

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Inadequate Action on a Deadly Risk

The article in the June 5th Community News regarding trees over the Peats Ridge Rd - this isn't anything new.

On the first Sunday in April 2024, 4am after weeks of rain on a very black and damp road, a week after the 80 km limit was imposed we had a collision with a black wattle tree long enough to close all 3 lanes at the top of Wards Hill at Somersby. The same place as the truck crash had occurred weeks before.

\$11,500 damage to the truck. I crossed all three lanes to reach the bushy end but was two metres too

long. Rang 000 for council and police to light up the tree as except for the hole I punched through, the road was blocked.

Later I contacted the Central Coast Council who's arborist eventually inspected from the school out to George Downes Drv to come up with three sites for pruning or removal.

During that wait, at least five more had blown over by themselves.

The CCC has been told, but don't know Black Wattles are usually riddled with borers and Mountain Ash and Peppermints only have surface roots and like to grow sideways off the banks for the light until they blow over.

When I drive that road I seem to watch those leaning trees too much. All I can say is that after you have to ring 000, then ring your solicitor. Heads up and good luck.

Garry Cosgrove



## Mountain Jam Youth Space

Mountain Jam is on this Friday, June 19, from 3:30 to 6pm at Mangrove Mountain Hall — food's on us!

Ready to shape YOUR hangout? If you're 13–18 and live in the District, this is your shot to help design the creative space you actually want.

This isn't just dropping ideas in a box — you'll be face-to-face with the Council Youth team, making real decisions about what your space looks like, what you can do there, and why you'll actually want to stick around.

So bring your friends, your vibe and your ideas for a new creative project. Council staff will be there to listen — and to make it happen.

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Ricky Gervais

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# Buying and selling livestock with confidence

## Overview of this event

A supportive workshop for small holders who want to buy and sell livestock confidently – from first time purchasers to those already moving animals on and off their property

## Event details:

Join Greater Sydney Local Land Services for a confidence building workshop designed to help small holders navigate the buying and selling of livestock - whether you're looking at purchasing your very first cow or already moving animals on and off your property.

Experts will be on board to break down the essentials into clear, practical steps and also share tips that make livestock purchases and sales smoother and more successful.

In this workshop, you will learn to:

- Understand key legal requirements including Property Identification Codes (PIC), National Vendor Declarations (NVD/eNVDs), and the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS).
- Carry out simple health checks before buying or selling
- Prepare livestock correctly to ensure

smooth, stress-free transactions

- Explore different buying and selling options - private sales, agents, online platforms and saleyards
- Avoid common pitfalls and build confidence as a small-scale livestock owner

You will leave this workshop feeling capable, informed and ready to approach livestock purchases and sales with clarity and confidence.

## Additional details:

- Lunch will be provided at the workshop.
- Registrations received after 18 June may not be able to have specific dietary requirements catered for – please contact us if this affects you

Contact: Katherine Mann, Livestock Officer, 0437 164 091, [katherine.mann@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:katherine.mann@lls.nsw.gov.au)

**Richmond workshop:** 25 June 2026, 10:00am - 2:30pm. 40 Edwards Road, Richmond Lowlands 2753  
<https://events.humanitix.com/buying-and-selling-livestock-richmond-june-2026>

**Camden workshop:** 2 July 2026, 10:00am - 2:30pm. 100 Elizabeth MacArthur Avenue, Camden South 2570  
<https://events.humanitix.com/buying-and-selling-livestock-with-confidence-camden-july-2026>



## Somersby RFS AGM

Wednesday 24th June 2026  
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# Central Coast Council's Mangrove Mountain Advisory Sub Committee

For the Upper Ourimbah Creek Water Catchment

The purpose of the Mangrove Mountain Sub-Committee is to consider, monitor and advise on the Upper Ourimbah Creek Catchment. It will provide relevant advice for the consideration of Council via the Environment and Planning Committee of Council.

There are six independent, external, community members on this committee, and I am one of them. Part of my role is to inform the community of the committee's progress.

This committee has met four times this year and information including minutes of the meetings can be found on Council's website.

Our last meeting was held on 21st May, and I will summarise the minutes:

- Presentation by the unit manager, Environmental Compliance Services about On-site sewer management in Mangrove Mountain.
- Unit Manager, Strategic Planning, spoke about "Local Planning-Mangrove/Ourimbah Catchment", emphasising the importance of protecting the water catchment area west of the M1.
- The unit manager, Environmental Compliance Services provided an update on PFAS and the Ourimbah Creek Catchment, including Council's monitoring of various sites.
- Community members requested a site inspection of the Council's water and sewer water quality sampling locations. To be investigated.
- Jayden Pan (community member) to report back to the sub committee



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on the latest publicly available EPA data.

- Discussion – Water NSW to be invited to attend future community meeting on PFAS to address the Notice of Motion by Councillor Smith.
- Community members commenced a discussion on a solution for the MM Landfill site- deferred
- Request by committee members for Verde Terre Pty Ltd to be invited to the next meeting.
- Request to receive a higher resolution map of the drinking water catchment boundary .

Poppe Zouroudis


## Rural Seniors Voices

**Meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 12pm**

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Priority will be given to projects that:

- Respond to a specific climate impact or event, either historic or likely to occur in the future;
- Focus on community-led resilience building in recovery or preparedness to strengthen the capacity and capability of local people and systems, especially to manage the impact of future disasters, through: inclusion; networks; communication; information sharing; self-organising systems; local decision making; or resourcing, tools and support;
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that, in the context of preventing and preparing for future climate-related impacts, or recovering from existing disasters:

- Invest in outback, remote and less-resourced communities where they may be more highly impacted by disasters;
- Support First Nations-led initiatives that strengthen culture, Country, economic participation and reconciliation; and
- Support communities to implement generational transition.

If you want to discuss a project to support disaster preparedness, resilience or recovery, please call us on 1800 170 020.

NOTE: There are two streams of funding available within the Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) program: Prepare and Recover and Small and Vital (including Larger Leverage).

Organisations may submit their application in only one of these streams per SRC grant round. If your project does not relate to a Prepare & Recover project, please complete an SRC Small & Vital application.

Round 29 applications close 24 June, 2026 at 5pm (AEST)

Round 30, opens: 25 June 2026, closes: 17 September 2026

For details go to: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/src-prepare-recover/>

## Have your say on the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement

Central Coast Council's Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is on public exhibition from Monday 18 May to Friday 24 July 2026.



The LSPS identifies priorities for land use planning over the next 20 years, helping to inform Council's strategic plans and guide key activities.

Council Mayor, Lawrie McKinna said while the draft has evolved to reflect the region's future needs, many of the principles in Council's original LSPS remain relevant including the focus on enabling growth in Gosford City.

"Council is proactively planning for growth over the next 20 years, while preserving everything we value and

love about life on the Central Coast," Mayor McKinna said.

"Renewing our town centres, ensuring we have good housing choices, protecting our natural areas, enriching cultural spaces, and advocating for efficient public transport continue to be key considerations.

"The draft LSPS also proposes that new residential and employment areas are investigated and planned for, to ensure there's enough zoned land to support new homes and jobs, with infrastructure coordinated and delivered in a timely manner."

The draft LSPS introduces place statements that identify the special qualities of places, as well as specific concerns and opportunities within local communities.

Planning proposed in the Central Lakes District will ensure a coordinated response with Lake Macquarie Council to deliver housing, jobs and services in the northern areas.

"We want to make sure people have a range of opportunities to participate in this important community planning. The draft LSPS can be viewed online, or you can choose to attend a local pop-up session or more detailed information presentation," Mayor McKinna said.

For details on community engagement options, search 'Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement' at [yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com).

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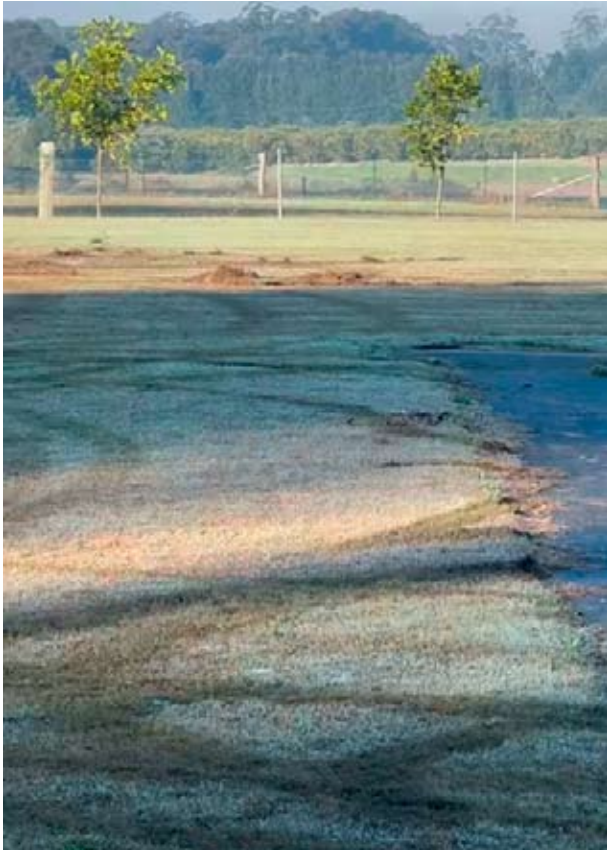
# VANDALS TRASH NEILL PARK

Around June 13, 2026, vandals tore through Neill Park in Kulnura, driving a vehicle across the grass and leaving deep scars on the field. The park sits near Greta Road and George Downes

Drive—a much-needed spot for locals to relax or play cricket. This isn't just any piece of land. The Neill family, who once farmed here, gifted part of their property to the community. Mr. Neill, who loved cricket, wanted people to have a place to gather and play. He gave up land he could have kept for himself just so others could

enjoy it. It's hard to understand what goes through the minds of people who'd trash a place that means so much to everyone else. Neill Park exists because someone cared. Now, it's been damaged by people who clearly don't.

*Photos by Jakub Drhlik vis FB post  
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# Holy Trinity Catholic Church upgraded with local effort

An initial donation from George and Georgia Sidiropoulos has kicked off a wave of improvements to Holy Trinity Church at Spencer.

The 117 year old building at 4200 Wisemans Ferry Road has benefited



The community gathered for the commemoration of The Way of The Cross on Good Friday in April.

from new paint, guttering, air conditioning, carpet and storage but none of the old character has been lost. Most of the funding has come from one anonymous donor with all the work coordinated by Chris and Anne Carroll and their family.

A major boost came from a \$5000 grant made by the 2025 Country Fair. The grant was the largest single allocation made by the Fair last year and the first ever to the church. The Catholic community is very grateful for the funds recognising in particular

the effort of the many volunteers who make each Fair happen.

Holy Mass is offered monthly on the first Saturday at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. Mass takes about half an hour.

The Church is a part of the Parish of Gosford. Our Parish Priest, Fr Paul, or his sidekick, Fr Bronek are always there and very welcoming. As Spring comes around we usually have a cup of tea and a spray of Aeroguard after Mass.

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# Weed to Watch: Mother of Millions

(*Bryophyllum* or *Kalanchoe*)

The Western Sydney Weeds Authority WSWA has issued an alert warning us that an intensifying El Nino weather pattern could supercharge the spread of the poisonous and drought-tolerant mother of millions weed. Although we have had a bit of rain, the Bureau of Meteorology has forecast an unseasonably warm, dry winter for the region, which creates ideal conditions for drought-tolerant weeds to thrive.

Mother of millions is a fast-spreading succulent originally introduced to Australia from Africa as a garden plant, but it has now invaded Sydney's bushland. The weed's name is derived from its ability to rapidly reproduce, and its peak flowering period from May to October coincides with these dry conditions.



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Mother of millions can be identified by its pencil-shaped, pale green to brown leaves with darker green patches and shallow grooves. It has distinctive clusters of orange-red flowers that form at the top of a single pinkish-grey stem.

**Toxicity**

Ingestion of the toxins can be cumulative and livestock eating small amounts, several times within a few days may suffer poisoning. Eating about 5 kg of mother of millions would kill an adult cow. Where the plants are thick, this amount would grow in a

square metre.

**Control**

Preventing the spread of mother of millions is the best control measure. Learn to identify mother of millions and regularly check for it in winter when the plants are in flower and are easier to see. If found remove immediately using a combination of control methods including hand removal, fire, herbicide application and rehabilitation. Regularly check creek lines after floods for new infestations.

Visit *NSW Weedwise* for advice on controlling this weed.



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# Celebrating 80 Years of Community Kariong Progress Association

This year, 2026, the Kariong Progress Association celebrates 80 years of serving the community and a special event was held on Sunday 24 May 2026 at Kariong Progress Hall, to celebrate “Kariong then and now”, bringing together past and present to share the stories that have shaped the suburb.

Long-time locals reflected 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 was a commemorative booklet launch, displays of photos and memorabilia, and plenty of opportunities to connect, reminisce

and learn more about the place we call home.

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



Colin Parry speaking at 80th Anniversary of Kariong Progress Association



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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 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 was a stone fruit orchard producing luscious peaches, plums, nectarines and prunes, as well as being a prosperous vegetable farm.

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.

Lisa Bellamy

## PETER GARRETT NEW LANDCARE AUSTRALIA CHAIR

Midnight Oil frontman Peter Garrett is 'closing the circle' in his new role as the chair of Landcare Australia. Mr Garrett is taking over as chairperson from Doug Humann AM, who stepped down after 9 years.

According to one of the country's best-know environmentalists, there's also no better antidote to anxiety than rolling up your sleeves and plunging your hands into the earth.

More details are available on the *Landcare Australia* website.



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**General Meeting on 4th June**

Twelve of us met this month. As it was only two days to The Harvest Festival, much of the meeting was about planning for this yearly event sponsored by Central Coast Council. There was a request for more nighttime events, so our group organised

“Twilight in the Hinterland” from 4-7pm and then our monthly markets on Sunday. Both of these events were successful with music, poetry, stalls, firepits and fire twirling! Thank you to the Scouts for looking after the fire pits, including roasting marshmallows. Thanks also to the Girl Guides for running the craft stall.

The June markets were the busiest ever !

- Next year will be the Historic Mangrove Mountain Hall’s Centenary , and we will be celebrating the whole month of April! Open Day will be Sunday, 11th April...so save the date. We will be running a survey to collect people’s memories and ideas soon.

- Council is holding a Youth Event

at the Hall on 19th June between 3.30-6pm. It will start off as a free, open musical jam session and discussion to find out what young people want. We encourage all young people to take part.

- In April this year, we were all saddened by the sudden death of Andy Schneider. Andy was a valued member of our community, volunteering many years to the Mangrove Mountain Rural Fire Service where he rose to the position of Captain. I remember Andy as a volunteer at the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair. We would work together with his wife, Jodie Swan, setting up and decorating the hall exhibits. I enjoyed Andy’s sense of humour as we worked. The community group decided to honour




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Andy with a donation to his favourite charity, the Wildlife Animal Rescue and Care Society (A.R.C.). This group of volunteers are dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of injured, orphaned and sick native animals, here on the Central Coast. May Andy always be remembered for the kind man he was.

- Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd July at 7pm @ the Mangrove Mountain Hall. Hope to see many of you there.

**Council Information Session**

Five community members attended an information meeting at the Wyong Council chambers on 9th June. This was about Council’s Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement. This will guide decisions made for the next 20 years.

Submissions are due by 24th July. This community group will be submitting one and we ask everyone to also submit their own, stating what they see as the needs for our area. For example: The state of our roads; Maintenance of verges including trimming dead branches; Maintaining stormwater drains; More community facilities; Bushfire safer places; Housing; Tourism. You can view the LSPS and send your submission on Council’s website. If we don’t tell Council our needs, we will be ignored.

*Poppe Zouroudis  
Secretary*

# Central Coast Grant Finder

Central Coast Council is excited to provide the Central Coast Grant Finder to all local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals. This site provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you.



Our free service means you will never miss a grant opportunity again. Register to receive emailed alerts for new grants, save your favourites and access tips to help you apply for grants.

Central Coast Council is proud to partner with GrantGuru to provide you with this service.

Go to <https://grantguru.com/au/centralcoast> for more details and to register.

See our Grants Explained and Top Tips on the website if you need additional help.

Information on Council’s Community Grants and Sponsorship program can be found on our website:

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# ARTS NEWS



The Wollombi Valley Arts Council encourages and fosters all kinds of artistic and cultural expression within the Wollombi Valley in order to support and promote artists and our community.

Please visit our website [www.wollombi.org](http://www.wollombi.org)

## What's on at the Wollombi Cultural Centre

Our current exhibition...

'LAGUNA COLLECTIVE EXHIBITION 2026'

An exhibition by local artisans: Jordis Pointu, Loris Self, Rosie Hermann, Jane Mowatt, Danielle Holt

'Art and crafts from local artisans with works on display and for purchase.'



Danielle Holt



Jane Mowatt



Jordis Pointu



Rosie Hermann



Loris Self

Inclusive of wool/silk decorative pieces, winter goods and accessories.'

16 - 31 May 2026, Open DAILY 10am - 4pm, Old Fireshed Gallery

### WVAC Committee Members 2026

The following members were elected at the AGM held on 12th April 2026

- President - Leanne King
- Vice - President - Fiona Bateman
- Treasurer - Cordelia Howell
- Minutes Secretary - Fiona Bateman
- Public Officer - Cordelia Howell

## Draft Youth Strategy on Public Exhibition



The draft Youth Strategy is now on exhibition for community feedback. We've been working with young people across the Central Coast to create a new Youth Strategy for 2026-2031. Now we're asking you to let us know if we've got it right.

### What is the Youth Strategy?

The Youth Strategy is Council's 5-year plan for young people. It guides how we will work with young people, youth services, schools and the community to create programs, spaces and activities that matter to young people.

It aims to make the Central Coast a place where young people feel supported, included and heard and can shape decisions that affect them.

### How young people shaped this strategy

This Strategy is based on what young people told us matters most.

We heard from over 550 people across the Central Coast through surveys, workshops and pop-ups.

We heard from a diverse range of young people, including:

- First Nations young people
- LGBTIQ+ young people
- young people living with disability
- culturally and linguistically diverse

- Aboriginal Representative - Leanne King
- Bookings Secretary - Chantal Mahoney
- Publicity Officer - Jenny McDonough
- Maintenance Officer - Cam Murray
- Committee Members:

- Kerryn Raco
- Sheree Roberts
- Claude Aliotti
- Mick O'Sullivan
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# IPART approves stormwater drainage charge transfer



The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has determined Central Coast Council will transfer the stormwater drainage charge through to general rates in full, following the outcome of its Special Variation (SV) application lodged earlier this year.

From 1 July 2026, the stormwater drainage charge will no longer appear on water bills and will instead be included on general rates notices. The change reflects legislative requirements and ensures continued funding for

essential drainage services.

Importantly, the only change to the amount paid by affected ratepayers as a result of the transfer will be the 3.2% rate peg determined by IPART.

The stormwater drainage charge applies to most properties across the Central Coast and supports the ongoing maintenance, upgrade and expansion of the region's stormwater drainage network, which provides benefits to the whole community.

Council Mayor, Lawrie McKinna said IPART's decision gives our community certainty about how stormwater services will continue to be funded.

"This change is about keeping essential services running smoothly and making the way charges appear on

bills easier for everyone to understand," Mayor McKinna said.

"Most importantly, people won't be paying more because of this change. The stormwater charge is just moving from your water bill to your general rates bill.

"We know it matters to our residents that rates and charges are presented clearly, and this decision helps Council do exactly that."

Council Chief Executive Officer, David Farmer said the outcome provides stability in Council's service delivery and supports long-term sustainability.

"This process was triggered by a legislative change that Council was required to respond to. IPART's decision means Council can maintain the same level of funding from the charge and continue to deliver critical stormwater and other valued services without disruption," Mr Farmer said.

"Council has taken a considered and disciplined approach throughout this application process, underpinned by robust financial management and a clear focus on delivering value for the community."

Council undertook extensive community engagement as part of the Special Variation process, with more than 1,300 submissions received and considered in the development of the application.

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- young people
  - young carers
  - young people from different areas across the Coast
- Some of the biggest themes we heard were:
- mental health, wellbeing and feeling connected
  - more affordable things to do
  - safe and welcoming spaces to hang out
  - better access to jobs, education and transport
  - caring for the environment

- That feedback helped shape:
- the guiding principles in the Strategy
  - the focus areas
  - the actions Council will take

To find out more and share your feedback, visit <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/youth-strategy-2026-2031>

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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.calgamwhite@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)
Yarralong RFS		Information: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/YarralongRuralFireBrigade/">www.facebook.com/ YarralongRuralFireBrigade/</a> Phone contact: 0494 344 030 Email: volunteer@yarralongrfs.org.au

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce Coastlink Friendship Group		First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove
Country Women's Association (Somersby)		Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.
Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)		Third Monday of the month at 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 658850
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 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 Yarralong. Margaret Dale 0411104770
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group		1st Thurs of the Month, excl Jan. 7.30pm, Mangrove Mtn Hall. Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 0412669649
Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee		
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting		3rd Thu of mth except Jan, 7pm, at Union Church Hall. Pres - Steve 0455 155 075 <a href="http://www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au">www.mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au</a> secretary@mountaindistrictsassociation.com.au
Mountain Districts Association (MDA)		Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club
Mountain District Football Club Meeting		2nd Thu. Ph Elaine Burrows 0412988353
Probus - West Gosford		President Marlee Maxwell Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com
River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District		Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
Rotary Club Meeting		3rd Thurs, 12pm, 13 Nurses Rd Central Mangrove, next to Dr Anand's practice.
Rural Seniors Voices		President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 0436482201, spencercpg2@gmail.com
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc		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 Sat 4.30 to 5.30pm at MM Union Church
St Barnabas Christian Service Yarralong		Every Sunday, 9.30am. (Easter & (Christmas Carols dates to be advised)

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## LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



### Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 1st June 2026

550 cattle yarded this week at  
Maitland. 500 Trade/ 50 export.

- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made  
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- 250kg-300kg made 472 c/kg to 510  
c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 400 c/kg to  
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- Restocker steers up to 250kg made  
470 c/kg to 610 c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 550 c/kg to 610  
c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 530 c/kg to 580  
c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 460 c/  
kg to 485 c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 454  
c/kg to 465 c/kg
- Cows made 329 c/kg to 390 c/kg
- Bulls 307 c/kg to 340 c/kg

### Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 25th May 2026

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- 300kg to 380kg made 428 c/kg to 495 c/kg
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 503 c/kg to 585 c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 524 c/kg to 575 c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 435 c/kg to 540 c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 458 c/kg to 480 c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 454 c/kg to 465 c/kg
- Cows made 339 c/kg to 390 c/kg
- Bulls 363 c/kg to 368 c/kg

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# \$41 million to kickstart the Gosford Waterfront Revitalisation

The Minns Labor Government announced a \$41 million investment in the upcoming State Budget to supercharge work on the revitalisation of the Gosford waterfront precinct.

Prior to the 2023 election, the Government committed \$8.5 million to conduct feasibility studies on how to best revitalise Gosford's waterfront to enhance public space and improve connectivity.

With preliminary planning now complete, work can now begin to unlock the potential for Gosford's long overlooked waterfront.

A key first stage will be to connect Gosford to Point Clare with a new boardwalk for pedestrians and cyclists, improving connectivity, accessibility and opening up Brisbane Water for the Central Coast community.

The first phase of the revitalisation – to be funded in the 2026-27 NSW Budget – will deliver a one kilometre, 4.5-metre-wide boardwalk adjacent to the existing railway line over Brisbane Water, providing a safe and dedicated link for people walking and riding between the two centres.

The boardwalk is planned to connect Goodaywang Reserve in Point Clare to

Grahame Park at Gosford waterfront, creating a continuous route for pedestrians and cyclists.

In the Minns Labor Government's plans unveiled today, the boardwalk will connect into an enhanced public domain along the waterfront from Grahame Park to the Gosford Scout Hall, with additional works to include a new waterfront café.

This investment is part of the Minns Labor Government's commitment to building better communities on the Central Coast, helping deliver the amenities local residents can enjoy for decades to come.

Premier of New South Wales Chris Minns said "Central Coast residents are lucky to have some of the best waterfront views in the world.

"Being able to enjoy this natural asset alongside modern, public amenities shouldn't be restricted to places like Sydney Harbour.

Minister for the Central Coast David Harris said "Gosford has amazing potential and revitalising the waterfront into a vibrant destination linking the city and its surrounds, is a key part of this picture.

"The Central Coast community made almost 3,500 submissions last year when asked about their vision for the Gosford Waterfront.

"The results were clear: the majority want to see more places to walk and cycle, so I am delighted our Government will soon begin work on bringing the community's vision to life."

Minister for Lands and Property Steve Kamper said "Our vision is to transform the Gosford waterfront into a vibrant destination, and a brand new



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Member for Gosford Liesl Tesch said "Almost exactly a year ago, I stood alongside our community in launching a petition calling on this project to be delivered and I am thrilled to see this vision become a reality.

"This investment provides a vital connection for our growing community to our spectacular natural landscape through active recreation as our city continues to grow.

"When completed, this pathway will be a popular focal point for our community, where workers, visitors and leisure seekers can enjoy spectacular views across the Brisbane Water and the Central Coast.

"This project is about connecting our community, expanding our connection to our beautiful waterways and providing a gathering place for our whole community to enjoy."

*Media Release from the Offices of  
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