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Come for the cuddles. Stay because a goat has stolen your sleeve. Leave with hay in your shoes and at least one ridiculous farmyard story.



PILE BURNING??

The Bush Fire Danger Period Started on the 1st of October, this means you are required to get a fire permit for all outdoor burn fires (cooking fires are exempt). A permit is free and sets out conditions for how the fire can be safely conducted. The rules around what can be burnt and the conditions for open pile burning are set out in the Central Coast Council Open Pile Burning Policy please note there was a new version issued this year so please reacquaint yourself with the changes. Key points that should be noted before requesting a permit.

- Only dead and dry vegetation can be burnt. Green, damp or compacted material is not permitted.

- The maximum pile size is 2 metres wide by 1.5 metres high.

- Only one pile may be burning at any time.

- The pile must be at least 20 metres from buildings, with flammable material cleared for at least 4.5 metres around the fire.

- Branches should be 150 mm or smaller.

- The current Council guidance says open pile burning is to occur between sunrise and sunset as per the BOM, after which piles are to be extinguished.

- You need water and firefighting equipment ready. A hose and adequate water supply must be immediately available to control the fire.

- Adjacent property occupiers must receive at least 24 hours' notice.

- The RFS Central Coast Fire Control Centre must also be given at least 24 hours' notice. This can be done through the RFS online burn notification system.

- The fire must be supervised by an adult at all times.

- Fire bans override the policy. Open pile burning cannot proceed when a Total Fire Ban or other applicable burning restriction is in force, this includes cooking fires. If you have a permit you will receive a notification that your permit is temporarily suspended if there is a Total Fire Ban in place

To get a Fire Permit apply at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP>. A RFS permit

officer will come and assess that your pile is within the limits of the open pile burning policy and if deemed appropriate you will be issued a permit.

Two recent local incidents at Calga and Mangrove Mountain provide a timely reminder that the bush fire danger period is here. It is important to note once a fire is lit, conditions can change quickly, particularly as we head into the warmer and drier months.

Before you light up

The NSW RFS recommends checking several things before lighting any fire:

1. Make sure you are legally allowed to burn.
2. Get the required permit or approval.
3. Notify your neighbours and the RFS.
4. Check the Fire Danger Rating, weather and wind conditions.
5. Check whether a Total Fire Ban or No Burn Notice is in force.
6. Have sufficient water and firefighting equipment ready.
7. Keep the fire supervised.
8. Make sure the fire is completely extinguished and continue monitoring the area afterwards.

If a fire escapes or becomes unsafe, call Triple Zero (000) immediately. Rural Fire Service NSW

For local bush fire information, residents can also monitor the NSW RFS, Hazards Near Me.

*Tarryn Nester, Captain,
Mangrove Mountain Rural Fire Brigade*

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Anon

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6th November 2026

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**** 30th October '26 ****

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Recollections from Past Community News Issues

Some extracts from Community News
issue #32, October 1979

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

The public meeting called on Monday, 17th resolved the problems concerning the management of Mangrove Mountain Public Hall.

Cr. Barry Horne was guest speaker at the meeting and he spoke of the future problems farmers may have with a new rate system for 1980-1981.

This matter has now been brought to the attention of Central Coast Citrus Growers Organisation and the executive committee has decided to take steps to become more fully conversant with the proposed new valuation system.

The next C.C.G.G. meeting will be held on 15th October, 8.00 p.m. at the Somersby Hall when more information may be available.

Table tennis started at the Mangrove Mtn. Hall on Saturday, 22nd September and sixteen people have enrolled.

Three more tables are urgently needed, if you can help please ring Marge Gray.

For more information about playing ring Laurie Douglas or Marge.

The P.A. system and outside speakers are now completed.

Contact Mrs. L. Riddle for the key to the mike etc.

The next square dance will be on October, 13th and David Cox will be the caller.

The committee thank Alan Barnes for collecting and delivering the table tennis table.

MANGROVE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY FAIR

The 1979 Mangrove Mountain Country Fair will be held on Saturday, 20th October, commencing at 11.00 a.m.

Bring your family and friends for a day of fun and bargains on the stalls.

The planning for this year's Country Fair is in full swing with all the different local committees working at this Fair making their final arrangements to make this the best ever.

Schedules have been sent out with the Community News and to all the schools.

There will be a family aggregate prize again so get the whole family involved in entries for the different categories.

We have introduced a new section this year for inventors, so get those thinking caps on, or perhaps you already have a fabulous invention at home.

Husbands and wives cannot be counted!! Don't be shy, you may not

think your idea good enough, but the judge might think it terrific.

Gosford Packing House will have a display of citrus organised by Mr. Don Sullens. The girls of the dancing school at Peats Ridge will be there with their teacher, Mrs. Franks. Guides from the newly formed Central Coast Guides Choir will hold a mock camp fire - they would like you to join them with some of the well-known campfire songs.

Mark Nicholas from Kulnura with his beautiful gelding, "Highland Mist" is going to show us elementary dressage.

The wood chop will be in full swing and Max. Houston's famous red fire engine is a small (and not so small) child's delight.

Mrs. Joan Mullard and Mrs. Jean Phelps, proprietors of "Rondelle", will show some of their beautiful range. Some of the models may be a little shy, so encourage them all you can. The ages of the girls will range from 1 to 12 or 14.

A glider from the Central Coast Soaring Club and also a homemade aeroplane built by members of the Central Coast Branch of the Sport Aircraft Association, will be displayed.

The aeroplane will not be complete, but will give some idea on how you too can build your own. What a way to solve your parking problems!

A competition for the best decorated bike, three wheeler or tricycle should be a favourite with the children. All

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age groups will be catered for.
There will be drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, ice cream and fruit salad; plants, handicrafts, cakes and sweets.

You might like to try your skill with throwing a soccer ball, trying to hit a smiling guide with a wet sponge, guess the weight of the bull or the number of smarties in a jar.

The Lions Club will run a chocolate Wheel, the Brownies the lucky dip and hoop-la and there will also be lucky envelopes.

Daphne Martin of Kyola Road, Kulnura, will have some of her goats and kids on display which is always an great attraction for the children. Perhaps they have an affinity with the kids?

L. Wilson
Hon. Sec.

NOTICE

The next meeting of the Country Fair Committee will be held on Thursday, 11th October and it is important that representatives of all the organisations attend this final meeting night. Stalls will be set up on Sunday, 14th October.

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

Countdown:
3 more issues to #1000.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE – 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOUNTAIN DEVILS FOOTBALL CLUB INC

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Further to the Notice of the 2026 Annual General Meeting previously issued to members, the Club wishes to advise members of the nomination process for the election of the Committee for the 2026/2027 season.

Committee Nominations

The Club extends its sincere thanks to all current Committee members for their commitment, contribution and voluntary service over the past 12 months. The strength of our Club relies on the involvement of our members and broader community, and we warmly invite new and existing members to consider becoming involved and contributing their skills, experience and ideas to the Club.

Nominations for election to the Committee must be submitted in writing by email to: secretarymdfc@proton.me

Nominations must be received by **Tuesday November 10**. All nominations must include the nominee's name, position nominated for, proposer and the nominee's acceptance.

The election of the Committee will take place at the 2026 Annual General Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, 10 November 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club

This additional notice relates only to the nomination process for the election of the Committee. **All other details and business set out in the original Notice of 2026 Annual General Meeting remain unchanged.**

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Calga Sand Quarry Rehabilitation

The Calga quarry commenced operation in the late 1960's and is currently owned by Heidelberg Materials Australia Pty Ltd (HMA).

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has been in place under Departmental guidelines and provides a forum between the community and the company. The CCC is made up of four local community representatives, three company representatives (HMA), a ResourceCo representative and an independent Chairperson. Central Coast Council is still to nominate a representative.

The Calga Quarry CCC was paused when the quarry moved into a Care and Maintenance phase late in 2023 and is now in the process of being reconvened.

ResourceCo Pty Ltd has been engaged to manage the rehabilitation and will work in collaboration with



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Current status is:

- There is on-going quarterly monitoring of noise, air quality and ground and surface water. No exceedances or non-compliances have been observed.
- No complaints were received via complaints register.

- Modification 5 under DA94-4-2004-Mod-5 was approved on the 4th May 2026 allowing
 - a) transport more than 400,000 tonnes of quarry products per year from the site; or
 - b) import more than 400,000 tonnes of Virgin Excavated Natural Material, Excavated Natural Material (classified under the ENM Resource Recovery Order and Exemption 2014) or General or Specific Resource Recovery Order and Exemption material that is suitable for earthworks, engineering fill or similar applications for the purposes of rehabilitation.
 - A combined total of no more than 400,000 tonnes of material (either quarry products or fill for use in rehabilitation) may be transported to or from the quarry site per year.
 - The modification's proposal aims to achieve the final landform during the progressive rehabilitation of the quarry.
- There will be a total of two (2) full-time employees at the site – operator and weighbridge/administration



Image from "Quarry" newsletter, IQA

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officer.

- Environmental monitoring continues to be conducted on site and will remain active for the entirety of the project.
- All incoming and outgoing heavy vehicles will need to be registered within both HMA and ResourceCo. Systems.

Under the current DA (DA94-4-2004-Mod-5) quarrying operations can continue until 1 July 2030.

ResourceCo runs a systematic acceptance procedure that ensures all material being imported is approved for tracking purposes.

There were concerns raised on auditing incoming material as there may be instances of non-compliant materials. It was confirmed that there are management strategies in place including site visits to starting

Bake, Bake, Bake

Central Mangrove P&C will once again be running the cake stall at the 2026 Country Fair on the 17th October.

We're calling on all bakers, sweet tooths, and culinary wizards to whip up cakes, cookies, slices, and pastries for our stall. Gluten-free treats are welcome, too! If you can, pop an ingredients list on your goodies, wrap them up in clingwrap, and either drop them off with your entries or bring them straight to the Cake Stall on Fair day.



Every delicious donation helps raise money for local community grants, supporting awesome projects across the mountain and adjoining districts. Your baking could make a real difference - so let's fill that table (and those bellies) together!

destinations and random material testing for all areas in the Site (H1, H2, H3 & H4)

Final rehabilitation, including tree planting will be conducted by HMA and could take up to 10 or so years to complete, however, this also depends on market demands.

Information from:
DA 94-4-2004-Mod 5 Consolidated
Consent;
Calga Sand Quarry CCC Meeting
Minutes 19th August 2026;
Calga Sand Community Consultative
Committee – Annual Report for 2023-
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Councillor John McNamara elected as Mayor of the Central Coast

Central Coast Council has elected Councillor John McNamara as the new Mayor of the Central Coast at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 29 September 2026, with Councillor Rachel Stanton elected as Deputy Mayor.

Mayor McNamara said it was a

privilege to be elected Mayor and represent the Central Coast community for the next two years.

"I am honoured and excited to have been entrusted with the role of Mayor of the Central Coast by my fellow councillors. Serving the people of the Central Coast is a privilege that I do not take lightly and I thank Council for the confidence they have placed in me," Mayor McNamara said.

"The Central Coast is a vibrant, diverse and growing community with enormous potential. As Mayor, I look forward to working collaboratively with my fellow councillors, Council staff and our community to deliver the services, infrastructure and advocacy that matter most to our residents.

"Together, we will continue to focus on building a stronger, more sustainable future for the Central Coast while ensuring Council remains responsive to the needs and aspirations of our community."

Mayor McNamara congratulated Councillor Stanton on their election as Deputy Mayor.

"I congratulate Councillor Rachel Stanton on her appointment as Deputy Mayor and look forward to working alongside her as we continue to serve

our community and deliver positive outcomes for the Central Coast."

Mayor McNamara also acknowledged the contribution of outgoing Mayor, Councillor Lawrie McKinna and outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Moulard.

"I would like to sincerely thank Councillor Lawrie McKinna for his leadership and service as Mayor over the past two years, and Councillor John Moulard for his service as Deputy Mayor throughout these last 12 months. Their commitment and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated."

Mayor McNamara biography

A former Deputy Mayor and Councillor of Wyong Council (2008-2012), Mayor John McNamara brings decades of leadership experience in both local government and global telecommunications to his role on Central Coast Council.

Mayor McNamara emphasises the importance of thorough financial scrutiny and securing state and federal funding to revitalise community spaces and improve local infrastructure.

Mayor McNamara will be prioritising community needs, particularly road repairs, debt management and infrastructure development, and looks forward to seeing Central Coast Council



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move towards greater accountability, integrity and sustainable growth.

This back-to-basics approach is aimed at restoring community confidence in local government, ensuring that the region receives its fair share of funding and services while focusing on long-term solutions that benefit residents.

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Participating in the Central Coast Schools Showcase was a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop their musical and performance skills and build confidence. We congratulate them on their hard work and dedication and also thank the organisers and all involved for making this memorable event possible. We look forward to offering many more creative arts opportunities to our students in the years to come.

Amy Ball, Principal
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CENTRAL MANGROVE PS BRINGS “MOONALISA” TO LIFE IN THE PICASSO COW PROJECT

Our school is delighted to share our involvement in the Picasso Cow Project, an engaging initiative run by Dairy Australia. This program aims to teach students about the journey of milk, all the way from cows on the farm to the cartons in our fridges.

After completing our own Farm to Fork learning journey earlier this year, students spent the term discovering the fascinating world of dairy. Working together, they explored how milk is produced, gained a deeper understanding of dairy farming, and learned about the importance of sustainable food choices.

A highlight of the term was painting a life-sized fibreglass cow, affectionately named “Moonalisa.” Through teamwork and creativity, our students transformed Moonalisa into a colourful ambassador for dairy learning in our school.

In a first for many of our students,

they also learned how to podcast. Their podcast series, titled “Moonalisa’s Musings,” served as a collaborative learning journal, with eight episodes reflecting on their learning throughout the project. From interviews and fun facts to personal reflections, these podcasts showcase the students’ journey and enthusiasm.

We invite everyone in our community to listen to “Moonalisa’s Musings” on our Facebook page and share in celebrating our students’ achievements. This hands-on project has not only enriched their understanding of where our food comes from but also fostered creativity, teamwork, and new digital skills.

We thank Dairy Australia for making this experience possible, and congratulate our students on their fantastic work with Moonalisa! Special thanks to volunteer CMPS friend Bronwyn for helping with Moonalisa’s



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Above: Moonalisa before and after with all the Mini Da Vinci's
Below: Two of the podcasting sessions in full swing



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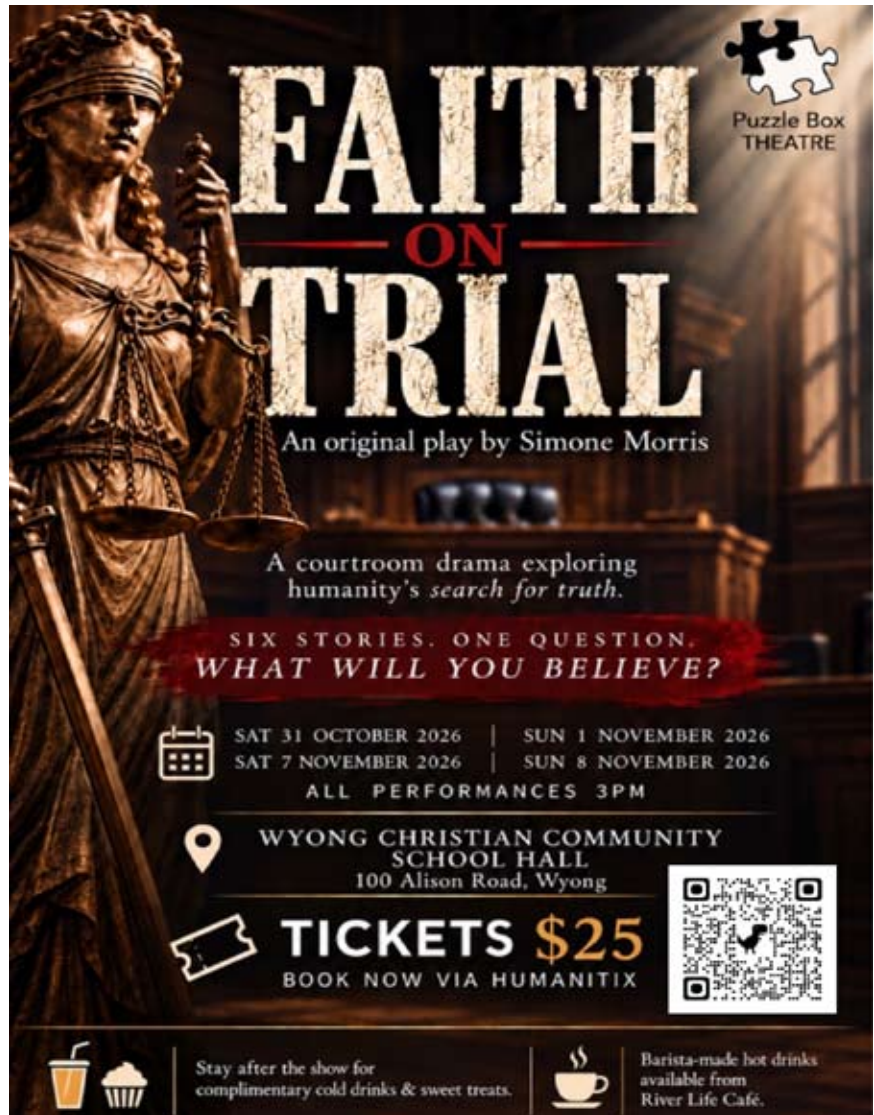
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JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026



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If you are wondering, or even if you are not wondering at what goes on at the monthly Worship and Prayer hour at MM Union Church on the first Saturday of the month... Well here is a little excerpt FYI.

In the time of prayer, which is essentially our second half of the meeting, two ladies had requested prayer.

Dr Jackie Stacey of Yarramalong was in distress due to tinnitus - her form of tinnitus was a ‘loud roaring’ sound - for her (or anybody) unbearable.

She asked for prayer and received immediate relief.

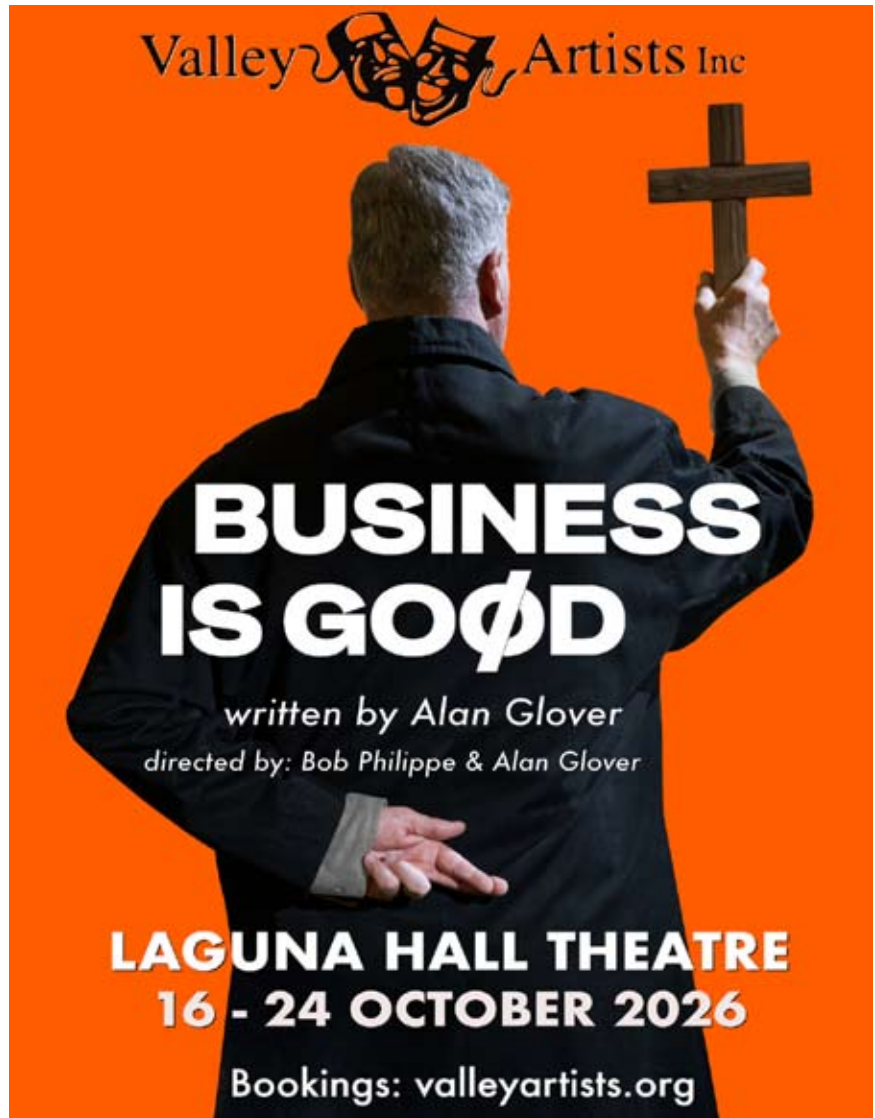
I’ve asked her 3 times subsequent to this and she has confirmed that it has stopped.

Another lady from Ourimbah came to the front of the meeting requesting prayer for her ankle, she also confirmed that there was a marked improvement in the mobility and reduction in her pain.

‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever’.

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Ageing Well on the Coast: Positive Ageing Strategy 2027-2032

Council is inviting older people living and working across the Central Coast to share their views by completing a survey that will help shape Council's Positive Ageing Strategy 2027-2032.

We're developing a new Positive Ageing Strategy to guide how Council supports older people over the next five years through programs, services, public spaces, community connections and partnerships. The strategy will help ensure older people feel valued, included, connected and supported in our community.

Carers, family members and those working in the aged services sector are also invited to participate in the survey.

Central Coast Mayor, John McNamara, said the survey would ensure people had the opportunity to help shape services and strategic priorities for the region.

"We acknowledge that older people want opportunities to stay connected, participate fully in community life and shape decisions that affect them," Mayor McNamara said.

"We want to hear from people of different life stages, backgrounds and experiences to ensure Council's Positive Ageing Strategy 2027-2032 reflects the needs and wishes of our community."

"Whether you're enjoying retirement, caring for a loved one, supporting older people through your work, or planning for the years ahead, have your say and share your ideas."

"Let's work together to create an age-friendly Central Coast where people



can continue to live active, connected and fulfilling lives."

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith, said positive ageing is about living well with a focus on health, wellbeing, independence and quality of life.

"The Positive Ageing Strategy is Council's five-year plan for older people," Ms Smith said.

"It guides how Council works with older residents, aged care providers and the community to deliver programs, services, places and initiatives that respond to the evolving needs,

aspirations and contributions of our older population."

Everyone's experience of ageing is different. We want to hear your perspective on:

- What helps you age well on the Central Coast?
- What challenges do you face?
- What opportunities would improve quality of life, wellbeing and connection?
- What should Council prioritise over the next five years?

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To learn more and share your feedback, you can:

- Complete the online survey at: <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/positive-ageing-strategy> or fill in a hard-copy survey at any of the Central Coast Libraries, 50+ Centres or Wyong Customer Service Centre.
- Email: engagement@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
- Write to Council: PO Box 20, Wyong NSW 2259
- or speak with us in person! Your voice matters - visit us at a local event or market pop-up listed below:

Toukley Spring Fair Pop-up -

Positive Ageing Strategy

17 October 2026, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Toukley50 Plus Leisure & Learning Centre, Hargraves Street, Toukley.

Wyong Milk Factory Market Pop-up - Positive Ageing Strategy

24 October 2026, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Calga-Mt. White RFS	General meeting Training Information & updates Contact	3rd Mon of the month, 7.30pm all welcome Every Monday 6.30 except public holidays Facebook.com/calga/mtwhiteruralfirebrigade/ Captain.calgamwhite@ccrfs.org.au - Zack Winslade.
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, hall next to Dr Anand's practice.
Spencer Community Progress Group Inc	President Brad Maisey, Community Meetings, 0436482201, spencercpg2@gmail.com 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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- 250kg-300kg made 528 c/kg to 575
c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 505 c/kg to 690
c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 419 c/
kg to 450 c/kg
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c/kg to 420 c/kg
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Wyong District Museum &
Historical Society

ACTIVITY/HOBBY

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Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club Inc.

Coastal Communicators Toastmasters

Saturday Craft Group/Spining
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Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)

HALL BOOKINGS

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Mangrove Mountain Hall

Mangrove Mountain Union Church & Hall

Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts
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Wyong Creek Hall

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