

COMMUNITY NEWS

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COME AND EXPLORE HISTORIC SPENCER

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society would like to extend the invitation to the general public to join us as we stroll around the picturesque township of Spencer located at the junction of Mangrove Creek and the Hawkesbury River. This idyllic part of the Lower Hawkesbury River was originally called Fernleigh where James Crosland, a free settler, took up land along the Hawkesbury River but after the WW1 it was renamed Spencer because there was another town in Queensland that had the same name. Why the name Spencer? The true name origin of Spencer is unclear, but it is believed to be named after George John Spencer, second Earl Spencer (1758-1834), who was the first Lord of the admiralty in 1794, and held this position until 1810. He was a mentor of Lord Nelson, and oversaw many of the Royal Navy's victories over the French.

Spencer is steeped in historic significance such as the visit by Governor Phillip and his party in June 1789 during his second exploration trip

looking for potential farming land.

We will meet at the famous Dunkirk Hotel or as the locals affectionately refer to as the Tree of Knowledge. The story of how it became the Dunkirk Hotel will be revealed on the day.

We will take an easy walk along the foreshore taking in the scenic beauty of the river and soaking up the charming Village atmosphere. There are a number of historic points of interest in this area such as the beautiful sandstone house called 'Burnea' circa 1840's located at the top of the hill overlooking the stunning vista of the Hawkesbury River. Later in the morning we will carpool and head off to visit the Holy Trinity Catholic Church one of the oldest timber churches still intact in the western sector of the Gosford City. The land was originally donated by William Woodbury, a local settler and prominent ship owner and master, for the building of the church in 1861. We can stroll around the cemetery which predates the church. It contains graves of the early local settlers, including Woodbury and Donovan families, Margaret Parry, Toomeys, and Edward Kelly who was the original owner of the 'Glenworth Valley'.

Date:- Saturday, 27th February 2021

Time:- 9.30am

Location:- To meet at the Dunkirk Hotel/the Tree. You can purchase coffee and a quick bite to eat beforehand at either the General Store or Spencer Thai.

Cost:- \$5 donation to the Society for maps etc.

Late Lunch:- We have the opportunity to enjoy the cuisine of the recently opened Thai restaurant (own expense) or BYO.

Bookings are essential. Contact details in case of rain to 0405 321 478 (leave a message) by Monday, 22nd February 2021.

Bring along snacks, water, sunhat & sunscreen. Sturdy shoes are suggested.

For further information please contact us on enquiries@dlhhs.org.au or 0405 321 478.

All welcome.

*Robyn Downham
President/Publicity Officer
Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury River
Historical Society*

Valley Folk

The much loved Valley Folk music event returns to the historic Yarramalong School of Arts Hall on Saturday the 20th of March featuring two fantastic headline acts!

Australian Blues Master, Shane Pacey, (the voice and guitar of legendary Blues band, The Bondi Cigars) will be bringing his all star trio to the historic hall for the first time, and Blues on the Mountain favourite, Julian James (winner of the 2020 Australian Blues Music Awards Best New Talent award) will be making his long awaited return to once again delight the audience with his immense talent. So come and join us for a great night of live music at the historic Yarramalong School of Arts Hall (circa 1904)

Doors open at 6pm. BYO food and drinks welcome. Tickets are limited, cost \$30pp and pre booking is essential. To book visit www.trybooking.com/BNNMI



Valley Folk is a volunteer run community event, with all funds raised after costs going towards the upkeep of the historic Yarramalong School of Arts Hall.

Ryan Howard

MOUNTAIN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Thursday 11th March, 2021
7pm, at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club

All welcome

*Claire Podlich
President*

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Local phone & internet problems highlighted in parliament

I rise to speak about one of the Central Coast's most resilient, most beautiful yet perhaps most underserved communities. I am of course speaking about the Mangrove Mountain community and the surrounding mountain districts, who have been neglected—dare I say abandoned—by their local member, Lucy Wicks who is missing in action. The residents of Mangrove Mountain have been failed by a succession of federal Liberal Governments. They've certainly been failed in the area of the NBN rollout and further have been failed by telecommunications providers that have left the entire community without regular or reliable connectivity for their computers or mobile phones. Residents have told me that, despite being a mere 76 kilometres away from Sydney's CBD, the telecommunications infrastructure in Mangrove Mountain has gone backwards in the past 20 years. One

resident even wrote to me that his ancestors' homing pigeons would be faster and more reliable than their current internet connections.

This lack of infrastructure affects the education, health care and social lives of Mountain residents. It affects payment times, EFTPOS terminals and the online sales ability for these small businesses. It breaks my heart when I hear great local business leaders who are trying to grow, who are employing people, who have jobs on their books that cannot be filled because they cannot function properly as businesses because of this Government's failure to provide them with basic infrastructure that is fit for the 21st century. The community has also indicated to me that the current state of affairs on the watch of this Liberal-National Government affects the community's ability to live lives of dignity and lives of connectedness. In an increasingly isolated world with lockdowns, AI customer support and a growing preference for Zoom over face-to-face interactions, the lack of appropriate digital and telecommunications infrastructure can only make our society more divided, more lonely and more stratified. These people cannot get in contact with their service provider. They spend hours and hours on the telephone line waiting for a response, and when they get there it drops out, or they're subject to having to answer standard questions, and

failure to respond is common.

This is a community that's been taken for granted by the local Member, Lucy Wicks. Despite winning over 72 per cent, two-party preferred, at the Mangrove Mountain booth in 2019, she's refused all calls to visit the area since the election. She is even refusing to reply to emails or letters from desperate residents asking for her help to secure adequate, functioning communications infrastructure. The Liberals and Nationals do this—they just take regional communities for granted. They show up in the communities every three years, they take the votes and then they disappear until the next election rolls around. Well, not anymore—not at Mangrove Mountain. This community is sick to death of being taken for granted.

Malcolm Turnbull and the Liberal Party gutted the NBN, which would have been a great leveller of the tyranny of distance that so plagues



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our rural and regional communities. Instead, this Government, under a different leadership but with the same temperament, rolled out a terrible copper nightmare in Australia, which has gradually slipped down the internet speed world rankings to 68th position out of 177 countries, when we were formerly up at 20th. That's a massive decline in capacity for this country. We cannot build the knowledge based economy of the future or truly unleash our regional economies until we provide them with the digital justice that they deserve.

I was welcomed into the historic Mangrove Mountain community hall on 14 December 2020, along with my rock star state colleague Liesl Tesch, to listen to over 60 mountain residents speak about neglect by this Government and how the lack of digital infrastructure affects the way that they work, learn and relax every single day. I listened to them. I heard their passion for their community and their desire to make it a more liveable and vibrant place. I promised them I would fight for digital justice, and I'm here tonight doing just that. We've already had some success in securing an NBN drop-in session this year for residents, and Labor will keep fighting to ensure that that community is not overlooked and that they are hosted with similar sessions.

*Senator Deborah O'Neill
Labor Senator for NSW*

WE ARE NOT FORGOTTEN AS A COMMUNITY

The Mangrove Mountains Districts Committee would like to thank all attendees at the Mangrove Mountain Hall in December with Senator O'Neill-Labor Senator for NSW and Liesl Tesch-State Member for Gosford.

As you may recall, this community voiced its concerns and ongoing plight for improved communication in this district as it continues to be neglected by the many Telcos who claim to be servicing our areas.

Needless to say, a small fortunate number of us have good NBN and cell phone service but for the larger majority, communications signals are dismal and at times non-existent.

We have a voice in a friend and Senator O'Neill has recently presented our concerns in parliament.

The Mangrove Mountains Districts Committee represents the needs of this community. We are a small number of volunteers with the usual family and life commitments.

MANGROVE MOUNTAIN & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY GROUP

Notice of AGM

To be held at 8pm on
Thursday 4th March 2021, at
Mangrove Hall.

*Danny Willmott
Secretary*

We continue to seek your support to join us as a members of this association and the committee as we cannot do it on our own.

This is a joint effort and your involvement in what matters for this district is most critical in ensuring we maintain and improve the unique beauty of this very wonderful area of ours.

*George Azoury
Mangrove Mountains Districts
Committee member*

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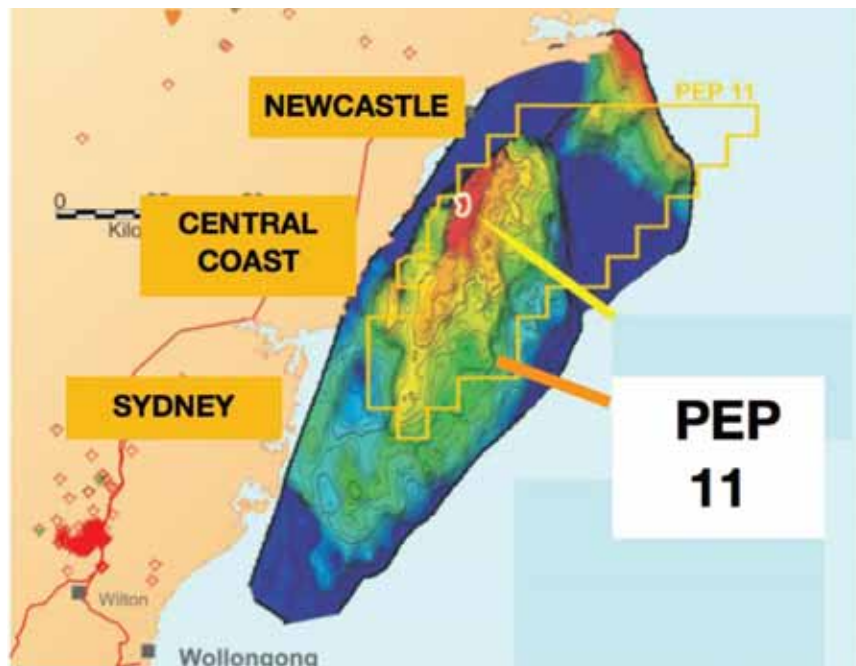
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DRILLING FOR GAS OFF OUR COAST?

Shocking plans to drill off the beautiful NSW coast and extend PEP 11 (Petroleum Exploration Permit 11) from Manly, through the Central Coast to Newcastle, risking devastation of the environment, climate, our wellbeing and our way of life, are being approved.

Our beautiful coast and our way of life is under threat. Oil and Gas companies' shocking plans to drill for fossil fuels off the iconic NSW coast are being approved while we have



been distracted with COVID 19.

The beautiful coast from Manly through the Central Coast to Newcastle has been designated Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 (PEP 11), 4,500 square km of ocean along our favourite beaches.

The PEP11 (Petroleum Exploration Permit 11) licence was granted by the Commonwealth government to a gas exploration joint-venture comprising majority partner Asset Energy plus Bounty Energy and RL Energy.

PEP11 covers 4500sq/km of ocean, in places just 5.5km from the shore,

from Manly through the Central Coast to Newcastle. It is believed to contain significant natural gas reserves under the ocean bed. PEP11 is entirely in Commonwealth waters, which begin 5.5km offshore.

Asset Energy is a subsidiary of Perth-based Advent Energy, whose shareholders include BPH Energy and listed Pooled Development Fund, MEC Resources. RL Energy have now withdrawn.

Applications to extend the PEP 11 permit (due to expire in 2021) and to



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change the title to allow for drilling are nearing imminent approval. We must speak up to STOP PEP 11.

Our beloved coast, within the world renowned whale migration path and dolphin habitat, turned into a Petroleum Exploration zone? Rigs off our favourite beaches?

This flawed plan risks devastating our coastal ecosystem, the whale migration route and the rich biodiversity off the coast, our climate, our livelihoods and our way of life, to DRILL for fossil fuels that we do not need that will only accelerate our path towards climate damage.

Gas is a dirty fossil fuel which causes 84 times more climate damage than carbon dioxide and 2/3 of our gas is exported – in 2019 Australia was the largest exporter of gas in the world.

To save our climate, our environment, our way of life, our precious whales, dolphins and marine life, and to save our coast and our children's futures, we must STOP PEP 11.

Approvals (from NOPTA - the title administrator) for drilling and to extend the PEP 11, Offshore Sydney Basin title (due to expire in early 2021) are apparently imminent.

These approvals rest with the Joint Authority: the responsible Commonwealth and State Ministers: Keith Pitt MP (Federal) and John Barilaro MP (NSW State).

Local Member Opposes PEP-11 Extension

As the Member for Robertson, and a passionate member of the Central Coast community, I'm concerned about the possible extension of the Petroleum Exploration Permit 11.

I will not support anything that could harm our waterways and precious marine life.

Extending the PEP-11 permit is a decision for the Joint Authority.

The first step in this process is for the New South Wales Deputy Premier, John Barilaro, to make a

recommendation on extending the PEP-11 permit.

The second step is for the Federal Minister for Resources, Keith Pitt, to do the same.

Today I am urging the NSW Government to listen to the concerns of the Central Coast community and say no to extending the PEP-11 permit.

I stand with my community in raising these serious concerns about the potential impacts of PEP-11 on our ocean.

Regardless of the NSW Government's decision, I will be advocating for the Commonwealth to say no to the decision to extend the PEP-11 permit.

*Lucy Wicks MP
Member for Robertson*

We respectfully ask these ministers to in turn respect communities and hear our concerns, and we implore you to represent us, your constituents, to these ministers, to prevent extension of PEP11 and to reject the proposal to change the title to drilling. (Note the proponent of PEP 11 withdrew from seismic testing, but wishes to change the permit to proceed straight to drilling, and extend the PEP 11 permit, due to expire in February 2021.)

New offshore permits now have a community consultation period

- extension of existing offshore petroleum permits have no such consultation. Communities along the most heavily populated area of Australia should have a say in whether or not an existing petroleum exploration permit, that affects the coast that defines them, is renewed.

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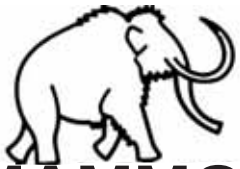
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How's Your Blood Pressure?

High blood pressure (otherwise known as hypertension) is the number one risk factor for death in the world. It is a major contributor to heart attacks, heart failure, kidney failure, aneurysms, and strokes.

Blood pressure is the pressure that your blood puts on the walls of your arteries as it is pumped around the body. Your Systolic blood pressure (the top reading) is the pressure when your heart is actively contracting and pushing blood into your arteries. Diastolic pressure (the lower number) is the pressure when your arteries are effectively 'at rest'.

We tend to think that it's inevitable for our blood pressure to go up as we age, however this only happens in western populations. Traditional societies that subsist on a whole food, plant-based diet do not suffer the same blood pressure fate. Take them away from their traditional diet/environment, and they quickly develop the same chronic health issues (such as high blood pressure) that western cultures experience.

The standard western diet causes arteries to narrow, become stiffer, and the muscles around our arteries to tighten up.

High blood pressure causes your

heart to enlarge and its walls to thicken and stiffen as it works harder to pump blood. It also causes the thickening of artery walls, which results in the arteries hardening.

Being overweight or obese, particularly if you carry your weight around your abdomen, can also affect your blood pressure. Fat can physically compress your kidneys and this pressure can squeeze sodium back into your bloodstream.

So, if your blood pressure is already high, or you are looking to prevent high blood pressure, here are some guidelines:

1. Exercise Regular physical activity strengthens your heart so it pumps blood with less effort. This decrease in workload decreases the pressure on your arteries.

2. Cut out salt Aim for less than 1.5g of salt daily. The largest source of excess salt in our diets is processed foods (including breads).

3. Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium Increasing your intake of these minerals can reduce blood pressure.

Vegetables (particularly leafy greens), fruit, nuts, and seeds are all great sources of these nutrients.

The DASH diet (Dietary Approaches to stop Hypertension) is a diet that was designed specifically to help reduce blood pressure. It focuses on fruit and veggies, whole grains, and lean meats. It is low in red meat, salt, added sugars, and fat. It doesn't list specific foods

PLANNING PROPOSAL TO ENABLE RURAL-RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION IN JILLIBY PROGRESSES

Council will be progressing a Planning Proposal to the NSW Government Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for a gateway determination to enable rural-residential subdivision of various lots off Sandra Street, Jilliby.

The proposal may provide up to 19 rural-residential lots and has been designed to enable dwellings to be located outside prospective noise and odour affected areas as a result

to eat, instead, it's a dietary pattern focused on servings of food groups, similar to the Mediterranean diet.

High blood pressure is not inevitable for most people. With the right lifestyle and diet choices you can decrease or even avoid this chronic disease.

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of the approved future expansion of the Buttenderry Waste Management Facility (BWMF), and to be constructed incorporating appropriate noise attenuation and mine subsidence treatments. Under the Central Coast Local Strategic Planning Statement, this land is not classified as an important agricultural land resource hence expansion with rural residential development is considered appropriate in this case.

The planning proposal has already been referred to the Local Planning Panel in December 2020 who agreed to its strategic merit and recommends that prior to any public exhibition, an updated ecology report be prepared on the subject land, including an analysis of the likely impact of bushfire protection measures and access, together with utility service provision, to potential dwelling sites.

Central Coast Council Administrator, Mr Dick Persson AM said this proposal will provide additional housing opportunities for the community whilst ensuring environmental protection.

"The assessment stages for this proposal ensures balanced and sustainable development for our region whilst preserving local character and protection of rural areas," Mr Persson said.

*Alison Ayres
Team Leader Communication
Central Coast Council*



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Normally we would all get together for Australia day but it was not to be this year thanks to Covid19. We were very happy to welcome new member Robyn and visitor Lesley. February is always the month when we need to have our beautiful handicrafts finished ready for judging. Handicraft officer Judy was very, very happy with the items that came in, very pleased to have entries in all section except the Children's section so as a Branch we are thinking of a new craft to work with the school children.

International officer Debbie gave us a great insight into the birds of Ecuador which was very interesting specifically the Booby family of birds as the blue footed Booby had us all amused. Debbie also filled us in with how Ecuador was going with the Covid19, it made us all feel how lucky we in Australia are. Culture lady Liz made us think about culture around the world, like Scotland: bagpipes, skits & haggis, Spain: bull fighting, China: Fried Rice, Dragon dancing etc. So please add your own country & Culture. Lyn, our Agr/Eng officer

remind us about the hardships of building the Snowy Mountains Hydro Scheme, 16 dams, 7 power stations 145km of Tunnels, etc. Hydro 2 is the next chapter.

Lesley our cooking officer just gave us all the bad news of what cakes we all need to cook for Group judging on 24th of March.

As next year 2022 means CWA NSW is 100 years old, so every Branch has been asked to give branch history. Publicity officer SUE has the hard job of 88 years of history on a A4 sheet of paper. Even though hard, it was very interesting and bless all the members that have gone before for all the great



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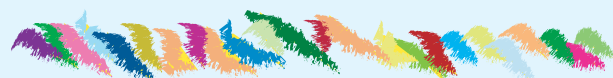
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Rabbit owners on the Central Coast being urged to vaccinate their pets before a new feral rabbit control program rolls out this month.

Led by Greater Sydney Local Land Services with the support of major landholders, local councils and environmental agencies, the program will see the release of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus known as RHDV1-K5 (RHDV) throughout the region. The virus will be released throughout Greater Sydney including Kariong, Kulnura and Somersby.

Greater Sydney Biosecurity Officer Jacob French said feral rabbits were a major agricultural and environmental pest, contributing to the decline and extinction of a number of NSW native species and costing the Australian economy more than \$200 million in production losses each year. "This is the fifth release of RHDV since the national program began in 2017, since then we have seen an estimated 42 percent reduction in the feral rabbit population in NSW, so it's essential we continue to support landholders and local councils to reduce the ongoing impact of these pests," he said. Mr French said it was important domestic



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rabbit owners went to their local vets to vaccinate their pets prior to the 17 February release. "The virus is spread mainly by contact between rabbits or via insects such as mosquitos and flies, meaning it can travel significant distances.

Importantly, RHDV doesn't affect any other animals and if domestic rabbits are vaccinated, they become immune to it." "This program is designed to complement ongoing control efforts on private and public

land," he said. "We encourage landholders experiencing issues with feral rabbits to continue working with us throughout the year and report feral rabbit damage," he said. Feral rabbits are a declared pest in NSW due to the significant amount of agricultural and environmental damage they cause.

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*Nikki McGrath
Local Land Services*

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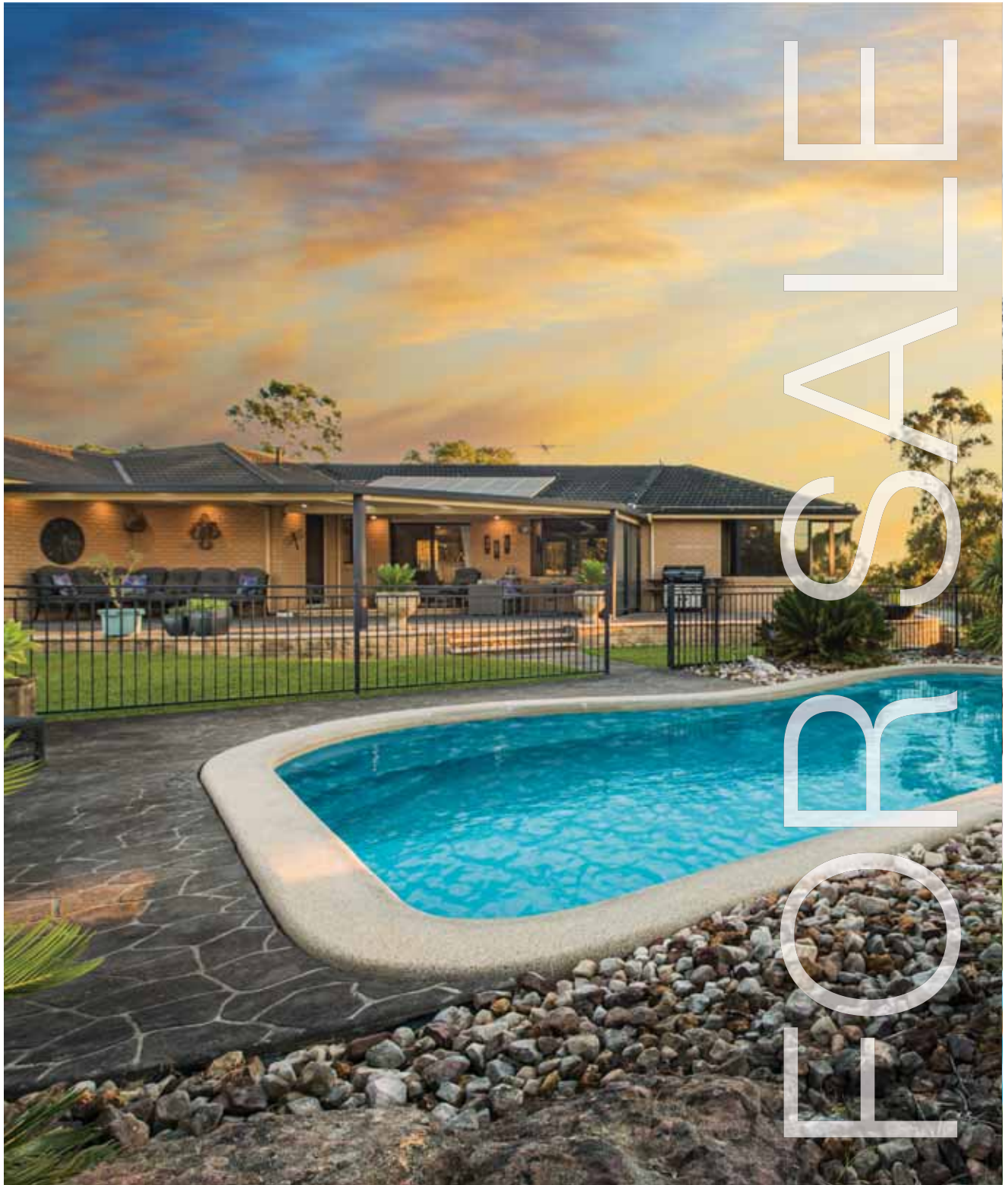


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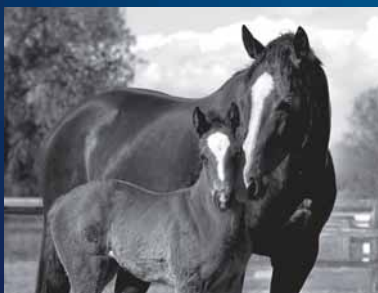
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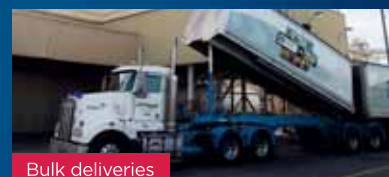
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To Register: www.cen.org.au/events

For more information contact: Nicole Heta, Project Officer, Community Environment Network on 4349 4756 or nicole.heta@cen.org.au

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consideration to reduce the number of Councillors from 15 to 9.

Before the referendum question is finalised consultation will be undertaken to gauge community preference for a ward structure or even for no wards at all.

Administrator Dick Persson said "I believe 15 Councillors is simply too many and does not facilitate collaborative and effective decision making and that has to change."

"The only way to change this is through a referendum so the

community of the Coast will have a direct say in this change.

"Wards is another area that needs review. I personally think the no ward option is best so Councillors represent the whole Coast, but I know there are other views.

Community consultation will be undertaken in the next few months will with a report due back to Council no later than mid-April 2021.

*Alison Ayres
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Luca's Grey Wolf Bike Hike

The following is an excerpt written by Cub Member Luca, who took on the task of organizing a bike hike last year as part of his Grey Wolf Award, which is the highest award that can be achieved in the Cub section of the Scouting movement:

On the 28th of November we went on a bike ride from Chittaway to Long Jetty. I was leading the group. There were three adults and four children including myself.

Most of the time the air smelled ok, except sometimes when we were really close to the lake it smelled really disgusting because of the rotting seaweed. We heard the birds and the wind in the trees. We didn't see much



except the trees and the lake.

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Luckily Raksha, one of the Leaders' wives, met us at Long Jetty and handed out a few ice blocks. They tasted delicious, were refreshing and were the perfect snack for the heat.

Afterwards we had enough strength again to make it back to where we started, however the wind was against us this time as well as the heat. This made the way back extra hard.

Once we got back, Raksha met us again with hot chips and soft drinks just before our parents picked us up.

- Luca



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- Best Vealers: \$4.30 to \$5.10 Lighter end of vealers sold very well.
- Restocker Steers: 150 to 200kgs \$5.00 to \$6.20
- Restocker Heifers: 150 to 200kgs \$4.60 to \$5.72
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- Restocker Heifers: 200 to 300kgs \$4.00 to \$5.20
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- Yearling Heifers: \$4.00 to \$4.88
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- Export Steers: \$3.30 to \$3.68
- Cows: \$2.50 to \$3.22 most sales \$3.00 to \$3.20
- Bulls \$2.70 to \$3.00

Highlights

- Limo Steers 10/12 mths \$2040
- Angus x Roan Steers 10/12 mths \$1443 @ \$5.02/kg
- 10mth Angus Steers \$4.80 371kg = \$1784
- Angus x Steers milk tooth \$4.64 \$1875
- Light weight Angus & B/B Steers \$6.18 22kgs = \$1373
- Santa Hereford x Steer weaners \$5.08 306kgs = \$1555
- Charolais Steer weaners \$5.50 248kgs = \$1365
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Another phone horror story

The following is the experience of a local resident:

"On 20/12/20 a tree had come down across Wisemans Ferry Road, Mangrove Mountain about 3km away from us, taking the landline phone out. A neighbour rang Telstra on my behalf to report the landline was out because my two Telstra mobiles have very poor service. Telstra informed locals phones would be restored by 28/12/20, so with no connections, locals had to travel 5 km to get mobile reception to make numerous calls every time they never turned up on dates they promised to restore phone. 29/12/20 then 5/1/21 then 6/1/21 then 11/1/21 then 15/1/21 then 27/1/21 then FINALLY after over 6 weeks we get land line phones on 1/2/21.

During all this times on many occasions I contacted Telstra Via Telstra Faults Website and Telstra Faults Facebook because my mobiles had very poor service... all a waste of time after messaging and messaging giving dates of loss of phones, location of where phone lines were damaged etc, at times sending messages over a 8 hour day waiting up to one hour for each reply from them when they request information... they then message back to tell us to ring Telstra Outages.

Waste of time having these services on websites. Lodged a complaint to Telecommunications Ombudsman 7/1/21 then Telstra contacted me saying because of health issues they will send a technician with a satellite phone and dish and install it on our property on 21/1/21, waited all day no one came... notified the Ombudsman and also rang Telstra and was told we have short supply... you are on waiting list.

Have now filled out a Priority Assist Application indicating health issues and that mobiles have poor connection, the Ombudsman informed us that if any outages occur again Telstra must supply us with a satellite phone within 48 hrs. Each time I rang or messaged Telstra I did notify them of health issues and that I have been a customer with Telstra for 47 yrs but that didn't get my phone restored any quicker. So much for loyalty... shame on



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Also, on two occasions at 9 am I got onto Telstra Website to the faults section and sent a message trying to find out when phones would be restored, got message back sorry our offices are closed for the night ???

On another occasion while I was in town, rang Telstra Faults, explained we have had no land line phones for 4 weeks and very worried as our two Telstra mobiles don't get service, we live on acreage and neighbours will not hear us if we have a emergency and need help, he then replied, yes its very hard when you live out bush and very far away.

Told the jerk we only live just on 1 hour from Sydney and 1 hr from Newcastle, obviously he has no idea because our calls all go overseas."

Yet another local experiencing problems with phones and communications

Don't give up on the issue of bad phones & internet, let one of your local community and business groups know, a bunch of complaints constantly being made will eventually get some results.

It took the Wendoree & Spencer communities eight years to get improved coverage at Wendoree and even longer to get a partial fix at Spencer.

Tell your local community group, business group, your local Federal MP and the Federal Communications Minister.

Do you have a phone or internet horror story? Go to the Community News website and tell us about it:
<https://cnews1.com.au/contact/>

Editor

MARKET IN REVIEW

by Jay Talbot Licenced Real Estate, Stock & Station Agent and Auctioneer



Hi Jay Talbot here from TalbotPartners Real Estate - your local lifestyle property specialists. There has been much written about what is expected to happen in the real estate space this year, with first home buyers and sea and tree changers continuing to drive prices.

Stock levels of all property types are low across the coast so when you add strong demand to the mix, it's producing great sales outcomes for vendors. Many commentators are already calling this the year of record

prices. According to sales data from "Domain & Corelogic" Sydney has already seen the median house price hit a new record high.

City residents are seizing the opportunity presented by increased working from home provisions to seek out their dream lifestyles in outer regions such as the Central Coast. The research firm CoreLogic this week said housing values across Australia rose 2.3% in the final quarter of last year, to just 0.1% below the previous record high of October 2017.

Sydney's median house price has risen \$50,000 beyond the pre-pandemic high, to a record of \$1,211,488, thanks to a strong increase of 4.8% in the December quarter alone, according to Domain.

Data from Domain has also highlighted the greatest increases came in outer Sydney areas such as the Northern Beaches, where prices have risen 10.1% in the past 12 months, the Blue Mountains (up 9.1%), while the Central Coast has seen an increase of 12.7%.

Many commentators believe the outlook has moved rapidly from a buyers' market to a sellers', with a lot of those buyers entering the market for the first time. The increased demand for properties in coastal areas such as northern New South Wales, the Central Coast, and Queensland's Sunshine Coast was a direct consequence of the pandemic's often devastating

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Calga-Mt. White RFS	General meeting	3rd Monday of the month, 7.30pm at Pacific Hwy Fire Station Mt. White
Kulnura VBFB	General meeting	1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm
at Greta Rd Station	Training	3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
Mangrove Mountain RFS	General Meeting	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm,
Bloodtree Rd	Training / Maintenance	All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
Spencer RFS	General Meeting	2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm
	Training	3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30pm
	Junior Training	4th Monday Training 6:30pm
		E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade 0415 668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd
Somersby RFS	General Meeting	First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station
	Training/Maintenance	Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except before Wed general meeting)
Yarramalong RFS	Training: Nights: Morning: Maintenance/Training : General Meeting (GM): Contact:	First Wednesday of month 7pm start Last Saturday of month 8.30am start 3rd Sunday of month 8.30am start 2nd Wed of even months 7.30pm start Ph: 0409 915060 or 0418 280 764 Email: yarramalongrfs@bigpond.com

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Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)	First Monday of the month at Community Hall, Peats Ridge School. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419 400163.
Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)	2nd Tues of the month at Mangrove Mountain Hall 2-4 Waratah Rd Mangrove Mtn. Start 5pm, meeting 7pm. Ph Judy 43771728
Gosford North Inner Wheel club	2nd Wed each month 7pm at Phillip House in Kariong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
Gosford World Vision Community Group	4th Tues 11am in Presbyterian Church, West Gosford Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 586 760.
Permaculture Central Coast	Third Tuesday (except Jan.) at Tuggerah Community Hall, ANZAC Rd, 6.30pm - 9pm
Kulnura & District Garden Club	Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group Meeting	First Thursday of the Month, 8pm, Mangrove Mountain Hall. No meeting in January. Hon. Sec Danny Willmott 0407275653
Mangrove Emergency Planning Committee	Third Wednesday bi-monthly, Mangrove Hall
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting	2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Union Church Hall. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529
Mangrove Mountain RSL Women's Auxiliary	Third Tuesday of the month, 2pm Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club New Members welcome. Secretary Keitha Coty 43771773
Mangrove Mountain Singing Group	1st & 3rd Tue, 7-9pm, Mangrove Mtn Union Church. All welcome. Contact 0425313433.
Mountain District Football Club Meeting	Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club
River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District	President Robyn Downham 0414248224 Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com
Rotary Club Meeting	Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc	President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 4377 1167, 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
The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group	Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Ph Glenys Palmer on 4374 1441 for enquiries.
Somersby Equestrian Club Club & Committee Meeting	Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed	Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781
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15% rate rise pending

Council will formally apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a 15% rate rise. The increase, which includes an annual 2% rate peg, will be applied once and remain permanently in the rate base from the 2021-22 financial year, if it's approved by IPART.

The decision follows extensive community consultation, with well over 10,000 responses to an online survey and direct submissions received.

Administrator Dick Persson said he understood community concern and even anger about a rate rise but it was needed to repay restricted funds that had been spent on projects the community had benefited from.

"It is by no means an easy decision at all, none of this is easy. I have been upfront about Council's financial situation, the reasons why and how we will turn it around and make sure it never happens again. That plan includes a rate rise," Mr Persson said.

"We have done everything we can to find savings. There is no more juice in the lemon to squeeze here. This is the last resort.

"We are legally obligated to repay the restricted funds, which were not spent with the necessary authorisations. With a 15% rate rise, Council will be able to repay \$100M within ten years by delivering modest budget surpluses.

"Ten percent means we won't be able to repay the restricted reserves and would be back in deficit by 2026-27 and that will mean there will be further service cuts and job losses. That is not something I want to see happen in this community.

"There is also a very real risk that should Council not obtain a 15% increase it may impact the status of our bank loans with a potential early call on these loans.

"While the community consultation clearly showed the majority of respondents were against a rate rise, when presented with the three options, a 15% rise was more preferable than 10%.

"The fifteen percent includes a one-off 13% SV and the annual rate peg of 2%. If approved by IPART it would mean the 13% would be applied from 1 July 2021 and then remain permanently in the rate base. It is not 13% every financial year. In 2022-23 rates would go up again only by the

rate peg approved by IPART."

Mr Persson said he understood the timing of the proposed rise came at a difficult time for the community.

"We have a long list of actions to help this Council recover, and this rate rise is only one part of the solution," Mr Persson said.

"I understand that it has been a difficult year and that many in the community will find any rate rise difficult, however, we have crunched the numbers and even with a rate rise of 15% it is very likely a lot of the former Wyong ratepayers will pay less than they do now, when harmonisation is taken into account.

"Looking at our neighbouring Councils, with fifteen percent Central Coast residents will still pay less than Lake Macquarie, Newcastle and Cessnock ratepayers.

"Regardless, we are here to help - rebates and payment plans will be possible and we have updated our Debt Recovery and Hardship Policy and that will be on exhibition from tomorrow.

"I want to continue the conversation with the community. Please continue to provide feedback directly to Council and to IPART, who are doing their own consultation."

Council is receiving submissions up until Friday 26 February 2021 and IPART submissions close on Monday 1 March 2020.

Council will now formally submit an application to IPART for a 15% SV inclusive of the 2% rate peg. IPART is expected to make decisions on all SV applications, by Councils, in May.

Council's revised draft Debt Recovery and Hardship Policy as well as the Long-term Financial Plan will be on public exhibition from tomorrow (Tuesday 9 February 2021) until Wednesday 10 March 2021). Information and how to have a say can be found at yourvoiceourcoast.com

Alison Ayres

*Team Leader Communication
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Historical Society Inc.

First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter

The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group

Wyong District Museum &
Historical Society

ACTIVITY/HOBBY

Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group

Coastal Communicators Toastmasters

Craft/scrapbooking

HALL BOOKINGS

Kulnura Hall

Mangrove Mountain Hall
Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts
Culture and Heritage Centre
Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall

Holy Trinity Church, 2nd Sat of the month
4pm, Contact 43771374 or 43771168 as times
may change each month.

2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass
at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.
Every Sat. evening vigil - 5.30pm St. Francis
of Assisi Centre, 30 Lutana Rd, Somersby.
1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas
Catholic Mass All welcome. Enq 4356 1321

Union Church 9.00am second, fourth and fifth
Sundays. Mangrove Mountain

3rd Sunday each month, 11.00am. (Easter &
(Christmas Carols dates to be advised)

Kooree Guide Cabin, every Monday in school
term, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
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Cubs meet 6.30pm - 8.30pm Wednesdays
Scouts meet 7.00pm - 9.00pm Tuesdays
Venturers meet 7.00pm - 9.00pm Mondays
Contact 0438 476 562

Every Tues (except school holidays) 9am to
11.30am, Kooree Guide Cabin, Bec G, PH:
0421 996 029 Anne, PH: 0412 526 557
Email: becgilmour@gmail.com

25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph:
4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au
Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan
Kofron 0405321478 jankofron@optusnet.com.au

2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30,
Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact
John 43921926 or Jon 43116254.

3rd Fri each month 7.30pm Pearl Beach.
Peggy 0411754577 pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com

Open Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times
by appt. Contact 43521886 email info@alisonhomestead.com.au. website: www.alisonhomestead.com.au

Meets first Wednesday of the month
www.cclug.org.au - all most welcome

1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm
at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952
Yarramalong Hall 4th Sat of the month 10am
to 5.00pm cost \$12per person ph 43561196

Hall bookings contact Annette Stackman
43561196 Committee mtg 3rd Thurs 7:00pm
at Hall- Open to all from community.

Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289
Hall Bookings: 0413 359 655
or AH 4373 1488

booking contact Fiona Mob 0422 865 041 ph
43561600

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

Valley Folk Live Music

Saturday the 20th of March at Yarramalong
Hall - Featuring the Shane Pacey Trio plus
Julian James. Tickets via www.trybooking.com/BNNMI

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Household Chemical CleanOut

Council is once again encouraging residents to clear out unwanted hazardous chemicals from around the home and correctly dispose of them for free at the next bi-annual Chemical CleanOut events.

Community members can safely drop off their chemicals at Event Park, Kariong on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 February 2021, as well as at Long Jetty Council Depot on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 February from 9am to 3.30pm daily.

Council Unit Manager Waste Services and Business Development, Andrew Pearce said the events are a

perfect opportunity for residents to clear any hazardous materials leftover from DIY projects during self-isolation and over the holidays.

"With the rise in home improvements and home clean outs in 2020, now is an ideal time to responsibly dispose of any leftover cleaning products and paints lurking around garages and sheds," Mr Pearce said.

"As these events occur around every six months, it's also a great reminder to check smoke detectors and their batteries, both of which are accepted at these events.

"Other items that can be dropped off include pesticides, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, fluorescent globes and tubes as well as any unknown or unidentified chemicals which are

WANTED

CASH PAID – collector of all oil, petrol, automotive, old shop and agri items. Any enamel signs, oil & grease tins, bottles, bowsers, steam & tractor. Mick 0422688670

WANTED TO BUY - Surface Water Licence up to 50ML for the Ourimbah Creek water source. We can help you with the process, including splitting your existing licence if required. Please call John on 0419 467 567.

WANTED TO RENT

WANTED TO LEASE while I renovate my place in North Gosford. Interested in leasing long term, any available dwellings or sheds - can work part time - do have small mature dog. 0405051540.

WANTED HOUSE TO RENT: Do you have a place preferably a house to rent with 1 or 2 bedrooms, kitchen, living room 1 or 2 bath and storage for a car? I have been residing on the river renting a house for the last eight years and have excellent rental references.

Unfortunately the place I have been renting was sold and owner wants to occupy, so I am looking for somewhere close: Mooney Mooney, Brooklyn, Mount White or Peats Ridge on the Hawkesbury and/or nearby communities.

I am willing to maintain and improve, upgrade or renovate a premises and would prefer to sign a longer term lease. If you know of anything please get in touch with me.

Tim Monckton M 0405629116
E oztralien@gmail.com

accepted for identification and correct disposal.

"With COVID-19 restrictions in place, extra precautions continue to be taken for the continued safety of residents and staff onsite and as always we ask residents to remain in their vehicles when dropping off their hazardous waste."

Up to 100 litres of paint can be accepted per vehicle, in containers of 20L or less. For all other items, only household quantities of up to 20L or 20kg are accepted. For the full list of chemicals that can be dropped off call 131 555 or visit cleanout.com.au.

If you are unsure how to dispose of items, check the A-Z Waste Disposal and Recycling Guide at 1coast.com.au.

*Rebecca Ius
Senior Communication Officer
Central Coast Council*



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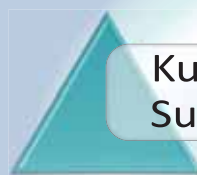
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