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HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL TRANSPORT: THERE'S STILL TIME

Getting to the doctor, the shops or community activities can be hard in the Greater Mangrove Mountain area and Yarramalong Valley. Public transport is limited, distances are long, and not everyone can drive or has someone to ask.

Central Coast Community Transport (CCCT), a local not-for-profit, is exploring a volunteer-driven transport trial, and we need to hear from as many locals as possible to make sure it meets real needs.

What's being proposed

A wheelchair-accessible vehicle based in the local community, driven by trained local volunteers. Proposed starting routes:

- Spencer – Somersby – Erina Fair (fortnightly)
- Yarramalong – Peats Ridge – Gosford (fortnightly)
- Lower Mangrove – Yarramalong local fixed-route shuttle (weekly)

The proposed contribution is $15 per return trip. This is a starting point only, and routes, days and stops could change based on community feedback.

Have your say

If getting around is hard for you or someone you care for, or you'd consider volunteering as a driver, we'd love to hear from you.

Take the 5-minute survey: scan the survey QR code or visit ***https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/aAWiXZaG0s***

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Community session

Come to a free community session, 10am to 12pm:

- Wednesday 25 November, Mangrove Mountain Community Hall
- Thursday 3 December, Yarramalong Hall

Light refreshments are provided, and residents and carers who take part receive a gift voucher. Register at ***https://events.humanitix.com/community-transport-have-your-say*** or call Natassia on **0404 203 494**.

Community Session Event Booking



Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair will be held on:

Thursday 10th December 7pm at the Union Church Hall

Please send along one member from your group as Grant Allocations are announced at the end of the meeting.

The regular ordinary meeting will be next Thursday 19th November 7pm at the Union Church Hall.

During this meeting we will discuss the success of the fair. It would be great to have a member from each stall to share your feedback of the day.

Louisa Foxford, Secretary
NSW Justice of the Peace (JP)
Mangrove Mountain & Districts Country Fair
www.mangrovemountaincountryfair.org.au

Need a lift? CCCT offers free transport to both sessions: call 02 4351 0671.

Central Coast Community Transport, supported by the Central Coast Health & Wellbeing Living Lab.

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Neil deGrasse Tyson

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Recollections from Past Community News Issues

Did you know that Mangrove Mountain had it's own rugby league team?

Community News Issue #145, 2nd August 1989

Rugby League Mountain Warriors

It surely must be some record that the Warriors hold. The team consists of 5 sets of brothers, which must leave the remaining members of the team a little 'left out'.

The 'brothers' are Noel (from Sydney) and Lindsey Robson. Greg and Andrew Woodbury, Chris and Domenic Woodbury, Brett and Paul Barnes and Colin and Alan Green.

Can you imagine them singing their song, composed by Melanie Bird, to the tune of Waltzing Matilda?:

Up the mighty Warriors
Shouts the crowd across the ground
This is our year
Mangrove to win

From Kulnura to Spencer
and all the way to Warnervale
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We are Mountain Men

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They'll be right there behind you this year
Say goodbye to Kincumber, Wyong
and the Budgie Boys
This is our year
We are victory bound.

Community News Issue #34 December 1979

BUSH FIRE SEASON - CALGA-PEATS RIDGE BUSH FIRE SEASON
Now that the bush fire season is with us again we hope you will spare a thought for the men who are just a phone call away - The Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.
What can you do to help? We need all the man power available, as this year could prove to be a very bad year for fires. If you can't give your time, a donation of $3 per farm would be very much appreciated to help with the maintenance of the fire truck and to buy equipment. You may soon see the fire truck arriving at your property to accept donations. You may not be very pleased to see the fire truck arrive to pick up your donation but believe me you will be very pleased to see it if you have any fire problems - so be generous.

Our thanks to the Golden Fleece Service Station at Peats Ridge for their generous donation of overalls to the volunteers.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS. No fires are allowed in the open at any time without a permit.
Permits can be obtained from Barry Leverton - 751122.

Household refuse can only be burnt in an approved type of incinerator between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., and must .be attended while burning takes place. For further information on restrictions ring 677664 at any time.

We hope you won't need our help but we are available if necessary.

NEW APP FOR EMERGENCY CB RADIO NETWORK

Since the 2019-2020 bushfires, the 2020 storms and the 2021-22 floods the weather in the district has been relatively mild. The motivation to prepare for disasters and have an emergency response plan can fade.

But.... don't become complacent as it's not a matter of if but when fate pays a visit once again.

The MEPCC emergency communications CB Radio network has been in place now for nearly three years. Testing and use has proven it's effectiveness.

One of the participants, Michael Kelland, has developed an app that runs on a smartphone or browser and enables users to record which other stations they can contact, look up a map showing stations on their communication range as well as other stations on the network.

Locations of CB stations are shown on a map, radio contacts can be easily logged including date, time, call signs, call quality etc. Users will be able to see critical information that will be invaluable during an emergency.

The app is also a repository for instructions, guides and user manuals.

Anyone needing the bush fire brigade ring 000, they will organize the fire fighters and fire truck.

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Another Successful Country Fair Cake Stall



This year's Country Fair Cake Stall was a great success, bigger and better than ever!

Even though we had more cakes, cookies, slices, and pastries on sale compared to last year, it was all sold out hours before the Fair closed.



A big thank you to all those who donated including parents, community members, CWA, Georgia Sidiropoulous for eggs, Naomi Perry for the gluten free cookies.

And a special shout out to Wyong Creek Public School, Kariong-Mountains High School and Central Mangrove Public School for their baking efforts.

Thank you also to the school staff who helped run the stall on the day and the P&C members who worked behind the scenes..

All the funds raised go toward supporting local community grants and projects across the mountain and adjoining districts.

Central Mangrove P&C

The app is currently being trialled by a pilot group and being fine tuned. The plan is to roll the app out to all users prior to running a major network wide testing program.

Stay tuned for announcements about the testing program.

Keith Aranjo, Secretary, MEPCC



App screenshot. Shows there are 25 stations within 10km from the user, the rest are faded. Call signs & localities are displayed, only people on the network can see it.

A NOTE TO RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT

Residents across the district have long had an ongoing need for essential services, including transport, community healthcare, and support for children, young people and the elderly.

Supporting residents to age in place is a particular concern. There is an urgent need for a suitable facility that would allow older residents to remain in the district, close to lifelong friends, familiar surroundings and established support networks, rather than being forced to move away and risk becoming isolated

Assistance with access to MyAgedCare, NDIS and other services is also important.

Several government and non-government organisations are already active in the district, including Central Coast Community Transport, teams from the Central Coast Local Health District and Wesley Mission CareFinder

Residents would benefit from bringing together local representatives from across the district to develop a coordinated approach to working with these organisations. Greater collaboration would help ensure that residents receive the best possible services and support

Any persons interested in contributing are invited to attend the December Rural Seniors Voices meeting where there will be an opportunity to address these issues. The meeting will be held on 17th December 2026, 12pm at 13 Nurses Rd Central Mangrove, in the hall next to Dr Anand's practice.

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Community News - a history

Inception...

The Mangrove Mountain District Community Group was formed at a Public Meeting at Peats Ridge Hall on 29th January 1975, attended by 50 people. An Executive was elected with Max Houston, President, Val Walters, Vice-President and Ted Brown, Secretary-Treasurer.

In November 1975 two speakers addressed the Community Group meeting with details of the "Citizens News" which had been circulating for a year in the eastern part of the Shire. They offered to assist in setting up a similar "News" for our area. This offer was enthusiastically received.

The first distribution of "The Mangrove Mountain Districts Community News" would be made in March 1976. Sandra Edwards was the first Editor and had done the main preparation. This position would be taken by Lorraine Wilson in August 1978.

Extracts from a paper by Marigold Lawrence

My Part In the Beginning…

My part in the history of the Community News began when the original editor, Sandra Edwards, found it impossible to continue. Sandra, a professional reporter, had found it difficult to produce the News on a regular basis. I believe only two or three issues had been printed to that point.

When I was asked to take over producing the Community News I was very keen that if I was to be involved in such a voluntary commitment, the paper had to be creditable and produced on a monthly basis so that people contributing and advertisers could rely on a clear time frame. I believed that community organisations had to be able to know that The News could be relied upon to publicise their special events.

We built up a reputation of always getting the paper out in time over the next 10-12. I cannot remember ever missing a deadline although I did miss one edition for a holiday travelling in Europe and we took a break in January.

In the beginning, because I was the one with the typing ability, the editorial group met around my dining room table churning out articles when requested, rewriting contributions, always careful to maintain vernacular and researching appropriate news items.

If only I had had a computer in those days, how much easier it would all have been. All the typing was done on my aged portable Remington, which was very small and very limiting. It had quite a small print size and or course bold was not an option.

Of course, you used what you had, though I can remember being very happy when the right hand margins could be justified, or almost did! So much more professional but it was pure luck when that happened. Now it is just a double click.

It was quite frustrating without right hand margin orientation. I had to learn, and became quite adept, at filling a spot with just the right amount of words. That skill stayed with me and was very useful when I became the NSW Girl Guide PR Adviser. A small part of my responsibility was producing a monthly newsletter and PR material.

The Community News editorial team consisted of the President of the Mangrove Mtn & Districts Community Group at that time, Max Houston, Marge Gray, who I believe was the secretary, Helen FitzSimons, Marigold Lawrence and myself.

The Community News was an early initiative of the Mangrove Mountain & Districts Community Group. The editorial arrangement worked very well for a couple of years, the people involved covering every part of the mountain. Marigold was able to bring news from Somersby, Helen from Peats Ridge, Marge from Mangrove Mountain, Max lived at Central Mangrove, gave a male point of view to our news and I covered Kulnura.

I couldn't possibly type, write and edit the whole paper in the few hours we were together. Most months I would be putting copy together into the wee small hours of the morning, with a young

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family and farm work interspersed, so that the paper could be put to bed. And there was always someone who would ring at the eleventh hour with a news item which just had to go in that month's Community News. It usually took me about a week to complete the original copy.

After a couple of years it was not necessary for us all to meet as a group. In the beginning I had not been involved in the Community Group committee and was very aware that the Community News belonged to that organisation so they should have the major say in what was printed, how many ads used, and, of course, the number or pages. Often hard decisions had to be made to pull a story because it took us onto another page which could not be covered by advertising. The paper was always self-funding and we were careful not to put in more ads than were necessary to cover the cost. At that time we needed two ads per page to break even.

Contributions still came through though, particularly from Marigold and Helen who were very good at writing articles. Both ladies had true community spirit, as had Marge who continued to support and collect 'news' articles from the Mangrove end. Both Marigold and Helen continued to contribute for many years.

I always believed that it was important that contributions retained the vernacular of the writer so that the paper did not appear to be journalised by one person.

The experience I gained as the editor of the Community News was incredible.

Often people thought that I knew everything that happened on the mountain which was absolutely a misconception. We only knew what was given to us and we had to be very careful that we didn't print inaccuracies, or anything that might be an embarrassment to anyone. Gossip was not part of the news. The closest we came to that was the 'Grapevine' which was not really my cup of tea, I must admit, because I believed we had to protect privacy. The Grapevine was important to many, however, particularly for announcing new arrivals or engagements and weddings.

You have to remember also that reproducing photos was also in its infancy in those days, especially when you look at what can be done today, even with a photo copier.

As time progressed and the Community News became more and more popular our volume and reader numbers increased. Collecting, rewriting, researching and then typing on the Remy all took time. What I typed was what the community got. I still have a horror of typos and misspelling.

Helen was responsible for taking the completed copy down to the Wyong Advocate where Mr Vaughan photographed the pages and printed it. We had a distribution of about 1200, with the new subdivisions of Kariong, the communities of Yarramalong, Spencer, Bucketty and Mount White also wanting copies.

Helen would also pick up the completed papers, drop copies to shops in most of the above mentioned areas, Packing House, Westy's and then the mailman of the day would deliver the rest, earning, I think, lc per copy delivered.

We were never a newsletter which set out to be controversial, although if a member of the community had an opinion on something then our policy was to print it as long as it was not anonymous and/or conflictive. Funny letters were always welcome.

We were an information vehicle. In fact, many people who moved to the area would comment that they looked to the Community News to introduce them to local businesses and organisations. They learnt about local identities, the customs and ways of the mountain community, and what services were available for them and their children.

If the Community News made newcomers feel at home and in any way able to meld into our community more easily, then all the late nights and bulging eyeballs were worthwhile. Our mountain bush telegraph had worked very well prior to the Community News, but it was much easier to get accurate reports after it became part of our lives.

I must admit that Bob Williams was a real Godsend when he opened his printing shop and offered to take over the typesetting and production of the Community News for the advertising income.

At last, orientated margins and more space! It had become quite difficult to meet the needs of the growing readership, last minute news and fitting in all the wanted and for sale ads. I can remember Bob's amazement when he saw how the paper had been produced thus far!

I edited the Community News for a couple more years before I, very reluctantly, to resign as editor. The time had come to give up.

Easier for most people to take copy straight to Bob and I found it a little uncomfortable to have my name as editor against articles I had not sighted and which I had no control over, so it was better that the up to then voluntary position was handed over to Bob and Trish who were then able to make the news part of their business.

Bob and Trish continued to bring items of interest to the mountain community even more current when it became bi-monthly. At the time I was concerned what would happen to its future if the Williams decided to cease editing and printing it.

At it turned out a new owner, Keith Aranjo, took the helm in 2003 and continues the work of bringing mountain news to our community and has instigated many new ideas. Colour gloss pages were never possible in the beginning!

I am proud and grateful for the confidence shown in my abilities to fulfil this community service, and it remains so. We rely, more than most realise, on the benefits of having our own Community News.

Lorraine Wilson

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Get ready for a Sunday outing with ROSA, the Bucketty Bus Service! Head to the Brookvale brewery precinct and spend the afternoon at the "Bandits of the Blues" open mic jam session.

The date to put in your diary is Sunday 13 December. The jam happens just one Sunday each month, so this is your chance to catch it.

To celebrate this first outing we have a SPECIAL 1st TIME OFFER, seats are $95 per person instead of the usual $125—a $30 saving. ROSA has room for the first 14 people to book.

Pick-ups are available from Bucketty, the Letter A, Kulnura, Mangrove Mountain RSL and Peats Ridge.

Once at Brookvale we head to Bucketty's Brewery for a bite to eat and a "Free Beer", then go and visit the other breweries, 5 to choose from, all within easy walking distances of each other, then at 4 pm, heading to "Chalky's" in their "Valentine's Room" for a live music "Open mic" Musicians Blues Jam experience, WOW !!!

The trip kicks off at 9am and then back on the bus at 7.30pm for the trip back home.

To reserve your seat or ask a question, call Roger on 0417 449 355. Don't miss out!

Roger & Rosa



NSW holds eight out of top 10 Aussie high-risk bushfire hotspots

• South Coast and Central Coast key NSW bushfire hotspots ahead of summer

• 2026-27 summer has the potential to be one of the hottest Australian seasons on record

New data from insurer GIO has found eight out of Australia's top 10 high-risk bushfire postcodes are in New South Wales, raising the alarm for households to get ready ahead of summer.

Batemans Bay on the South Coast (postcode 2536), along with Gosford (postcode 2250) and Wyong on the Central Coast (postcode 2259), and Shoalhaven (postcode 2540) made the top four national high-risk hot spots.

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GIO's Severe Weather Meteorologist Andrew Bufalino said this summer has the potential to be one of the hottest on record, with the El Niño heightening bushfire risk.

"There is the potential for a very hot summer across Australia, with an increased risk of extreme fire danger across parts of eastern Australia," Mr Bufalino said.

"Should rainfall deficiencies return to areas that have recently experienced wetter conditions, fuel drying could accelerate rapidly under hot conditions, substantially increasing the risk of bushfire.

"Even in seasons where widespread bushfire activity is not expected, a single period of hot, dry and windy weather can still create significant localised impacts."

GIO Head of Home Insurance Josh Kelland said households could gain a better understanding of their risk this bushfire season through GIO Haven.

"Each individual property has unique risks and unique insurance pricing based on those risks, so it's important households understand these risks and what they can do to reduce them," Mr Kelland said.

"Haven's resilience tips are tailored to each property, meaning each individual household is provided a list of practical and effective steps to stay prepared this bushfire season."

Mr Kelland said early household preparation was vital.

"Disaster seasons can be stressful for those living in high-risk regions, but if you prepare your home and your family before disaster strikes, you can lessen the impact, both to the home and to your family's wellbeing," Mr Kelland said.

"Preventative measures such as clearing out your gutters, trimming trees and packing a 'grab and go' kit ensures you're prepped and ready, providing peace of mind ahead of an unpredictable El Niño cycle around the corner.

"Ticking off those little chores around the house could make a world of difference this summer."

NSW Rural Fire Service Deputy Commissioner Ben Millington said preparation is the first line of defence against bush fires.

"Regardless of where you live in NSW, if your property is in or near bushland, it's important to understand your risk and take steps to prepare for bush fires," says Deputy Commissioner Millington.

"While our firefighters do a tremendous job, there isn't a fire truck for every house during an emergency. The free, simple things you do around your home today can make all the difference during a fire.

"The most important thing every household can do is have a conversation about what you will do if a fire threatens your home, making those critical decisions about when to leave, what to take and where you will go."

Top five tips to prepare your home for bushfire season:

1. Clear your gutters of debris
2. Trim trees and branches near your home
3. Mow your lawn in the back or front yard
4. Relocate woodpiles at least ten metres from your house
5. Prepare a 'grab and go' emergency kit

New South Wales' top 10 high-risk bushfire postcodes:

NSW hotspot/National hotspot/High-risk bushfire postcodes

- 1/1 Batemans Bay - Postcode 2536
- 2/2 Gosford - Postcode 2250
- 3/3 Wyong - Postcode 2259
- 4/4 Shoalhaven - Postcode 2540
- 5/6 Blacktown, The Hills Shire and Penrith - Postcode 2765
- 6/7 Kellyville, Rouse Hill and Beaumont Hills - Postcode 2155
- 7/9 Hunter Valley - Postcode 2325
- 8/10 Springwood - Postcode 2777
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Event information

25 November 2026, 10:00am - 4:00pm - Dooralong - Free

This one-day farm and rural fencing workshop hosted by Greater Sydney Local Land Services will cover the skills required for the setting out and construction/repair of basic rural fences and introduce electric fencing.

The workshop will provide skills and knowledge that are crucial to the landholder in the planning, construction and maintenance of farm and rural fences.

Presented by award-winning agriculture educator Tim Thompson, this hands-on workshop is designed for people who manage or own a rural property and wish to increase their knowledge and proficiency in rural fencing.

- Learn how to install posts, tie knots, break and repair wire, and build a fence using suitable tools and techniques.
- Develop skills to make decisions on types of fences to use.
- Increase their knowledge of rural fencing.

Additional details:

- **This workshop is limited to 20 participants; registration is essential: *https://events.humanitix.com/farm-and-rural-fencing-workshop-central-coast-november-2026***
- Lunch and other refreshments will be provided
- Parking is available on site,
- You need to dress for a range of weather and bring your own sunscreen, hat and gloves.
- NOTE: Safety glasses will be provided to participants throughout the day and must be worn without exception for all activities.

With more than 15 years' experience in agricultural education, Tim works alongside professional fencing contractors, farmers and industry specialists to share practical, proven fencing techniques.

Contact: Dan Siratkov, Land Services Officer, 0473 241 153 or via email: dan.siratkov@lls.nsw.gov.au

This event is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and delivered by Local Land Services, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

Greater Sydney Local Land Services

Cultural burning for conservation

On the Reedy Creek Travelling Stock Reserve on Walbunja Country, between Braidwood and Goulburn, woody shrubs have encroached, reducing habitat quality and threatening native grassland species such as the endangered Key's matchstick grasshopper.

Historically, cultural burning and grazing helped maintain open grasslands. Applying fire as a management tool posed a significant challenge, with such a limited habitat range and no ability to fly, there was concern that the grasshopper would not be able to escape a burn.

Working in partnership with Walbunja Rangers, the project applied cultural burning techniques tailored to protect grassland species while restoring habitat.

The burn approach included:

- low-intensity fire applied by burning back against the wind to slow the rate of spread
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smoke to move gradually across the landscape and provide early warning for wildlife.

This culturally informed method helped replicate traditional land management practices that once maintained open grassland structure.

During the burn, the slow-moving fire allowed grassland fauna, including stick insects, praying mantis and skinks to move safely away from the burn front.

Cultural burning was chosen as the management option best suited as many of the woody shrubs are non-palatable to grazing animals and this approach rejuvenates grassy ecosystems.

Post-burn observations showed Key's matchstick grasshoppers still active within the burn area, demonstrating their ability to withstand low-intensity fire.

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75 Years Of Saving Lives: Australian Reptile Park Venom Program Milestone



Milking a Funnelweb Spider

The Australian Reptile Park is celebrating an extraordinary chapter in Australian medical history, marking 75 years of its life-saving snake venom program and 45 years since the introduction of funnel-web spider antivenom, two milestones that have helped protect generations of Australians from some of the world's deadliest creatures.

As the sole supplier of terrestrial snake and funnel-web spider venom for Australia's antivenom production, the Australian Reptile Park plays a critical role in saving an estimated 300 Australian lives every year, contributing to approximately 25,000 lives saved since the program began in 1951.

Remarkably, since funnel-web spider antivenom was introduced in 1981, there has not been a single recorded death from a funnel-web spider bite in Australia.

Australian Reptile Park Manager Billy Collett said the milestones represent an incredible legacy of dedication, innovation and bravery.

"It's really special if you think about how many people's lives have been saved with the work we do. You think back to when people like Eric Worrell that went out there and collected snakes and were milking snakes when there was no available antivenom, a bite would have certainly meant death back in those early days."

"This means for Australians you've got the ongoing support of available antivenom Australia wide, and for the funnel web venom program, there hasn't been a single human fatality since the antivenom has been on the shelf."

The program began in 1951 when Australian Reptile Park founder and pioneering herpetologist Eric Worrell started supplying tiger snake venom to the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL) in Melbourne from his original Ocean Beach Aquarium at Umina Beach on the NSW Central Coast. In 1952, Worrell expanded the program to include coastal taipan venom, contributing to the development of taipan antivenom in 1955 and helping transform snakebite treatment in Australia.

Another major breakthrough came in 1981, when the world's first funnel-web spider antivenom became available following years of research by Dr Struan Sutherland and his team at CSL, supported by venom supplied

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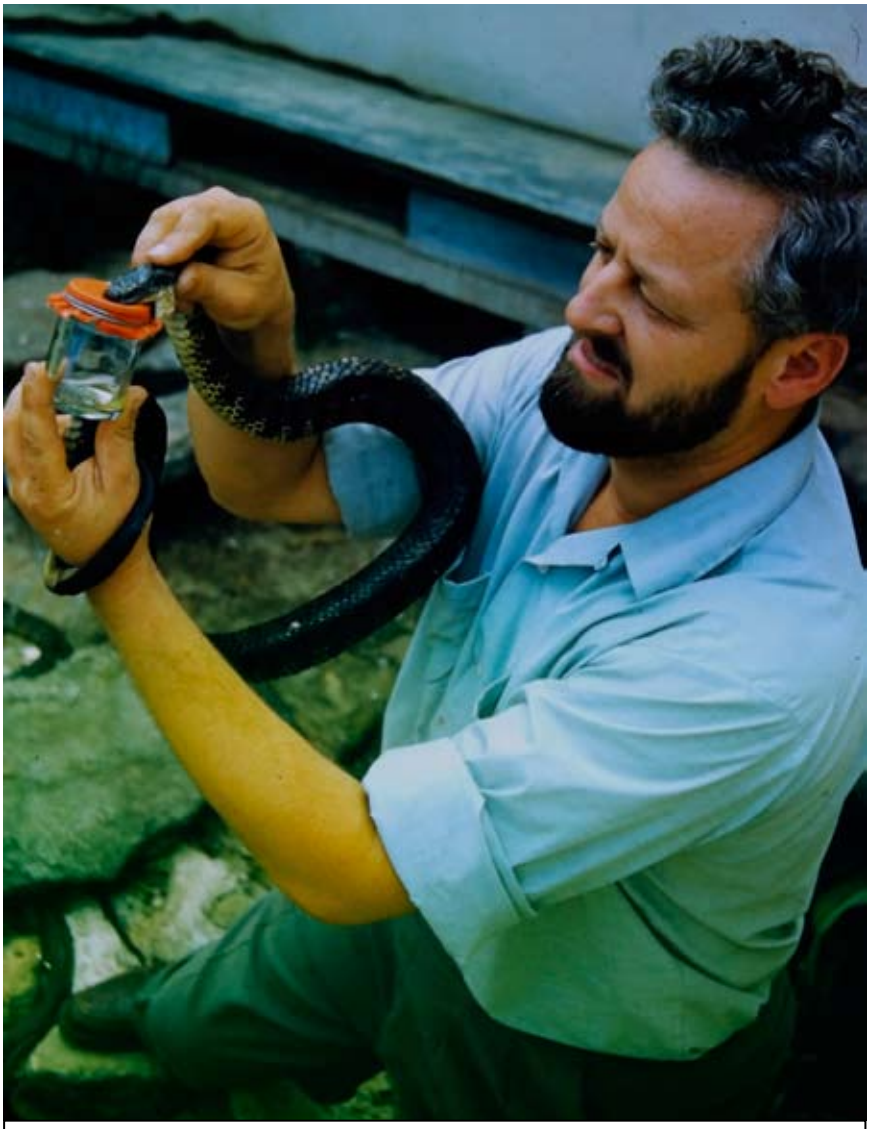
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through the Australian Reptile Park. Forty-five years later, no further deaths have been recorded.

Today, the program has grown into a world-leading operation, with more than 200 venomous snakes housed in the state-of-the-art Weigel Venom Centre and over 6,000 Sydney funnel-web spiders growing in the Park's breeding program.

These animals are carefully milked by highly trained keepers, with venom collected and sent to CSL Seqirus in Melbourne to manufacture life-saving antivenom distributed across Australia.

"Milking the venomous snakes is so dangerous and the team and I go through intensive training, but the end result makes it all worth it."

To celebrate these milestones, the Australian Reptile Park is dedicating November to all things venomous, with additional wildlife shows, educational presentations and special experiences showcasing Australia's remarkable snakes and spiders.

Visitors will also have the rare opportunity to go behind the scenes inside what could be considered one of the deadliest rooms on Earth, the Weigel Venom Centre's snake milking room, to witness expert keepers extracting venom from some of the world's most dangerous snakes.

The celebrations come at an important time, with warmer weather arriving and Australia's venomous snakes and spiders becoming increasingly active as summer approaches.

"Coming into the warmer month the most important thing you need to know is snake bite first aid, because it could literally save your life."

The Australian Reptile Park is urging Australians to remain vigilant outdoors, particularly in backyards, gardens and bushland. The Park reminds the public that snakes and spiders play an important role in Australia's ecosystems and should never be approached, handled or provoked. Anyone encountering a venomous snake should keep a safe distance and contact a licensed snake catcher if removal is required.

Australians are also encouraged to download the free Australian Bites and Stings app, developed by CSL Seqirus, which provides practical first aid information for venomous bites and stings, helping the public stay informed and prepared in an emergency.

Download the free Australian Bites and Stings app at www.bitesandstings.com.au.

For 75 years, the Australian Reptile Park's venom program has demonstrated the extraordinary relationship between Australia's most feared wildlife and life-saving medical science. Its mission remains the same: protecting Australian lives, one drop of venom at a time.

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Introducing our new Commander, Mary Prest

It is with great pride that we introduce Mary Prest as the newly appointed Commander of NSW SES Wyong Unit.

Mary brings an incredible 18 years and 6 months of service to the role, having served with both the Wyong and Swansea Units and as Training Coordinator across both units.

Throughout those years, Mary has trained, supported and encouraged countless volunteers. Her service has been recognised with long service awards, Commissioner's Certificates of Appreciation, Premier's Emergency Citations and the National Emergency Medal.

But those who know Mary know there is much more to her than years of service and awards.

Mary is approachable, supportive and genuinely cares about the people around her. She has a unique way of connecting with people, making them feel welcome and somehow always managing to bring a smile to those around her.

Mary's appointment also carries very special meaning for the Wyong Unit following the passing of our Commander, Matt Le Clercq.

No one can fill Matt's shoes, and no one ever will. Matt's contribution, friendship and the legacy he left behind will always be part of the Wyong Unit.

Mary worked side by side with Matt for many years, with their lives crossing through school, personal life and, of course, their SES family. She understands the history, the people and the values of Wyong, and what this unit meant to Matt.

Since Matt's passing, Mary, Nick Hanrahan and Deb Armitage have worked together as Deputy Commanders to hold the unit together and guide it through an incredibly difficult period, with Werner Klumpp and Ian Robinson providing support and guidance from leadership.

Mary isn't stepping into Matt's shoes. She is stepping forward in her own.



With nearly two decades of experience, a strong leadership team beside her and the support of the members behind her, we couldn't be prouder to see Mary take on this role.

Congratulations Commander Mary Prest.

We look forward to the next chapter for Wyong SES





Heritage Ventures

Australian Botanical Watercolours at The Hawkesbury Duck Saturday 16th January 2027 9.00am - 3.30pm

*Tour to see local species in Hawkesbury sandstone
*Focus on the Australian Waratah
*Techniques of watercolour and shading and how to create a finished botanical watercolour
*Fun workshop with all painting materials, morning tea, lunch and afternoon reviver included

The Workshop

Enjoy a day by the Hawkesbury River to learn simple techniques for painting Australian natives in watercolour. Our workshop focuses on the botanical species of Hawkesbury Sandstone and is an introduction to the exquisite diversity of our native plants. The day starts with a morning tea at the Hawkesbury Duck workshop space and museum and a nature walk to inspire you with the botanical wonders of the area.



With absolutely no previous experience or skill needed, you will be guided step by step to paint an Australian waratah. Learn about the basics of watercolours, colour mixing and painting techniques from Central Coast artist and designer Leonie Loewe. Enjoy exploring how to bring out the vibrancy and details of plants and flowers in the company of others. You will take away your own beautiful artwork and the skills of capturing plants and flowers in stunning watercolours.

No previous skills needed - watercolour paints and all materials will be provided. Morning tea, lunch, and an afternoon reviver along with your beautiful completed work you will take home a lovely gift.

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And we reckon Matt would be pretty proud too.

A special thank you to Wyong SES Unit's Group Officer John Giffney for his inspiring words for this announcement.

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ARTS NEWS

WVAC warmly invites you to an exhibition...

'OUR COLOURFUL WORLD'
Glenda Mellows - Paintings
Susan Myerson - Ceramics

14 - 29 November
Open Friday - Sunday, 10am - 3pm
Old Fireshed Gallery
Wollombi Cultural Centre

Glenda has been an artist for over 40yrs & has worked with various mediums. In this exhibition she has used the beauty of colour to influence her paintings.

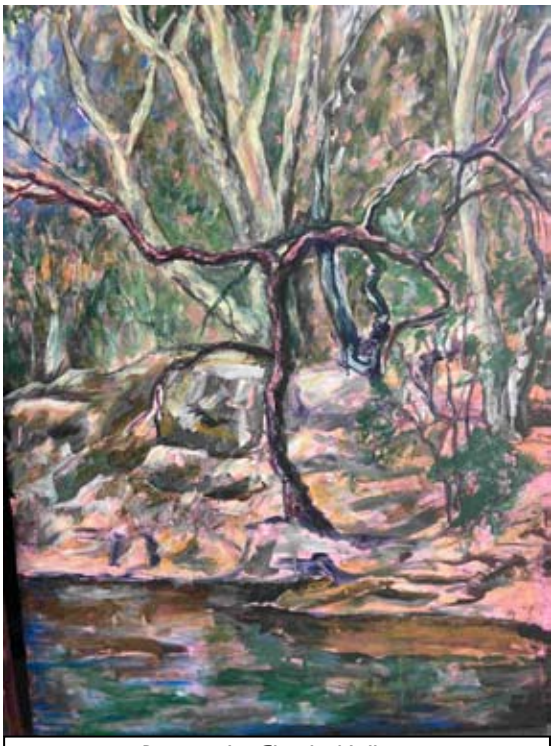
Pablo Picaso asked – "Why do two colours, put one next to another, sing?

Colour affects our moods, mental wellbeing & emotions. In this exhibition, Glenda is hopeful that the vibrant colours she has used will lift your spirits & give you a better appreciation of the colourful world around you.

Susan's work often reflects the love of story telling inspired by literature, lyrics, or a whimsy of imaginations. The porcelain pieces have been inspired by nature & organic abstraction. Her work, like Glenda's reveals the beauty of colour in artistic form.

The Wollombi Valley Arts Council encourages and fosters all kinds of artistic and cultural expression within the Wollombi Valley in order to support and promote artists and our community.

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Sat, 28 Nov, 12pm - 3pm AEDT

Move over loud bars, crowded venues and awkward networking events. A quieter social revolution is taking place across the globe, and it's happening in Gosford. As "soft socialising" emerges as one of the biggest lifestyle trends of 2026, FunHaus Factory is inviting locals to experience one of the world's fastest-growing social movements: Silent Book Club®.

Part of FunHaus Factory's Social Lunch Club Series, the Gosford chapter of Silent Book Club offers something refreshingly simple. Bring a book, grab a drink or a burger, settle into a comfortable seat and enjoy reading alongside other book lovers. In a time when many people are feeling exhausted by endless screen time, social media and high-pressure social environments, soft socialising has become a powerful antidote. Instead of centring interaction around constant conversation, these gatherings create opportunities for connection through shared experiences.



Guests are invited to arrive from midday, order lunch from Beau's Burgers, grab a coffee, drink or snack, and spend a relaxing afternoon immersed in a book while surrounded by fellow readers. While conversation is welcomed before and after the silent reading session, participation is entirely optional.

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Young Central Coast musicians hit the right note at Battle of the Bands



Youth Battle division winner 'A Decade Dying' (photographer credit: Melina Borges)

The Central Coast's next generation of musical talent has taken centre stage, with the winners of Central Coast Council's 2026 Battle of the Bands youth music competition announced.

Young artists aged 10 to 24 showcased their talent through live performances and original music, while gaining valuable experience and connections to help them continue developing their creative and professional skills.

Congratulations to the 2026 Battle of the Bands winners:

- Kids Clash division (10–14 years): Indelible (with finalists The Dandaraga and Minority)
- Youth Battle division (15–24 years): A Decade Dying (with second place Self-Directed, third place Misanthropy and finalist No Second Winning)
- eMergent Sounds division winning song (10–24 years): Fractured Reality by A Decade Dying (with finalists Sabotage by Unprotected and Risen-TC by No Second Warning)
- Pay it Forward school prize: Kariong High School

Winners and finalists received cash prizes and a range of professional development opportunities, including studio recording, artist development and mentoring, radio promotion and opportunities to perform at local events.

The competition is part of Council's Creative Engineers program, which provides children and young people with opportunities to develop their creative skills, gain real-world performance experience, connect with industry professionals and build connections with other emerging artists.

The 2026 competition also provided participants with pathways beyond the Grand Final, with selected artists receiving opportunities to perform at local events including The Gossy Weekender, New Year's Eve and Sound Playground x Let Me Entertain You.

Musical pathway opportunities were awarded to:

- Indelible (The Gossy Weekender)
- Misanthropy and Coastal Riot (Let Me Entertain You presents… live @ The Hub Erina)
- Static and Cyrus & The Greats (for New Year's Eve)
- Misanthropy, Self Directed and A Decade Dying (Sound Playground x Let Me Entertain You)

Central Coast Mayor, John McNamara said supporting young people to build professional skills and industry connections locally is an investment in the future of the Central Coast.

"Battle of the Bands provides emerging artists with practical experience and pathways to develop their skills, while connecting them with professionals already working in the industry," Mayor McNamara said.

"Supporting talent at this grassroots level helps strengthen our local creative sector and creates opportunities for more young people to build their skills and pursue creative careers on the Coast.

"Congratulations to this year's winners and to everyone who took part in Battle of the Bands. I'd also like to thank our sponsors and industry partners for backing emerging local talent and helping young artists build their skills, connections and confidence."

Sponsors and partners of Battle of the Bands include Bangerz & Mosh Studios, Central Coast Music & Arts, Coast Academy of Music, Damien Gerard Studios, JC Entertainment & Events, Musicians Making a Difference (MMAD), Ossie & Friends, The Grove Studios, and The Skill Engineer Ltd.

Learn more about Council's Creative Engineers program and Battle of the Bands at CentralCoast.nsw.gov.au

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- preparing and reviewing a notice of intent to clear native vegetation
- obtaining certificates for eligible clearing and land management activities
- preparing an application to the Native Vegetation Panel.

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (NSW DCCEEW) published the Native Vegetation Regulatory (NVR) Map on 31 August 2026. This ends the transitional period in place since 2017.

The NVR Map is developed and administered by NSW DCCEEW. If you think an area of your property has been incorrectly categorised, you can request a free map review by contacting NSW DCCEEW's Map Review Team on 1800 001 490 or send an email.

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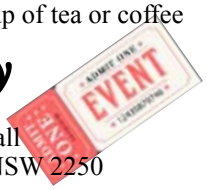


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Young people's voices shape the future of the Central Coast



September 2026

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.

"This Strategy reflects what young people told us matters most to them and provides a clear roadmap for how Council and our partnerships can support them to feel connected, valued and empowered to succeed."

Council's role extends beyond delivering programs to include advocating for the needs of young people and working with partners to attract opportunities that improve youth wellbeing, education, employment and future prosperity.

Council Director Community and Recreation Services, Melanie Smith said the adoption of the Strategy builds on Council's ongoing commitment to delivering programs and initiatives that support young people to connect, learn, lead and contribute to their community.

"Throughout the year, our Youth Services team delivers a diverse range of programs including the Y4Y Leadership Program, which empowers young people to develop leadership skills and make a positive impact in their communities," Ms Smith said.

"This includes Creative Engineers, which supports emerging creative talent and connects young people with the local arts sector, and Launch Labs which provide opportunities for young people to build leadership experience, employment readiness and life skills.

"Council also delivers school holiday activities such as Youth Day Out, youth-led initiatives including Paint My Park, community events through the Central Coast Skatepark Series, and coordinates local celebrations for Youth Week, bringing together young people from across the region for free activities, events and leadership opportunities.

"Each year, we also recognise the outstanding achievements of local young people through the

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- B3 Commercial Core
- B4 Mixed Use
- E1 Local Centre
- E2 Commercial Centre
- MU1 Mixed Use

Share your feedback

We'd like to understand what matters most to you when it comes to the places where you shop, work, access services and spend time. Your feedback will help us understand community priorities and inform future planning for commercial centres across the Central Coast. To share your feedback you can:

- View the draft Commercial Land Strategy ***https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/download_file/view/4322/1062***
- Complete the online submission form at ***https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/commercial-land-strategy***
- Email: ***engagement@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au***
- Write to Council: **PO Box 20, Wyong NSW 2259**

The recommendations within this Strategy will influence future planning decisions and will require further review prior to any implementation of proposed changes.

Public exhibition open Monday 2 November 2026 to Sunday 7 February 2027

Information from Central Coast Council website and Media Release



HIERARCHY	ROLE	PLACE
Metropolitan City	Major regional employment, commercial, civic and mixed-use centre.	1. Gosford
Regional City	Major sub-regional retail, employment and service centre.	1. Tuggerah
Specialised Centre	Focused employment, business, enterprise or industrial activities.	1. Somersby 2. Tuggerah Business Park 3. West Gosford
Strategic Centre	Key centres providing retail, services, employment, housing and community functions.	1. Bateau Bay 2. Erina 3. Lake Haven 4. Woy Woy 5. Wyong
Major Centre	Important district-level retail, service and community destinations.	1. East Gosford 2. Ettalong Beach 3. Kincumber 4. Lisarow 5. Long Jetty 6. Terrigal 7. The Entrance 8. Toukley 9. Umina Beach
Local Centre	Local convenience retail and community services meeting day-to-day needs.	• All other dispersed villages

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Central Coast Youth Week Awards, celebrating those who have made significant contributions to our local community."

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

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

RURAL FIRE SERVICES

Bucketty RFS	Weekend Training General Meeting Contact	3rd Sat, 9am-12 pm 4 meetings per year bucketty@lowerhunterrfs.com.au 4998 8130
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.calgamtwhite@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, Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club
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 Kulnura Hall Enquiries please contact Donna 0466974130 or Julianne Ph. 0412242469 Branch 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 Kariong. 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
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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LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT



Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 9th November 2026

760 cattle yarded this week at Maitland. 684 Trade/ 76 export.

- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 546 c/kg to 585 c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 541 c/kg to 566 c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 510 c/kg to 550 c/kg
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 648 c/kg to 695 c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 633 c/kg to 670 c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 562 c/kg to 660 c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 503 c/kg to 545 c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 437 c/kg to 485 c/kg
- Cows made 383 c/kg to 410 c/kg
- Bulls 347 c/kg to 370 c/kg

Maitland Liveweight Cattle Sale 1st November 2026

560 cattle yarded this week at Maitland. 470 Trade/ 90 export.

- Restocker Heifers up to 250kg made 535 c/kg to 585 c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 499 c/kg to 550 c/kg
- 300kg to 380kg made 500 c/kg to 535 c/kg
- Restocker steers up to 250kg made 624 c/kg to 675 c/kg
- 250kg-300kg made 625 c/kg to 665 c/kg
- 300kg-380kg made 520 c/kg to 665 c/kg
- Yearling Steers to Feed made 518 c/kg to 564 c/kg
- Yearling Heifers to Feed made 463 c/kg to 475 c/kg
- Cows made 371 c/kg to 406 c/kg
- Bulls 345 c/kg to 355 c/kg

University Seeks Agritourism Professional

University of Newcastle is exploring the role of agriculture events and festivals as part of a new research project. Cultivating Resilience: The Power of Agritourism Events examines how initiatives such as agricultural events and festivals may contribute to agritourism development. The university is seeking an expression of interest from people with relevant experience or involvement in this space.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) survey is the first stage of the project.

The purpose of the EOI is to:

- identify stakeholders connected to agritourism and agricultural events
- understand the range of perspectives represented across the region
- support fair and diverse participant recruitment
- identify participants interested in later stages of the study

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Catholic Service - Central Mangrove	Saturdays 5pm St. Dionysios Greek Orthodox Church, 21 Nurses Rd, Central Mangrove, Contact Nai Hereford 0405 558 669
- Spencer	Holy Trinty Church, 1st Sat 4pm, Phone 0412 201 851 as times may change.
- Wollombi	2nd & 5th Sunday of the month, 4.30pm Mass at St Michael the Archangel, Wollombi.
- Yarramalong	1st Sunday each month, 11.00am St. Barnabas All welcome. Enq 0428 438577
Divine Retreat Centre	Daily Holy Mass 8.00am to 8.30 am Last Sun, 9am-4pm, One Day Retreat. 160 Hensons Road, Somersby Ph 0243721598
Serbian Orthodox	2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. 10 am, followed by luncheon, tea, coffee, cakes (cost $20). 1184 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge
Kariong Community Baptist Church	Sundays @ 9.30am Church & Kid's Program, Kariong Neighbourhood Centre, 10 Langford Drive, Kariong. Email: pastor@kariongchurch.org; Web: kariongchurch.org
Restitution Ministries Independent SDA Church	10am every Saturday, Mangrove Mountain Union Church.
YOUTH	
Girl Guides - Kooree Guide Cabin Mondays in school term	Junior Girl Guides 5-10, 5.00pm - 6.30pm, Girl Guides 10-15, 6.00pm -7.30pm Contact 0417451764 for further information
Scouts, Cubs & Venturers Peats Ridge Scout Hall	Cubs meet 6.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesdays Scouts meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Tuesdays Venturers meet 7.00pm – 9.00pm Mondays Contact 0460 696 941
HISTORICAL	
Brisbane Waters Historical Society	25-27 Henry Kendall St., West Gosford, Ph: 4325 2270. www.henrykendallcottage.org.au
Dharug &Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society Inc.	Last Sat of month. All welcome, contact Jan Kofron 0405321478 jankofron@optusnet.com.au
First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter	2nd Sat of the month, 10.00am for 10.30, Point Clare Hall (except Jan & Dec). Contact Margaret 0409467710 or Gavin 0406645842.
The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group	3rd Fri of month 7.30pm Pearl Beach. Peggy 0411754577 pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com
Wyong District Museum & Historical Society	Sun to Thurs, 10am-2pm, other times by appt. 43521886 or info@alisonhomestead.com.au. website: www.alisonhomestead.com.au
ACTIVITY/HOBBY	
Carnival Glass Club	Meetings held every three months. Central Coast, Newcastle, Sydney. Ring 0447723956 or 0448390077 for details.
Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club Inc.	Meeting dates: ccjuniormotorcycleclub.org.au, FB: "Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club Official". David Smith 0412 506 503
Coastal Communicators Toastmasters	1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:45pm to 8:45pm at Doyalson-Wyee RSL. Debbie 0421216952
Saturday Craft Group/Spining and bobbin lace	2nd Sat of the month Somersby Hall (10am to 2pm) cost $5 per person Carmen 0434071305
Yarn group (knit, crochet etc)	Third Sun 2pm, Angels Sussurri Yarramalong. Contact Kerry Watson 0404059167
HALL BOOKINGS	
Kulnura Hall	Contact Central Coast Council.
Mangrove Mountain Hall	Hall bookings Ryan Howard 0405416289
Mangrove Mountain Union Church & Hall	Church & Hall bookings 0412669649 mmucsecretary@outlook.com
Somersby Hall and Mountain Districts Culture and Heritage Centre	Hall bookings: 0413 359 655 or AH 4373 1488
Wyong Creek Hall	791 Yarramalong Road, Wyong Creek wyongcreekhall@gmail.com Ph 0448812002.
Yarramalong school of Arts / Hall	yarramalonghall.bookings@gmail.com





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