

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Phone and internet on "the mountain" --- what a joke!

Where to start ??????

In the mid 1990's we had better mobile phone coverage than we do today --- that's what we call "progress" (that was with analog phones and now we have digital, only much better if you have service, worse if you don't !)

Let me tell you about a couple of "episodes" --- I have a business at Somersby, three minutes off the M1, I have to stand at the front door of the business to have semi-reliable mobile phone connection as it doesn't work inside (would you believe I can see a Telstra tower from the front door --- yes my service? is with Telstra!)

Early last year the internet to my business and others in the area was switched off (for maintenance) at about eight am and back on at night leaving my business, which relies on internet for parts lookup, ordering and invoicing, with NO internet, this went on for about THREE months WHAT THE !?#&*& ! --- and of course you can't contact NBN to complain, all I got was messages saying the outage would be extended for another week from my telecommunication provider . Really helps small business --- NOT

Then before Christmas the area was hit with a major lightning storm and of course the phones went down --- Somersby again and while I do understand that things like that do happen, my business had NO fixed line phones and sort of unreliable mobile private phones for another couple of months !!!

All this and we are only 15 minutes from Gosford, 1 hour from Sydney and Newcastle ----- BUT WE ARE WEST OF THE EXPRESSWAY and therefore we dont matter !!!

We seem to be LUCKY here --- little to no phone service --- little to bad internet service --- little to no council services --- some of the worst roads on the Central Coast (yet council want to keep robbing us for higher rates ?)

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I have been in touch with my telecommunication provider (think I might change my provider) Telstra, The Ombudsman, local members --- all full of promises but no action --- so who do we contact to rectify any or all of these problems ?

Thanks for listening --- maybe one day someone will actually DO something positive not just promise to do it.

Phil Williams

Do you have a phone or internet horror story to add to the collection? Go to the Community News website and tell us about it:

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MANGROVE MOUNTAIN & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY GROUP A.G.M.

To be held at 8pm on Thursday
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Danny Willmott
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For more information contact:

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS IN RURAL AREAS

Federal Member for Robertson Lucy Wicks said that the Morrison Government has a strong record on delivering connectivity in rural and regional areas, including in Mangrove Mountain on the Central Coast.

“With bushfires, floods and COVID-19, remaining connected and accessing the nbn and mobile services has proven to be even more crucial in the past 12 months.

“I have been working with residents from Mangrove Mountain that have had some difficulties with their nbn connection.

“I would encourage anyone experiencing issues with their mobile service or nbn connection to get in touch with my office.

“I have been advised by NBN Co that a combination of Fixed Wireless and satellite technologies are available to connect homes and businesses to the nbn network in Mangrove Mountain.

“These technologies were chosen for this area based on several factors

including geographical location, existing infrastructure, population density, and the cost and time to build.

“NBN Co have also advised that the Mangrove Mountain South fixed wireless tower is performing very well, with an average throughput over the past month of more than 50 Mbps on all nine cells.

The original plans set that set out the deployment of the nbn network recognised that fixed wireless and satellite technologies are very capable of providing fast, reliable and secure broadband services to this area.

This region has never been identified for fixed-line connection, including under the previous Labor Government.

“From 2007 to 2013, Labor went from zero premises connected to 51,000 premises connected. In contrast, from 2013 to 2020, the Liberal Government went from 51,000 to over 7.9 million.

Mangrove Mountain has also benefitted from the \$380 million Mobile Black Spot Program, delivering on the Government’s commitment to improve mobile coverage and competition across Australia.

“We have seen some incredibly important outcomes for this community through the Mobile Black Spot Program, including a

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

We live in an amazing community where helping one another is normal.

Just remember the person that annoys you today could be the one saving you or your property tomorrow. So think before you react.

*Sherri from Valley Happenings news,
Macdonald Valley Association*

Mobile Base Station on the corner of Wisemans Ferry Road and Maroney Road in Mangrove Mountain,” Ms Wicks said.

“This tower has been delivering improved mobile service for years, originally funded in Round 2 of the Program. The tower was officially switched on in October 2018.

“In addition to the Mangrove Mountain tower, we have also delivered increased mobile connectivity in Calga, Wendoree Park, Somersby and Mount White in the Central Coast Mangrove Mountain Plateau Region.

*Charlotte Bowcock
Electorate Officer for
Lucy Wicks MP
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Final Update On The Optus/Telstra Mobile Tower For Spencer And Wendoree Park

Belinda Repton from Wendoree Park and Robyn Downham from Spencer have been campaigning tirelessly since November 2015 on behalf of Spencer, Wendoree Park and the surrounding Communities on the Lower Hawkesbury River for improved telecommunications in this region which is ironically only an hour's drive north of Sydney.

In April 2019 a tower was installed and activated for Wendoree Park (installed north of Spencer) and due to failed negotiations Optus decided to co-locate with Telstra on this new tower.

At long last the permanent co-location with Optus and Telstra is finally complete and activated and according to Optus offering greater 4G and 3G coverage, quality and performance to the Spencer area.

The Optus satellite dish located in the Malaluka Caravan Park in Spencer has now been locked down the ramifications of which will impact on Marlow. I have been assured that a

GRINDING YOUR TEETH?

Bruxism (commonly referred to as teeth grinding) is a condition you could be suffering from without even knowing.

It is characterised by involuntary clenching, grinding, grating and gnashing of the teeth, and symptoms are not always displayed in ways that are immediately noticeable. Bruxism is a parafunctional habit, which is the habitual exercise of a body part in a way that is different to the most common use of that body part.

new satellite dish for Marlow is being installed over at Greenmans Caravan Park but won't be up and running until the 3rd week in March.

Optus are keen to hear if anyone in our respective Communities are still encountering problems with coverage or if this co-location may be causing any negative changes.

If you do have a phone or internet horror story I encourage you to go to the Community News website below and tell them all about it.

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Robyn Downham
President
River Cares Inc

Teeth grinding is a surprisingly common condition that generally occurs during the night, however it can also occur during the daytime, or both.

Causes of teeth grinding:

The cause of teeth grinding is not always straightforward. It may be either physical or psychological, or a mixture of both.

Symptoms of teeth grinding:

Teeth grinding places a great deal of pressure on your teeth and can cause various forms of damage. Symptoms include:

- Worn down enamel (the outer layer of your teeth).
- Fractured, chipped, or loose teeth.
- A dull headache, ear pain, aching teeth, and/or stiffness in the face and temples (particularly when you have just woken up).
- Sore jaws while you're chewing, biting or yawning (particularly at breakfast time for night bruxism, or late in the afternoon for daytime bruxism).
- Sensitivity to hot and cold food and drinks.

Treatments for teeth grinding:

The most appropriate treatment for teeth grinding will depend on the cause, which will be investigated at an evaluation consultation. Some of the most common treatments include:

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Orthodontic or restorative dentistry: If you are suffering from malocclusion, we are able to make adjustments to your teeth through either orthodontic (for example braces) or restorative (for example dental crowns) treatments. This will create a more balanced bite (occlusion) and may reduce or rectify the interferences causing your subconscious grinding pattern.

Muscle relaxant injections: Although muscle relaxant injections are not a cure for bruxism, they may effectively control the symptoms. Voluntary movements, such as chewing and facial expressions, will not be affected by the treatment.

Supplementary treatments: If psychological factors are likely contributing to your bruxism, it may be beneficial to involve your other health professionals (such as a GP and psychologist), as well as your dentist, to assist in the treatment of both the cause and the symptoms.

Article by VC Dental

UPDATE TO ANOTHER PHONE HORROR STORY - COMMUNITY NEWS No 870

We were badly impacted by the bush fires on 8th November 2019 that swept through Rainbow Flat and Koorainghat.

We lost all our services including the land line. Telstra came and installed a satellite phone for us, however due to some mix up it was first connected and then disconnected, so effectively was a waste of time.

Once services were restored I

contacted Telstra to uninstall and remove the satellite phone. Despite repeated requests they never did. I went into the Telstra shop in Taree several times but nobody was willing or able to help. Finally one assistant told us to keep it "everyone is entitled to one satellite phone" I was told.

Absolutely flabbergasted, I kept the phone and when we moved to Jilliby in December, the phone came with us. I then tried returning it to the Telstra shop at Tuggerah, but they didn't want to know either.

Therefore, if your correspondent wants to know why Telstra has a shortage of Satellite phones, the answer is very simple. They give them out but don't go get them back and even refuse to accept them back at their Telstra shops.

Martin Flippance

NSW DECISION ON PEP-11

I welcome the news that the Deputy Premier, John Barilaro has formally written to the Federal Minister Pitt to advise of his decision to say no in relation to the request before the Joint Authority to vary the licence conditions for the PEP-11 permit.

The next step is for the Commonwealth representative on the Joint Authority to consider the matter carefully and to make his decision.

I will be advocating for the Commonwealth to say no to the decision to extend the PEP-11 permit.

I have been assured by the Federal Minister that he will give this proposal and the recommendation from Minister Barilaro the detailed consideration it deserves.

I stand alongside my community in sharing their concerns about the protection of our beautiful oceans and precious marine by ensuring sustainable practices by all marine users, now and into the future.

Lucy Wicks MP

Federal Member for Robertson


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Council quarterly budget report confirms deficit reduction of \$7.7M

Council has provided the 2020-21 Q2 Business Report, which covers the progress of the operational plan actions, targets and financial performance for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

Remedial actions to reduce Council's operating deficit continue including a structural reduction in operating expenditure, reducing capital expenditure, secured bank loans, generating additional income and moving to sell underperforming assets.

Council Administrator Dick Persson AM assured the community budget savings were continuing to be made, while delivering essential infrastructure and services to the region.

"Good news is all our hard work to find savings and rein in spending is working with the deficit reduced by

\$7.7million," Mr Persson said.

"We are also recovering faster than expected from COVID with an extra \$3.3M in income from fees and charges from our Holiday Parks, Leisure Centres, Pools and child care centres.

"This is in addition to a reduction of \$4.4million in operational expenditure, with reduction of materials, contracts and other expenses as a result of stringent expenditure control.

"The capital works program has been reduced by \$53.3M to \$170M a year with priority given to essential services and delivering projects over several years.

"However, despite all this great work, Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2021 will still be unsatisfactory with a current forecasted loss of \$107.4M.

"So the hard work will continue to find the savings and deliver a balanced budget for next financial year. Hopefully we do get a Special Variation from IPART so that we can pay back restricted funds and deliver the services our community need and value."

Overall performance against the Operational Plan actions and targets shows that out of the 108 actions / targets, 3 have been Completed, 67 are on Track, 5 have Not Commenced, and 33 are either Delayed, On Hold or

MOUNTAIN ANGLICANS

With many COVID restrictions now behind us and the promise of vaccines that are meant to help us get back to a safer life, things are gradually resuming again.

We had our Christmas Eve Carol service sitting outside at the required 'social distance' with the weather being good allowing this for the first time. Of course, no supper or separate choir but we still had our carol singing and Christmas lights, a Christmas tree and the usual lucky door prizes.

Morning teas have started again after the services with special permission and a lot of requirements to follow but allows for folk to have face to face conversations. We mostly have

have been Closed. A number of these have been impacted by the financial situation.

Further information on Council's Financial Situation, including details of Council's Business Recovery Plan and Special Variation application to IPART can be found at by searching news at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

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these seated outside spaced around the campfire area.

Pancake day celebrations at Bible study were also different this year but better than last year's cancellation. Everyone was given an easy commercial pancake container to make up for themselves and bring along. It seems we have many good cooks.

We are studying Psalm 23 at Bible study at the moment and will then be moving onto a course in 'forgiveness'. Some of us also are involved in a couple of on-line and booklet Lenten studies.

As well as our normal 8am Sunday services at the Scout Hall situated at 153 George Downes Drive Central Mangrove, we are planning our Good Friday and Easter Day services. For

enquiries please ring Rev Jim on 0407210861.

Our group have all been asked to Lester Knutson's 80th birthday celebrations. He has been part of our church for many years. He is moving with his wife Margaret to a new home soon. We give them thanks for everything they have done in our church and pray for the next part of their life.

Our prayer group has also been asking God for the safety of everyone here from COVID-19. If you would like any special prayers or blessings just come to one of our services or contact our prayer group via Rev Jim.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

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New landfill will ensure delivery of essential waste management services continue

Council has approved the construction of a new landfill cell (cell 4.4) at Buttonderry Waste Management Facility, which will enable Council to continue its delivery of essential waste management services to Central Coast households and businesses.

Council Administrator Dick Persson AM said this project forms part of Council's ongoing program for the construction of new landfill cells, which are essential for maintaining Council's capacity to manage waste across the Central Coast.

"The construction of a new landfill cell at Council's Buttonderry Waste Management Facility will ensure the facility can continue to carry out its core function of waste management – a service that impacts and benefits the entire Central Coast community," said Mr Persson.

Consistent with forecasts, the current landfill cell (cell 4.3) that was completed in 2013 is nearing capacity and Council is required to construct

FAREWELL TO AN ORIGINAL 'COMMUNITY CHAMPION' – ANNE BARRETT

The community of Spencer lost one of its true 'original community champions' on the 28/10/20. Anne Barrett peacefully passed away at the age of 93.

Anne moved to Spencer in 1980 taking up residence in Lavender Crescent where she lived for 40 years. In 1982 Anne joined Spencer RFS to help her community in times of bush fires. Anne served 15 years as a rural

bush firefighter & was recognised for her efforts during the devastating 1994 summer bush fires. Anne was also a founding member of the Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society.

Anne spent many years working in the historical archives to ensure all documents would be preserved & useable into the future. She also donated various items to the Society in her later years. Anne also donated to many charities, with the RFS making a donation to Westpac Careflight in her memory.

For those who knew Anne, she was a quiet achiever & a good true friend. For those who did not know Anne, she should be considered an inspiration as someone who truly cared for her community. We will miss her.

*From Rivercares Newsletter
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the next new cell to continue its landfilling operations.

The total budget for the construction of the new landfill cell is \$9M, which will be funded using internal restricted funds reserved to fund future waste facilities and infrastructure. These funds have been generated from income received through the operation of Council's waste management facilities over previous years.

Construction of the landfill cell 4.4 will take approximately ten months and will fall across the 20-21 and 21-22 financial years, in accordance with Council's 2020-21 capital works budget. Construction is scheduled to commence in March 2021 with projected completion in December 2021.

Council remains committed to resource recovery and reducing the amount of waste going to landfill, with 41 percent (69,732 tonnes of a total of 168,243 tonnes) of waste disposed of through household bins and kerbside collections on the Coast being diverted from landfill.

Central Coast Council Media Team

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2021-22 COMMEMORATIVE GRANTS OPEN TO CENTRAL COAST APPLICANTS

A new year means the opening of the 2021-22 Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program, with applications now welcome from organisations on the Central Coast.

Federal Member for Robertson Lucy Wicks MP said the program was now entering its 25th year and had already supported thousands of projects nationally, including in the Electorate of Robertson.

"It gives me great pleasure to let the community know that applications for the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program are now open, as I have seen first-hand the amazing work that results from this grant funding," Ms Wicks said.

"The Central Coast has a rich military history and each year this community does what it can to ensure we remember those who served and their efforts in defending our nation and its allies.

"Commemoration is at the heart of our community, something we



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"2020 had an unexpected impact on our community due to the coronavirus, so as we enter into the 2021-22 grant funding year, let's make sure that we use the support provided by the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program to carry on the commemorations legacy."

The Grant Opportunity Guidelines have also been revised for 2021-22, which includes more information around coronavirus support and new opening and closing dates.

For more information, including access to the latest guidelines and information on how to apply, visit the Community Grants Hub.

Charlotte Bowcock
Electorate Officer for
Lucy Wicks MP
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This is the lovely photo which our member Patricia Smith had published on the cover of the quarterly magazine of Garden Clubs of Australia. There are 750 Clubs with 45,000 members and their motto is Friendship through Gardens so it certainly is quite an honour to have a photo selected!

Our next meeting will be held at Paul's lovely property at Yarramalong and we are preparing our Covid plan in order to satisfy the current rules and regulations. Social distancing will apply of course. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell. You will also be required to bring your own mug and morning tea as we are not allowed to share food. We will be providing the usual tea, coffee, milk and the urn of course.

Hopefully, now that vaccinations have begun, we will be able to go back to normal meetings before too long!

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ARTS NEWS

**What's on at The Wollombi
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OUR NEXT EXHIBITION

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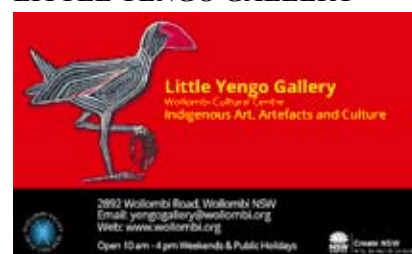


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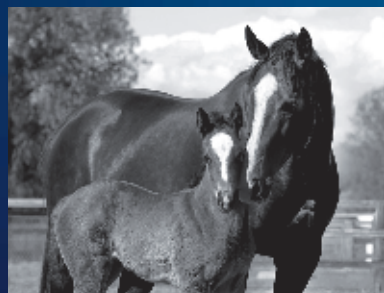
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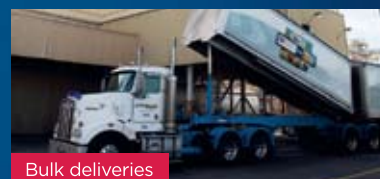
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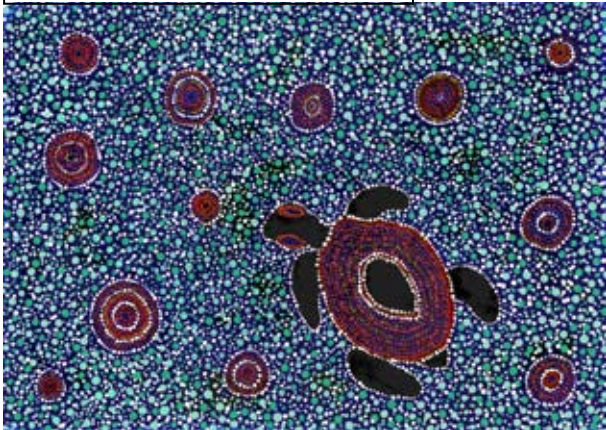
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Above: 'Frog 20' by Maree Bisby

Below: 'Warramba - Turtle' by Maddy Hodgetts



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AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Wollombi Valley Arts Council will be held at 4pm on Sunday 7th March in the courtyard behind The Little Yengo Gallery. All welcome.

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The Women in Art Exhibition will be in full swing during the Markets with over 70 Central Coast Women Artists exhibiting with over 130 entries. The International Women's Day Expo will have several information stalls from organisations such as Zonta, CWA, Volunteering Central Coast, Women's Health, Hearing Australia, Happiness Habits, The Didi Foundation, Days for Girls, Dragons Abreast CC, Because we Care Boutique, Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre, Historic Society, entertainment from Coastal a Capella and so much more.

The Artisan Market will also be available on the 7th March and the Women in Art Exhibition will be displayed until the 17th March.

These events are being held in conjunction with the Central Coast Festival of Women and there are many other events planned which may be of interest.

The Community and Business Women's Network will hold an International Women's Day Breakfast on Friday 5th March from 7 am to 9 am at Mercure Waters, Central Coast.

The guest speaker is former Detective Superintendent Deborah Wallace.

A live streaming of the "All About Women" event from the Sydney Opera House will be held at the Red Tree Theatre at Tuggerah on Sunday the 7th March.

On the 8th March, Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre will hold an event that recognises the diversity and strength of women and offers an opportunity to develop new skills while having lots of fun. There will be a guest speaker and three mini workshops. This will be held at the Elderslee Foundation, Red Tree Theatre at Tuggerah from 10 am to 2 pm.

A women and housing forum with the Elderslee Foundation will be held at the Red Tree Theatre, Tuggerah on Wednesday 10th March.

There are many events being planned all very different but interesting. Information on venues, contacts and booking arrangements is available on the Festival Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ccfestivalwomen/>

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Last Sunday, Scouts from all over the Gosford District gathered together, COVID-style, at Camp Kariong. Here we saw many Scouts from young Joeys to very experienced and wise honorary leaders to whom we aspire to. Together we all enjoyed different Scouting experiences like climbing towers, making towers, circus activities, code breaking plus much more.

We also saw our once Cub Scout, Skye, invested into Narara Scouts. Skye, we are all proud of you and we will all miss your cheerful smile and enthusiasm at Peats Ridge. You will be a great asset at Narara as you grow in your Scouting ways.

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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
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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:	First Wednesday of month 7pm start
	Morning:	Last Saturday of month 8.30am start
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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)	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 kulnuradge@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	Every 2nd month. Check website for further details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au
Club & Committee Meeting	Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed	Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms
	2nd & 4th Sun 10am; Holy Eucharist at St John the Evangelist, Wollombi. 0481269 653
Serbian Orthodox	2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$15). George Downes Drive, Peats Ridge
Kariong Community Baptist Church	Sun @9.30am, Church & Kid's Program, Kariong Public School Hall, Jonathan Houston 0427 731277
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TAFE'S OPEN FOR PRIVATISATION

Labor Members across the Central Coast call on Adam Crouch to clarify his position after he voted with Gladys Berejiklian and the NSW Liberal Government to abandon a commitment not to privatise TAFE.

During a Public Interest Debate in the NSW Parliament, Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch MP along with Labor's Shadow Minister for Education, Jihad Dib MP moved an amendment asking the NSW Liberal Government to rule out any further privatisation of TAFE or sale of TAFE campuses across NSW.

Member for Terrigal and Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Adam Crouch voted with Gladys Berejiklian and the NSW Liberal Government to vote down Labor's amendment.

"Last year I also called on the NSW Government to ensure Gosford TAFE was not for sale. They refused to do that.

"In January, it was revealed that the Berejiklian Government has already put Scone TAFE campus up for sale and the Minister says more sell-offs are on the way.

"Without skills and assistance, our young people are being left behind. The continued privatisation of TAFE is a key factor in our persistently high youth unemployment rates" added Mr Mehan.

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Performed by her 5 Lands Orchestra and Choir, the masterpiece premiered online in lieu of the 5 Lands Walk taking place in 2020 due to COVID19. In doing so, 'Home A Place of Belonging' received international recognition as the official selection for the Berlin, Barcelona, Los Angeles, Paris, Montreal, Sydney and Melbourne Film Festivals.

Additionally, Dr de Vilder's film has been nominated for 2 Globe Awards, and won Best Original Score at London's Latitude Awards.

The 5 Lands Walk is scheduled to take place on 26th June 2021, details of which can be found at www.5landswalk.com.au

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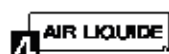
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