

COMMUNITY NEWS

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TIME FOR TRUTH TELLING ON LANDFILL TRAVESTY

In May the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) issued a prevention notice to Verde Terra Pty Ltd, the operator of the Mangrove Mountain Landfill, following the detection of elevated levels of ammonia 80 metres downstream from the site and low levels of PFAS in nearby ground water monitoring bores.

Since then, CEN has been lobbying the Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch, to assist with our long-standing calls for an independent Commission of Inquiry into the causes of the landfill travesty at the top of this region's water catchment area.

Ms Tesch helpfully passed on our request to the Minister for the Environment, Penny Sharpe MLC, who responded without addressing our call for a judicial inquiry. We've sent another letter to Ms Tesch restating our belief that until a truly independent examination of how a golf course remodelling project turned into a regional landfill was allowed to happen, the same thing could happen again, anywhere!

The presence of ammonia and PFAS around the site is clearly due to leachate - liquid that 'leaches' from landfills, a mixture of compounds, including heavy metals, pathogens, and chemicals. If not managed properly, leachate can contaminate soil and water.

We believe the whole sorry saga of the landfill represents an unacceptable approach to environmental risk management in a highly sensitive drinking water catchment.

The EPA failed to discharge its statutory responsibilities under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act). It failed to enforce license conditions, permitted unlawful expansion of waste operations, and ignored its obligations on no fewer than eleven (11) distinct occasions.

Equally damning was the role played by the former Gosford City Council

Applications Open For 2026 Youth Advisory Group Program

Applications are now open for the Government's 2026 Youth Advisory Groups.

Youth Advisory Groups bring together young people aged 16 to 24 years who are passionate about making a difference and want a chance to engage with government and work with ministers and agencies on policies and programs that affect them.

From climate action to mental health, these groups give young Australians a seat at the table, and a voice in the matters that affect their generation – and future generations.

In 2026, two existing groups will continue: the Climate Change and Water Youth Advisory Group and the First Nations Youth Advisory Group.

The Office for Youth will also establish three new groups in 2026: a

Mental Health Youth Advisory Group, a Countering Foreign Interference Youth Advisory Group, and a Sports Participation Youth Advisory Group.

Young people have a unique opportunity and a real chance to play an active role in influencing government decisions and shaping future policies that matter to them.

The program is open for applications until Sunday 26 October through the Digital Youth Hub, www.youth.gov.au.

Dr Gordon Reid MP said "Young people have a huge stake in the future of our country – and that means they need a say in that future."

"The Youth Advisory Groups empower young people to be involved in areas affecting them most and in turn, help shape how our Government responds."

"If you are a passionate young person who wants to have a say in your future, make sure you apply today."

"After meeting the incredible young people from the last Youth Advisory Groups, I am proud and excited to see what another year of this wonderful program brings."

*Media Release from the office of
Dr Gordon Reid MP
Federal Member for Robertson*

(GCC), which failed to enforce the original development consent and enabled the importation of 800,000m³ of waste - more than 10 times the originally approved amount.

As the leachate continues to percolate at the top of the Central Coast's water aquifer, the NSW Government keeps fobbing off the need to get to the bottom of what went wrong, let alone come up with a way forward.

No penalties have ever been issued for the multiple breaches that have occurred, but the EPA has maintained a financial interest in the landfill via the collection of waste levies. This raises serious questions about conflict of interest and whether revenue considerations compromised environmental oversight.

The legal proceedings that once precluded intervention have now concluded. There is nothing standing in the way of Liesl Tesch and Penny Sharpe standing with this community to get answers.

If the government won't act, perhaps it is time for the community to take a stand and conduct our own Citizens Inquiry to finally let some sunlight in and disinfect what is rotting at the top of the mountain.

Gary Chestnut, Chair, CEN

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*Carl Sandburg,
Author (1878-1967)*

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Next issue Published
7th November 2025

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**** 31st October '25 ****

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GRANT FUNDS FOR GOSFORD SENIORS' CENTRE

Funding from a NSW community grant will be "lifechanging" for the Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre.

The \$10,998 made available through the Government's Community Building Partnership will provide the centre with new fridges and freezers, as well as TV monitors.

"Getting new fridges and freezers, in particular, will be lifechanging for us," volunteer Jan Lawrence said. "We have a meal service every day, and we need to be able to plan in advance, so

adventure. We're grateful to Traveller for shining a light on what we strive for every day – to offer transformative outdoor adventure experiences" says Mia Lawler, General Manager, Glenworth Valley Wilderness Adventures.

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the freezers will really help with that.

"Our TVs are really old too, so we need to update those so people can use their laptops on them."

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP said the State Government funds will deliver much-needed improvements to local facilities in the region, such as the Gosford 50+ centre.

"Our over 50s centres are so essential for bringing together our community, serving as a gathering space for seniors to connect, form friendships and engage in activities," Ms Tesch said.

"I would encourage seniors in our community to get involved in your local over 50s Centre, connecting with all the amazing offerings available.

"In particular, I would like to thank the volunteers who make the fantastic centres a reality."

The Gosford electorate has secured \$450,000 in funding for a total of 22 infrastructure projects through the \$41 million CBP program.

"I congratulate all the organisations that were successful in their application and look forward to seeing the positive outcomes in our community," Ms Tesch said.

*Media Release from
the Office of Liesl Tesch MP
Parliamentary Secretary for
Families and Communities
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Member for Gosford*



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Minister blocks drainage price plan

Residents will be consulted on a drainage price to be included in residential rates after Local Government Minister Ron Hoenig refused to allow Central Coast Council to simply transfer the charge from its water rates, no questions asked.

The drainage charge is \$130 a year for properties less than 1000m² up to \$3,251.85 for properties more than 45,000m² according to council's FAQ answers on its website.

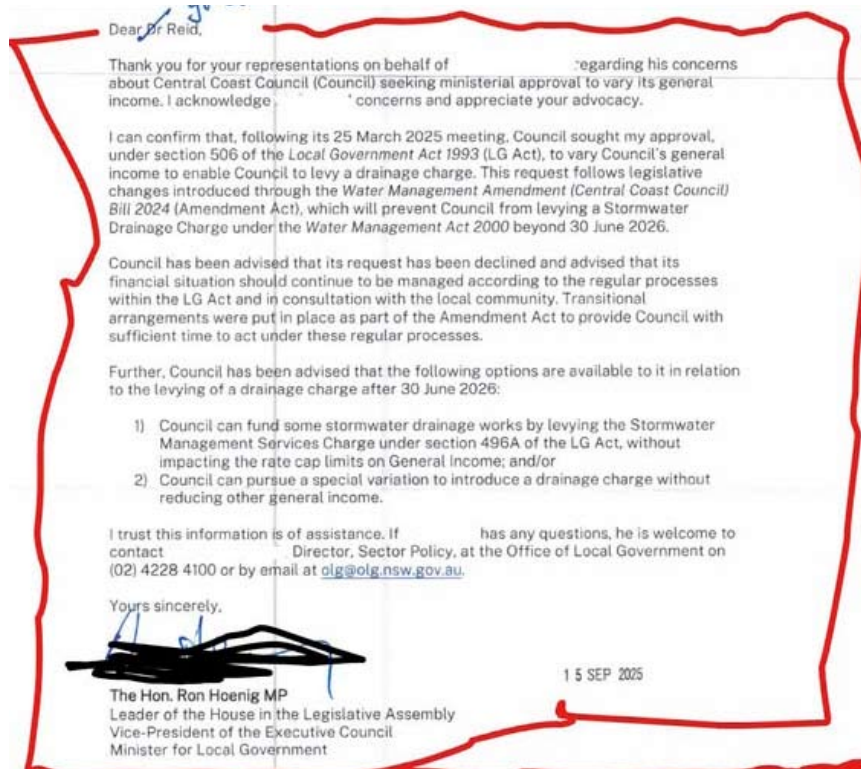
The charge is worth almost \$20M each year and council says it needs it to deliver essential services to the community.

It could opt to levy a stormwater charge as some councils do but at \$25 a pop, it would not bring in as much money as the current drainage charge.

To keep the charge, Council will now have to ask the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a rate rise to take effect in 2026-27.

It is already asking IPART for a 8 per cent water rate rise to take effect from 2026-27.

Minister Hoenig said Council has been advised that its request



has been declined and advised its financial situation should continue to be managed according to the regular processes within the Local Government Act and in consultation with the local community.

Council's water business was simplified in 2024 so it was no longer regulated by two different and at times conflicting pieces of legislation.

The NSW State Government passed the Water Management Amendment (Central Coast Council) Act 2024 and repealed The Central Coast Water Corporation Act 2006.

"Transitional arrangements were put in place as part of the Amendment Act to provide Council sufficient time to act under these regular processes," Mr Hoenig said.



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“Further, Council has been advised that the following options are available to it in relation to the levying of a drainage charge after 30 June 2026: 1) Council can fund some stormwater drainage works by levying the Stormwater Management Services Charge under section 496A of the LG Act, without impacting the rate cap limits on General Income; and/or 2) Council can pursue a special variation to introduce a drainage charge reducing other general income.”

Resident Kevin Brooks says the Minister’s decision is a win for the community.

“If transfer of drainage costs requires an increase in general rates, it should also mean an equal decrease in water rates, Mr Brooks said.

“That’s why public consultation is so important - so the public can gauge the combined effect across both general

rates and water rates,” he said.

Council has already increased its income from combined rates by about 39% in the four years up to 2024.

IPART told council in 2022 that it could no longer include a drainage charge in its water rates from 2026.

IPART said the stormwater services provide benefits to the entire community not just specific customers and therefore should be funded through local government rates like other services that benefit the whole community such as maintaining public parks, roads and bridges.

In March of this year, Councilors voted to ask the Minister to allow it to simply move the charge to its residential rates.

The decision noted that there was no intent to raise additional general rates income from residents - apart from the

annual rate cap indexation - as a result of the proposed change.

Then in September, Council voted to seek an 8 per cent water rate rise to take effect in the financial year 2026-27.

Council has said nothing publicly about the Minister’s decision but Federal Member for Robertson Gordon Reid notified ratepayers after he advocated on their behalf by writing to the Minister.

The Minister replied on September 15. See the screenshot.

To see the original post and associated comments go to:

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Young people on the Coast asked what matters most

Central Coast Council is developing a Youth Strategy for 2026–2030 and is inviting young people aged 12–24 who live, study or work on the Coast to share their opinions. From 1 to 31 October 2025, an online survey at yourvoiceourcoast.com will gather ideas, needs and priorities to help shape the future of youth services.

Mayor Lawrie McKinna said there are more than 50,000 young people aged 12–24 years living in the Central Coast region, representing just over 14% of our total population.

“Young people bring fresh perspectives and bold ideas that are vital to shaping the future of our region,” Mayor McKinna said.

“They are valued members of our community. How we listen to, celebrate and involve them will help influence the future of the Central Coast.”

“This strategy is about putting young voices at the forefront. We’re asking what’s great about being a young person on the Central Coast and

what do they want to see changed or improved.

“I encourage parents, carers and youth advocates to help spread the word. Let’s give our youth the platform and confidence to step up and lead the way.”

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said Council is committed to working with the community to connect young people, build their confidence and skills and creating inclusive opportunities.

“Our Youth Strategy outlines how we will work with young people, schools, youth organisations and the wider community to make the Coast an even better place to live, connect and thrive for our young people,” Ms Smith said.

“Feedback from this consultation will help us understand what matters most to young people and how best to support them - directly shaping a five-year plan that will guide our delivery of youth-led programs, services and opportunities.

“Our first Youth Strategy steered a range of impactful youth programs since 2020 including Creative Engineers Program, the Youth for Youth (Y4Y) Leadership Program, the Central Coast Skatepark Series, the Skilled and Ready Program, School Holiday Youth Day Out Program, Youth Week Program, and Central Coast Youth Week Awards.

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“These initiatives not only brought the strategy to life but also reinforced our dedication to empowering and celebrating young people across the region.”

Young people aged 12–24 who complete the survey will go in the draw to win one of two Beats Solo 4 headphones!

Parents, carers, youth sector professionals and interested community members are also encouraged to take part in the survey and share their feedback.

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“This program will save lives. The cost of an AED can be out of reach for many of our grass roots sporting organisations and this program aims to improve safety in our community by increasing access to life-saving equipment when you need it most.”

Eligible sport and active recreation organisations across NSW can apply for grants of up to \$3,000 to purchase and install an AED at their facilities.

Ms Tesch called on all local clubs to check their eligibility and apply without delay saying “this funding could save a life, so don’t delay in getting your application in.”

Applications are open now and close when funds are exhausted or by 1pm, 1 December 2025 (whichever comes first). With demand high and funding allocated on a first-in, first-served



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basis, local sporting organisations are encouraged to apply now.

Those interested in applying should visit:

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program>.

*Media Release from the
Office of Liesl Tesch MP*

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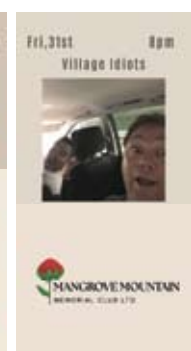


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- Dr Ron Ehrlich - A leading holistic health advocate, holistic dentist, health coach and a director of Nourishing Australia and The Ancestral Nutrition Foundation, author of book "A Life Less Stressed" and podcaster.
- Belinda Fettke describes herself as a health disruptor and change-agent challenging the health benefit claims of the last 50 years of low-fat high carb messaging
- Dr Max Gulhane - a practicing

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- Dr Matt Landos— a veterinary scientist, researcher, and passionate advocate for environmental health.
- Sam Betteridge— an Urban Agro-ecologist and Regenerative Educator who is passionate about teaching people about the importance and achievability of Urban Agricultural practices bringing sustainability into classrooms & communities.
- + Cameos by
- Allan Savory - father of Holistic Management (using livestock to regenerate the land)
- Costa Georgiadis from Gardening Australia

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Buskers Charm The Entrance Throng

The Central Coast heat of the Australian National Busking Competition was held at The Entrance on Sunday 28 September.

It has continued to be popular with participants and visitors alike. The Rotary Club of Erina was joined by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Kincumber, The Entrance and West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook on the day to host this amazing event that profiles all ages of talent here on the coast.

From a 10-year-old talent to a seasoned trio of locals, we had a great quality of performances.

People's Choice was visiting Bowral resident, 10-year-old Hunter Harding (Hunter Harding Instagram), with local Jesse McIvor (Jesse McIvor - YouTube) a close second place.

What a wonderful day it was – the weather smiled on us again with many families visiting The Entrance enjoying the activities in the park and the Plaza and the music all day in sunshine.

The performances were held in and around the Memorial Park, the Boardwalk, the Plaza and Marine Parade, the Fairground entertainment, and the ever-popular Pelican Express little blue train rides. The Memorial Park stage hosted the finale concert of the buskers that had been selected during their morning performances by the judges and the audiences to be finalist for the prize giving.

Many people who were new to the event stayed for the concert of the finalist performers to see if the busker they voted for with busking tokens they purchased from the Rotarians won the 'People's Choice' Award.

"It was a great day with heaps of local talent and the finale concert was where all the performers stepped up their performances for a great show" said a Rotary Club spokesperson, "the People's Choice is my favourite award because people are voting for their favourite performer and



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Allan Spencer the founder of the Australian National Busking Championships was joined by Rhia Norcott, DJ with Coast FM, and Erina Rotarian Susie Smith, to undertake the formal judging for the three other categories.

Each category winner, including the People's Choice automatically gains an invitation to compete at the National Finals in Cooma on Sunday 16th November for the opportunity to become this year's National Champion.

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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 contact: 0494 344 030 Email: volunteer@yarramalongrfs.org.au

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce	First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC
Coastlink Friendship Group	Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove
Country Women's Association (Somersby)	Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.
Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)	Third Monday of the month at the Kulnura Hall. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400 163.
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 Kariiong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
Kulnura & District Garden Club	Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com
Kulnura Tuesday Tennis	Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.
Ladies of the Valley Afternoon Tea	1st Tues, 1pm to 2.30 at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Margaret Dale 0411104770
Mangrove Singers	1st & 3rd Tue, 6.00 7.30pm at Mangrove Golf Club, enquiries - Kim 0401516501
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group	1st Thurs of the Month, excl Jan. 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 Union Church Hall. Pres - Steve 0455 155 075
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, 0436482201, 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
Mountain Districts Christian Church	Services 9.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays. Bible Study 4.30pm 1st & 3rd Mondays. Mangrove Mountain Union Church
St Barnabas Christian Service Yarramalong	Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised)

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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 15th september 2025

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

Trade job dearer . Export Job firm.

- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 432 c/kg to 5510 c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 461c/kg to 485c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 402c/kg to 450c/kg
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 436c/kg to 600c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 555c/kg to 600c/kg
- 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/kg
- 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/kg
- 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
- Bulls 200c/kg to 210 c/kg

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Margaret 0409467710 or Gavin 0406645842.
3rd Fri of month 7.30pm Pearl Beach. Peggy
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Official". David Smith 0412 506 503

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at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952
2nd Sat of the month Somersby Hall (10am to
2pm) cost \$5 per person Carmen 0434071305
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