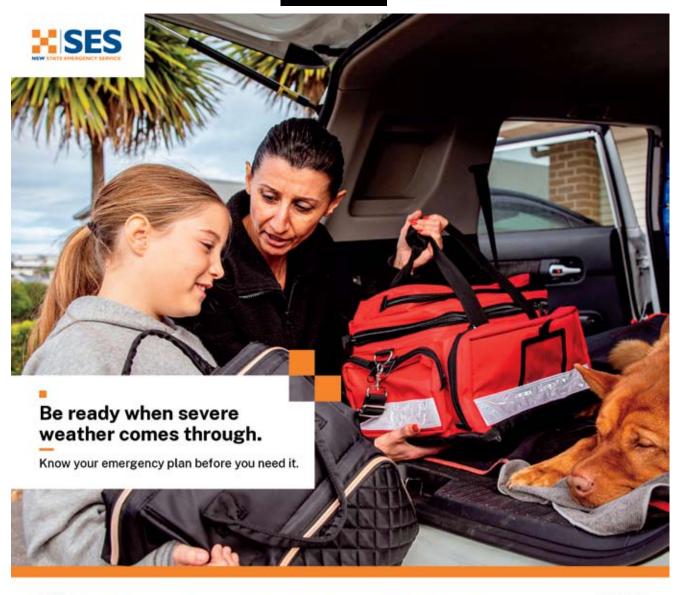




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#### **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL**

Coastlink Friendship Group

Country Women's Association (Somersby)

Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)

Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)

Gosford North Inner Wheel club

Kulnura & District Garden Club

Kulnura Tuesday Tennis

Ladies of the Valley Afternoon Tea

Mangrove Singers

Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group

Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee

Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting

Mountain Districts Association (MDA)

Mountain District Football Club Meeting

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#### **SPIRITUAL**

Anglican Service - Mountain Districts

Mangrove Mountain Union Church Trust

Mountain Districts Christian Church

St Barnabas Christian Service Yarramalong

3rd Sat, 9am-12 pm, breakfast 8.30am Every Thurs as required, generally 10am-1pm 3rd Sat in even months, at 1pm, All welcome bucketty@lowerhunterrfs.com.au 4998 8130

3rd Mon of the month, 7.30pm all welcome Training Every Monday 6.30 except public holidays Information & updates Facebook.com/calga/mtwhiteruralfirebrigade/ Captain.calgamtwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.

> 1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm

Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm

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

First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except before Wed general meeting)

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Email: volunteer@yarramalongrfs.org.au

Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove

Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.

Third Monday of the month at the Kulnura Hall. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400 163.

2nd & 4th Tues of the month, 4-8pm at Mangrove Mtn Union Church, 2154 Wisemans Ferry Rd, MMtn. General meeting 6pm 2nd Tues. Ph Judy 43771728 2nd Wed each month 11am at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760 Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.

1st Tues, 1pm to 2.30 at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Margaret Dale 0411104770 1st & 3rd Tue, 6.00 7.30pm at Mangrove Golf Club, enquiries - Kim 0401516501

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

Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 0412669649

3rd Thu of mth except Jan, 7pm, at Union Church Hall. Pres - Steve 0455 155 075

www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club

2nd Thu. Ph Elaine Burrows 0412988353

President Marlee Maxwell  $Email\ river caresinc@gmail.com$ 

Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529

President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 0436482201, spencercpg2@gmail.com Last Fri of month. 12.00 noon Spencer Community Centre, Jennifer Dayes 4377 1364 Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781

Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms Committee Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall

Services 9.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays. Bible Study 4.30pm 1st & 3rd Mondays. Mangrove Mountain Union Church

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#### Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 15th september 2025

500 cattle yarded this week at Maitland. Trade 436 /Yearling cattle and 64 export.

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- 250kg-300kg made 555c/kg to 600c/
- 300kg-380kg made 463c/kg to 535c/ kg
- Butcher Vealers made 400c/kg to 470c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 443c/ kg to 498c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 406c/ kg to 445c/kg
- Bullocks made 310c/kg to 350c/kg
- Cows made 327c/kg to 380c/kg
- Bulls 239c/kg to 250 c/kg

#### Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 8st september 2025

540 cattle yarded this week at Maitland. Trade 458 / Yearling cattle and 61 export.

Trade job remained firm . Export Job dearer.

- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 505c/kg to 590c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 515c/kg to 588c/
- 300kg to 380kg made 435c/kg to 580c/kg
- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 438c/kg to 490c/kg

- 250kg-300kg made 414c/kg to 486c/
- 300kg-380kg made 400c/kg to 460c/kg
- Butcher Vealers made 400c/kg to 470c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 415c/ kg to 580c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 430c/ kg to 460c/kg
- Bullocks made 310c/kg to 360c/kg
- Cows made 330c/kg to 380c/kg
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#### YOUTH

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Girl Guides 10-15

Scouts, Cubs & Venturers Peats Ridge Scout Hall

#### HISTORICAL

Brisbane Waters Historical Society

Dharug &Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society Inc. First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter

The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group

Wyong District Museum & Historical Society

#### ACTIVITY/HOBBY

Carnival Glass Club

Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club Inc.

Coastal Communicators Toastmasters

Saturday Craft Group/Spining and bobbin lace Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)

#### HALL BOOKINGS

Kulnura Hall

Mangrove Mountain Hall

Mangrove Mountain Union Church & Hall

Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts Culture and Heritage Centre Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall Saturdays 5pm St. Dionysios Greek Orthodox Church, 21 Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove, Contact Nai Hereford 0405 558 669
Holy Trinty Church, 2nd Sat 4pm, Phone 0412 201 851 as times may change.
2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.
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Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat. 160 Hensons Road, Somersby Ph 0243721598 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$20). 1184 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program,

Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Philip House, Mt Penang Gardens, Chris Clarke email pastorkcbc@outlook.com 10am every Saturday, Mangrove Mountain Union Church.

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Meeting dates: ccjuniormotorcycleclub.org.au, FB: "Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club Official". David Smith 0412 506 503

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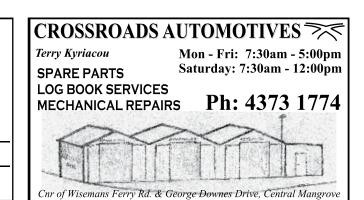
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