

COMMUNITY NEWS

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NSW Farmers Central Coast Horticultural Branch

2021 AGM AND GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 20 at 7.30pm
MANGROVE MOUNTAIN
MEMORIAL CLUB

Discussion will include CC
Water Sharing Plan, Rural Land
Use, NSW Farmers IPART rate
submission
ALL WELCOME



Rodger Wilson
Hon. Secretary

SOMETHING TO CHERISH AND NOT TO SELL

Mangrove Mountain Union Church Centenary gift piano (1912-2012). After the piano was delivered to the church in rainy conditions on the Eve of Australia Day (Wed. 25 Jan.), Gavin behind church organ and next to piano with his mother, who both gave the piano a woodwork furniture polish on Australia Day (26 Jan.), 2012. Formerly belonging to Gavin's matrilineal grandmother, this piano



dating from about 1900, won 1st prize at a Sydney Exhibition, and was the first German iron-frame piano put in a Beale piano case. A pianist can truly "tickle the ivories" on this piano as unlike more modern pianos from around the mid 20th century on, the white ivory piano keys are overlaid with strips of genuine white ivory.

Gavin Basil McGrath



May meeting Fascinating fungi

Presenter: Pan O'Sullivan When: 1.30 for 2pm Sat 8th May 2021

Where: Phillip House, 21 Old Mount Penang Road, Kariong

Cost: \$2 Members 7 visitors (including cuppa)

Native plants will be on sale

MYCOLOGY – What on earth is that?

Mycology is the study of fungi – mushrooms, toadstools etc. And what a fascinating and important world it is. The speaker at the May 8th meeting of the Australian Plants Society Central Coast Branch is Pam O'Sullivan, and she will be talking about why fungi are so important to our economy, our soils, our plants and our health. She will share some fascinating stories about fungi and convince us of their beauty. Pam has studied fungi for over 40 years.

There will also be an interactive section, where others can share their stories and experiences of fungi, and maybe share photos.



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Contemporary Art Prize

What a year it has been!
All being well, we will be having a Country Fair this year.

The Country Fair isn't for another six months, but I know that good art needs time.....so I am letting you know what the theme is for this year. Think about it and enter!!

The theme for this year's Contemporary Art Prize is:-

“Heal”

This category that is linked to a set theme is growing each year, and we are always thrilled with the quality of the entries.

Entries can be any medium and we encourage diversity. Our sculptural entries have been very interesting. I look forward to our first digital or

CULTURAL BURN WORKSHOP AT WALKABOUT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN CALGA

This is for everyone in our local community who wants to learn about cultural burning for land management.

Walkabout Park will be hosting a cultural burn workshop in the wildlife sanctuary over 2 days on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th May. Both days start at 10am and go on to around 3-ish.

Den Barber of Yarrabin Cultural Connections will run the workshop.

On Day 1 Den will cover the history and science of traditional burning and how the practice is being applied today, how and why cool burning is different to what most of us are used to. This theory day will be in a marquee.

On Day 2 we will walk out along the tracks to the burn site and put fire on the ground to do a hazard reduction burn using traditional fire practices.

Lunch is included on both days.

There are rules to keep everyone safe. Anyone who wants to attend the burn on Day 2 must attend the full workshop on Day 1 from 10am, and must be fit enough to spend a full day on their feet in the bush on uneven ground, deal with what might be a smoky environment, and be able to

film responses!

We know that there are many local artists producing work of high standard and we encourage all of you to enter this prize to showcase our area!

Entry is free and the winner will receive a cash prize of \$200 in addition to the honour of the award.

Entries from artists over 16 years of age can be delivered to the Mangrove Mountain hall on:

- Thursday, 14th October between 3pm and 5pm or
- Friday, 15th October between 8am and no later than 11am

Please include a brief description of your work explaining its link to the theme

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The minimum age is 12, and anyone under age 18 must attend with a responsible adult and be with the adult at all times.

Places are limited for safety reasons, so you do need to pre-purchase your \$10 ticket to reserve your place.

You can book online at <http://walkaboutpark.com.au/home-page/covid-19-updates/272-buying-tickets-online-before-you-visit>. Just choose the date 14 May then click on SPECIAL EVENTS.

Or you can phone Walkabout Wildlife Sanctuary on 43751100 to book over the phone.

WASTE LEVY WAIVED

The NSW Government has waived the waste levy fee for residents disposing of flood generated waste in areas across NSW that have been declared Natural Disaster Areas.

The exemption applies from 10 March 2021 through to 30 June 2021 on debris and waste created by local flooding.

Residents can check with their local council for the name, location and opening times of local facilities, as well as for any specific requirements to dispose of flood damaged waste.

For more information visit: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/yourenvironment/waste/waste-levy

*Information from the Office of
Matt Kean, Minister for Energy and
Environment*

BIRD WATCHING WARNING!

A family of 5 peacocks has taken residence along Wisemans Ferry road below the preschool at mangrove Mountain.

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Peter Comensoli

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Peats Ridge & District CWA

April 12th meeting we welcomed Julie Anne (a new member) and Julie, thank you ladies for coming.

Two of us volunteered at the Easter Show on 9th and 3,809 scones were served. A total of 41,908 scones were served throughout the days-other hot foods were served as well, but the scones were counted.

The Show Committee can be proud of the hard work which resulted in a very successful fundraiser for the CWA. A good idea was the promotion table before entering the food counter as while people were waiting purchases of jams, pickles, aprons, teatowels and the CWA cookbooks were sold - a very good awareness of CWA.

Thursday 8th our group had a display day at the showground of cake and handicraft competition and our Margarets cake of Light Fruit Cake will go to the State Conference in Bega.

And now it is with great sadness we send our deepest condolences to Margaret for the loss of her beloved husband Barry, and the beloved Father to Kaye, Ben and Ross. Our thoughts are with you all.

Till next time, keep safe,

Christine Sanfilippo
Publicity Officer

KULNURA AND DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB APRIL REPORT

Once again air the weather was perfect for our April meeting which was held at Kulnura Cottages which is run as an air bnb farmstay and would be such a great place for a country break for city families and so close to the city! Our hosts, Giselle, Peter and Margaret and children Paige and Hunter proudly showed us around this lovely rural retreat – they all have

their jobs and have created a such a lovely atmosphere. At the end of our visit, Peter made pizzas for all to end a perfect day!

We had 43 Members in Attendance along with 6 visitors and several old Members have re joined – possibly because of our new streamlined meetings which allows more time for garden talk and ‘catching up’ – many



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Our next meeting is to be held at the property of Bev and Tiffany Chalmers, 84 Phil Tunks Road, Lemontree on Monday 10th May at 9.30am. As usual please bring your own mug/chair/morning tea along with something from your garden for our Competition or for Show and Tell. This is a beautiful property which we visited on Zoom last year and are looking forward to seeing it 'live'!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Glynnis Golsby



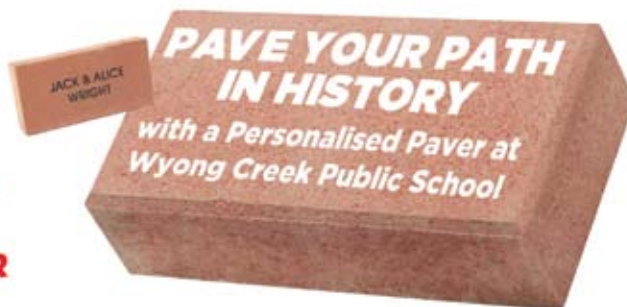
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The members of the Mens Shed would like to acknowledge the magnificent effort of the volunteers together with the help of local Councils, State and Federal Services that assisted in the supply of essential services and emergency back-up during the recent flooding and inundation of housing and outbuildings in the area surrounding Wisemans Ferry. Most areas fronting the Hawkesbury River and its tributaries were devastated and whole townships and settlements went under and emergency services were scrambled.

An immediate evacuation and staging area was made at the Bowling Club and stranded and rescued residents were tended to and fed until evacuated to Castle Hill evacuation

centre.

Our Mens Shed was only constructed 3 years ago and was Council approved above known flood levels but it was inundated by 900 mm above floor level.

This allowed most of our machinery and equipment and stored timbers to be ruined and it has taken almost 4 weeks to remove the mud and sediment from inside the shed.

We are calling on help from the public to donate any excess tools, machines, mower, timber, screws to allow us to get back to operational stability. Contact can be made by ringing Adrian Acheson, President, on 0448833781, to discuss any matter pertaining to helping.

Reported by Warren Lumley

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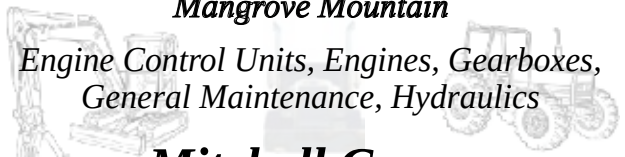
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Left : The Premier Hon. Gladys Berejiklian and State Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston are talking to our members Rob Murray and Adrian Acheson about the emergency at Wisemans Ferry and surrounds.

DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS

Central Coast residents that have been affected by the March 2021 Flooding may be eligible to claim for a Disaster Relief payment via Services Australia.

Eligible residents can claim up to \$1000 per adult and \$400 per child under 16 years of age.

Anyone effected by the flood should be encouraged to check the Services Australia Website via this link:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/new-south-wales-floods-march-2021-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment>

or contact via phone on 180 22 66 to check their eligibility (Phone is the best way to lodge your claim, please be aware of wait times but they are getting them processed this way a little faster)

Claims can be made up until the 20th September 2021.

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We were welcomed by Leif with a cuppa and a smile and Anzac biscuits which he made (and delicious) and by his side was his little helper, his daughter Wren.

The ceremony opened with The Ode To The Fallen.

A poem of the Flinders Field was read by Leif and followed by another poem read by Margie of Andrew Barton Paterson "We're All Australian Now".

Then a couple of people spoke of their personal connections to The Fallen.

A great gathering . A BIG Thank You to Karen who spent her precious



Margie Rogers



The group at the Memorial stone at Calga

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Till next time, take care,

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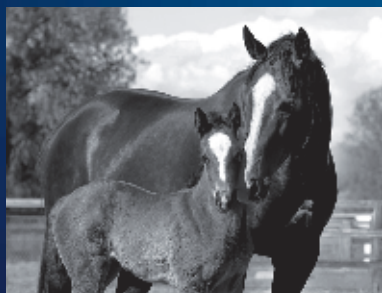


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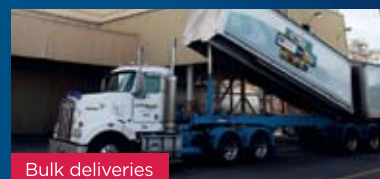
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Farewell Graham Fripp (1942-2021)

Kate, Susan and Lisa Fripp along with Graham's sister, Elaine Slade, and brothers John and Brendan Fripp, would like to say a warm thank you to all our community friends who have comforted us on the peaceful but sudden passing of Graham on 9th March 2021.

Graham came to Peats Ridge as a boy in 1953, when his parents Ed and Muriel moved the family from Ootha (near Condobolin) where they had spent some hard times share-farming and raising four children. The family planted orchards of plums and peaches on their farm at the corner of Bushells Road, and the children went to Peats Ridge Public School. Graham made many friends in the district, playing cricket and tennis, being a Scout, and joining Young Farmers. He also attended dances at Mangrove Mountain Hall, and it was there that he first danced with Kate who would become his wife of 56 years. After high school Graham and his growing family spent time living and working out in the Condobolin area, before they came back to Peats Ridge to settle and grow poultry on the farm they still own and operate today.

Many local people would know Graham as a smiling face at the RSL



Club on a Friday night, or doing the rounds at the Country Fair or the local businesses and markets. He did love a chat. Graham was well loved by his family and friends and will be much missed by his four grandchildren, Olivia, Ruby, Thomas and Eleonora, his children Lisa and Susan, and his extended family.

His favourite evening ritual was to sit in the quiet on the verandah, watching the cattle and sheep meandering and the birds flying over the paddocks at sunset, having a chat to Kate about the successes of the day.

These are the ways we will remember him.

Susan Fripp

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Judy Horton (OAM) esteemed horticulture and gardening advisor, has worked with the National Trust as a bush regenerator, is the author of two gardening books and many articles written for gardening magazines such as Gardening Australia. Judy is also a member of the Australian Institute of Horticulture, the Horticultural Media Association and was the Communication Manager and gardening advisor to Yates for over 22 years.

Whilst working at Yates, Judy had the opportunity to look after their archives and was able to gain much insight into the way gardening in

Australia, particularly in the 20th Century was conducted. Judy will talk about various trends and social changes that affected Australian gardens of the time with of course many mentions of the “quarter acre block” of the day.

We will meet at the Chapel at 12.00pm for a delicious lunch at 12.30 pm.

Come and listen to Judy’s fun talk that will have everyone recognising something they remember from past gardens. Judy will commence her talk at the Wesleyan Chapel, 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road, Gunderman

after lunch.

Cost:- Members \$15/Non-Members \$20. Price includes a ticket in the raffle to be drawn on the day. Contactless payment will be available.

Bookings: essential to secretary@dlhhs.org.au or 0405 321 478 (leave a message) or by Monday, 24th May for DLHHS Members and by Wednesday, 26th July for Non-Members.

All welcome.

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We also like to have a yarn in every sense—with lively discussions about things that interest us, ideas for future projects, and simply checking in with each other. It's an opportunity to get to know your neighbours, make new friends,

reconnect with old ones and build community support for each other.

In May we're continuing our 'yarn bombing' project, working towards an installation in early June. Each week we'll be joined by a facilitator with skills in art, craft and group communication to further support us as we navigate our way through creating, and also so we can talk about difficult subjects in a safe and welcoming space.

Come join us and help bring some life and spirit back to the Village. This an opportunity to have some fun and also support our mental health and wellbeing.

The Yarn Hub

Connecting and creating

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Healthy Ageing workshops

Many in our community are choosing to continue living in their own homes as they age. Healthy Ageing workshops encompass a range of topics designed to help make our days richer and safer, particularly as we grow older.



Being a part of a close, isolated community means that many of us are each other's mental health support. These workshops will give us skills to better support each other, and to recognise when to get help—and what kind of help might be needed.

The more people in our community who develop an awareness about the issues associated with 'ageing in place', the more we can continue to become stronger and healthier as a whole. The workshops are open to everyone—you don't need any prior knowledge or experience. The Healthy Ageing workshops are designed to be interactive, useful and—most importantly—fun!

When: Mondays and Tuesdays, from May 17–June 29

Where: Spencer and Mangrove Mountain, see timetable below for locations

Cost: Free (includes tea, coffee and snacks)

Bookings and more info:

Contact Breanna on 0419 014 446 or email breanna.pollock@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au. Please include which workshops you are interested in, and your contact details. You can book into multiple workshops. Bookings essential.

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Healthy Ageing workshops timetable

Spencer

Spencer Hall, 4776 Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer



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Nutrition (Central Coast Local Health District)	Monday May 17, 11am–1pm
Falls Prevention (Central Coast Local Health District)	Monday May 24, 11am–1pm
Elder Abuse (Older People's Mental Health Service, CCLHD)	Monday May 31, 11am–1pm
Legal Issues (Legal Aid NSW)	Monday June 7, 11am–1pm
Mental Health First Aid (Happiness Habits)	Monday June 21, 9am–4pm

Mangrove Mountain

Mangrove Mountain Hall, Cnr Wisemans Ferry Road and Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain

Nutrition (Central Coast Local Health District)	Tuesday May 18, 11am–1pm
Falls Prevention (Central Coast Local Health District)	Tuesday May 25, 11am–1pm
Elder Abuse (Older People's Mental Health Service, CCLHD)	Tuesday June 1, 11am–1pm
Legal Issues (Legal Aid NSW)	Tuesday June 8, 11am–1pm
Mental Health First Aid (Happiness Habits)	Tuesday June 22, 9am–4pm

Community Information Day Held In Spencer

River Cares proudly hosted the inaugural 'Community Information Day' on Saturday 1st May at the Malaluka Caravan Park in Spencer.

The lower Hawkesbury River District in addition to Spencer were strongly supported on day by the following organisations:-

- Central Coast Council – Breanna Pollock Community Resilience; Anni Griffiths Bushfire &

Emergency Preparedness.

- Central Coast Local Health District – Lauren Winch Mental Health Disaster & Adversity Response
- Community Defib Project – Cath Wade Team Leader (and Secretary for River Cares)
- Disaster Relief Team – Colin Lynch and Julieanne Holden
- SES – Wendy Whitmore and staff
- Spencer Community Progress Group – Brad Maisey and Mick Hatton
- Spencer RFS – Alison Wade Captain and fire officers
- Uniting Services – Sally Conaty, Jodie Gatehouse, Catherine Cantel, Caroline Slavin and Amanda Gregory
- Wildlife Arc – Cathie Stubbs

This Community Information Day was well received by the residents in the district especially after the recent disastrous floods along the lower Hawkesbury River impacting on so many people. The above organisations came to our aid on Saturday to give support, provide information for financial assistance, mental health counselling, home care services, preparing your property in natural disasters, and they listened to the problems that the residents encountered not only during the floods but during COVID and the previous bushfires.

There has been & continues to be many lessons learnt from all of these recent events & past experiences, which often highlights the lack of



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communication, lack of services & lack of awareness of the needs of our unique diverse Communities by all levels of government & other service providers. The Community Information Day helped to change this situation and for the first time our Communities along the lower Hawkesbury River did not feel neglected but supported with the contacts established to know where to receive help and assistance in the future.

Thank you to all the above mentioned organisations for taking the time to come to our beautiful Spencer and support our inaugural 'Community Information Day'. It was so very much appreciated.

Special thanks to Donna and Greg at the Malaluka Caravan Park for allowing us to hold the Community Information Day on their premises; Mick Hatton and others who helped with the setting up of flags, marquees, tables and chairs; and Brad Maisey for the sausage sizzle. Thank you to the band Top Cat (from Yattalunga) for providing the entertainment and to the River Cares Committee for all the on-going help & support before during and after to make it such a successful day.

Robyn Downham
President
River Cares
Caring for the lower Hawkesbury River
District



Are you ready?
Emergency planning for seniors

Do you have an emergency plan for staying safe in extreme weather? Attend one of our free emergency planning workshops for seniors, taking place across the Coast from 20 April to 28 May.

Spencer Community Hall Friday 22nd May
Kulnura Community Hall Thursday 27th May
From 9.30- 11.3am Morning Tea Provided
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search 'are you ready' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on or call 4325 8175




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Keeping Pigs on Your Property

The ins and outs of raising happy, healthy and more profitable pigs will be the focus of a free workshop in Somersby on 27 May.

Hosted by Greater Sydney Local Land Services in partnership with NSW DPI, the workshop will cover all aspects of responsible pig owners including the serious disease risks that can come from poor handling.

GS LLS District Veterinarian Lisa Goodchild said the event was a must for all current and potential pig owners as well as those working in the industry.

"In Australia we're lucky to not be experiencing the devastation being caused by African Swine Fever, a highly infectious disease that has wiped out more than a quarter of the world's pig population.

"We must remain on high alert and do everything we can to ensure we keep our industry safe from the very real risk of African Swine Fever and other serious diseases including swine flu."

Ms Goodchild said participants would get access to representatives from all areas of the pig industry



Districtvets Lisa Goodchild & Aziz Chowdhury

including a local farmer, butcher, government vets and more.

"This is a rare chance for landholders to ask questions and get firsthand expert advice on all aspects of pig ownership," she said.

Other topics covered as part of the work will include:

- The basics of buying and selling pigs, regulations and swill feeding regulations
- Biosecurity information from Nic Schembri of NSW DPI
- A discussion on the pig industry and pig health from SunPork Fresh Foods
- Pork industry market trends from

Paul Brady of Tender Gourmet Butchery

- The real-life challenges and opportunities of keeping pigs from a local pig farmer

The workshop will be held at 180 Silvesters Rd, Somersby on Thursday, 27 May 2021.

Registration is essential and can be done online via <https://bit.ly/3wVqsj4>.

For more information contact Ms Goodchild on 0427 559 656.

Nikki McGrath

Communications Officer

Greater Sydney Local Land Services



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Scouts Plan Big

Peats Ridge Scout troop have some ambitious plans in place for Term 2 of 2021. The Scouts aim to challenge themselves with the completion of an overnight hike along a section of the Great North Walk.

This 30km walk will see the intrepid explorers follow several tributaries of the Hawkesbury River through a variety of different terrains, including one section steep enough to require the aid of metal spikes driven into the sandstone. For many of the younger Scouts, this will be their first time participating in a hike where they need to carry all the gear, food, and water required for the duration of the journey, a prospect which they are contemplating with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

Fortunately, the troop will be participating in the Region Rally early this term. This overnight event is a hybrid between a standing camp and a hike. Participants hike between a series of challenge bases before setting up camp in a central location.

This will give the Scouts some experience in hiking with a load on their shoulders, allowing the Scouts to decide if they really need to carry 5kg of chocolates, two spare pairs of shoes

and all their electronic devices.

Meanwhile, the Cub pack has embarked on a term program aimed at improving their building and designing skills. The pack plans on redesigning and rebuilding the Billy-karts, possibly even adding a means of propulsion more controllable than mere gravity.

Three of our older Cubs are planning on constructing a permanent platform and scaffold one metre off the ground in a stand of trees at the hall. This project will provide a stable

and useable base to allow future Cubs to construct much more elaborate tree forts than ever before. The biggest project the Cubs are setting their sights on is the construction of a brick pizza oven at the hall. Plans have been drawn up and grown broken on what is promising to be a large and fulfilling construction project for our Cubs.

These projects will provide the Cubs with the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills including measuring and calculating volumes, lengths and areas, technical drawing,



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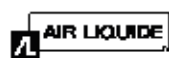
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woodworking, concreting, bricklaying, and most importantly, the ability to visualise, design and implement a plan as part of an effective team.

If these sound like skills and challenges you or your child would be interested in, why not give Scouting a go?

Three-week trials are available before being invested. Section meeting times for Cubs (8-10yrs boys & girls), Scouts (11-14yrs boys & girls) and Venturers (15-18yrs youths) can be located in the rear page listings of the Community News.

For all enquiries, please contact our Group Leader, James Lutwyche, on 0438 476 562 or by email to James.lutwyche@nsw.scouts.com.au

Mat Clarke
Cub Leader

Peats Ridge Scout Group



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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 at Greta Rd Station Training	1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
Mangrove Mountain RFS	General Meeting	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
Bloodtree Rd	Training / Maintenance	2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm 3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30pm 4th Monday Training 6:30pm
Spencer RFS	General Meeting Training Junior Training	E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade 0415 668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd
Somersby RFS	General Meeting Training/Maintenance	First Wed of the month 7.30pm at the Station Every Wed night 7.30 at the Station (except before Wed general meeting)
Yarramalong RFS	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

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Coastlink Friendship Group	Wed 9.30am-2pm at the Health Centre, Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove
Country Women's Association (Somersby)	Second Wed of each month, at Somersby Hall Wiseman's Ferry Road, Somersby, contact Sue, 43721280 or 0407768000.
Country Women's Association (Peats Ridge & District)	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
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
Newsletter	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	
SPIRITUAL	
Anglican Service - Mountain Districts	Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall, Sunday School during school terms
- Wollombi	2nd & 4th Sun 10am; Holy Eucharist at St John the Evangelist, Wollombi. 0481269 653
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)
Divine Retreat Centre (Ph 04 6848 6782) 160 Hensons Road, Somersby www.divineretreatcentre.org.au	Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am 1st Fri, 5:30pm-8:30pm Divine Mercy Friday 1st Sat, 5.30pm-9:00pm, Divine Youth Ministry, Young Adults (18-35yrs) Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat

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MAITLAND CATTLE SALE REPORT

Sale 26/4/21

Yarding: 520 head, 490 vealers, 30
export (last sale) Clearance:

Quality and condition was mixed
with no prime export yarded.

Market:

- Steers and vealers sold firm for the
light, 350/400kg 8c cheaper
- Heifer 270/330kg 10c to 20c better
- Feeders 400/500kgs 8c better
- The rest of the market firm.
- Best vealers to kill \$4.80 - \$5.20
- Euro Steers & Heifers to feed \$5.00
- \$.70 up to \$6.14 for the light end
242kgs

Restocker Steers

- 200/250kgs \$5.50 - \$6.24
- 250/300kgs \$5.00 - \$5.88
- 300/350kgs \$4.70 - \$5.62
- 400/520kgs \$3.50 - \$4.90

Restocker Heifers

- 200/250kgs \$5.20 - \$6.00
- 250/330kgs \$4.70 - \$5.50

- Yearling Steers \$3.70 - \$5.20
- Yearling Heifers \$3.55 - \$5.00
- Grown Steers / Bullocks \$3.10 -
\$3.55
- Cows \$2.50 - \$2.70
- Bulls \$2.20 - \$2.60

Highlights

- Limousin Steers \$5.68 - 237kg =
\$1342
- Angus Steers \$5.60 - 268kg =
\$1501
- Angus Steers \$4.84 - 412kg =
\$1986
- Poll Hereford Steers 9mths \$4.84 -
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- Charolais Steers \$4.38 - 491kg = \$2154

Sale 17/4/2021

Yarding: 1250 head, Clearance: 100%.

Quality was good with a good good yarding of Angus weaners.

Market was overall firm, heifer market was firm to \$25/\$50 stronger.

Steers

- Weaners 440 head 3-12mths \$1200 - \$1750
- Yearlings 100 head 12-18mths \$1700 - \$1850

Heifers

- Weaners 312 head 3-14mths \$1100 - \$2050
- PTIC 50 head 18mths-2yrs \$1950 - \$3000

Cows

- Cows with calves 200 head 3-10yrs \$2000 - \$3400
- PTIC 20 head 3-8yrs \$200-\$3400
- Unjoined 18 head 3-10yrs \$950-\$1550

A great run of Angus Weaners with buyers coming from Tamworth, Bathurst, Mudgee, Upper Hunter and the local area.

Sale 15/4/2021

Yarding: 1600 head, Clearance: 100%.

Outstanding run of Angus weaners. Market was very strong with great competition.

Steers

- Weaners 6-12mths avg \$1550
- Yearlings 12-18mths avg \$1925
- Grown 18mths-3yrs avg \$2100

Heifers

- Weaners 4-12mths avg \$1380
- Unjoined avg \$1650

Cows

- Cows with calves 2-10yrs \$2600-\$3000
- PTIC 4yrs \$3200

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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, Chris Clarke email revcrc@hotmail.com

Catholic Service -Spencer

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

- 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. 1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas Catholic Mass All welcome. Enq 4356 1321

- Yarramalong

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

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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

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Craft/scrapbooking

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

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
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booking contact Fiona Mob 0422 865 041 ph 43561600

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Easter was again held under COVID restrictions. However, celebrations were a lot better than last year's complete lockdown. Again there was no Maundy meal or Hot Cross buns allowed, but shop wrapped Easter eggs were still OK. Singing was allowed without masks while communion still had some COVID restrictions but is now almost back to 'normal'.

We were saddened to recently read in the Community News that the Union Church property is going to be up for sale, but like so many other groups that had to leave, we have some great memories of our time there. We have now been holding Christian worship services for five years in the Scout Hall, and forming many new happy

memories including baptisms etc.

We can also arrange for the use of Christchurch Gosford or the historical St Mary's Anglican church building for these types of services.

Currently planning has started to work out a combined social get together of the congregations of St Albans, Mountain Anglicans and St John's at Wollombi for later in the year as well as our usual Mother's Day celebrations and other events.

If you have any enquiries about services, baptisms, weddings etc. you can contact Rev Jim on 0407210861 or come along and join us in a worship service at 8am in the Scout Hall at 150 George Downes Drive Central Mangrove.

God bless,

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