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WARNING TO RESIDENTS ABOUT ONGOING THEFTS AND INCURSIONS

There have been several robberies from farms in the area especially around Lower Mangrove.

Items stolen include chainsaws, ride-on mowers, brushcutters, tools, vehicles and fuel.

Telephone lines have also been stolen, long lengths of overhead cable along Morgans Road at Mt White have been cut.

There have also been reports of drones flying very low around properties, hovering close outside house windows and looking into open sheds.

Residents are urged to be on the lookout for unfamiliar vehicles

Stolen Equipment Hampers Roadworks

Hi Everyone
I am the Senior Project Manager for The RIX Group.

We are currently undertaking the embankment stabilisation works on Wisemans Ferry Rd, Greengrove.

Works have been progressing well so we should be out of your way soon, mid July hopefully.

Over the past month we have had a couple of break ins at our site compound and the lights controlling

driving slowly or repeatedly passing a particular location.

Take a note of vehicle make, colour and registration number, description of driver and any passengers and if there are any problems report to Gosford Police on 4323 5599, Wyong police on 4356 6099 or phone Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

the traffic flow, which I know you all love.

These thieves take the batteries out of the lights making them inoperable.

The lights are there to make it safe for residents to travel along that stretch of road. When they are not working it makes it very hazardous for you guys especially at night.

In our compound we have had our container broken into with an inverter generator stolen twice as well as significant damage to our vehicles stored there.

I was hoping that if anyone knew anything they could reach out to me so that information can be past onto Police.

A local security guard has now been engaged to monitor the sites whilst workers are there.

At the end of the day, the significant costs to replace and fix everything will go thru insurance which will affect premiums to locals in the area.

It has also extended our works program meaning we will be in your way for longer.

We appreciate everyone's patience whilst the necessary works are completed, I know it has been a long time coming for you guys but the end is near.

If anyone would like to reach out to me, you can contact me on 0467 472 184, call or text.

Thanks again for your help with this.

*Trevor House
Senior Project Manager
The RIX Group*



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Russian Proverb

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Collaboration Helps Protect Historic Fairview Homestead

**The future of Fairview is
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Fairview is a heritage-listed homestead nestled within the sensitive Mangrove Creek water catchment at Dubbo Gully. It has stood for more than a century as a landmark of the region's history. Known for its striking setting and deep ties to the Mangrove Creek and Mangrove Mountain community, Fairview is a place of exceptional heritage value.

Over the past year, the Fairview Homestead Association has been working closely with Central Coast Council's Department of Water & Sewer to find practical ways to stabilise and protect the building while longer-term plans for its future are considered.

Following a structural assessment in late 2025, it became clear that the

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roof of Fairview had deteriorated and was no longer waterproof. In response, Council's Water & Sewer team coordinated a joint effort with the Gosford SES to carry out urgent protective works.

With logistical support, timber and site access provided by Council, a team of around 20 SES volunteers dedicated two full days to the task. Veranda posts weakened by decades of exposure were carefully reinforced, loose roof sheeting was secured, and missing roof capping replaced. The SES team then installed two large protective tarps over the roof and chimney, using the unique challenges posed by the building as a skills training opportunity. Council, SES and the community working together was a win for everyone, but the biggest winner was Fairview, now protected from further water damage.

The Fairview Homestead Association has expressed its deep gratitude to everyone involved.

"On behalf of our 200 financial members and the hundreds of supporters who have signed our petition to save Fairview, we sincerely thank the Gosford SES volunteers for their energy and commitment to protecting Fairview," said President Matt Lohmeyer. "We are equally grateful to Greg Horvath and the Council's Department of Water & Sewer for their constructive support to make this happen, and to Council Heritage Officer Rebecca Cardy for her ongoing guidance."

Heritage consultants have consistently assessed Fairview as being of "exceptional" significance—making its preservation an important priority. With restoration, the homestead has the potential to serve the community in a variety of low-impact ways, as a walkers' cabin, an artists' retreat, eco-accommodation, etc., all while respecting the pristine environment that makes Dubbo Gully so special.

Protecting Fairview to prevent further deterioration is a critical first step on the journey. The Fairview Homestead Association continues



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to advocate for the protection and restoration of the site, with a vision to preserving its historical and cultural significance for the benefit of future generations.

Community support remains vital. Central Coast residents are encouraged to learn more about Fairview (search: "Fairview WikiTree"), to sign the petition (please scan the QR Code), and to get involved.



You can meet Association members at the Mangrove Mountain Markets or attend the heritage celebration at the upcoming "Twilight in the Hinterland"




event on 6 June at Mangrove Mountain Hall as part of the Harvest Festival.

If you value the Central Coast's unique heritage, now is the time to lend your support to secure Fairview's future.

Dr. Matt Lohmeyer
President

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Celebrating 80 Years of Community – Kariong Progress Association

In 1954, Kariong was home to a small but determined community working together to build something better.

An article from The Gosford Times that year captured the spirit of the place

SERVICES

The fact that there is a Post Office at Kariong — and electricity, and a convenient bus service, and well formed side roads — is due to the efforts of the 8-year-old Progress Association. Population of Kariong is only 114 — men, women and children — and apart from 'Floralands' and the quarry on its outskirts there is only one citrus orchard, and two poultry farms. Yet it is a name that is making itself heard more and more often and further and further afield. The little community is right behind its Progress Association, and in the seven years since its formation has urged and seen accomplished ' those important improvements. Its next objective is a community hall — for which a special committee is bringing in regular sums of money from various activities. One of



Olive, Percy and son Geoffrey Parry at Floralands, Kariong c1940-50

the most publicised of the association's 'town' functions was the Baby Show in 1952. This was such a howling success that it was not a financial success. Baby show howling success Matron Shaw, far-famed as the matron of the Crown Street Women's Hospital, consented to judge the babies, and so many mothers came to stare in admiration at her that they forgot to patronise the stalls.

FLOWER SHOW

Last year Kariong Progress Association held a flower show, with a special display by 'Floralands,' which was a success in every way and will

be repeated this year on September 4. Negotiations are under way for another 'notable' to open the show — and should be quite a surprise. Officers of the Progress Association at present are: President, Mr P. J. Parry; vice presidents, Messrs A. Dibbin, B. Oakes; secretary, Mrs W. Langford; treasurer, Mr W. Langford; publicity officer, Mrs P. J. Parry. Treasurer and secretary are also postmaster and wife, and their daughter, Yvonne, was captain of Gosford High School last year. The Post Office is on the land originally granted to William Parry, father of P. J. and Henry Parry, and

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There were four estates in Kariong 50 years ago— MacDowell's now subdivided), Topples, and William and Henry Parry's. The 113 acres which comprise 'Floralands' were owned by Henry Parry— of quarry fame— before being taken over by P. J. Parry in 1925'

These stories are just a glimpse into the rich and colourful history of Kariong — a history built on community spirit, hard work and connection.

This year, 2026, the Kariong Progress Association celebrates 80 years of serving the community, and everyone is warmly invited to be part of the celebration.

- Sunday 24 May 2026
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm
- Kariong Progress Hall, Dandaloo Street

This special event will celebrate Kariong then and now, bringing together past and present to share the stories that have shaped the suburb. Long-time locals will reflect on what it was like growing up in Kariong — from the early days of farms and dirt roads to the vibrant community it is today.

There will be a commemorative booklet launch, displays of photos and memorabilia, and plenty of

Young people given a voice at Youth Parliament

As part of The Y NSW's flagship leadership program, Brisbane Water Secondary College student Kobi Skyla has been announced as the Youth Member for Gosford.

As the Youth Member for Gosford, Kobi Skyla will have the opportunity to connect with youth from the Gosford electorate and give future leaders a voice in NSW Parliament.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP, has congratulated Kobi on this fantastic achievement.

"This is an incredible opportunity for many young adults to shed light on the challenges that our youth are facing.

"It provides a crucial learning experience for these young leaders to experience being a Parliamentarian and make a lasting impact upon their community as a Youth Member of

opportunities to connect, reminisce and learn more about the place we call home.

Whether you are a long-time resident or new to the area, this is a chance to hear firsthand the stories, memories and moments that define Kariong.

Come along and be part of the story.

*Lisa Bellamy, President
Kariong Progress Association*

Parliament representing electorates across NSW.

2026 Youth Member for Gosford, Kobi Skyla said he is honoured to hold the position.

"I can't wait to debate in NSW Parliament House, and even more so to deliver my Private Members' Statement, in which I will be able to speak of an issue relevant to our community.

In an effort to receive community feedback, Youth Members on the Central Coast are set to hold a Community Forum in Gosford, to introduce the Members and hear about problems and challenges that have an impact upon young people on the Central Coast.

"This forum will be an event that will allow us, as representatives of the youth on the Central Coast, to understand the ideas of the youth, which we can then reciprocate through our work at Youth Parliament," Mr Skyla said.

The Community Forum will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at the state-of-the-art Gosford Regional Library on Donnison Street from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, with community leaders, advocates, educators, and young people from the Central Coast encouraged to attend.

Tickets and further information can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/representing-the-coast-tickets-1987591973096>

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COMMUNITY DEFIB PROJECT

In collaboration with the community groups of Mangrove Mountain and the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Country Fair, we have installed our first defibrillator machine at the Mangrove Mountain Hall. This was made possible by the Country Fair Committee allocating \$3,500 to buy the machine and cabinet from our most successful country fair ever in 2025. This was in addition to the \$34,000 we were able to donate to thirteen local community organisations.

Our plan is to install a defibrillator machine at six other locations in the mountain area—namely Kulnura, Peats Ridge, Somersby, Calga, Bucketty, and Central Mangrove. These machines can be lifesavers in the event of an emergency when someone is having a cardiac arrest. The Community Defib Project has installed over 260 of these in local communities like ours. The only specification is that they must be installed in a location that is publicly accessible 24 hours a day.

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The Peats Ridge and Districts CWA will be selling Devonshire teas and coffee. We ask everyone to bring a small plate to share with our community. All donations raised on the day will go towards the purchase of our second defibrillator machine. The Community Defib Project is a registered charity, so any money donated is tax-deductible.

To donate beforehand, please follow instructions below. If there are businesses out there that would like to donate, we can offer sponsorship (naming rights) for subsequent machines.

Thank you to Mangrove Produce and Hardware for donating supplies to install our first defib machine.

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* Peats Ridge Public School, 1231 Peats Ridge Road, Peats Ridge, **10-10.45am**

* Mangrove Hub, 2 Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain, **11.15-11.45am**

* Kulnura Public School, 9 Williams Road, Kulnura, **12-12.45pm**

*Jennifer Ackerman
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You'll find us at the upcoming

Country Fair supporting Defibrillator Day, serving our delicious Devonshire Teas. While CWA may be known for our scones (and yes, they're a big hit!), it's what we do with the funds we raise that truly matters. Every scone helps support meaningful projects in our community—and that's something



Our latest branch members and friends outing to the Devil Wears Prada 2 at Tuggerah with dinner afterwards and a birthday cake



worth baking for!

Before that, we're hosting a relaxed and fun "Hit & Giggle" Tennis and Lawn Games Picnic Day:

- 📅 17 May
- 🕒 From 12pm
- 📍 Kulnura Tennis Courts

Bring your own picnic and a rug, and enjoy an afternoon of games, laughter, and connection. Whether you feel like playing or just socialising, everyone is welcome!

We'll also have:

- CWA cookbooks and printed tea towels for sale
- A raffle
- A collection for women's dignity bags

We're asking for donations of new and unopened women's toiletries and sanitary items to support local women's shelters. Even a small contribution can make a big difference. If you can't attend the picnic but would still like to donate, we're happy to arrange a drop-off.

Alongside our regular markets at Mangrove Hall and other community events, our branch continues to be a warm and welcoming space where women can connect, learn new skills, and form lasting friendships. It's a chance to step outside your comfort zone, meet new people, and share in each other's interests and talents.

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Visitors to the 2026 Tocal Field Days enjoyed beautiful winter weather, excellent product and livestock displays, fine foods and crafts whilst strolling around an almost 20ha exhibition of rural life.

Silver Gully Farm, based at Mangrove Mountain attracted interest at their Square Meater cattle display with Christine Wade kept busy dealing with enquiries.

Kentan Machinery, with one of their sales and service centres located in West Gosford, had an extensive range of tractors, farm vehicles, earthmoving machinery and spray equipment on display



Above: the Silver Gully display

Below: the Kentan Machinery exhibition



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Roadworks Nearing Completion

The RIX Group, contracted by Central Coast Council, are completing the final stages of extensive roadworks on Wisemans Ferry Road stretching from Wisemans Ferry to Greengrove.

As can be seen in the photos, the work is hazardous and challenging, working on the edge of unstable embankments.

Keith Aranja



Above: Soil nails, reinforcing mesh and water drains in place with the final spraycrete being applied

Below: The quantity and variety of equipment present a logistical challenge



Imagine — Youth Art Exhibition

Monday 4 to Friday 29 May
9am - 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm Saturdays
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of Rotarian Youth Service Month.

Erina Rotary Club has coordinated the exhibition of contemporary artworks by local High School students from Erina and Terrigal as a part of the celebration of Youth Services month in the Rotarian calendar. Supported by Central Coast Council, the exhibition aims to showcase the cutting-edge creativity and culture of our local young people. The exhibition focuses on the use of mixed media and technology to support their self-expression and creative endeavours. This year the public will have the chance to vote for their favourite artwork in a 'People's Choice' Award, using the QR code by the picture. The competition is sponsored by Eckersley's, the national art supplies retailers, the artist with the most votes will win a \$50 voucher and art supplies, with second place receiving a \$50 voucher. Voting for the People's Choice is open until Sunday May 31st. Voters will also get the chance to enter a prize draw for a \$50 Erina Fair voucher, sponsored by Erina Rotary

Erina Rotary Club's Youth Director, Fefe explained "Unite for Good" is the theme of Rotary this year and has been an inspiration for the wonderful works we see at the exhibition." She added "These young artists have shared their perspective of the world around them in both an abstract and more traditional style."

Erina Rotary Club representative, Fefe confirmed this is the fifth year of their collaboration with the two high schools and Council and that they would love to repeat the event next year and commented "the students work is so impressive, and I love how they have used a mix of techniques to create the works, including analogue drawing and painting with digital editing and printing."

For more information, please visit our website <https://www.rotaryerina.org.au/culture-of-youth-art-ongoing-exhibitions/>

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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 Mon 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 0419400163, Donna 0466974130, Email. cwaofnswpeatsridge@gmail.com
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 0458 655850
Gosford North Inner Wheel club	2nd Wed each month 11am at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
Kulnura & District Garden Club	Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradge@gmail.com
Kulnura Tuesday Tennis	Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.
Ladies of the Valley Afternoon Tea	1st Tues, 1pm to 2.30 at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Margaret Dale 0411104770
Mangrove Mountain & 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 Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com
Newsletter	Last Friday of the month. Eve Leeming - 4377 1116 and/or cedriceve@bigpond.com
Spencer Sheilas Community Social Club	Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed	

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
Worship and Prayer	1st Saturday 4.30 to 5.30pm at MM Union Church
St Barnabas Christian Service Yarramalong	Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised)

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Words on the Waves Writers Festival Family Fun Day

Saturday 30 May, 2026
Gosford Regional Library

As part of the Words on the Waves' mission to foster literacy and a love of reading in the next generation of readers and writers on the Central Coast, the festival offers a range of events for children and teens.

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- From 9:30am – 1:30pm - Facepainting, storytime and roving characters!
- From 9:30am – 1:30pm - Craft & Activities with Best Start Early Learning Centre
- 10:00-10:30 - Morning Bird, Whale Song
- 10:30-11:15 - Jive, Jiggle and Joke
- 11:20-12:10 - Epic Illustrator Battle!
- 12:15-12:45 - Sail the Seas with Ursula and Trim the Cat
- 12:30-1:15 - Illustration Workshop with Sarah Davis
- All Day, Juvenilia

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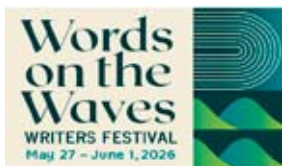
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Words on the Waves Writers Festival is a celebration of words and ideas set on the scenic Central Coast.

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As a not-for-profit organisation run with a small team of volunteers, contributions of any size go a long way in enriching the creative culture of our community. The Committee includes local Peninsula residents passionate about bringing the arts to the Coast. We are seeking support from the community to help us create a wonderful and inclusive festival.

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MM&DCG Inc

President's report

It has once again been an honour to serve the community as President of the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Community Group Inc.

In the last year the group has continued to work hard to campaign on local issues that are important to our community, including submissions on regional planning, upgrades to public facilities and amenities, and campaigning for better roads and maintenance of verges and drainage. Members Poppe and Claire were elected as our representatives to Central Coast Council and Anne was successful in securing a donation from Central Coast Council of a new rocker for the playground as well as lobbying for maintenance of verges and public amenities. Great work team!

Mangrove Mountain Hall

Next year marks a very important milestone, with the centenary of the historic Mangrove Mountain Public Hall, that the MM&DCG Inc manage and maintain for the community. We are planning a community event to celebrate the hall's 100th birthday next year and would love to hear your favourite memories of good times had in the historic hall over the years and include copies of old photos etc in the history display and slide show as part of the celebrations, so please get in touch either via email mangrovemountainhall@gmail.com

Phone 0405416289 or in person at one of our monthly meetings, we'd love to hear your memories of the hall!

Working bees

I would like to thank Justin, Neil, Kaye, Margaret, Ross, Poppe and Kerrie, Elaine and Steve, for their help at hall working bee/s from time to time throughout the year with everything from cleaning the hall to gardening.

Financial Position

Due to the hard work of the committee over the last couple of

years, completing improvements to the hall that has seen an increase in hall hires along with our growing events program and the support of the community and the Mangrove Mountain and District Country Fair, despite rising costs the MM&DCG Inc is in a strong financial position to care for the hall. A big thankyou to our treasurer, Neil Harvey, for all his work throughout the year.

The group continues to endeavour to upgrade the hall to best serve the community with recent upgrades to lighting, new chairs and chair covers, blackout curtains and budget set aside for upcoming projects including air conditioning for the meeting room. Further upgrades to the bathroom facilities and replacement of the bathroom water tank stand timbers are also being carried out in the coming months thanks to a Country Fair grant. We have applied for government grant funding for high cost improvements including air conditioning of the main hall area and a fire safety ember defence sprinkler system.

We hope to offer our support for a community garden initiative on the Mountain which is in it's initial planning stages.

Community events

Our Mangrove Mountain Farmers and Artisans Market continues to grow providing a great day out for locals and visitors to the area alike as well as providing a local outlet for our wonderful Farmers, Artisans and Cottage industry and raises much needed funds for the upkeep of the hall and recreation reserve. I would like to personally thank fellow committee members, Justin (Woodie) and Kaye, for their help each and every month with the markets, as without their efforts this great event wouldn't be possible.

Blues on the Mountain continues to attract some of Australia's best live acts as well as overseas acts from the USA and UK with the hall voted as one of the top 5 venues in the state at The Blues Awards! We also received

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A massive thankyou to the community for all your support of our events at the hall

How to become involved

The MM&DCG Inc is always looking for new members and volunteers to join our small group of volunteers and community advocates. Whether you have a local issue you would like help with or would simply like to join us to help the community or volunteer with our crew at our community events, we'd love to welcome you to our group.

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