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MANGROVE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY FAIR - NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE STRATEGY POP-UP

Share your feedback to help Council support communities to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters.

We'll be at the Mangrove Mountain and Districts Country Fair to ask Gosford West Ward residents, including communities across the mountain districts, what community resilience looks like locally and what strengths, relationships and practical support help communities look after each other.

Research has shown that the communities that are connected and help each other prepare and respond in

an emergency recover quicker and are more resilient.

The draft Natural Disaster Resilience Strategy sets out a coordinated framework to build disaster resilience across the Central Coast by embedding natural hazard risk management into Council planning, infrastructure, community capability, and emergency preparedness.

The Central Coast is highly exposed to natural hazards, including bushfires, flooding, coastal erosion, storms, and the potential for drought.

How the Strategy actions are shared

The draft Strategy includes actions that sit across Council planning, community preparedness, infrastructure, recovery and partnerships. Some actions are led by Council, while others rely on the role and expertise of emergency services, disaster management agencies and other partners.

What Council will do:

- Updating hazard mapping and risk tools
- integrating climate and disaster risk into asset management and capital works
- strengthening planning controls in hazard-prone areas, improving emergency management systems and communication
- supporting community preparedness and local resilience networks
- investing in critical resilience infrastructure
- embedding disaster risk considerations into long-term financial and strategic planning.

What emergency services do:

Emergency services and other disaster response agencies continue to lead activities like flood rescue, bushfire management, evacuations and emergency warnings.

To learn more and provide feedback about the Central Coast Council's Natural Disaster Resilience Strategy go to:

<https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/natural-disaster-resilience-strategy>

Information from Central Coast Council



RFS community engagement at the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair

Mangrove Mountain Men's Shed Update

Mountain Men: this one's for you.

The Mangrove Mountain Men's Shed is starting a regular, fortnightly social catchup at the Peats Ridge Café.

We will kick off on Tuesday September 22nd, 10:30am and then

fortnightly (second and fourth Tuesday of the month).

Come along for a cuppa and a yarn with a few other blokes for however long you'd like. No RSVP necessary. See you there.

Simon Perry



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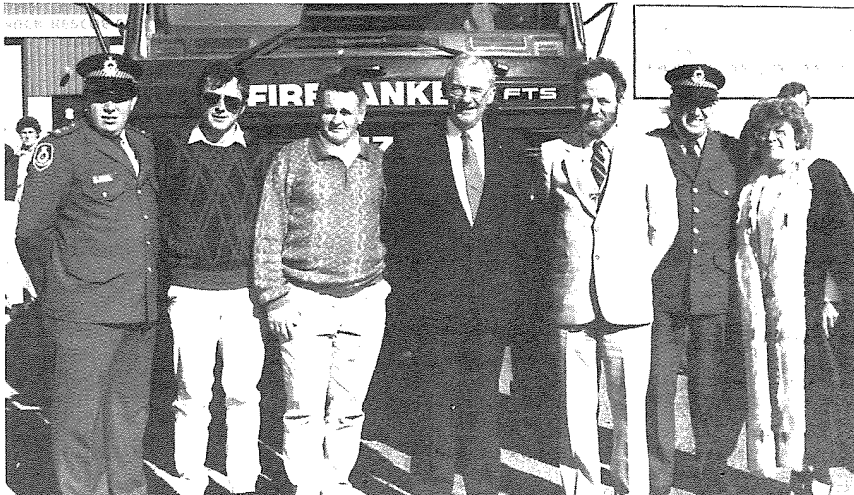
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Bucketty Gets a New Fire Truck

Two extracts from Community News issue #145, 2nd August, 1989

Fire Tender Presentation by Governor General



L to R: Glenn Byrnes, Council Deputy Fire Control Officer; Paul West, Brigade; Les Stewart, Brigade Captain; His Excellency - William Hayden Governor General of Australia; John Davidson, Brigade; Bob Kitching, Council Fire Control Officer, Mayor Callaghan, Council of City of Cessnock.

In its continuing programme of providing the very best of fire fighting equipment to the Volunteer Brigades of its fire prone Shire, Cessnock Council has provided the Bucketty and District Volunteer Brigade with a new ISUZU fire tender. This state-of-the-art unit has provided a much needed boost for the morale of the residents of our fast

growing community.

At a delightful ceremony on the 17th July, 1989, held at the Council's Fire Control Centre in Cessnock, the Mayor, Alderman Maree Callaghan, had arranged for His Excellency, Mr. William Hayden, Governor-General of Australia, to officially commission the new tender. This ceremony was

watched by dignitaries of the area, Council staff and representatives of the Brigade and Bucketty community.

Two especially proud members of the audience were Bob Kitching, the Council's Fire Control Officer, and Les Stewart, the Bucketty Brigade's Captain, both of whom have worked hard to achieve this event.

Although the Brigade officers would have loved to bring the unit straight back to its new home, this was not to be, as special training on vehicle operation and pumping units is essential. We should see the unit at Bucketty in August.

Unlike the faithful old tender it replaces, the ISUZU has a crew-cab which provides protection from the prevailing weather and from fire which may get too close for comfort.

Storage compartments have been arranged for quick access to all gear and a relatively large water storage tank allows a long presence at the site of any fire. The design is well proven and now almost standard new issue in country areas. Many other Cessnock Shire Brigades are similarly equipped.

The units see service in government forests, national parks, natural bushland and throughout the farmlands and we are looking forward to seeing this very competent unit patrolling the rugged bushland of our district.

A. Marshall

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Did you know that the District regularly held a "Debutante Ball"

Have a Ball on 9th September

If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well they say, so that is why Mangrove Mountain Lions Club are postponing their Debutante Ball until 9th September. In one swift blow 5 prospective debs decided this was not the right time for them to make their debut.

So with a few extra weeks to prepare, the Lions are hoping other young ladies will seize this opportunity to become debutantes for 1989 with the Mangrove Mountain Lions Club - come on girls - this is your year. Ring Russell Pearce and 'start the ball rolling'.

Debutantes or not - there will be a great ball on 9th September. The weather will be warmer by then, so ring some friends and plan to dance the night away.

Dress is semi-formal and the band will play all your favourite dance music. The new caterers at the R.S.L., Annie and Ben Chan have promised a special menu so everything is set for a great night. Ring Lion Russell Pearce on 72 1367 or Lion Jenny Vile on 40 1039 to book your tickets at a mere \$30 - they are waiting to hear from you.

More from past issues of the Community News in the next issue.

Countdown: 5 more issues to # 1000.

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Exciting News for Peats Ridge Families – Before & After School Care is Coming!

There is some very exciting news for Peats Ridge Public School and our wider community. From Term 4, our students will have access to a before and after school care service, thanks to a new partnership with Mountain Before & After School Care.

For a small rural school like Peats Ridge, access to before and after school care is much more than an additional service. It provides families with greater flexibility and makes our wonderful little school a more accessible option for working parents and families who may previously have found school hours difficult to manage.

Mountain Before & After School Care has organised a bus service to collect Peats Ridge Public School students, meaning our children can now access their established service while continuing to enjoy all the benefits of attending their local small school.

This is something our community

has wanted for a long time, so we are absolutely thrilled to finally see it become a reality. It is another important step in continuing to grow and strengthen Peats Ridge Public School while responding to the changing needs of local families.

We are incredibly proud of our small school, where students are known, valued and provided with opportunities to thrive. The introduction of before and after school care gives families even more choice and removes a significant barrier for those considering Peats Ridge Public School.

Families interested in enrolling their children for Term 4 are encouraged to contact Mountain Before & After School Care at mountainbasc@gmail.com or call/text 0412 280 675.

Big opportunities are happening at our Peats Ridge Public School and we couldn't be more excited about what's ahead!

Vicki Priest
Relieving Principal
Peats Ridge Public School
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CENTRAL COAST PLATEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

President's Report 2026

Introduction This report marks my second year as Chairman of the Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce. Over the past year, the Chamber has continued to strengthen its membership base, expand its advocacy efforts, and deepen engagement with regional stakeholders. Our Chamber has been running for 21 years and has real relevance and respect in our region.

Membership & Committee Acknowledgements Membership continues to grow steadily. I encourage prospective members to contact me or any committee member to discuss the benefits of joining. I sincerely thank all committee members for their dedication in attending monthly meetings and contributing constructively throughout the year. A special acknowledgement goes to Margaret Vallance, our Secretary, for her exceptional commitment and

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Advocacy & Representation 2250 Postcode – 417 Visa Restrictions The current 2250 postcode classification prevents 417 Visa holders from working in our region to extend their visa. The Chamber worked with Business NSW to prepare a formal submission to the Federal Government requesting reconsideration. Central Coast Council have endorsed this initiative and are in the process of signing off, then we will forward it onto local, state and federal representatives.

Rural Land Strategy Delays The Rural Land Strategy, originally scheduled to commence in 2019, has been repeatedly delayed. It is essential that the Chamber contributes to this strategy to demonstrate the need for rural worker accommodation, agri tourism development, and long term sustainability for local farmers.

Regional Advisory Council I continue to represent the Chamber at quarterly Regional Advisory Council meetings, advocating for these issues and others affecting the Plateau.

Government & Industry Engagement This year, Amanda Giles and I attended a Senate round table meeting with Senator Jessica Collins to discuss local issues and promote the Central Coast Studios project, this is a fantastic initiative and exciting project that would be very good for our region and the Central Coast. The Chamber also contributed a submission to the Local

Strategic Planning Statement with Business NSW to advocate the natural advantages our region has, and the diverse range of farming operations on the Plateau. We have been invited to participate in the Calga Sands Project Community Consultative Committee, providing further representation for our community. I also attended the Launch of “Blueprint of Central Coast Leadership Forum” at Saddles and the 2nd AI masterclass at Gosford RSL which explained some more uses for AI, I encourage members to explore the benefits of AI, but warn it can still make mistakes.

Looking Ahead The Chamber will continue to focus on:

- Strengthening membership and engagement
- Ensuring strong representation in regional planning
- Advocating for rural accommodation and agri tourism
- Supporting local businesses through collaboration and communication

Yours sincerely,

Sam Dominello, Chairman

If anyone would like to join the Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce and receive a host of benefits in alliance with Business NSW, please check our website at ccpchamber.com.au. Also, if you have any opportunities or issues you would like to discuss call Sam Dominello on 0408 432 999

MEPCC

Mangrove Emergency Planning and Communications Committee Meeting & AGM

The MEPCC AGM was held on 4th September in the Union Church Hall.

The meeting was well attended with 16 persons present.

Committee positions were filled as follows:

President: Claire Podlich

Vice President: Karen Boskos

Treasurer: Tony Said

Secretary: Keith Aranjo

Ordinary Committee Members:

Mike O’Sullivan

Chad Fanelli

Michael Kelland

Tracey Cook

Issues discussed included:

- The need to conduct all areas training on the emergency communications CB radio network
- Share limited participant details among CB network participants
- Build procedures around FFU use & liaison with local RFS brigades
- Work with Council to develop resilience plans
- Need to meet with representatives from all communities

Keith Aranjo
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Funding a Safer George Downes Drive in Kulnura

The Federal Government continues to improve road safety in NSW, delivering funding for safety upgrades at George Downes Drive in Kulnura.

The project will install a guardrail, non-skid pavement, line-marking and signposting to the identified black spot to help mitigate crashes occurring along this road segment.

The Federal Government is committing \$3 million to the project as part of \$45.1 million committed to 82 sites on NSW roads under the 2026-27 Black Spot Program funding round.

The projects were recommended by the NSW Black Spot Consultative Panel. This panel is comprised of local stakeholders to ensure nominations of the highest priority and importance to the local community are recommended for approval.

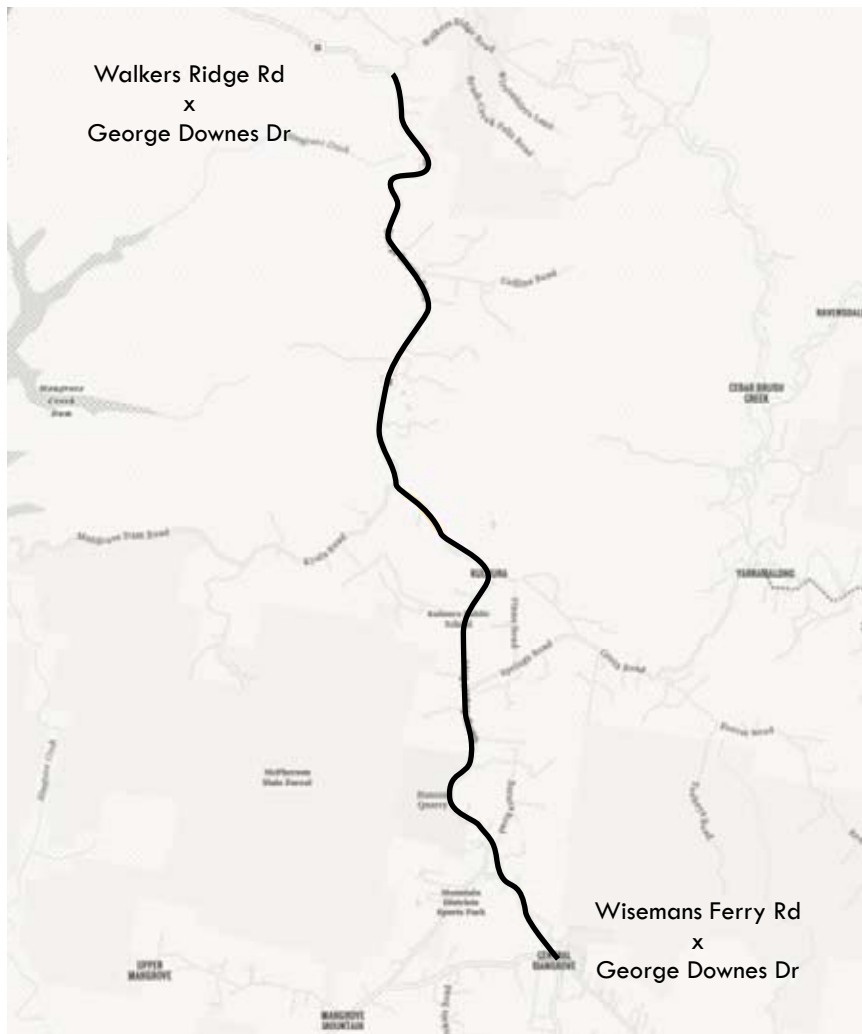
The Federal Government has increased annual Black Spot Program funding to \$150 million, improving road safety at sites right across the country.

It is a key part of our commitment to reducing fatalities and serious injuries on our roads.

Anyone can nominate a Black Spot for consideration, including individuals, community groups and local councils.

For details on funded projects, to make a nomination, or for further information on the Australian Government Black Spot Program, visit <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/black-spot-program>.

Dr Gordon Reid MP, Federal Member for Robertson, said "The Federal Government is making a significant investment in improving



road safety.

"It is great to see George Downes Drive in Kulnura receive the funding it needs to ensure a safer journey for the many residents who use the road.

"The Federal Government will continue to work with state, territory and local governments to deliver even more critical road safety upgrades in the future."

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, Kristy McBain MP said "The safety improvements at these Black Spot sites will help reduce the risk of serious crashes and increase the likelihood of people getting to their destination safely.

"The Black Spot Program delivers low-cost improvements that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing the risk of serious crashes and fatalities on our roads.

"With our increased funding commitment to this long-running program, I encourage individuals, organisations and local governments to nominate sites in their local communities for consideration in the next funding round."

Joint Media Release

The Hon Kristy McBain MP

Minister for Regional Development, Local

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Dr Gordon Reid MP

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE CENTRAL COAST

Central Coast Council has adopted the Central Coast Youth Strategy 2026-2031, providing a clear roadmap for how Council, community organisations and partners will work together to support young people aged 12 to 24 over the next five years.

Shaped by extensive community engagement involving more than 556 participants, predominantly young people aged 12 to 24, the Strategy ensures young people's voices help guide future decision-making and investment, while addressing the challenges and opportunities that matter most to them.

The Strategy focuses on six key areas:

1. belonging, inclusion and voice
2. wellbeing, safety and respect
3. opportunity, skills and secure futures
4. active, connected and affordable living
5. green and sustainable futures
6. strong partnerships and sector leadership.

Central Coast Mayor, Lawrie McKinna said the Youth Strategy reflects Council's commitment to supporting young people and creating opportunities for them to thrive.

"Young people are not just the future of the Central Coast, they are helping to shaping our community today. They bring energy, ideas and leadership to our community and it's important that their voices help shape the decisions we make," Mayor McKinna said.

The Central Coast Youth Strategy 2026-2031 is available at CentralCoast.nsw.gov.au

Central Coast Council
Media Release



Peats Ridge & Districts CWA

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Active Transport Funding For Local Councils

Dr Gordon Reid MP is urging Central Coast Council to pursue opportunities via Active Transport Funding to improve pedestrian safety after meeting with residents concerned about the need for additional footpath infrastructure connecting Terrigal Public and High Schools.

The meeting followed community calls highlighting the need for improved walking infrastructure and safer connections between key local destinations at the intersection of Grasslands Ave and Anniversary Avenue Terrigal.

Dr Reid said safe, accessible footpaths are essential community infrastructure and help create more connected, liveable neighbourhoods.

Quotes attributed to Dr Reid MP – Federal Member for Robertson

“Thank you to the residents who took the time to meet with me and share their concerns about pedestrian safety and the need for improved footpath infrastructure,”

“Safe, accessible footpaths are essential community infrastructure and help create more connected, neighbourhoods”. Dr Reid said.

“Footpaths are not a luxury. They are critical infrastructure that allow residents to safely access schools, shops, parks, public transport and community facilities.”

“This funding presents an excellent opportunity for Central Coast Council to deliver safer footpaths and active transport infrastructure that our



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community needs.”

Dr Reid noted that the Australian Government’s Active Transport Fund provides funding for local councils to construct new walking and cycling pathways and upgrade existing infrastructure. The program is open to local government authorities and supports projects that improve road safety, encourage active lifestyles and create more user-friendly communities.

*Media Release from the Office of
Dr Gordon Reid MP
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U12D

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Above: The U12D team with medals
Below: U12's and supporters



It looked as though half the mountain made the trip down to Lisarow to cheer the kids on and it was fantastic to have their support! Wyong started the game very well and put pressure on our defence who held firm. Our kids started to work into the game and began to create some chances before Mason was able to score the first goal of the game a few minutes before half time. 1-0 at half time was not a comfortable lead and the team needed some calm, but encouraging words during the break. 2nd half started similarly to the first

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with Wyong applying pressure and making us work hard. Again our kids kept at it and were rewarded with a 2nd goal finished well by Barrett to send us 2-0 up. A late goal mouth scramble after a Wyong free kick nearly pulled one back for Wyong before the referee whistled full time.

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Right: W35B preparing for semi finals



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Planning Proposal to Heritage List the Former Gosford Library

Council is proposing to heritage list the former Gosford Library in recognition of its history, heritage value and importance to the community.

Planning Proposal exhibition period: Monday 31 August to Monday 28 September 2026.

We've heard the community wants to see the heritage significance of the former Gosford Library recognised and protected.

Council is proposing to heritage list the former Gosford Library at 118–120 Donnison Street, Gosford, in recognition of its history, heritage value and importance to the community.

This follows strong community interest in seeing the building's heritage significance recognised and protected. A Planning Proposal has now been prepared, and we're inviting the community to review it and tell us whether it accurately captures the building's history, significance and heritage value.

Your feedback will help Council understand community views and may inform supporting heritage information, including details in the Heritage Inventory Sheet.

To make a submission go to:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ppr/under-exhibition/former-gosford-library-local-heritage-listing>

and for more information go to :

<https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/GLB>

Some extracts from the "Heritage Assessment Gosford City Library":

The Former Gosford Library was one of the first major architecturally designed building projects and the first purpose designed Library building undertaken by Gosford Shire



Photo 10 from the Heritage Assessment Gosford City Library by David Scobie, Heritage Consultant showing significant elements of the architecture:

"A view of the north west corner of the building, and the general elevation which faces the proposed extended curtilage noting the expressed concrete post and beam structure, corner window details and the broad eave."

Council and reflects the esteem which that Council placed upon cultural facilities.

The high degree of intactness and integrity of the Library provides valuable tangible evidence determining its design quality, engineering, architectural beauty and distinctive craftsmanship. Respected migrant architect, Alan Williams, produced the architectural designs for the Library and the two Modernist Movement

Mosman homes which are recognised by the Australian Institute of Architects as significant 20th century architecture in NSW.

The Library meets the criteria for local significance. It was opened in 1969.

Information from Central Coast Council, NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and Heritage Assessment Gosford City Library by David Scobie, Heritage Consultant

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Launching on Sunday 20 September, the inaugural event will feature acclaimed Filipino-born poet Ronald Araña Atilano, a multiple prize-winning writer whose work has appeared in Rabbit Poetry Journal, Island, Westerly and Cordite. Fresh from a Katherine Susannah Prichard Writers' Centre residency in Perth, Atilano will share works from his celebrated bilingual collection *New Ordinance for the Dead*.

The series will provide opportunities for established and emerging writers alike to share their work, connect with audiences and participate in a supportive creative community.

Guests are encouraged to arrive from midday to enjoy lunch and happy hour specials before the poetry begins. Open mic registrations commence at 12.30pm, with the main event running from 1pm to 3pm.

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10 Eco Explorers Wrap-up	18 STUDENTS START BACK AT SCHOOL			

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Kulnura VBFB at Greta Rd Station	General meeting Training	1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.00pm
Mangrove Mountain RFS Bloodtree Rd	General Meeting Training / Maintenance	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, All Wednesday's except last of month, 7 pm
Spencer RFS	General Meeting Training Maintenance	2nd Monday of the month Meeting 6.30pm 3rd Monday 6.30pm 4th Mon 6.30pm. E: captain-spencer-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au 0418211819. 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		Information: www.facebook.com/ YarramalongRuralFireBrigade/ Phone contact: 0494 344 030 Email: volunteer@yarramalongrfs.org.au

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce	First Tuesday each month 7.00PM MMMC
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)	Third Monday of the month at the Kulnura Hall. Any enquiries please contact Christine 0419400163, Donna 0466974130, Email. cwaofnswpeatsridge@gmail.com
Country Women's Association (Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch)	2nd & 4th Tues of the month, 4-8pm at Mangrove Mtn Union Church, 2154 Wisemans Ferry Rd, MMtn. General meeting 6pm 2nd Tues. Ph Judy 0458 655850
Gosford North Inner Wheel club	2nd Wed each month 11am at Phillip House in Kariiong. Contact: Glenis Ph: 0400 486 760
Kulnura & District Garden Club	Second Monday, 9.30 for 10am start. Jacqui Maxwell 0455364262 kulnuradgc@gmail.com
Kulnura Tuesday Tennis	Tue 9.30am-12.30pm, Kulnura Tennis Courts. Enquiries: Alison Palmer 0427731548.
Ladies of the Valley Afternoon Tea	1st Tues, 1pm to 2.30 at Angels Sussurri Cafe Yarramalong. Margaret Dale 0411104770
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group	1st Thurs of the Month, excl Jan. 7.00pm, Mangrove Mtn Hall.
Mangrove Emergency Planning & Communications Committee	Contact: mepccinc@gmail.com, 0412669649
Mangrove Mountain Country Fair Committee Meeting	3rd Thu of mth except Jan, 7pm, at Union Church Hall. Pres - Steve 0455 155 075
Mountain District Football Club Meeting	Second Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club
Probus - West Gosford	2nd Thu. Ph Elaine Burrows 0412988353
River Cares for the Lower Hawkesbury River District	President Marlee Maxwell Email rivercaresinc@gmail.com
Rotary Club Meeting	Friday 7.15am at Phillip House. 43404529
Rural Seniors Voices	3rd Thurs, 12pm, 13 Nurses Rd Central Mangrove, next to Dr Anand's practice.
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc	President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 0436482201, spencercpg2@gmail.com
Newsletter	Articles to: spencercpg2@gmail.com
Spencer Sheilas Community Social Club	Last Friday of the month. Eve Leeming - 4377 1116 and/or cedriceve@bigpond.com
Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed	Tues & Sat, 9am-5pm. Contact: Alan Hunt 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
Mangrove Mountain Union Church Trust	Committee Meeting 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at the Mangrove Mountain Union Church Hall
Mountain Districts Christian Church	Services 9.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays. Bible Study 4.30pm 1st & 3rd Mondays. Mangrove Mountain Union Church
Worship and Prayer	1st Sat 4.30 to 5.30pm at MM Union Church
St Barnabas Christian Service	9.15am. on every 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month. Yarramalong

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c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 503 c/kg to 620
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kg to 540 c/kg
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Sensory garden opens at Wyong Hospital

Patients in Wyong Hospital's acute geriatric ward will now benefit from a purpose-built sensory garden.

The sensory garden has been delivered with \$250,000 funding from the Regional Health Minor Capital Works program to provide therapeutic benefits for patients with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

The fully fenced garden creates a calming and safe environment for patients, as well as a pleasant space for patients to spend time with their families and carers. It is fully accessible for patients with reduced mobility.

Access to fresh air, natural light, and greenery can boost patients' moods, lower anxiety and help to reduce agitation and aggressive behaviour experienced by patients with dementia and Alzheimer's.

The design team worked closely with staff, carers, and community members to design the space and create a safe and welcoming environment.

The garden incorporates simulated features including a bus stop and a clothesline. These familiar elements are intended to trigger memories and provide high-need dementia patients with a simple, routine activity.

Other key design elements include:

- Five-sense engagement, with

different elements of the garden created to stimulate all five senses.

- Sensory planting with different textures, colours and smells, for example lemongrass, mat rush, basil, fountain grass, blue sage, cherry tomato, marigold, and coastal rosemary.
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