

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Sell Our Souls or Save Our Souls??

If your one of those who have lived on the Mountain District for more than a few years, chances are you would have remembered Rev John Price whom along with running a Commercial Citrus Nursery at Somersby gave Anglican services at St Barnabas Church Yarramalong, The Union Church at Mangrove Mountain and the St Albans Anglican Church throughout the 70s 80s and 90s. John (now deceased) was a big fellow who enjoyed a beer and a chat but didn't entertain fools for long and I am sure he would have had a few choice words of advice for the 4 or is it now 3 Uniting Church committee members that have taken over the Mangrove Mountain Union Church and want to sell it.

The point here is the Union Church which was built back in 1912 was never intended to be owned or sold by any mainstream religious denomination, it was to be used as a place for all half decent people who lived in the district to gather for religious worshipping or to celebrate a wedding or funeral or christening or remembering those who have passed, in fact after the end of the First World War from 1919 it is believed the Mangrove Mountain

## NSW FARMERS CENTRAL COAST HORTICULTURAL BRANCH

A most interesting NSWF CC Hort Branch AGM was held recently at which The current Executive was returned unopposed.

In his Annual Report, Chairman, Tim Kemp, gave an update to the work that has been done by the Branch Executive to achieve realistic changes to the draft water sharing plan for the Central Coast Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. Had the draft been accepted as was summer irrigation was likely to be severely impacted for a great many farmers.

Union Church was the site of districts Anzac Day services and this continued until 1956 when the original Mangrove RSL Club cenotaph was built in Nurses road Central Mangrove.

So don't think this is just another Christian Entity selling one of their own Churches, help stop them selling the Mountain District's own Union Church.

Mark Townsend

Tim also spoke of the work being done regarding rural land use and the interest shown in possible applications at a recent drone workshop.

Those present were given an interesting insight into insurance issues from WFI's Ricky Roberts. Jonathan Eccles from Greater Sydney LLS talked about the importance of biosecurity, past and future programs for farmers and Nick Sauvage, NSW Farmers, spoke via Zoom about advocacy work being done to increase the harvestable water rights for coastal NSW currently the same as for inland NSW.

Lorraine Wilson

## BUCKETTY & DISTRICT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Bucketty & District Rural Fire Brigade will hold its AGM at 1 pm on Sunday 19 June 2021 at 5393 George Downes Drive Bucketty NSW.

Kerry Lannoy, Brigade Secretary

## LOCAL DRUG RAID

On the 27th May A police strike force Harthouse executed a search warrant at a property in Berecay Road, Mangrove Mountain and found 630 cannabis plants.

A 25-year-old man was arrested on Meriki Road near the property. Two Parramatta homes were also searched and 230 cannabis plants found.



Information from Facebook, NSW Police & 7 NEWS

## Healthy Ageing Workshops

We have been through the fires, floods and COVID as well as facing the usual daily challenges, it is safe to say we are all feeling tired, overwhelmed and some days like we've had enough. The Mental health First Aid Course will teach us skills in how to support and respond to people developing mental health issues, how to better respond to our friends and family members going through these experiences and assist in creating a stronger, more resilient community.

### Please Note Date Changes

#### Healthy Ageing workshops timetable

##### Spencer

Spencer Hall, 4776 Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer

|                                                           |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 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 28 and<br>Tuesday June 29, 9am-4pm |

##### Mangrove Mountain

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

|                                                           |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 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)                | Monday June 21 and<br>Tuesday June 22, 9am-4pm |

#### 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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**\*\* 28th May '21 \*\***

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Jodie's got her chickens in training for The Great Chicken Races again – of course at this point the "training" consists of eating, sleeping and walking. But, so far, they are all looking like champions in those departments. LOL! However, we've been asked if we will hold this event again this year. And the answer, so far, is YES!

As always, we're going to need lots of helpers get the Fair set up, help by driving to pick up donated goods and gift certificates, and much needed supplies, and even people for Covid Marshalling on the day for a few hours. So if you'd like to be part of this fun community event, even in a small capacity, come in The Hub of Mangrove Mountain, where I am most days, or call me on 0417 436 529 or email Crystal at - Secretary-MMCF@hotmail.com

See you there, at the Country Fair!

Shane Eastman-Wheeler  
President, Mangrove Mountain &  
Districts Country Fair

## The Little White Church

I am a little white church sitting beside the road on a corner at Mangrove Mountain. Everyone who passes, and there are lots of people who do, know me well and thousands have taken comfort because I have been there for more than 100 years. A beacon on the hill that has stood for community continuity and goodwill for everyone for so long.

While I was built at Mangrove Mountain, people from many other villages on the Central Coast Plateau know me well, have worshipped in me and know that I have a connection with people from Kulnura, Peats Ridge, Somersby, Spencer, Yarramalong, Calga and Central Mangrove.

The great grandfather of the person writing this story about me actually built me although she didn't know that until a few weeks ago and she was Christened in me more than 70 years ago. She had worshipped in me for more than 30 years until eight years ago when her congregation had to move because they couldn't afford the rent any more. She is very anxious for me.

I have been a part of the lives of so many families. Lots of them

worshipped within my walls I only wish I could tell the all the names. You could look in the Visitors book for some of them.

Over the years I have had numerous upgrades, a small meeting preparation room attached, a separate hall for community use, new pews, carpet, ramp, several garden makeovers, even a fence and someone a couple of decades ago had the foresight to clad my exterior to avoid the need for expensive painting every few years. So much has been achieved to keep me safe and well cared for by so many for future generations.

Even now that church attendance has diminished somewhat from the more traditional religions as society evolved to playing sport on Sundays and even shopping, my community still sees me as the little white church with the beautiful and ancient red gums standing proudly behind me.

My days as a community icon are coming to an end. Unless a few people change their minds, and I am so hoping that they do, about selling to the highest bidder and donating the proceeds to people who have not loved me or cared about me for so many decades.

I am very sad to think that this might happen because in my heart I know there is a future for me within the mountain community...my prayer is that there is a miracle out there to save me for my community.

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## KIM CHURCHILL TO PERFORM AT MANGROVE MOUNTAIN HALL

Another Bluesfest favourite is set to perform at our historic Mangrove Mountain Hall! with the amazing Kim Churchill set to grace the hall's stage on Saturday the 26th of June.

Kim Churchill first picked up the guitar at just 4 years old and has gone on to become one of Australia's best Blues/folk talents, having become a favourite at some of Australia's

biggest and best music festivals such as the Byron Bay Bluesfest, Woodford folk festival, and Falls Festival, as well as performing extensively overseas throughout Canada, USA, England, Europe and Japan. Kim has performed internationally at the world famous South by Southwest festival in Austin Texas and Montreal International Jazz festival.

Since the release of his debut single, "Loving Home" back in 2009, Kim Churchill has released six studio albums along with multiple live albums and built a huge following across the globe though his incredible live performances. A true multi instrumentalist playing guitar,



## Where is hope?

I read with interest the several articles in the news re our Union Church premises.

All were thought provoking, although at least one had some mis-information. For my part, any publicity on this very very important matter is better than no discussion. Please keep it up people and together we could very well SAVE our community history before its too late.

Now to the mis-information (1) I left quickly from the service in April with Tonga and his family. He gave me hope. Sadly my present pain etc

harmonica, drums, and percussion Kim Churchill's shows highlight the purity of his vocals, intricate percussive guitar playing style and sheer quality of his songs.

Supporting Kim Churchill on the night will be rising popular folk act, Jesse Madigan.

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necessitated a fast exit as my shoes were full of urine. Another burden to bear is diabetics, lactose and gluten intolerance making it embarrassing to stand and query all the food carefully prepared to share. (2) There were people who arrived late and there was not a sound. (3) I know a lot of locals most are distressed that we could lose our church premises. Some think its been a planned plan by a few and there are better ways. No one has ever spoken about hating anyone. Just a hope we can get them to change their minds. ie show some compassion for us and our special site.

Who would want to socialise with the perpetrators of the plan to sell our church premises? The heart and soul of the Mountain.

I have found it terribly painful standing outside on 23/5/21 and no service. We arrived at 8.50am left at 9.30. It was publicised in the community news published 21/5/21. What level of rude is this?

I loved the contributors view: Why sell a family farm because the current occupiers don't want to farm it?

After all, history is what people did, why, how and let us learn from all this. We can't put a price on community history, however, each generation must preserve some part for the next generations to learn from.

If we cannot save our union church premises with out a money view, Please give it back to the Aboriginal

## PEACOCKS' HAPPY ENDING

Last edition Keith was kind enough to publish a note asking for the owners of peacocks wandering near the pre school to claim them.

Nobody came forward but the pre school managed to place the peacocks in a private Avery at kulnura owned by one of the families. I'm very grateful to the pre school staff.

Thank you in particular to the peacocks' new family. Until that point, they attended the pre school regularly but they didn't use the toilets provided for all the other attendees! When school was over they'd cross the road in front of the closest car (or

people from where it was taken. They underset enough about generational history to care for it and I am sure to make a contract with the mountain people to use the built things when we need. They did work with the Europeans to create the mountain.

There were many Aboriginal people around the mountain 100 plus years ago. It has always been my understanding that the church site is on the "song line" from Mount Warning to the Calga site recently saved? Still hopeful.

Margaret Pontifex OAM

truck) to come home for dinner. The menu included my small citrus trees: 103 consumed at \$21.50 each plus lost opportunity. Then they'd settle into a small patch of bushland they had fully redecorated after evicting or consuming the previous occupants.

Someone let a few deer out at kulnura many years ago. They're still looking for a new home but making do in everyone else's in the meantime.

For the peacocks at least: a happy ending to a sad story.

Peter Comensoli

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- \$6.15
- Restocker Heifer 250/300kg \$4.50 - \$5.25
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## VOLUNTEERING CENTRAL COAST ANNUAL AWARDS

Volunteering Central Coast's National Volunteer Week Central Coast Awards is an important part of the year in the recognition of individuals who devote their time, energy and enthusiasm as volunteers in the Central Coast Community.

The theme for this year's National Volunteering week was 'Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine', and it certainly reflects the experience we have at Volunteering Central Coast of a resurgence in people wanting to volunteer and volunteer involving organisations seeking new volunteers after a hiatus of COVID restrictions, and reconnecting with their loyal volunteers from years past.

Category: Volunteer of the Year 2021 - Winner: Gabrielle Grenier  
Nominating organisation: Mary Macs Place (Broken Bay Catholic Diocese)

Gabrielle has volunteered at Mary Mac's Place for about 2 years. Starting with volunteering 3 days a week picking up food rescue for our community and service each week, during Covid, Gabrielle came 5 days a week and helped keep Mary Mac's open to provide much needed food and support during a very difficult time for many. Gabrielle, works so hard everyday that she is there and is always so caring to our community

## Mountain community children's centre inc.

Congratulations to our new Management Committee for 2021

President – Claire Miles, Vice President – Alyce Chin, Secretary – Allison Wigman, Treasurer – Anita Tesoriero, Public Officer – Mary Luci, Ordinary Member – Amber Lyon, Ordinary Member – Charlene Xuereb, Ordinary Member – Annabel Bone

We thank all committee members for their dedication to the centre and look forward to another great year ahead.

### Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We are excited to share what we have been up to at the Children's Centre over the past month. We celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day Afternoon Tea with our mums, grandmother's, and special women in our lives. We showed them around the centre, the experience we like to explore and had some afternoon tea. Thank you to everyone who came along for the afternoon.

### Investigating Autumn

Grand Opening Celebration  
Sunday 26th September 2021

members and is a pleasure to work with. Gabrielle donates her time to Mary Mac's and goes up and beyond to help the program and our community.

"We are very lucky to have her on our team and would love to show her recognition" said Sally Liedberg, Manager at Mary Macs. Gabrielle also volunteers her time to 2 other services for aged care and every week goes from one service to another helping people. Gabrielle has a heart of gold, changing communities and changing lives she shares joy to all wherever she goes.

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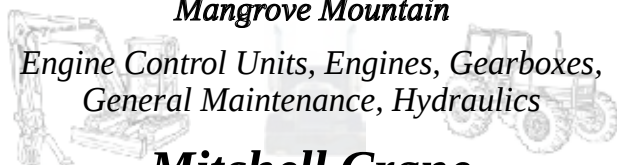
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Further details to follow.

The children have been enjoying exploring the gardens collecting leaves and items to collage and create. These moments also provide educators with opportunities for intentional teaching discussing seasons, weather, and changes with the children. We have been enjoying the wonderful weather and been spending as much time outdoors as possible.

Now taking enrolments Please feel free to give us a call if you would like more information for enrolment now or in the future. Hannah our very friendly administration officer would be more than happy to post out an enrolment pack or



## Glenworth Valley Food & Wine Festival



# 12 & 13 June



organise a tour of the centre. We look forward to welcoming you to our centre. Until next time with news from the Children's Centre.

*Louisa Foxford Director*

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## Kulnura & District Garden Club

We have been so lucky with the weather for our meetings since Covid restrictions were relaxed and our May meeting was another beautiful autumn day. We met at the gorgeous property of Bev and Tiffany Chalmers at Lemon Tree and following a short meeting, Bev have us a tour of her extensive garden and sculptures – photos attached. The garden was showing off its autumn colours and it was hard to believe that 21 years ago it was cow paddocks! Thank you so much for your hospitality Bev!

Our June meeting will be held on Monday 7th June which is a week earlier than our usual meeting date due to the long weekend. It will be held at the Guide Hall at 1913 Wisemans Ferry Road, Central Mangrove. Our yellow flag will be flying at the entry. As usual, please bring your chair, mug and flowers for Show and Tell and the Competition.

Our guest will be Justine Kelso from Sydney who will be talking about her life as an events/wedding florist and current trends. She will be making 3 x wedding pieces – a bouquet, table arrangement and ceremony backdrop with an Autumn colour palette and these will be our raffle prizes. She will also have a power point presentation of functions she has. Justine is a talented florist who recently has worked on Married at First Sight. Do come along and watch her creativity with flowers!

Due to Covid, we are required to record all attendees at our meetings and Members are required to indicate in advance of their attendance. Visitors are always welcome so if you would like to come to our meeting, please email our Secretary: [kulnuradgc@gmail.com](mailto:kulnuradgc@gmail.com) to be included in our mailing list.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone again!

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# VALE RON JOLLOW

It is with a very heavy heart that I let you know that Ron Jollow, founding member of Wendoree Brigade passed away today (24/5/21). He had been in hospital recently battling illness, which unfortunately got the better of him today.

Ron would have been 90 this year, in November. Ron was named the 2003 Citizen of the Year by the people of the Central Coast. Ron received the Australian Fire Service Medal in 2008. In 2012, the Wendoree Park Progress Association requested that the Wendoree Park Playground be named the "Ron Jollow Park" in honour of Ron. Here is some of Ron's service history:-

Senior Deputy Captain Jollow joined the Wendoree Park Rural Fire Brigade in June 1967 at the brigade's formation. He was one of ten original members and he immediately played an active role in the combating of bush fires in the surrounding river communities. At the time of the formation of the brigade, there was no road access to the Wendoree area and members used their own boats to attend remote locations in fire fighting. In 1969 road access was provided to



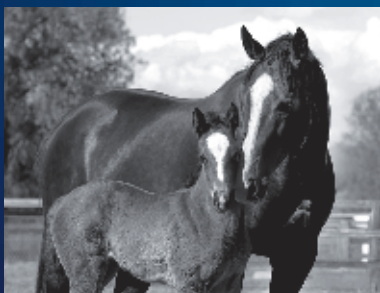
Wendoree Park via Mount White with the provision of a 4WD only fire trail. A Road Committee was formed and in conjunction with this committee, Senior Deputy Captain Jollow set about the improvement of access for the community. A ten year period of sustained effort culminated in the sealing of the steep grades from the ridge country to the river side. During this same period, he held most of the Wendoree Park Brigade's Executive positions along with positions on the local Progress Association and in his private capacity he provided sustained assistance to the local community in many community projects. He was appointed to Senior Deputy Captain in June 1971. In 1976 he donated a one and one half ton utility vehicle to the Wendoree Park Rural Fire Brigade, giving the brigade its first vehicle and he equipped the vehicle with a 50 gallon water tank. In 1977 he was elected and appointed as Captain of the Brigade, a position he held for 29 years. Over the following decade he was actively involved with the Brigade and in command positions in the conduct of numerous bush fire operations in the Mount White area. In 1992 he successfully lobbied Gosford City Council securing the Brigade's first official Brigade Station which was completed later in the year. In 1994, a disastrous bush fire impacted in the Gosford area and due to its location, the Wendoree Park

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Rural Fire Brigade was isolated for three days. Senior Deputy Captain Jollow took command and he planned and controlled the Brigades activities on the western front of the fire over this period. As a result of the success of the Brigades operations in the 1994 fires, he again successfully lobbied Gosford City Council and secured a second tanker for the Brigade and the community. Since 1989, he has also manned the Gosford Equipment Store for three days per week and was actively involved in providing much needed support to other Fire Services in the area. He was also a member of the Local Protection Committee and was for a number of years, the Committee Chairman. Throughout his service, he has remained an active member of the Wendoree Park Rural Fire Brigade and was appointed Senior Deputy Captain in June 2006. Since 1967, he has been tireless in his efforts to improve the Rural Fire Service in the local area and has wholeheartedly devoted his personal efforts, time and finances to his community. He has been selfless in his service to his community and he is an inspiration to the members of the Service in his area and this makes him a worthy candidate for the award of the Australian Fire Service Medal.

Ron's wife Patricia passed some time ago, whilst Ron continued on in his role as a Pharmacist.

## SOMERSBY/ MANGROVE GREENTEAM

Last weekend we worked at Anneliese's place at Somersby tackling mostly Whisky Grass followed by a scrumptious morning tea; and previously at Kaye's place at Mangrove Mtn, swept through a burnt area hand pulling a variety of weeds including Lantana. We also learnt more about the local birds as Kaye is an expert birder and visited her

Funeral details:  
Date / Time / Place: Friday 4 June 2021 at 10:30 hours Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Road, Palmdale

RFS members will be forming a guard of honour and are asked to arrive at Palmdale half an hour earlier (10:00 hours)

Afterwards at Gosford Sailing Club from 12:30 hours.

Uniform: Whites or CLEAN yellows

Kind regards,

Susan Butler  
NSW RFS



beautiful waterfall on the way back for a scrumptious morning tea.

Next Somersby/Mangrove Greenteam session is on at Kayes place - Saturday 5th June 9am-11am (kids welcome) - Contact Nicole to join in and for more details.

Cheers,

Nicole Heta, Project Coordinator  
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Performances will be held on June 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th at Laguna Hall at 7.30pm. There will also be a matinee performance on Sunday June 6th at 2pm. Tickets are Adults \$30 and Concession \$25 and are available online at [www.valleyartists.org/shop/](http://www.valleyartists.org/shop/) or via Facebook@ valleyartistsinc.

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Ray Crawley, President of our zone in NSW rang our President Adrian Acheson and after several discussions has organised a bus-load of volunteers ( up to 100 persons) from the Central Coast members of the Mens Shed Association to arrive this week to help with our clean-up. They will be bringing special welding equipment and tools to re-make our timber racking and to generally tidy and clean inside the Shed to enable us to



*Flood damage inside Shed after water has receded*

get back to operational status.

Last month we put out an appeal for replacement tools and the response was overwhelming. Large amounts of replacement tools have been received and we request that for the time-being we have sufficient tools for our needs. Corporate sponsors have also got on-board and we have received many generous offers which we will take up when the Shed is in better state.

We wish to thank everybody who

has generously donated these tools and other items that we will sort when the clean-up is finished.

We invite any person to come to our Shed to see our situation and to make any constructive comments to assist in our recovery.

Our Shed is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and is located behind Bowling Club Phone 0448833781

Warren Lumley

The venue will be COVID-safe.

Summary for editors:

- June 4 to 12
- Staged at the Laguna Hall, Laguna
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| Calga-Mt. White RFS                   | General meeting                                                                              | 3rd Monday of the month,<br>7.30pm at Pacific Hwy Fire Station Mt. White                                                                                                                                                     |
| Kulnura VBFB<br>at Greta Rd Station   | General meeting<br>Training                                                                  | 1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm<br>3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm                                                                                                                                                      |
| Mangrove Mountain RFS<br>Bloodtree Rd | General Meeting<br>Training / Maintenance                                                    | Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm,<br>All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm                                                                                                                                             |
| Spencer RFS                           | General Meeting<br>Training<br>Junior Training                                               | 2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm<br>3rd Monday Maintenance 6:30pm<br>4th Monday Training 6:30pm<br>E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au Alison Wade<br>0415 668953. 4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd                                  |
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| Country Women's Association<br>(Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)                                       | 2nd Tues of the month at Mangrove Mountain<br>Hall 2-4 Waratah Rd Mangrove Mtn. Start<br>5pm, meeting 7pm. Ph Judy 43771728                                                                        |
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| Permaculture Central Coast                                                                              | Third Tuesday (except Jan.) at Tuggerah<br>Community Hall, ANZAC Rd, 6.30pm - 9pm                                                                                                                  |
| Kulnura & District Garden Club                                                                          | Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui<br>Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com                                                                                                              |
| Mangrove Mountain & Districts<br>Community Group Meeting                                                | First Thursday of the Month, 8pm, Mangrove<br>Mountain Hall. No meeting in January. Hon.<br>Sec Danny Willmott 0407275653                                                                          |
| Mangrove Emergency Planning Committee                                                                   | Third Wednesday bi-monthly, Mangrove Hall                                                                                                                                                          |
| Mangrove Mountain Country Fair<br>Committee Meeting                                                     | 2nd Thur of month except Jan, 7:30pm, Union<br>Church Hall. Pres- Shane 0417 436 529                                                                                                               |
| Mangrove Mountain RSL Women's Auxiliary                                                                 | Third Tuesday of the month, 2pm Mangrove<br>Mountain Memorial Club New Members<br>welcome. Secretary Keitha Coty 43771773                                                                          |
| Mountain District Football Club Meeting                                                                 | Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the<br>Mangrove Memorial Club                                                                                                                                |
| River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury<br>River District                                                  | President Robyn Downham 0414248224<br>Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com                                                                                                                                |
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| The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group                                                                | Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts.<br>Ph Glenys Palmer on 4374 1441 for enquiries.                                                                                                         |
| Somersby Equestrian Club<br>Club & Committee Meeting                                                    | Every 2nd month. Check website for further<br>details. www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au                                                                                                           |
| Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed                                                                     | Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt<br>4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781                                                                                                                |
| <b>SPIRITUAL</b>                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Anglican Service - Mountain Districts                                                                   | Every Sun 8am at Peats Ridge Scout Hall,<br>Sunday School during school terms                                                                                                                      |
| - Wollombi                                                                                              | 2nd & 4th Sun 10am; Holy Eucharist at St<br>John the Evangelist, Wollombi. 0481269 653                                                                                                             |
| Uniting Service                                                                                         | Union Church 9.00am second, fourth and fifth<br>Sundays. Mangrove Mountain                                                                                                                         |
| St Barnabas Non-denominational Service<br>Yarramalong                                                   | 3rd Sunday each month, 11.00am. (Easter &<br>(Christmas Carols dates to be advised)                                                                                                                |
| Divine Retreat Centre (Ph 04 6848 6782)<br>160 Hensons Road, Somersby<br>www.divineretreatcentre.org.au | Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am<br>1st Fri, 5:30pm-8:30pm Divine Mercy Friday<br>1st Sat, 5.30pm-9:00pm, Divine Youth<br>Ministry, Young Adults (18-35yrs)<br>Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat |

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## Visit to the Wat Buddha Dhamma, Ten Mile Hollow and Clare's Bridge

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society invite you to join us on our excursion as we visit the Wat Buddha Dhamma, then up the Western Commission Track to Ten Mile Hollow and Clare's Bridge.

Date:- Saturday, 26th June 2021

Time:- 9.30am

Location:- We will meet at the Wesleyan Chapel, 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road Gunderman. Our guides will explain what we are to see and we will carpool from this point. We recommend that passengers wear masks if carpooling with others.

Lunch:- BYO

Cost:- \$ 7.50 for Members and \$ 10.00 for Non-Members

We will have a quick morning tea & then we will drive to the Wat Buddha Dhamma where we are invited to visit the various buildings.. Please bring along an offering such as fruit or vegetables or tinned goods (vegetarian) to give to the monks. The Wat Buddha Dhamma was set up as a monastery with the intention of being a spiritual home, not just for the monastics living here, but for the community as well.

We will then walk to Ten Mile Hollow which is a flat 600 metre walk and where we will have lunch in the National Park picnic area. Ten Mile Hollow was used as a station for the Nos 8 and 9 Iron Gangs as well as Clare's Bridge when these convict gangs worked in the area between

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November 1829 and October 1830. Our guide Rob Cunneen will share with us the history of this fascinating site. It may also be possible for some to walk from here to Clare's Bridge which is a kilometre away.

Bookings are essential and contact details (phone or text) in case of rain to 0405 321 478 by Tuesday, 22nd June 2021.

Please note: Numbers will be limited to comply with current COVID-19 restrictions on outdoor gatherings.

We require all participants to observe the 1.5 metre apart rule (members of the same household excepted) whilst out of the cars and practise good hand hygiene.

All participants will be required to provide contact details and sign a indemnify form on arrival before participating in the excursion.

Any further information please contact us on enquiries@dlhs.org.au

Bring along lunch, snacks, water, hat, sunscreen, repellent and wet weather gear. Sturdy shoes are suggested.

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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 revcrr@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.                                                               |
| - Yarramalong                                                       | 1st Sunday each month, 11.15am St. Barnabas Catholic Mass All welcome. Enq 4356 1321                                                                  |
| <b>YOUTH</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 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<br>Peats Ridge Scout Hall                  | Cubs meet 6.30pm - 8.30pm Wednesdays<br>Scouts meet 7.00pm - 9.00pm Tuesdays<br>Venturers meet 7.00pm - 9.00pm Mondays<br>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<br>Email: becgilmour@gmail.com |
| <b>HISTORICAL</b>                                                   |                                                                                                                                                       |
| Brisbane Waters Historical Society                                  | 25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au                                                                  |
| Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury<br>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 &<br>Historical Society                       | Open Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times by appt. Contact 43521886 email info@alisonhomestead.com.au. website: www.alisonhomestead.com.au             |
| <b>ACTIVITY/HOBBY</b>                                               |                                                                                                                                                       |
| Central Coast GNU/Linux Users Group                                 | www.cclug.org.au - all most welcome                                                                                                                   |
| 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                                                                  |
| <b>HALL BOOKINGS</b>                                                |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 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<br>Culture and Heritage Centre | Hall Bookings: 0413 359 655<br>or AH 4373 1488                                                                                                        |
| Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall                                   | booking contact Fiona Mob 0422 865 041 ph 43561600                                                                                                    |

| <b>REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY</b>                         |                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Central Coast Native Trees -<br>Tips for Identification | 12 June 1.30 for 2pm Phillip House, 21 Old Mount Mt Penang Rd, Kariong by Australian Plants Society |
| The Wollombi Valley Sculpture<br>Festival 2021          | 11 - 26 September 2021, Wollombi Village                                                            |



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# The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival 2021

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The WVAC is again proudly sponsoring the 2325 Local Artist Award in the Old Fireshed Gallery. The Small Sculpture category showcases local sculptors, with a prize of \$1000 for an indoor work.

## CALLING FOR ENTRIES

Sculptors keen to enter the 2021 Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival can start preparing their works! Entries for one of NSW's most scenic arts events will open on Saturday 1 May and close on Wednesday 19 June.

The festival is going from strength to strength, becoming one of the prominent dates in the arts calendar of the State. 2021 is shaping up to be the biggest in its 19-year history, with sculptures displayed in four indoor galleries, two vineyards and throughout the scenic landscape of the valley.

To take advantage of the cooler weather, the festival will be held earlier than previous years. It will open on Saturday September 11 and run over two weeks and three weekends,

closing on Sunday 26 September.

The opening on September 11 promises to be an exciting occasion. ABC Radio's Simon Marnie will officiate again this year, and the organisers are thrilled to announce that he will be joined by David Handley AM, founding director of Sculpture by the Sea.

The prizes have also been expanded this year. They include a first prize of \$25,000, an indoor prize of \$7,000, highly commended \$5,000, and other prizes for local artists, emerging artists and young artists. The finalists will be announced on 19 July and will all be invited to attend the opening where the prizes will be awarded.

As well as the chance to sell their works throughout the festival, all selected entrants will have a further marketing opportunity after it closes. All unsold works can be advertised in the new Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival Online Gallery, and unsold outdoor pieces can generally be left on-site until June 2022.

The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival is the longest-running regional outdoor sculpture exhibition in Australia. It celebrates contemporary sculpture in all its forms, from sophisticated, modernist art works to more whimsical and ephemeral pieces.

This year the festival is collaborating with Dungog's Sculpture on the Farm, which opens a week after the

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Wollombi festival ends. Sculptors are encouraged to enter works in both exhibitions, but not the same one, as the piece may already be sold by the time the Dungog event opens.

The festival is supported by Cessnock City Council, the Wollombi Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Wollombi Valley Progress Association, the Wollombi Valley Tennis Club and the Wollombi Valley Arts Council. Many local businesses and individual volunteers are also involved and make a crucial contribution to its operation.

Festival Director, Susan Leith-Miller  
0403 270 365 or [leithsu@bigpond.com](mailto:leithsu@bigpond.com)  
Website: [www.sculptureinthevineyards.com.au](http://www.sculptureinthevineyards.com.au)



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