

COMMUNITY NEWS

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EASTER CHURCH SERVICES 2021

Anglican Church

Peats Ridge Scout Hall – with Rev. Jim Innes

Friday 2nd April, Good Friday service, at 8am.

Sunday 4th April, Easter Sunday, traditional service, at 8am.

Please bring face masks to wear during singing of hymns.

Baptist

Kariong Community Baptist Church

Kariong Public School Hall - Langford Drive, Kariong - TBA

Catholic

St Francis of Assisi Centre - Lutana Road, Somersby

Friday 2nd April, Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, at 9.30am; and Mass and celebration of the Lord's

Passion, at 3pm.

Saturday 3rd April, Easter Saturday, Easter Vigil, Service of the Light, at 7.00pm.

Holy Trinity Church, Spencer

Sunday 28th March, Palm Sunday Memorial Mass, at 11am. Followed by Family Picnic.

There will be no Easter Sunday Mass. Next Mass on Saturday 10th April, at 4pm.

Greek Orthodox

St. Dionysios Church, Central Mangrove

Greek Easter is celebrated on Sunday 2nd May 2021. A full list of solemn celebrations leading up to Easter will appear in the next Community News issue.

St Barnabas Yarramalong

Sunday 4th April, Easter Sunday, at 11.15am. Catholic Service. All welcome.

Please call Cynthia (4356 1586) if you wish to attend as limited numbers are in place due to COVID

restrictions.

The Uniting Church

Union Church, Mangrove Mountain

Friday 2nd April, Good Friday, Ecumenical service, at 9.00am – all welcome

Sunday 4th April, Easter Sunday, Ecumenical service, at 9.00am – all welcome

Information courtesy of Alyce Chin



ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Sunday 18th April 2021, 2pm
Afternoon Tea served afterwards

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**** 26th March '21 ****

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Somersby/Mangrove Mtn Greenteam information session

Do you live in or near Somersby or Mangrove Mountain on a semi-rural property and have .5ha or more native bushland?

Are you interested in being part of a Greenteam' Landcare group in your area with other like-minded locals to tackle weeds together on each other's properties?

Come along to an introductory



session to find out about the support on offer:

When: Thursday 18 March, 10 - 11.30am

Where: Mangrove Mtn Hall

Cost: FREE

* Morning tea included

Registration to the morning tea is essential, please register [HERE](#) so we know you are attending.

Once your 'Green Team' is established, the Community Environment Network in partnership with Local Land Services will provide ongoing support including:

- Bush regenerator to guide the group at each working bee session (e.g. weed control techniques, plant identification, seed collecting and planting)

- Green Team Landcare diary

- Help with planning and managing the weeds in your bushland – including bush regeneration workplan and habitat assessment.

This is a great opportunity to connect with your neighbours and build land management knowledge and skills.

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INTERNET & PHONES... THE SHOW CONTINUES

"Carry On Communications"... for those old enough to have seen them, real life mimics the the old "Carry On" movies.

My I add my story to the many anguished cry's from the folks living in the Mountain districts regarding the NBN & Mobile signals?

We live on Wisemans Ferry Road not far from our local store. (fantastic, try it out, great coffee) We attended a forum put on by NBN at our local hall, at my request they agreed to do a survey of my place, two days later a

Nicole Heta
Project Officer
Community Environment Network
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RSVP to register: <https://cen.org.au/events/cen-event-list/461-somersby-greenteam-information-picnic-somersby>

This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust
Nikki McGrath
Communications Officer
Greater Sydney Local Land Services

technician spent two hours trying to find a signal, the best he could do was from the Somersby tower which would need a tall mast near my front gate & underground cable to the house, no mention of cost!

I then contacted my internet supplier and after much discussion they advised, and I quote

"Maybe your best bet would be to stay with the copper wires" (Landline Phone).

The internet signal thru the phone lines is incredible slow but very reliable.

My Mobile signal is only one bar (if I'm lucky) I can get ,but not send text, if I answer a call or try to make one it just drops out, however if i walk to my front gate, sometimes I get two bars!! Thankfully I have a landline.

When we moved to Mangrove Mt 20 years ago our problems were less than 10% of what they are now.

Lets now talk about why we are in such a "communications mess", it is of course about the almighty dollar, put simply, not enough customers in a given area, go to Gosford, plenty of mobile signal, everybody happily browsing etc, why, plenty of customers, this info came from the NBN technician who was willing to have a chat.

So here we are nearly 52 years after watching Neil Armstrong walk on the Moon.

Makes one think, what's going on doesn't it?

Adrian Atkins

We have had no phone or internet since before Christmas.

Telstra customer.

Wasted many hours trying to contact them for repair and getting nowhere.

Craig Scott

Kirks Rd, Mangrove Mountain

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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Central Coast Council Open Pile Burning Policy

Local residents are not always aware of the conditions under which they may burn dead vegetation on their land during the non-bush fire danger period (usually from March 31 - October 1)

- The Central Coast Council and the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) receive numerous requests from rural landowners to burn dead vegetation in order to carry out routine maintenance of their land.

- Council will provide deemed approval for the open burning of dead and dry vegetative material on parcels of land that meet the conditions of consent. Such approval is intended for properties not in urban areas that have a large number of mature trees, which are likely to generate larger than average quantities of vegetative debris.

- Council cannot provide approval for the burning of non-vegetative waste.

- Burning must minimise smoke impacts by avoiding green, damp and compacted piles.

- Burning must be undertaken in a safe manner by complying with the consent conditions.

- In the making of this Policy Council has taken into consideration the following issues, the

- o impact on regional air quality;
- o impact on local air quality;
- o feasibility of re-use, recycling, or other alternative means of disposal;

- o views of the sector of the public likely to be affected by the proposed approval;

- o views of the Environment Protection Authority in relation to the self-approval process; and

- o Views of the NSW Rural Fire Service in support of this Policy.

Conditions for Consent

- Parcels of land must be:

- o Greater than 4,000m² in area; and

- o E2 Environmental Conservation, E3 Environmental Management, E4 Environmental Living, RE2 Private Recreation, R5 Large Lot Residential, RU1 Primary Production, RU2 Rural Landscape, RU5 Village or RU6 Transition under the Local Environment Plan.

- o Zoned 7(a) Conservation or 7(c2) Scenic Protection under Gosford interim Development Order No. 122

- Only one pile of vegetation may be burnt at any one time.

- Pile size may be up to 2 metres in diameter and a maximum height of 1.5 metres. Vegetation may be added as

the pile burns down.

- Deemed approval is only granted for the burning of dry and dead vegetation that was generated on the premises on which the vegetation grew.

- Vegetation must be of a diameter of 150mm or less.

- An open pile burn fire must be at least 20 metres from any dwelling structure, building, or unmanaged vegetation (native or non-native).

- All combustible material within 4.5 metres of the fire must be removed.

- Adequate water supplies and/or firefighting equipment must be immediately on hand to extinguish the fire if required.

- Adjacent property occupiers (or, if there are no occupiers, the owners) must be given 24 hours' notice, unless specified otherwise in a Fire Permit, either in writing or verbally. Adjacent properties include land separated by a lane, road or waterway from the land on which the fire is to be lit. Details to be provided include name of the person/s proposing to light the fire, location, purpose, period and time of the fire.

- For land in a Rural Fire District, the NSW Rural Fire Service (Central Coast Fire Control Centre) must be provided 24 hours' notice, unless specified otherwise in a Fire Permit, either in writing or verbally. Details to be provided include name of the person/s proposing to light the fire,



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- An open fire must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Burning should only take place when weather conditions are suitable with winds under 15km/h.
- Burning should not cause nuisance to neighbours or a smoke hazard to traffic. Where nuisance or smoke hazard occurs, the fire is to be immediately extinguished.

To notify the intention to undertake an open pile burn contact:

- Go online to <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/burn-notifications>

Contact Details to obtain a Fire Permit (required until April 1)

- The NSW Rural Fire Service Central Coast District Office on 1300 661 401.
- The Fire and Rescue NSW Central Coast Office on 43379700 or your local fire station.

For more information, look at <https://cdn.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Council/Policies/openpileburningpolicy-2019.pdf>

RFS Media Release

COUNCIL INVITE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER PRICES

Central Coast Council is calling on the community to have their say on water, sewer and stormwater pricing.

Water, sewer and stormwater prices are set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), who undertake a review of pricing every three to four years (the period is determined by IPART).

This latest review by IPART requires Council to propose pricing for these services by September 2021 that will take effect from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2026.

Council Director Water and Sewer, Jamie Loader said community feedback is a crucial part of putting together Council's submission.

"We want to find out what's important to you about how we provide water, sewer and stormwater services to the Central Coast," said Mr Loader.

"We will then balance this information with our assessment

of how much it costs to produce water, treat sewage and ensure that stormwater is managed.

"We want to assure the community this does not mean prices go up automatically, they could in fact go down or remain the same.

"IPART will independently consider Council's submission, which will include community feedback, and will set a fair price for customers."

Council Administrator, Dick Persson AM said that he wanted the community to understand that this submission to IPART for water, sewer and stormwater prices is completely separate to the application for a rate rise that Council recently lodged.

"Council applied to IPART for a 15% rate rise to help with Council's financial recovery. This process is called a Special Variation application and is a one-off application as part of our Business Recovery Plan," Mr Persson said.

"Water, sewer and stormwater prices are required to be separately reviewed every three to four years and that is what this process is for.

"I encourage everyone to get involved in how Council will deliver what is one of the very essential services we can and must deliver."

Community members can have their say by completing an online survey at yourvoiceourcoast.com.

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Media Release*



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After 8 years, serious internet & phone problems continue

The following is a copy of a letter sent in 2014 by the Mountain Districts Association to the Federal Member for Robertson:

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MOUNTAIN DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION ABN 51466464410

11th July, 2014

Mrs L Wicks MP
91 Mann Street,
Gosford

Dear Mrs Wicks
Following our meeting last week, I am listing below some of the comments I have received from people who are very frustrated at the lack of mobile phone coverage on the Mountain district.

These are all quotations:

“Spencer: June 2007 – floods, no power, no phone for 4 days (exchange at Somersby ran out of battery), land locked for 4 days

Mangrove Mountain: Despite paying \$700 for a Telstra booster, still only

get intermittent coverage. After the recent winds, no coverage at all for 1 week.

Mangrove Mountain: Missed selling our house as we have no mobile phone coverage.

Kulnura: Occasional SMS coverage only – very frustrating.

Cedar Brush Creek: Often have problems with land line due to lightning strikes.

Spencer: Have had many different phones, all guaranteed to work and still no coverage despite putting an aerial on my roof at my own expense.

Spencer: No coverage at the local school – Principal concerned.

Mangrove Mountain: Occasionally receive texts, have to drive up the road to get any coverage

Mt White: Service ceases almost as soon as leaving the M1.

Wendoree Park: No reception.

Lower Mangrove: No coverage until either Wisemans Ferry or Central Mangrove School.”

The school children travel a long way each day by bus and should there be an emergency, there is no coverage to seek help.

The Mountain is a busy area for tourists, particularly on the weekend. Many tourists leave the F1 to drive along Peats Ridge Road to Wisemans Ferry, St Albans or Wollombi and have no coverage all the way. The shop at Spencer reports many complaints from tourists who are amazed they

have no coverage. (I have signatures from folk from Bendigo, Katoomba, Strathfield and Penrith).

The Pony Club at Mangrove Mountain has no coverage should there be accidents and there are also many people who horse ride, bushwalk, bike ride etc. This is very much a rural area and there are farm accidents. Recently an ambulance was unable to find the home it had been called to and had neither mobile or radio coverage to call back to base. The patient had had a suspected stroke and time was of the essence.

Businesses also have no coverage which is very frustrating for them and their clients. Many people are choosing not to have a landline these days but we do not have such a choice.

As an aside, my husband and I are self-funded retirees and our monthly account from Telstra (bundle - Broadband, home phone and 2 rarely used mobiles) averages \$240. We are only 60 kms from Sydney and yet we have to pay STD for calls.

I do hope this information is of some assistance in your efforts to improve our reception up here and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully
Glynnis Golsby
Hon Secretary

Cc: Paul Anderson, CEO
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PEATS RIDGE CWA

Our meeting held on 1st March at the Community Hall at Peats Ridge with seven members we discussed an outing at the Mood Indigo in March and this should be a lovely social day.

We hope to be at the Harvest Festival in June if it goes ahead.

Handicraft items were sorted out ready for judging at the Group Council Meeting and we are pleased all sections have been filled (a group project was the making of four aprons and we sure have a variety) and all this will be on display on the 25th together with our Cake Competition (here we go again).

Just a note of interest :the CWA of NSW after three years gave out \$19 M for assistance to struggling farmers through the worst drought on record. (Information taken from CWA website).

Peats Ridge & District branch celebrates 75 years and at our meeting our Patron, Mrs Barbara Chapman, had the honour of cutting the cake made by Donna (thank you). A brief history of our branch will come in the near future. Photo shows the beautiful ladies at the Hall where we hold our meetings.

We welcome our newest member Tessa and we know she will enjoy our branch members.

Till next time, take care,
Christine Sanfilippo, Pub.Off.



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In accordance with councils code of practice for 355 committees of council, new members must complete expressions of interest forms and must be approved by committee and council.

Forms available from A.Stackman.

We are a small committee and would welcome new members.

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Previous sale 1/3/21

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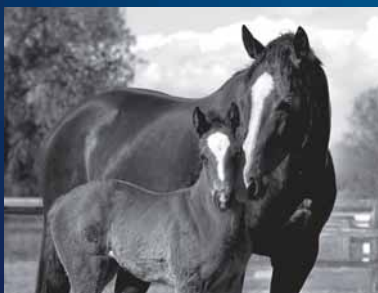
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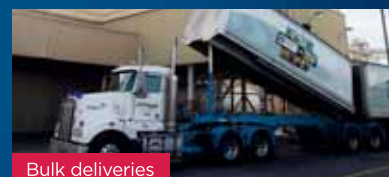
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There is a charming six-bedroom country home that includes open-plan living spaces, vaulted ceilings, ducted reverse cycle air conditioning, electric security shutters and quality fittings. Plus, there is a separate guest living area, outdoor entertainment area with gazebo and a 24m x 18m packing shed with cool room and fruit grading machine.

Zoned RU1, the farm (with consent) could be turned into a number of dream businesses, including, but not limited to, agricultural ventures, animal boarding or training establishments, B&B or farm stay accommodation, garden centers, home-based child care or livestock agriculture.

- Set on 22.2 ha (55.59 acres) with a 72 megaliter water license
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Set on 16.5 acres of mostly cleared land, 'HAYBROOK' sits midway between the popular Central Coast and sort after Lake Macquarie districts with Wyee Creek running along one boundary. Positioned on a sealed road, with a huge operational barn style shed, extensive paddocks, dams and plenty of green grass for frolicking, it is the perfect home for horses.

HAYBROOK is an organic property having never been treated with chemical herbicides, pesticides or fertilisers.

The numerous natural waterholes, beautiful billabong and native flora attracts a great variety of native pollinators and bird life including many water birds, kookaburras and even a pair of Wedge Tailed Eagles. Waking at dawn to the glorious birdsong of the Currawongs and the resident family of Pied Butcher Birds makes morning coffee time seem never long enough.

The main house includes fresh modern interiors, including recently renovated kitchen with Miele appliances, a fireplace, airconditioning, modern bathroom and a charming white wraparound veranda which leads out to an alfresco dining cabana and covered barbecue gazebo, both with power. Overlooking the beautiful surrounding countryside, it's the perfect place to entertain, sit around the fire pit or just relax after your day.

Working from home need not just be reserved for the office workers. The barn shed has been set up perfectly for a home business, with an attached office space that includes two bathrooms, a kitchen and meals area and lock-up garage. The zoning allows for a Veterinary practice or Boarding Kennels etc (STCA).

There are three main colourbond sheds on the property, all are metal framed w concrete floor, professionally built and have underground power supplied.

SHED 1: Barn style main shed 27m x 12m with an office annex 27m x 6m, 1 x Concrete Water tank 22,000ltrs plus 3 x Poly tanks w combined 58,000ltrs capacity and 80amps single phase 240v power.

SHED 2: 18m x 7m which has double car storage, separate single lockup storage for car or machinery and fully sealed tack room/general storage/bunk room. 3 x Poly tanks w combined 15,000ltrs capacity, 15amp 240v Power.

SHED 3: is an open wash bay/machinery shed w 5,000ltr Poly tank and 10amp 240v Power.

The property has good fencing to 12 separate horse paddocks with water, all have electrified top wire. There is post & rail to the home paddock, feed shed and rear round yard paddock. Seven of the paddocks have dams and four have 3m x 3m treated pine and colourbond shelters.

HAYBROOK is located just under an hour from Wahroonga and Newcastle Airport via the M1, 3 klm to the new Wyee shopping centre, school and train station and close to Westfield and Tuggerah SuperCentres, Lake Macquarie, local beaches, cafes, taverns and the modern and popular Doyalson Wyee RSL Club 'THE DOYLO'.

This Property is in a league of its own and ticks all the boxes. Inspection will delight!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We live in a great place. And there are some great people in our community who are always trying to come up with ways to make our community even better, and stronger. So a few of us came up with this fun idea.

Someone suggested that we Yarn Bomb the trees out the front of The Hub of Mangrove Mountain.

What is Yarn Bombing I hear you ask? Well I didn't know either - but it's a fun way for people to get together, have some fun, chatting, laughing, sharing stories, maybe learning new skills, (or passing on old knitting or crocheting tricks), having a cuppa, getting out and having fun... for Free.

We don't really know how it's going to come together, and that's where we need your help.

We know we need the following things to make this happen:

1. People - those who want to meet others, those who feel lonely, those who would like to talk to someone other than themselves, their spouse or their kids, those that like tea/coffee/cake (and cheesecake!), those that need to take a big deep breath before they meet new people or anyone who would like to come along - **ALL WELCOME**

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We know that if we have the above kinds of people all in the same place we can create beauty. Beauty to be wrapped around trees and beauty within our community.

Come along to The Hub of Mangrove Mountain, at the corner of Waratah and Wisemans Ferry Rds, Mangrove Mountain on Monday 29 March from 2 - 4 pm to see what this is all about.

A lovely afternoon tea and goodies will be provided for **FREE!** Bring along any craft supplies you think might be useful (not a necessity). See you there, at The Hub of Mangrove Mountain.

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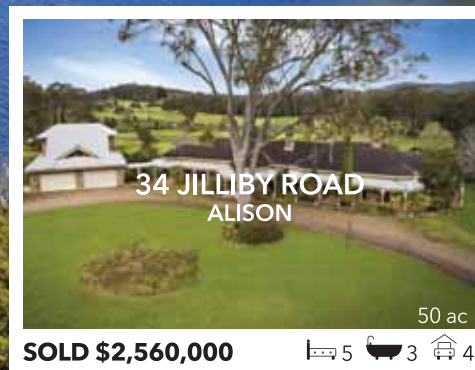
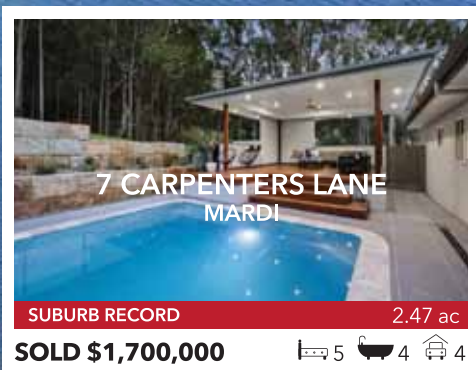
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joan walpole - a life well lived

Born on January 25, 1923 Joan Walpole passed peacefully with family by her bedside at Tarragal House, Erina on March 7, 2021.

The only daughter of second generation Kulnura residents, Oliver and Gertrude Gibson, Joan was born in Hill Street Hospital in Gosford, a rather small house by today's standards still standing, opposite Hill Street Medical Centre.

Joan grew up in Kulnura with three brothers, Ray, Tom and Colin who have all predeceased her. She began her schooling, one of the first enrolled at Kulnura Public School in 1928 and was proud of the continued relationship she had and to be a part of the school's 90th Anniversary Celebration in 2018. She only spent a year at Gosford High School, the little sandstone building on Henry Parry Drive adjacent to TAFE.

The Gibson Family were early residents of Kulnura; Joan's grandfather and two uncles were on the committee which gave the area the name, Kulnura.

Joan left school early because she was needed to help out on the farm. She didn't realise it at the time but she had already met the man she would marry, Ray Walpole,



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who owned the property, Wyuna, opposite the Kulnura PS and whom her family had helped to settle into the community. Mum often spoke of the community in those days - playing tennis, going to local dances where her father was often the MC, and where she became a dab hand at making cakes. She recalled the hundreds of cakes made for the opening of the new Kulnura Hall after the first one, built by her Grandfather Gibson, had been burnt to the ground. She was the main stirrer, creaming the butter and sugar for all the cakes. I often thought it an almost impossible task but then there were no rotary beaters and the job had to be done.

Mum said yes to Dad's proposal just before he enlisted in the army and was posted to the Middle East for three years. They married on March 6, 1943 and their first daughter Lorraine was born in 1945 followed a few years later by Diane and 30 years later they welcomed Glenda, who was 15, into their family.

Ray's war injury meant that Joan had to be almost full time working with him on the farm until they could afford to employ good people, like Tom Alexander, to help. Like many other women on the land, Joan learnt how to sew, embroider and knit as a girl and extended these skills from hand sewn to sewing machines, making all the clothes for her children. I remember

the wonderful costumes she made us for the local Fancy Dress Balls, she had a go at everything.

Her children, grandchildren, Deborah and Greg Wilson and great grandchildren, Abby, Damon, Casey, Zoe and Megan were all educated at Kulnura. She was a very active member of the P & C - she and Ray always believed you had to contribute to your community and they did, in spades.

Joan loved playing competitive tennis and watching Ray play cricket for Kulnura all over the Central Coast. There were three or four teams from both sports in those days from every mountain community. Then in the early sixties they were part of a group who decided that lawn bowls would be a good idea and they built the Country Club at Central Mangrove. Mum took to bowls like a duck to water.

She became a champion bowler and was the Central Coast Bowler of the Year in 1974 playing for A & C at West Gosford. She maintained her position in a No 1 Pennants team until she was 85, still playing Club Championships for another few years, her last bowling days at Terrigal. She took on many roles at all three bowling clubs including President at each of them.

And remember the cake making I spoke about? This was extended to the most amazing birthday cakes for each and every family member.

And her garden was a kaleidoscope of colour and variety. The beautiful jumpers she has made for her family are still keeping us warm and often commented upon.

Joan and Ray made the decision, reluctantly, to leave Wyuna and Kulnura and were among the first to purchase a villa at Tarragal Glen Village, Erina. Villa 7 became their home and opened a whole new life of travel, and bowls, for them, not to mention all the activities, socials, bus trips and new friends they made as a part of village life.

Joan lived independently after Ray died in 1999 until July last year when ill health meant a move to Tarragal House. While she would have loved to stay at Villa 7 and her precious garden, it was not to be.

Joan had many talents, and did not believe in wasting her time. There was always a cake, a slice to make, jumper or rug to knit or crochet, or a plant to put in the ground, until last July.

She celebrated her 98th Birthday, at a distance due to Covid, in January with her family.

I like to think she is gardening and playing bowls again with Ray.

The Celebration of Joan Walpole's life is at Greenway Chapel, Green Point on Friday March 19 at 2.00pm.

Lorraine Wilson

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Clean-up Australia Day and Camp Stove Repairs

The Cub and Scout sections of
Peats Ridge recently participating in
Clean Up Australia Day at the convict
wall in Bucketty, as part of an event
organised by Bucketty and District
Rural Fire Brigade. Our youth and
adult members helped to clean up
around the historical site, focusing
particularly on clearing leaf litter and
debris from the drainage system to
ensure that run off from the road is
diverted away from the convict-built
sandstone structures.

Thanks to the efforts of the Cubs
and Scouts, we managed to finish
early and take part in a small hike
around the area to absorb some of
the history of this important site. The
accompanying photo shows the group
of volunteers who helped out on the
day, including the ever-famous red
wheel barrow being modelled by Cub-
to-be, Geoffrey, which had its debut in
our article from last year's Clean Up
Australia Day.

Venturer News:

Blues on the Mountain Special Fundraiser

With our headline act Ali Penny, recently diagnosed with
cancer and undergoing treatment, we have brought some
of the Australian Blues scenes finest acts together for a
special fundraiser "Concert for Ali" with all acts donating
their time and talents to help us raise funds to help with
Ali Penny's ongoing treatment costs in her battle against
cancer.

The event features Blues on the Mountain favourites, The
PJ O'Brien band and Tomcat Playground, plus Michelle Van
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Ryan Howard

Our Venturer Leader recently bought down three brass kerosene stoves dating from the mid 1930's to 1940's. The stoves were a little the worse for wear, being covered in carbon and other deposits. The stoves probably hadn't been fired up in the Venturer's lifetime, but everyone was keen to get them up and running again.

First the Venturers had to learn how to use specialised tools allowing them to dismantle the stoves, clean the components, and make and replace the seals before reassembling the stoves in preparation for firing them up.

During the dismantling, one stove was found to have a failed soldered joint so it could only be dismantled and cleaned on the night, but the other two stoves were fired up and running by the end of the night. One stove had a significant flare-up after running for a few minutes. Upon further investigation, several cracks in the burner were found which required braising, and upon completion of this repair the stove operated perfectly.

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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:	First Wednesday of month 7pm start
	Morning:	Last Saturday of month 8.30am start
	Maintenance/Training :	3rd Sunday of month 8.30am start
	General Meeting (GM):	2nd Wed of even months 7.30pm start
	Contact:	Ph: 0409 915060 or 0418 280 764 Email: yarramalongrfs@bigpond.com
COMMUNITY & SOCIAL		
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 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 Maissey, 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.
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Club & Committee Meeting		
		Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed		
		4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781
SPIRITUAL		
Anglican Service - Mountain Districts		
		Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms
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		2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost \$15). George Downes Drive, Peats Ridge
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By Jay Talbot Licenced Real Estate Stock & Station Agent and Auctioneer



Hi Jay Talbot here from TalbotPartners Real Estate your local lifestyle property specialists, with almost 30 year's senior sales and marketing experience both here and overseas. Owning my own rural acreage in the Dooralong Valley gives me a real insight into what sellers need and buyers want.

A recent HIA article highlighted the evolution of the regional real estate market, it makes some interesting points.

"Regional areas experienced a larger decline in affordability than the capital cities," stated Angela Lillicrap, HIA's Economist.

"Housing in Australia became less affordable in the December 2020 quarter due to rising house prices and a slight fall in average incomes. Despite the decline, housing is considerably more affordable than the average over the past 20 years," stated Angela Lillicrap, HIA's Economist.

HIA's Affordability Index is calculated for each of the eight capital cities and regional areas on a quarterly basis and takes into account the latest dwelling prices, mortgage interest rates and wage developments.

"Regional areas experienced a larger decline in affordability than the capital cities. The regional index fell by 3.7 per cent in the quarter to return to the level it was in December 2019," added Ms Lillicrap.

"With the onset of COVID-19, consumer preferences have shifted towards detached housing and regional areas.

"Preliminary migration data shows more Australians left the capital cities in each of the first three quarters of 2020 than at any other time since records began in 2001. This involved an acceleration of retirement plans and fewer people moving to urban centres for work or education.

"The slowing in overseas migration will take a number of years to impact the detached housing market. This adverse impact has also been partially offset by the return of ex-pats who are also seeking detached housing.

"As a consequence of this shift in population, house prices in regional areas outperformed the capital cities over the past year.

"The mismatch between the low supply of homes on the market and strong buyer demand has seen prices increase sharply over recent months. As prices continue to rise, more sellers will put their homes on the market. This will help to keep a lid on the sharp price increases that are occurring.

"It is likely that much of the shift in population will be permanent. When 'normal' does return, however, young students and workers will once again move to employment centres in capital cities.

If you would like to have a chat about your property, with a no obligation appraisal, please feel free to call me anytime on 0414 079 220 or visit www.talbotpartners.co.

I look forward to the opportunity of catching up with you!

See you next month.

Jay



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- Wollombi	2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.
- Somersby	Every Sat. evening vigil - 5.30pm St. Francis of Assisi Centre, 30 Lutana Rd, Somersby.
- Yarramalong	1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas Catholic Mass All welcome. Enq 4356 1321
Uniting Service	Union Church 9.00am second, fourth and fifth Sundays. Mangrove Mountain
St Barnabas Non-denominational Service Yarramalong	3rd Sunday each month, 11.00am. (Easter & Christmas Carols dates to be advised)
YOUTH	
Junior Girl Guides 5-10	Kooree Guide Cabin, every Monday in school term, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
Girl Guides 10-15	Kooree Guide Cabin, every Monday in school term, 6.00pm-7.30pm
Scouts, Cubs & Venturers Peats Ridge Scout Hall	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
Mangrove Mountain Playgroup	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
HISTORICAL	
Brisbane Waters Historical Society	25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au
Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society Inc.	Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 0405321478 jankofron@optusnet.com.au
First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter	2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30, Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact John 43921926 or Jon 43116254.
The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group	3rd Fri each month 7.30pm Pearl Beach. Peggy 0411754577 pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com
Wyong District Museum & Historical Society	Open Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times by appt. Contact 43521886 email info@alisonhomestead.com.au website: www.alisonhomestead.com.au
ACTIVITY/HOBBY	
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Coastal Communicators Toastmasters	1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952
Craft/scrapbooking	Yarramalong Hall 4th Sat of the month 10am to 5.00pm cost \$12per person ph 43561196
HALL BOOKINGS	
Kulnura Hall	Hall bookings contact Annette Stackman 43561196 Committee mtg 3rd Thurs 7:00pm at Hall- Open to all from community.
Mangrove Mountain Hall	Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289
Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts Culture and Heritage Centre	Hall Bookings: 0413 359 655 or AH 4373 1488
Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall	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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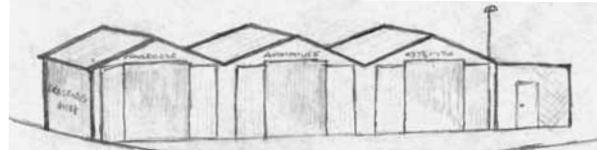
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