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## Wow, what a month it has been.

Actually what a year, fires, floods and now Covid-19 and the big toilet paper shortage! My mum used to say if you don't laugh you will cry, so during these times of uncertainty and fear it has been a relief to be able to have a laugh at a few of the jokes going around, in particular to do with the toilet paper shortage.



I'm not making light of the seriousness of the situation with the Corona Virus and by now I'm pretty sure I don't have to tell you the best hygiene methods to follow.

What I would like everyone to think about is our mental health. Yours or your partners, neighbours, children, friends, etc, the worry, stress and anxiety can slowly creep up on you.

Most of you will know that I am an R U OK? Ambassador and the co founder of Fluro Friday in Woolgoolga. What worries me is the repercussions of the working from home, self isolation and social distancing practices that we have been asked to follow. So please look after yourself and check in on each other. Make sure you are still getting enough fresh air, fresh food, sunshine and exercise. Maybe use this time to practice mindfulness meditation, read a book, watch some telly, write a journal, finish off your odd jobs and get to know each other again. R U OK? recommend you 1. Stay Connected, 2. Maintain a routine, 3. Control your devices and 4. To focus on what you can control. If you want to read up a little more on this please go to [www.ruok.com.au](http://www.ruok.com.au).

Oh, and please be kind to each other on social media!!

It has never been more important than now to support your local small business. Many are suffering. I feel so much for people like Sherry and Carl from Another Tasty Event and all their stallholders. Their incomes have been drastically cut. Musicians and entertainers, the hospitality industry, sole traders, casual workers, etc. We need to keep supporting each other as much as we can so our town can still flourish.

If you are unable to leave the house or trying to stay away from potential risk there is list of different local businesses that have adapted their customer service practices to help us out until the restrictions have been lifted. You will find them on page 18. Meanwhile

I'll keep adding to our ongoing list on the Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches What's Happening facebook group and also via our website. So keep checking those two places for up to date information.

There has also been an overwhelming amount of people offering to help people who need assistance with shopping or other errands. Please reach out if you need some help and we can refer you to a trustworthy person. 0410 052 601.

Easter Holidays are on during April. Sooo many great activities and events have unfortunately been cancelled. Our What's on and School Holiday activities pages kept diminishing by the day. At the time of printing all the activities we have listed on pages 8 and 9 were still on. Our apologies if they have been cancelled since.

**We've included a bit of Easter fun for the kids, throughout the magazine we have 25 rabbits.**



Warren the rabbit has been spotted at the Woopi Gardens stashing his Easter egg supply

Cheryl Midavaine

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# Welcome to Woopi News

## Can you find them all? A few are really tricky.

Anzac Day! It's heartbreaking that there will be no dawn services or march this year. However there is a national push for a mass solo vigil. The suggestion is that each of us head down to the end of our driveway or to our front gates at 6am with a candle or a torch. Tune in your radio to Hit 105.1 fm and listen to The Last Post while you pay your respects to those who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

When you get to page 10 of this issue I hope you enjoy our chat with Colin Robertson, one of the oldest Anzacs, if not the oldest, in Woolgoolga.

Every year the Woolgoolga CWA make a beautiful display of poppies on the lawn in front of their hall in



Beach Street. How about this year we all do the same on our own lawns? You can find suggestions and instructions on how to make your own poppies on our website. [woopinews.com.au](http://woopinews.com.au)

Hope you all have a great April, even if you are in social isolation. Also please take the social distancing requirements seriously.

Lisa and Brad (and Freddy)

 Please recycle your edition, if you're not saving it, pass it on to someone else or take it back to the shop you picked it up from. Share the love.



Woopi News would like to thank our friends Peter and Ricki for helping us out with deliveries. If you see them walking around with some Woopi News please say hello. They're a couple of great blokes.

Don't forget to wind your clocks back on April 5



## A poem about time

Happy Christmas!  
It's Easter!  
Where did the time go?  
I'm sure I missed summer,  
But what do you know...  
It's Mother's Day  
Again,  
With chrysanthemums  
in bloom,  
Wait!  
It's tax time!  
I guess I skipped June.

Winter, we say  
Lasts just but a day...  
Thanking fathers  
Marks spring on its way.  
Now the clocks change,  
Is it forwards or back?  
Time to light pumpkins,  
So let's take care of that.

The countdown begins...  
Christmas, it seems  
Just weeks away.  
Where did the year go  
We shake heads and say.  
Next year will go slower

We'll make sure of that.  
Time to ring in the new year  
With streamers and hats.  
Easter eggs on the shelves,  
Into pockets we delve.  
It's good to mark days  
Or it passes in haze.  
So now, as I write  
I look around.  
Wont time please go slower?  
I need time to ground.

We measure our days  
By time slipping away.  
Take a walk  
Have a stretch  
Stand still,  
Take some breaths.

If we do,  
Time slows  
We enjoy it some more.  
No April Fools Joke,  
It happens for sure.

- Dominique White



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# Woopi Kids are Healthy Kids

## MULLAWAY

During the month Woolgoolga Woolworths partnered with Mullaway Early Years Learning Centre and participated in the Big Veggie Munch and Crunch Day, where the kids were able to share a fresh, crisp vegetable platter for morning tea and yummy banana smoothies for afternoon tea. A great way to educate youngsters that it's fun to eat healthy. Lots of silly, happy, healthy faces here proving just that.



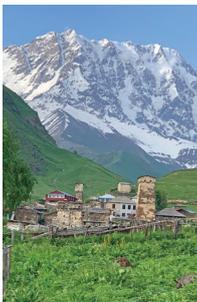
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# World's Greatest Shave



Woopi Businesses supporting each other. Beachouse Café owner Mikayla Ross, face timing Woopi Physio owner Scott Mitchell, who is in Sydney waiting for a Bone Marrow Transplant.

The Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave Fundraiser held last month at The Beachouse Café was a great success. Major kudos goes to 14 year old Josie Young who completely shaved her amazing locks, raising over \$1000 and also donating her beautiful hair to charity.



Mikayla Ross and Lizzie Hart went for the coloured hair option



Helen Hope went all the way to the skin





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# Woopi's own Princess turns 70

## TONI RODGERS

Since starting Woopi News we have had the pleasure of meeting so many more beautiful Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Residents, one being Toni Rodgers.

Toni originally rang me to get an extra copy of Woopi News to send to her daughter and as I was out and about at the time I dropped one into her. What a lovely lady! Popular too. Recently the Woolgoolga Woolworths staff invited her down to their café for a surprise birthday party, when I asked what the connection was, the staff replied, "she's just a lovely customer".

Toni has been living in Woolgoolga since the 60s when she and her husband moved here to work on the town sewerage connection. They originally lived like gypsies in the caravan park stringing their washing from van to van. Then they bought the house she still lives in down the bottom of Nightingale Street, way back when there was nothing there. She has lots of memories of the Woopi that Was. Still married to Kevin with two children Tammy and Wayne who unfortunately passed away last year.

Toni's birthday in March was her 70th which is a major milestone as Toni suffers from COPD (Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and has been reliant on a mobile oxygen tanks for over a decade.

Eight of Toni's ten brothers and sisters came to Woolgoolga, from all over Australia, to celebrate with her. Toni's favourite colour is blue so Toni wore the most stunning Princess Elsa from the movie Frozen outfit, which I have to say was absolutely adorable. **Happy Birthday Toni!**



Princess Elsa (Toni) with her daughter Tammy celebrating her 70th birthday



Woolworths staff put on a surprise birthday party for Toni



Family from all over Australia came to celebrate.

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# Chamber Chat



The Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce held their AGM last month with new committee being pretty much the same as last year except with a new Treasurer.

The new committee of amazing volunteers is President, Tony Ross from Design Studio 22, Vice President, Cherie Topfer from YEP Careers, Secretary, Lisa Nichols from Woopi News, Treasurer, Christina Emelio from BCU. Executive Team: Pamela Fayle our Legend Extraordinaire, Scott Bocking from Woodsey's Wheels, Sam Newman from Woopi Backpackers, Karen Churchill from Rosebourne Gardens, Brett Pilon from XS Surf and Tegan Swan from Mid Coast Communities.

Woolgoolga Chamber is one of the most proactive Chambers you will find but a lot of the work is behind the scenes and you may not be aware it Here is just a few of the things the chamber worked on in 2019

- ➔ Regular liaison with Coffs Harbour City Council.
- ➔ Public forums to keep businesses and residents informed.
- ➔ Keeping check on Masterplan and development changes.
- ➔ Secured new town centre signage, pushing for highway signage.
- ➔ Networking functions with guest speakers to keep Woolgoolga

businesses getting to know and supporting each other.

- ➔ Chamber website [www.woolgoolga.org.au](http://www.woolgoolga.org.au) and activity calendar.
- ➔ Chamber social network updates.
- ➔ Regular email updates and shared information.
- ➔ The Visitors Information Centre.
- ➔ Woolgoolga High School Careers Day.
- ➔ Curryfest.
- ➔ Shop Local Shop Woopl campaigns.
- ➔ Easter Hunt, Santa Claus, late night shopping. Community competitions.
- ➔ Surfboard and Street Art Project.
- ➔ Carols by the Sea.
- ➔ Healthy Town Month.
- ➔ Northern Beaches Multi Purpose Centre project.
- ➔ Sponsor of school achievement awards.
- ➔ Sponsor major events, MTB Festival, Blue and Berries.

So anyone who says the Chamber doesn't do anything in Woolgoolga please read through that again, Please also remember the people on these committees are volunteers.

There was a few issues with the automatic membership updating so membership has almost halved. It is thought many businesses think they are members when their membership has actually expired. So you might receive a call during the month to let you know your membership is not up to date.

If you're a new business in town or



Chamber President Tony Ross with Curryfest organisers Sherry Lee and Carl Mower winning the silver award at the Regional Tourism Awards.

wanting to join it's easy, just go to [www.woolgoolga.org.au](http://www.woolgoolga.org.au) at the very top right hand side and click on Join the Chamber. Simply fill in the boxes with your contact details and pay with your credit card. Click on the submit and check out button. You will receive an email confirmation of your payment.

If you have any issues with this please email [social@woolgoolga.org.au](mailto:social@woolgoolga.org.au) or phone 0410 052 601

Your membership is valid for 12 months from the date of payment and is only \$135.

Woolgoolga Chamber is really looking forward to a very proactive year with lots of community and business interaction. 



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# School Holiday Activities



The school holidays are fast approaching and what is the first thing the kids always say every holidays? "What are we going to do today?"

If you haven't had time to think about how to keep them occupied during the holidays we here at Woopi News have got you covered with some local activity ideas to keep the kids entertained this holiday break.

## Spend Some Time at Woolgoolga Beach

We live in an area with some of the most beautiful beaches in Australia, so why not take advantage of it! Woolgoolga Beach is a great destination as not only is it one of the most beautiful of our Northern Rivers beaches it is also patrolled by Woolgoolga Surf Life Saving Club volunteers every weekend and public holiday until Sunday 26th April 2020. Woolgoolga Beach also offers a public playground with slides and swings for the little ones.

The Woolgoolga Beach Reserve will also play host to the **Bollywood Beach Markets** on the first and fourth Saturdays in both March and April. The relaxing and pet-friendly Bollywood Beach Markets feature local stalls, food, live

music and dancing and are sure to keep everyone in the family entertained. The **Marine Rescue Markets** are on the second Saturday of the month.

## Learn To Surf

If you are looking for a more structured activity Solitary Islands Surf School offer lessons in the school holidays at Woolgoolga Beach at 9:00am and 10:15am every day and at Emerald Beach every day (except Sunday) at 8:15am. Bookings are essential for these lessons so if you are interested give them a call at 0438 561 370 or you can check lesson prices and book online at [solitaryislandssurfschool.com.au/surfing-lessons/holiday-surf-lessons](http://solitaryislandssurfschool.com.au/surfing-lessons/holiday-surf-lessons)



Jimmy Wags and Tulli Stevens will be holding one of their popular **Skateboard Painting Workshop** on the 20th of April in Mullaway, Phone 0412 924 120 to book.

## Go on a Sea Turtle Walk

If you read the March issue of Woopi News you would have come across many stories aimed at spreading

awareness of the Sea Turtle hatchings that will be happening along the Coffs Coast over the next month. Well the good folks at Coffs By Nature are offering a Sea Turtle Walk on Thursday April 16 from 9:00am to 11:00am. The FREE guided walk will teach you and the kids all about the fascinating world of Sea Turtles as you follow along the pathways of Look at Me Now Headland. There is stroller and wheelchair access for the first half of the walk but there will be stairs near the end! Contact Karla Gillies to book at 0431 747 439 or email her at [karla.gillies@chcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:karla.gillies@chcc.nsw.gov.au)



**Art for Kids @** Chris's ArtSpace every Saturday in Woolgoolga. 0400 766 342. Students 6yrs and over, \$20.00 per 90 minute session. Bookings essential.

Looking for a way to keep the kids occupied while giving yourself a bit of respite? Then look no further than **La La Land at Moonee Market**. Sit in air-conditioned comfort and enjoy a coffee while the kids tire themselves out on the slides and in the ball pits. Open from 9:00am until 5:00pm everyday during the school holidays and located indoors, La La Land even has you covered for the rainy days. For prices and more info [www.lalalandmooneebeach.com.au](http://www.lalalandmooneebeach.com.au)

**What about a gardening project** for the kids (and big kids) Head to Secret Valley



Plants which is down the alley behind 58 River Street. Choose a pot and a plant, add some pretty gravel and some fairy ornaments and voila, a special fairy garden. From \$11.

**For dinner head over to the Moonee Beach Tavern.** With a putt putt course, jumping castle and kids outdoor movie nights there is plenty for the kids to do while you enjoy some great food in a relaxed atmosphere. For details head to [www.mooneebeachtavern.com.au/whatson/](http://www.mooneebeachtavern.com.au/whatson/)

## And so much more:

**Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre** offer various cultural tours and activities. Contact Alison Williams on 6640 7104 or visit [www.yarrowarra.com.au/](http://www.yarrowarra.com.au/)

**Woolgoolga Library** hosts story time every Tuesday from 11:00am to 11:45am for the little ones.



Want some indoor activities? **Feather and Nest** have some fun kits for sale that will keep everyone occupied.

**Or why not simply grab a ball and head to one of the many parks or ovals that are around?**



# Art by the Sea 2020

## Woolgoolga will be awash with art activities over the Easter long weekend

At the time we published Woopi News, Art by the Sea 2020 was still scheduled to happen being an outdoor area that is unlikely to have more than 500 people attending at the same time.

So let's hope by Easter it's still happening. We'll all be looking forward to some fun in the sun.

Art by the Sea has been running for five years now. The team from Woolgoolga Art Gallery introduced it as a way for artists to share their arts and craft with the community and visitors.

All the stallholders are presenting original artworks.



There will be free Art demonstrations and Art activities for you and the kids to enjoy including a painted rock hunt on Easter Sunday at 11am along Pollack Esplanade up to the lookout.

Along that route you will find Woolgoolga artists painting up a storm to produce paintings which will be available, once finished, for sale at the Art by the Sea markets on Easter Monday.

The community are invited to participate in the rock hunt and to see our beautiful coastal landscape being reproduced on canvas by local artists.

Also, it wouldn't be a fair without Food, Coffee and Cake stalls.

Woolgoolga is becoming the Art Hub of the Coffs Coast, so visit our town centre this Easter.

*Art by the Sea Craft Market will be held at the Woolgoolga Beach Reserve on Easter Monday 13th April 9am - 2pm.*



*Artist Pam Fayle, painting rocks to be hidden for an Easter Sunday hunt*



*Mirrian Sullivan practicing how to sneakily hide rocks*

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# Anzac Day

**Every year Colin Robertson's children, grand children and great grandchildren travel to Woolgoolga to proudly march beside him on Anzac Day.**

This year Col, and his wife Pat, will stand at the end of their driveway with a candle listening to the last post on the radio. Sadly Anzac Day has become another victim of Covid-19.

Colin was only 18 when he joined the army back in 1943 at the height of World War II's New Guinea campaign. Back then you couldn't be deployed overseas until you were 19 so initially, he was sent to join a battalion to work on the ammunition wharves at Walsh Bay in Sydney. The wharfies were on strike and refusing to load army ships with the guns and supplies.

Once the strike was over his battalion was then enlisted to be extras in a movie being made in various suburbs around Sydney, including the sandhills at Cronulla. The Rats of Tobruk starring Chips Rafferty and Grant Taylor and of course Colin Robertson.

**After this bit of fun they were sent to the harsh reality of Cowra where the Japanese Prisoners of War had broken out.**

It was absolute carnage with lots of prisoners running around the countryside. His job was to help round them up and guard the compounds. Col was visibly distressed as he spoke to me of the death toll and having to bury so many. 231 prisoners killed and scores more wounded. This was his induction to war and to see so many men killed and wounded was a real shock for an 18 year old.

While he was in Cowra he celebrated his 19th birthday. They were sent back to Sydney and were given the job of putting up fences along the shores at Manly to help stop tanks from invading the beaches.

He was then sent to Canungra for jungle warfare training, a very gruelling course that went for 28 days, which probably explains why Colin is so fit now and such a regular exerciser. Col, at 95 still goes to the gym twice a week (on hold at the moment due to the risk of Covid-19)



Colin in 1943



Colin in 2020

has an hour long walk along the beach every day, plus completes his own home gym regime for another 45 minutes of exercise every day. He still mows his own lawns and tends his garden which looks beautiful.

He was assigned to the 31/51 Infantry Battalion as a signaller and was put on a troop ship with 5000 others set for Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. They were to take over from the Americans, at the time there was a truce between the Japanese and the Americans. Col said that when they first landed in the harbour there was hundreds of vessels, air craft carriers, battle ships, and the like.

**His thoughts were, "holy heck this is a big war".**

The next morning they were all gone, the place was empty bar a few of their own ships, the Americans had moved on to the Philippines. "It was incredible." The war started again, they and the Japanese started shooting at each other.

I asked Col, if it was scary, he deviated from his positive uplifting story to tell me about some very dark times, one being the Genga River and the other The Battle of Porton.

He nearly died from dengue fever, probably from wading across the Genga river, it was the sickest he has ever been in his life. They put him in the army hospital but he was only able to stay for a few days as they needed him to get back out fighting. He then caught malaria which hung on till 1968.

He told me of how he would get grenades and pull the pin out slightly, place them in

a jam tin and tie a string across the track with the hope the enemy would trip the grenade and it would blow immediately instead of waiting 4 or 7 seconds. He would break the little seal inside with a knife ... verrrry carefully.

The Japanese soldiers would lay in the dark moaning pretending they were wounded to try and entice them out of their tents so they could shoot them.

The Battle of Porton, Col says was poorly executed and should never have taken place.

**He shared with me some of the horrors of this futile battle.**

The army had misjudged how many Japanese were actually there. The plan was to approach the island with a pincer movement via four barges through a gap between two reefs, the tide was out when they went charging in their barges hit the bottom. The barge that held all their supplies and extra ammunition got stuck. The men waded ashore, holding their guns and packs above their heads, but the Japanese were their waiting for them and started shooting. They had to start digging quickly and deeply to make some trenches to protect themselves. It was sloppy ground with lots of roots, made more difficult as it was 4.30 in the morning and dark. The Japanese had heavily fortified the area with underground pillboxes, trenches and heavy machine guns. Colin's section was sent on patrol to see if there was a way to advance. There were so many of the enemy, every way they went they

# Anzac Day

were shot at. As their barge carrying the supplies was stuck out on the reef they were running out of ammunition. "All hell broke loose", they had no option but to abandon the operation. His CO had yelled out "Everyman for himself"! They ran back to the beach with multiple machine guns firing at them.

The men had to swim out to the barges to save their lives. Eventually the Australian Airforce came in and started bombing and sent some rescue barges and rubber boats to help the remaining men off the island. Col said the attack was basically a suicide mission, he lost 27 of his mates at Porton with another 136 being injured. At this stage we had to stop our interview for a bit as Colin was overwhelmed with grief, reliving the trauma is difficult still, after all this time.

Their mission was "swept under the carpet for donkeys years yet it was the greatest disaster for Australia in the Second World War." Col said his memories are still very vivid, like it was yesterday.

Communication was not very strong with in the army and he and his army mates so they never new where they were going, one day they were ordered to sail again to Nauru, there was a huge garrison of over 3000 Japanese. Ends up there job was to take the surrender from the Japanese. 30 guys against 3000 Japanese. A successful mission. Col said they were pretty happy with the outcome of that.

During the 3 years that Col was in the Army he only had 24 days off, after the war he went back to finish his apprentice as a Hand and Machine Compositor with the Government Printing Office.

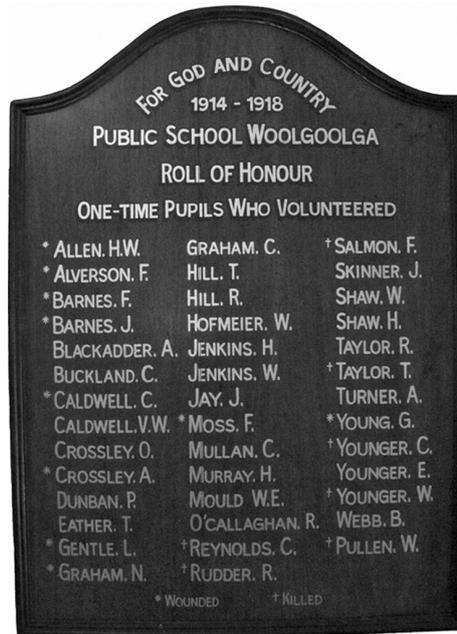
The Army was in his blood so Col eventually rejoined with the rank of sergeant. He was posted to the Army Printing work in Caulfield Melbourne.

Fast track to 2020 and Colin is happily married and living in Woolgoolga with his wife Pat.

He is one of the loveliest men I have met and I feel honoured to have heard his story.

**If you ever get a chance to speak to a digger, listen to what they have to say. Col's story gives you a whole new understanding of why we call our brave Anzacs Diggers.**

## RSL and Sub-Branch WOOLGOOLGA Forever in their Debt



*A full list of WW1 and WW2 deceased, is recorded on the new Memorial.*

The current Woolgoolga Returned Services League (RSL) Sub-Branch was formed in 1935 under the guidance of Cecil Marsh, the local policeman and first President. Meetings were first held at the residence of the local Postmaster, George Newman, who was the Hon. Secretary. The original Sub-Branch was registered with the Colonial Secretary under the 1934 Charitable Act, on 15th October 1935. It was initially known as the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA) Sub-Branch.



*1992 WW1 Memorial*

The Woolgoolga WW1 Memorial was originally erected in 1922 on the corner of Scarborough and Short Street. In 1948 the Memorial was moved to Beach Street to stand in front of the new Memorial Hall.

A Women's Auxiliary, also formed in 1935 under the direct supervision of the Sub-Branch, consisted mostly of relatives



*1951 RSL Club and Memorial Hall*

and well wishers of ex-servicemen. The Women's Auxiliary was instrumental in raising the funds needed to build the Memorial Hall, which was later merged with the RSL Club.



*1919 RSSILA Badge*



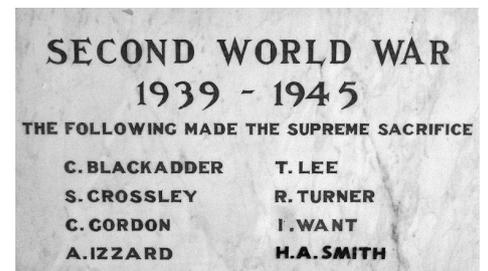
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*So many, So young, So far away,  
So long ago, And still, so sad.*

### 'Lest we forget'

Currently the Woolgoolga War Memorial is in storage.

A group of passionate and dedicated people are negotiating with council to find a spot to resurrect it.

When this happens it will be restored to it's former glory and available for all to visit and pay their respects.

Hopefully this will happen during 2020. Woopi News will endeavor to keep you up to date.

*Thank you to Geoff Morrow for supplying the above information and photographs.*

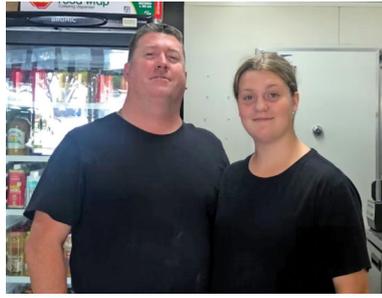
# What's New

## THERE'S A NEW BARBER IN TOWN

The Shack Barbershop has opened where Little Rippers used to be in River Street.

Owner Gary Wilson specialises in boutique barbers and has picked Woopi for his newest store. The even better news is they have kept ex Little Ripper hairdresser/barber Lucas Hankinson on.

Call 0474 108 117 or online booking is available via facebook.com/theshackbarbershop - Every 5th cut is 50% off.



## THE NEW WOOPi MEDICAL CENTRE HAS OPENED

on the corner of Nightingale and Market Street, its only a couple of doors down from their previous residence. You can find Sullivan Nicolaides there too.



## WHITE SALT HAS NEW OWNERS

The friendly Jackson family of Michael, Alisa, Angel and Lily have taken over the reigns and are ready to keep bringing us yum seafood like their prawn taco. I had one the other day and it was so nice I went back for another. Fish and Chips, Calamari wraps, all the old favourites made with fresh local ingredients. Plus they have eftpos now.

## C.EX BOWLO HAS A NEW COURTESY BUS

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# What's New

## WOOPI HAS A NEW LAWYER

The beautiful Jasmine Nelson has joined the Coastal Law & Conveyancing Team and will be available for consultations at their

Woolgoolga outreach office by appointment. Jasmine is pretty special to Woopi News as she is Brad's daughter so we're super excited to introduce you to her. Please call 6651 1993 to make an appointment.



# Woopi News

## A MESSAGE FROM KEVIN HOGAN

As a community, now is the time we come together.

There are many local businesses who are making changes to help others. For example some are supplying food and services through phone orders, or delivering to your door, or pick up from farm gate or their business.

If you are a local business/farmer and want to get the word out about what you are doing, please let me know.

Email me via [kevin.hogan.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:kevin.hogan.mp@aph.gov.au) and let me know what you are doing and how you would like people to place orders. I will share the information on my Facebook and Instagram page. 🐾

The Government has announced health and

economic support for businesses and individuals who need a hand. Please contact my office for more information.

For the latest information, contact the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. This operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also visit [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

Please stay safe, this will pass, but it is important that we all do what we can, to try and limit the impact of this.

*EDITORS NOTE: The Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce has also compiled a list of local home deliveries, click and collect and telephone services available. You can find this on page 18.*

## Gifts & Homewares Store



Next to *Bluebottles* at Woolgoolga

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# Kevin HOGAN



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# The Woopi that Was! - Emerald Beach

If you walk the pathways of Look at Me Now Headland past Serenity Beach you will come across a couple of graves of unknown victims of a collision between two ships off our shores back in 1886.



One of the two graves along the walkway above Serenity Beach

The following is parts of extracts from the files of the Sydney Morning Herald, 10th December, 1886 to 7th January, 1887. Sourced from local man, Ben Holder's book, "The History of the Coastal Strip known as Look at Me Now."

**FATAL STEAM BOAT COLLISION  
GREAT LOSS OF LIFE 48 DROWNED  
"KEILAWARRA" SUNK IN SEVEN  
MINUTES. HELEN NICOLL MUCH  
DAMAGED 8/12/1886**

"One of the most dreadful marine disasters in the history of this continent occurred on the Northern Coast of the Colony at about nine o'clock on Wednesday night last (8th December, 1886) when a collision took place between Messrs W. Howard Smith and Sons' (Keilawarra), bound from Sydney to Brisbane with passengers and cargo, and Messrs. John See and Co.'s steamer "Helen Nicoll" inward bound from the Clarence River also with passengers and cargo.

The disaster came with a great shock upon the public, especially as no fewer than 48 lives (men, women and

children) have been sacrificed. On the Stock Exchange and in shipping circles generally the calamity formed the one topic of conversation, and news in regard to it was sought with the greatest eagerness. Indeed the local office of Messrs. Howard Smith & Sons was besieged all day by friends or relatives of those who were on board the "Keilawarra" and as can be imagined, at times the scenes were painful in the extreme, both there and at the office of Messrs. John See and Co. The following was the first telegram received in regard to the disaster:-  
"Yamba., - Thursday - The "Helen Nicoll" and steamer "Keilawarra" collided at the Solitaires. The Captain (N.G. Buttrey, 45, eleven of the crew and 32 passengers were lost off the "Keilawarra", which sank in seven minutes, and one of the crew and four passengers were lost off the "Helen Nicoll".

The City of Grafton stood by the accident for two hours. The Helen Nicoll has great damage done to her bow, which is completely carried away and about 60 tons of her cargo were jettisoned, to get her forepart as high as possible out of the water. She sailed for Sydney after transshipping passengers to the S.S. "Australian" which is accompanying her."

Captain G. McGree of the City of Grafton states that at five minutes to twelve last night, when approaching South Solitary Island, he saw a rocket, which he thought came from a sailing vessel. The rocket was followed by a blue light. The weather at the time was thick with a very heavy squall, and he steered straight for the light and got within speaking distance and ascertained that it was the steamer "Helen Nicoll". Captain Fraser, from Grafton to Sydney, and that she had been in collision with the steamer "Keilawarra" between South and North Solitary Islands. The collision took place at twenty minutes past eight o'clock. The Keilawarra sank in seven minutes. The Helen Nicoll when she came up had her engines revolving slowly, just sufficient to keep steerage way. Captain McGree lowered a boat in charge of the Chief Officer, who went to the disabled steamer, and proffered assistance. Captain Fraser reported that the vessel was leaking very little and was thought quite safe in the existing state of the



A reenactment of the fatal collision

weather. Captain McGree then turned his ship South and accompanied the Helen Nicoll for two hours until the "Australian" came in sight. Captain McGree signalled him with a rocket and the "Australian" bore down to him, transshipping the "Helen Nicoll's" passengers and took charge and escorted the "Helen Nicoll" to Sydney. The City of Grafton then resumed her voyage to Grafton, where on arrival there were pitiable scenes from anxious relatives and friends of passengers on the "Helen Nicoll" seeking information, but very little was forthcoming."

At quarter to ten this morning the S.S. "Australian" approached the Market Street Wharf having on board the survivors of the ill-fated "Keilawarra" and those of the "Helen Nicoll". Crowds thronged the wharf and approaches. A scene then took place never to be forgotten by those present. As the survivors stepped down the gangway they were at once met by someone or more of their friends. There were also those on the wharf who failed to recognise the faces of their missing friends, and, their fears being substantiated by replies to anxious queries, most heart rending cries were heard. Strong men wept and women went into hysterics, some uttering piercing shrieks."

## THE "KEILAWARRA"

The "Keilawarra" was an iron screw vessel of 984 tons, her principal dimensions being, length 200 feet, breadth 29 feet, and a depth of 17 feet. She was built at Kinghorn in Fifeshire in 1878 and during her career on the coast proved a fast ship and very popular with passengers.

## THE "HELEN NICOLL"

The "Helen Nicoll" is one of the nattiest vessels of her class on the coast and has had a most successful career until the present mishap. She was built by

# The Woopi that Was! - Emerald Beach

Gourlay Bros. of Dundee, Scotland, in 1882 and is also an iron screw steamer, her tonnage being 384 tons. She is 157 feet long, 22 feet wide and 10 feet depth of hold.

## THE DAMAGE TO THE "HELEN NICOLL"

It is only by taking an actual look at the bow, or what remained of the bow of the Helen Nicoll that anyone could form even the slightest idea of the force of the blow dealt upon the ill-fated steamer "Keilawarra". The "Helen Nicoll" as she now lies at the wharf presents a most pitiable sight forward. Her cut water, together with 12 to 15 feet of her iron sides have been completely carried away, thus leaving a gap the whole width of the ship, forward of the bulkhead to within a foot or so of the water in depth. Her forecastle head on deck, having all its supports suddenly wrenched away, has fallen bodily downwards; the deck planks have all snapped off, and the whole is now only suspended at an angle of about 45° by the iron stays, which are considerably bent and strained.

The cable hawse pipe on the starboard side has been knocked right up inside, while the hawse pipe on the port side has been forced completely outside the ship's side. From a glance it would seem that the "Helen Nicoll" must have struck the "Keilawarra" stem on, or otherwise it is surmised that the "Helen Nicoll" must have met the same fate as the "Keilawarra".

## SEARCH FOR BODIES

The sea, as far apart as Coffs Harbour and Yamba, is strewn with wreckage - drums and merchandise, some of it being the jettisoned cargo of the "Helen Nicoll". Much is being washed up on the beaches.

Senior Constables Steel and May of Bellingen, with a party, are scouring the beaches between Bungle Creek and Moonee, where there is a possibility of corpses being found.

The tugs "Princess" from Yamba and "Ranger" from Bellinger Heads, are patrolling the sea looking for bodies.

The National Shipwreck Society has rendered great assistance and relief to the survivors of the collision.

The whole Colony is stunned and shocked at the magnitude of the

disaster, and messages of condolence are being received from far and wide. Two bodies were found yesterday morning, one by Mr Alfred Skinner about eight o'clock at Smalls, four miles North of Coffs Harbour. He saw the body coming ashore in breakers and watched. It had no boots on, only a common shirt, collar and trousers. The body is that of a sailor. Mr. Atkin found the other body at "Look at Me Now" headland, three miles North of Moonee Creek. The body had on a pair of elastic side boots, shirt and trousers, which were torn. A boat has been found on the beach at Woolgoolga, belongs to the "Keilawarra".

It is expected that the bodies of the two men recovered on the beach will be taken to Coffs Harbour for inquest and burial. There is no Coroner closer than Grafton or Kempsey.

The beach is strewn for miles with wreckage and cargo, such as casks of tallow, cases of fruit, coops of dead fowls etc.

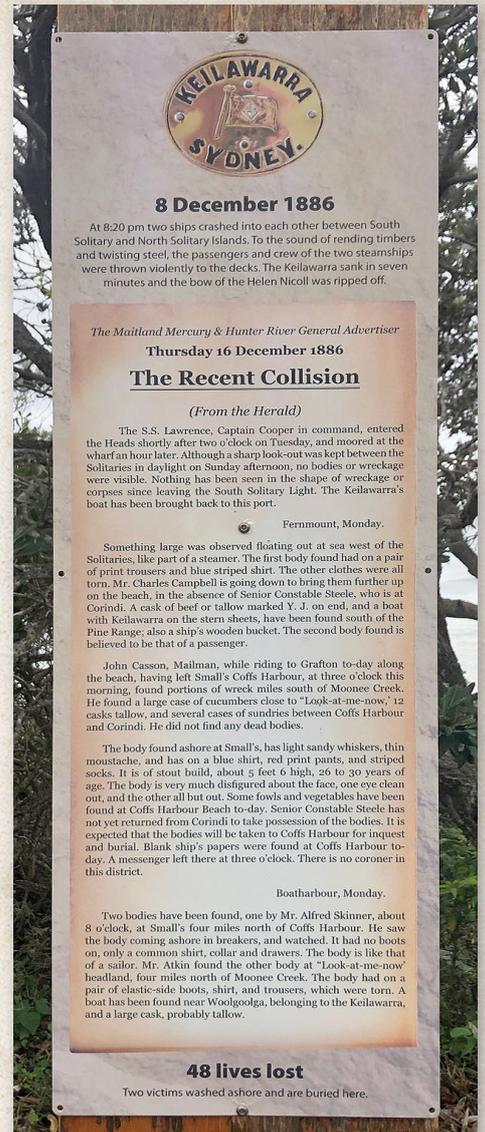
Near to where the first body was found, in a vest pocket was a silver English Lever watch, No.10, 245, R. Cartwright, London Maker. The watch has stopped at exactly half past 8 O'clock.

"John Casson, mailman, while riding to Grafton today along the beach, having left Smalls, Coffs Harbour, at 3 o'clock this morning, found portions of the wreck some miles South of Moonee Creek. He found a large case of cucumbers, twelve casks of tallow and several cases sundries between Coffs Harbour and Corindi. He did not find any bodies"

## THE SIGNAL STATION

After the terrible shipping tragedy the lighthouse was placed in telegraphic communication with the mainland at the Signal Station and from the Signal Station to Woolgoolga and Coffs Harbour. Today some of these telegraph poles may be seen scattered along the back of the sandhills between Woolgoolga and Coffs Harbour.

The NSW Marine Board, with the concurrence of Mr. George Dammerel, established on his property a Signal Station, Mr. Dammerel was appointed Signal Master. The structures for the Station consisted of a flagstaff surmounted by a vane showing wind directions, a flaghouse in which were



*This Sign post with more information can be found just near the graves.*

housed a set of signal flags, each flag stored in its own pigeonhole, a powerful telescope, code book (for assembling and de-coding flag signals), morse lamp and log books, also a writing desk, chair and minor accessories. There was a slot in the wall on the seaward side of the building in which was mounted a swivelling nest for the telescope to enable a clear view to be obtained from within the building of a large segment of the sea including, of course, South Solitary Island and its lighthouse. With the telescope, flag signals on the mast on the Island could be read, and on a clear day, the people making them could be seen. A rain gauge was also provided

*That's the Woopi That Was - Emerald Beach for this month. A big thank you to Ben Holder for sharing his history with us. We hope we can keep bringing you more each month.*

# Woopi Wonders - Land Care Volunteers

## BUSH REGENERATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you been looking for a fun outdoor way to make new friends, care for the environment and give back to your community? Bush Regeneration could be just what you're looking for.

Landcare volunteers conduct bush regeneration at several sites around the Woolgoolga and the Northern Beaches. 🐼

Bush regeneration is important to control the exotic weeds that grow in bushland. Many of the weeds in the bush are 'garden escapees' so are not Australian natives. Although many have beautiful flowers, they are not good to have in the bush as they often take over areas, compete with native species and prevent natural regeneration. Plants such as Senna, Coral Berry, Murraya, Mickey Mouse, Honey Suckle, Camphor Laurel, as well as many others, are pests in the bush and should be disposed of properly, eg in the green waste bin, and never dumped in the bush.

Another important activity undertaken by local bush regenerators is to plant local natives, these are grown at the Landcare Nursery in Newman Street, Woolgoolga (on the left hand side as part of the High School Agricultural Farm - next to Sunset Caravan Park). The nursery is open to the public to buy plants or you can just go and have a look around. It is open Monday and Thursday 9am - 12pm.

If you are interested in doing any bush regeneration or learning more about weed control in the bush, you are welcome to join any of the teams on their regular working days.



Some of our local Landcare volunteers Alex Maree, Ron, Anitra, Lyn, Christine

If you are interested in volunteering you can become a member of Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare for just \$5 per year. Your membership includes being provided with overalls that are infused with permethrin to prevent ticks from biting. If you see any of the Landcare volunteers around they stand out as they are the people in the bright orange overalls! Landcare also provides gloves, a hat and tools. You only have to provide your own boots.

The local sites include;

- Woolgoolga Main Beach, meet every Friday 8am - 12pm.
- Jarrett Creek (behind the Diggers Club) meet every Tuesday 8am - 12pm.
- Sandy Beach, meet every Wednesday 8am - 12pm.

If you are interested in these locations please contact Maree 0421 250 794.

- Woolgoolga Back Beach meets the second Sunday of each month. If interested contact Alex 0421 338 115.
- Emerald Beach meets monthly on

the third Sunday. If interested contact Lyndy 6652 0909.

- The Sherwood Nature Reserve is a National Parks Bush regeneration site that meets fourth Sunday of the month. If interested contact Lyndy 6652 0909.

In the Coffs Harbour region, there are over 30 Landcare sites. On the Northern Beaches, there are also sites found at Red Rock, Arrawarra, Corindi and Safety Beach. Check out the Landcare website [www.coffsharbourlandcare.org.au](http://www.coffsharbourlandcare.org.au) for more details or call the Landcare office on 6651 1308.

**So go and have some fun - breathe in some fresh air and spend time in the bush. They would love to get more volunteers on all sites. The more the merrier and it means they can get more of this important work done.** 🐼

**ANZAC DAY**  
**Mic Bateman**

12pm - 3pm

**Two Up** 3pm - 5pm  
(Subject to change)



Every Wednesday

**Happy Hour**

\$5 schooners  
(on all Carlton products)

Wednesday  
1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Trivia Night**

6.30pm for a 7pm start



7 Tasman Street, Corindi Beach Phone 6649 2622 [www.ambleinn.com.au](http://www.ambleinn.com.au)

# TAFE in Woolgoolga

The Woolgoolga Neighbourhood has been working in conjunction with Tafe NSW and making study a little easier, with a lot less travel, for Woopi students.

Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management is currently on their scope with six students currently enjoying two days a week of study in a relaxed atmosphere without too much pressure.

The Neighbourhood Centre offers a fabulous computer hub for the students to work in for their theory then they receive lots of hands on experience by going on walks around the surrounding bush areas, do some gardening or gets some hands on experience with different Land Care coordinators around the Northern Beaches.

Studying Conservation and Land Management will let you take an active role in preserving our country's natural beauty. Bushlands, forests, coastlines and farms are susceptible to natural and man made threats, but you can help to prevent the damage and help the land retain its splendour and values.

One of the students, Louis, has picked up paid work already, he is seven months in and is now working in a Bush Regeneration Team. Louis started as a volunteer and now is stoked he has moved into a paid role.

Tafe teacher, Mark Dudgeon is really happy with how successful the Woolgoolga classes have been and believes



Tafe Teacher Mark Dudgeon with some of his Conservation and Land Management students. Louis Rowe, Richard Pascoe, Jarryd Watkins and Kathleen Barry.

part of the success of the program is the support from Rashmere Bhatti and the Neighbourhood Centre. 🙏

New enrolments are accepted at the start of each new unit which means you can enrol at just about anytime. For more information about enrolments please call Mark on 0411 805 073 or drop into the Centre any Monday or Tuesday. 🙏

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# Self Isolation Support

**Here is a list of businesses who can home deliver, offer click and collect, or offer online or telephone services.**

**Gallagher Solicitors** is offering telephone consultations with clients that do not need to attend the office and are investigating Skype for the more computer savvy clients. They also have the ability to deliver documents to clients by email in a protected format.

**Subway** have deliveries between 11:30am - 1:30pm. They also offer over the phone ordering and ordering via the app so people can pre order and have their sub ready so all they need to do is walk in and collect.

**Woolgoolga's Finest Butchery** offers free home Delivery

**Audrey G's** home deliver meals, coffee, fresh fruit and veges

**Mitre 10** - home deliveries garden and hardware

**Lucybelle Boards** - Custom Cookies for those who might need some cheering up! Also grazing boards for 'non essential gatherings' under 100pax

**Woolgoolga Taxis** will deliver almost anything that has been prepaid for a flat fee. Phone 6654 1273 for price

**Nourished Earth** @ Moonee Market Place, order online [www.nourishedearth.com.au](http://www.nourishedearth.com.au) or call 6653 6969

**That Beach Shop** Homeware and Gifts Online store. Can home deliver from Corindi to Moonee Beach free of charge, and also ship anywhere in Australia for just \$13.95. You can shop online and choose local pick up option at check out or free home delivery area if required. You can also email or call to organise if you prefer [karen@thatbeachshop.com.au](mailto:karen@thatbeachshop.com.au) [www.thatbeachshop.com.au](http://www.thatbeachshop.com.au) 0418 402 073 or 6654 2092

**La Pasteleria** cakes and desserts and also have the coffee trailer set up on the weekends at Moonee Beach Reserve

**Seasalt** fish & chips , phone 1300

737 258 to place your order they will have it ready for a quick pickup.

**Lotus Floral Studio** 6654 9494 Two delivery pickups per day locally. They also deliver into Coffs Harbour including the hospital.

**Flowers by Bonnie** [www.flowersbybonnie.com.au](http://www.flowersbybonnie.com.au) deliver daily from Grafton to Coffs Harbour 6643 2160

**Seaview Tavern** Get your favourite beers, spirits and wine delivered to your home! Order online [seaviewtavern.shop.bottlemart.com.au](http://seaviewtavern.shop.bottlemart.com.au) or phone 6654 1206

**Synchronicity Farm** Organic Fruit and Vegetables. Order online [synchronicityfarm.com](http://synchronicityfarm.com)

**Riptide Pizza** 6654 8989

**Woolgoolga Pizza Place** 6654 2744

**Golden Chinese** - Ring ahead and have it ready to collect. Soon to have home delivery 6654 0688

**Valaxus** - Coffs Coast Mac PC & IT will do home deliveries and visits for self isolation.

**Thai Chai Yo** Provides home delivery and will do it for free over this period of uncertainty. Cash or card at the door. Pay over the phone can leave at the door what ever the individual needs.

**Flamingos** at Darlington Park have take away. They are also putting together some care packages if anyone needs. Give them a call and they we will do their best to accommodate. 6640 7474

**XS SURF** are happy to deliver anything in and around the Northern Beaches. 6654 1049

**One Fine Day Consulting** are offering remote business sessions for coaching, marketing and business strategy for help with your communications and planning.

**The Natural Element Store** are offering home delivery of Natural soap, bamboo underwear, skin care and eco cleaning products. 0400 728 769

**Mid North Coast Physio** are offering telehealth/video consults for physiotherapy and exercise physiology for those who are unable

to attend in person.

**Moonee Beach Tavern** Delicious meals online for pickup? Pick up is from 11.45am - 3pm and 5:15pm - 8:30pm. <https://orders.mooneebeachtavern.com.au/order-online/order.html> or you can order alcohol via [shop.bottlemart.com](http://shop.bottlemart.com)

**The Cheesemaking Workshop & Deli** is happy to do home deliveries between Sawtell and Woolgoolga For more information <https://thecheesemakingworkshop.com.au>

**Milk and More** offer a great home delivery service for fresh produce and grocery items. <https://milkmore.com.au/>

**Woolgoolga Industrial Takeaway** phone orders through on 6654 2060. Either pick up or they can deliver to your door, eftpos only.

**Rob Brown Denture Clinic** is happy to see patients in their home if you need. 6654 1452

**Woolgoolga Diggers** offer Take Away options for diners not wanting to eat-in. Full Menu is available on website [www.woolgoolgadiggers.com.au](http://www.woolgoolgadiggers.com.au) under the Dining tab and our Daily Blackboard Specials can be confirmed by calling 6654 1234 - also to place an order. Lunch 11.30am - 2pm and Dinner 5.30pm - 8pm

**GL Abbott & Co** offices are still open but can undertake telephone consultations if required. 6654 2012

**Walters Bistro** at C.ex is offering Takeaways at 20% discount. Phone 6691 9287 after 11.30am to order then just come in to collect.

**Secret Valley Plants** Woolgoolga offer home delivery, great time for gardening. 0400 888 680 or 0407 168 014

**The Prawn Man!** Services Redrock to Urunga Twice weekly, call him for pricing, orders and schedules (0401 575 245) Fresh and frozen locally sourced seafood. Pork, lamb and beef grass fed from the Riverina.

**Woolgoolga Motors** is picking up and delivering home vehicles on request. 6654 1016 [service@woolgoolgamotors.com.au](mailto:service@woolgoolgamotors.com.au)

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**Coffs Harbour Courier Service.** Run from Woopi to Sawtell twice daily. 0418 665 711.

**The Shack Barbershop** is offering mobile Barber services 0455 822 221

**Darren Palmer Mechanical** will pick up and deliver for services.

**Woolgoolga Podiatry Centre** offer home visits 6654 8860

**La Hacienda 101** You can order your favourite meals for takeaway. Menu can be found on their Facebook page under menu. Orders must be phoned in and paid for when ordering. Then wait for txt to collect at the front waiters station. No entry will be permitted due to maximum numbers allowed inside unless circumstances permit or change. 6656 1633

**Ground Earth** Everything on their menu can be takeaway. Call 6654 8361 to order.

**Coastal Travel** are available for phone consultations 6654 8114

**Taffy's** - Call in advance to order great take aways, smoothing and milkshakes. 6654 7747

**Anchor Kitchen & Bar** are hoping to have an online ordering service in by April 1 - Meanwhile takeaway is available. 6654 9234

**Coffs Coast Sports Physiotherapy** offer phone consultations. 6651 9622

**Woolgoolga and the Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce** are proud to bring you this list of services to support home isolators we are sorry if we have missed anyone but please let us know so we can add you to our online list. .

To keep up to date with this list please check Woopi News website.



# Rotary Auction - It's the end of an era!

After more than 30 years, Woolgoolga's monthly Rotary Auctions will be finishing up in June this year.

The April auction has been cancelled due to corona virus issues but at this stage the May and June auctions will go ahead on the first Saturday of each month.

The auctions have helped many locals furnish their homes, assisted students and school leavers to set up cheaply, helped many elderly people to downsize and have kept tonnes and tonnes of usable goods out of landfill.

**For 30 years Woolgoolga Rotarians have collected used furniture, white goods and other items and auctioned them on the first Saturday of the month.**

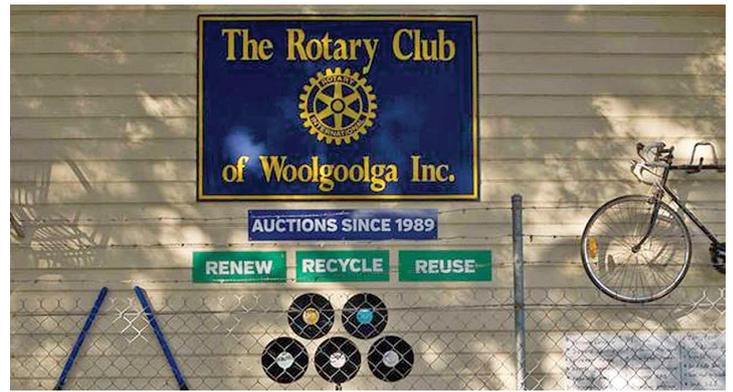
The funds raised have been used for Rotary's contribution to many local projects including building the Seniors Centre in Boundary Street, toddler pool features at the Swimming Pool, youth programs and the

Heritage Walk to name a few. The auctions have also funded donations to many Community Groups who have helped on auction day, including rural fire services, sporting clubs, schools, scouts and the Red Cross. It has been a key fundraiser for many local community organisations. Over the 30 years Woolgoolga Rotary Club has only ever had an average of 20-25 members, yet the Rotary Auctions have raised many hundreds of thousand dollars for the community.

Woolgoolga Rotary would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people who have generously donated used goods to the Rotary Auctions over the years as well as those who have come along and bid for a bargain.

After 30 years the shortage of young able-bodied Rotarians and volunteers has left a few stalwarts in their 70s and 80s doing the heavy lifting. Fewer buyers due to retail changes and competition from relatively cheap new products and the ease with which people can now sell their own better quality used goods on line rather than donating them, have also had an impact.

Woolgoolga Rotary Club will be trialling some new exciting fund raising ideas



over coming months and continues to welcome new members of all ages to join the Club and help shape new directions, new projects and to serve the community going forward. Do you have a favourite auction story or a favourite bargain you got at the auction?

**What would you like to see Rotary out and about doing in the Woolgoolga**

**community in the future?**

Do you have any ideas for uses for the Rotary auction shed and compound after June?

The Club would love to hear from you via its contact system on [www.woolgoolgarotary.org.au](http://www.woolgoolgarotary.org.au), email [Rotary@bioaccent.com.au](mailto:Rotary@bioaccent.com.au) or phone Pam or David on 6654 7700.

## EOI – local design consultant register West Woolgoolga Sports Complex

Coffs Harbour City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from local design consultants for the West Woolgoolga Sports Complex with the following capabilities;

- Architect
- Audio Visual design
- BCA consultant
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The design of the West Woolgoolga Sports Complex will be undertaken by a Principal Design Consultant (PDC) who will engage specialist sub consultants.

Consultants who have submitted an EOI will be included on a register of local design consultants that will be issued to the PDC tenderers for their information.

Submission of an EOI does not guarantee the opportunity to tender for the West Woolgoolga Sports Complex.

Interested consultants should submit their EOI to [https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/West\\_Woolgoolga\\_Sports\\_Complex](https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/West_Woolgoolga_Sports_Complex)

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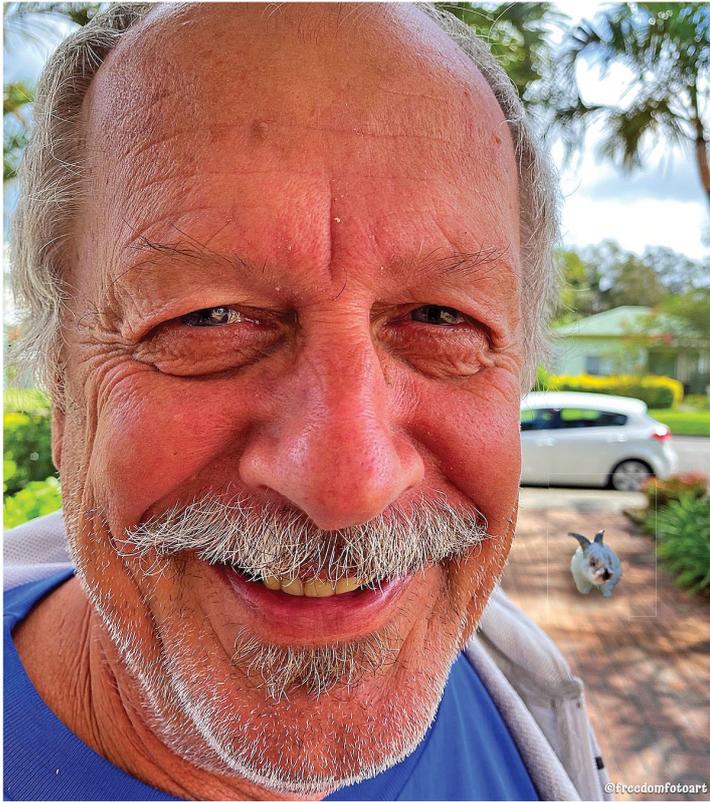
## GAIL YAGER

I have lived on the beautiful mid north coast for forty years and feel so blessed to call this place home. I have travelled extensively overseas but I always look forward to returning to my beloved Emerald Beach. I have been interested in birds and wildlife for a good part of my life but my interest in bird photography has become my focus over the last ten years. Emerald Beach residents would be used to the sight of me lugging around my

large lenses over the headlands in search of birds or, indeed, something out of the ordinary. Every day is different. I so love being out in nature – escaping the house every chance I get. I am an amateur photographer and still consider I am learning about the art of photography. Being a bird photographer requires a lot of patience – something I am getting better at. My favourite birds are raptors and I especially love photographing birds in flight – one of the hardest aspects of bird photography, so there have been a

lot of hits and misses. I am still working on my craft. As it is my hobby, I do not have a website and I do not sell my photographs on a regular basis but I do enter photography competitions and have sold some of my photos from the exhibitions. All of the bird photos are of local birds apart from the Puffin which I photographed in Iceland, one of the highlights of my trip, discovering a large colony off the beaten track! I can be contacted via email: [queenvic53@gmail.com](mailto:queenvic53@gmail.com).





## ROBERT WATKIN

"Are you 1.5m away from me?" said Robert Watkin who is my next Human of the Northern Beaches.

We are sitting in the secure environment of the Woopi CEX club, an environment safe from the COVID-19 virus. "It's crazy times isn't it?" is how I started my interview with Robert. I then asked Robert how long he had been in Woolgoolga? "Not exactly Woolgoolga but the Northern Beaches since 1981", and you moved from where? "I was living at Colletts Island, north west of Grafton, from 1980 as had moved from Chiswick in Sydney"

How do you find Woopi? "I love it's fantastic, I'm still here!" So you have obviously settled into the lifestyle? "Yes, I'm a Northern Beaches man"

You are known around town as our favourite photographer, how does that sit with you? "Ha ha a lil bit embarrassing but the truth travels far doesn't it", we continue laughing. I know I'm a big fan. So, you find the subject material of the

Northern Beaches enjoyable to photograph? "I've done a lot of volunteer photography, as people know, which I enjoy, it has opened me up to the community. I've met people I wouldn't have met, seen things I wouldn't have seen and it's a just a joy to be a part of a good community"

To have a member of our community giving his time, taking photographs for its residents, one would get a sense of an asset. Just one of the many humans who give extraordinary contributions, simply because they love the area and its people, documenting its goings on for free.

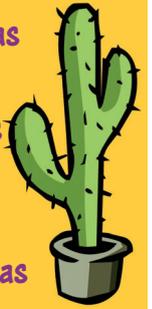
I thanked Robert for his time and asked him my most important question? Is It Woolgoolga or Woopi "laughs ... because I make a lot of woopi, so yeah it's Woopi" we decided not to shake hands and decided a hug was more needed in these testing times.

Robert Watkin is a Human of the Northern Beaches and I can't wait to speak to more.

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## Joint tenants v tenants in common, what is the difference?



How many people reading this article own real estate with another person? If you do, do you know if you own the property as joint tenants or as tenants in common? Unfortunately, people are often not aware of the difference in these types of property ownership when they complete the contract to purchase the property, particularly in cases where properties are purchased at an auction, and this can have some serious consequences. Joint tenants own the property jointly, as the name suggests, in equal shares. If one of the owners pass away, the surviving joint tenant becomes the sole owner of the property subject to filing some paperwork with NSW Land Registry Services to remove the other name from the title. Many people do not realise that if you are a joint tenant, you cannot distribute of your share of the property in your will.

Tenants in common however own the property in their respective shares which do not need to equal. For example, there could be two registered owners on the title of the property, but one owns a 60% share and the other a 40% share. Because a tenant in common owns a specified share of the

property they can nominate who will receive their share in their will. This is most often utilised in blended family situations where each owner may want to leave their share of the property to children from a previous relationship rather than their current partner.

It is common practice for joint tenancy to be the default position in the purchase contract if there is more than one purchaser. In most cases, this is exactly what the purchasers intended. But I have also had plenty of clients come to see me to prepare a will only to find out that they cannot nominate who receives their share of the property in their will because they are a joint tenant. It can be an expensive mistake if the tenancy needs to be changed after a property purchase has been completed. There could be stamp duty payable if a transfer altering the joint tenancy to tenants in common changes the ownership into unequal shares. There are filing fees to lodge a transfer to change the tenancy on a Certificate of Title. If there is a mortgage registered on the title, the bank may also need to consent to any changes.

If you are considering purchasing property, make sure you seek appropriate legal advice before you agree to exchange contracts with the other party. If you do not understand the legal terminology in the contract (trust me, there is plenty!) ask your solicitor to explain it to you, that is what we are here to do. If you would like advice in relation to your next property purchase or sale, contact Gallagher Solicitors & Conveyancers on 6642 6944. - KC

## The Pet of the Month for April is Nala the blue Kelpie puppy



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## TWO ARROWS

Last month I wrote about the Two Arrows analogy. It is said that anytime we suffer misfortune, two arrows fly our way. The first arrow is the actual challenging event, which causes distress and/or pain. The second arrow represents our reaction to the difficult event. This is the bit we have control over. Well now more than ever this is relevant! The first arrow is the impact of COVID-19. As individuals we cannot control COVID-19 or the decisions being made by authorities to control it's impact. The second arrow represents our personal response to this unusual situation. To alleviate unnecessary 'suffering' in these unusual times we need to be particularly careful with ourselves. Firstly, notice how the first arrow has made you feel, for example, how is COVID-19 impacting you? (You will need to stop for at least 5 minutes and sit or lie quietly undisturbed to do this!). Secondly, you need to try

and 'catch' that second arrow - How is your behaviour perpetuating any negative impacts you identified in step one? Perhaps, you are constantly scrolling media sites and listening to radio bulletins becoming overwhelmed with information or maybe you are talking about it to EVERYONE you meet and leave the conversations more stressed? Then ask yourself, 'do I need to throw this second arrow?' Do I need to put this much time and energy into this behaviour/s? Finally, acknowledge that you are creating different and more positive behaviour patterns for yourself through this process. Mindfulness takes practice, be patient. I find this Two Arrows analogy very helpful in all areas of my life. Let me know how you go at, [anna@annamiley.com](mailto:anna@annamiley.com)

**Author:** Local, Anna Miley, Exercise Physiologist, Certified Yoga Teacher  
**Disclaimer:** Mindfulness techniques are useful in supporting wellbeing. Nothing in this article should be considered medical advice.



## With the COVID 19 virus threat affecting our everyday lives,

many Internet users that require assistance with their service may experience much longer waiting periods when calling for help. This is a result of certain containment measures introduced to call centres that deal with technical, billing, and provisioning support. This comes at a crucial time in our community as the NBN transition is at its peak now NBN is available in more areas of Woolgoolga and the Northern Beaches and can affect the transition and application of the new technology. NBN already has proven to have certain "teething problems" ranging from underlying infrastructure issues, address recognition, equipment

compatibility, appointment fulfillment, etc - it can be a very frustrating time for end users that expect a smooth transition to this new platform. Will the level of commitment and service from some Internet service providers get worse in the foreseeable future? I guess there is no telling. I try and write these articles without a sense of bias or self-promotion (as I have mentioned previously) however, in these uncertain times, we (Valaxus) are committed to provide our local community with any information that is requested or assistance that is required to make sure your internet needs are retained and issues resolved. For further information or assistance feel free to call our office on 1300 431 678 or visit our office located at 7 Bosworth Road, Woolgoolga.

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## AUDIO FILE - news from 87.6 FRESH FM (Woolgoolga's Own)



G'day Woopi! This column is to keep you informed of what is coming up at FRESH-FM.

The wet and wild weather of late has caused a few transmission problems for us, so you may have heard that reception has degraded a little, for this even though it's out of our control, we apologise. We are working on it and hope to have an optimum broadcast quality very soon, if not by the time you have read this.

Keeping up with our local content we have recently received music from an exciting young local Coffs Coast band called UNISON.

As always, they will feature in the 'ALL AUSTRALIAN' programs broadcast every Wednesday and Saturday 7-10pm and Thursday 1 - 4pm. Also we have a release from the vaults by NITEBEAT based in Coffs featuring Oz music legends Julianne Mostyn (Flaming Hands) and Warwick Gilbert (Radio Birdman & The Hitmen).

This month we have a give-away of the NEW album 'Great South Road' by Dog Trumpet who have graciously sent us a copy for our listeners. Dog Trumpet are Peter O'Doherty and Reg Mombassa famed ex-members of Mental As Anything. To be the lucky winner of an advance release copy just email us and tell why and what you like listening to on 87.6 FRESH-FM. The winner will be announced in the Woopi News May edition.

Don't forget that if you want to contribute to the station in any way please let us know.

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*Happy Listening - Michael*



## Community Kindness

A small group of Woolgoolga CWA ladies decided to make knee rugs for seniors in lockdown at the Nursing home. They brought lots of joy to residents at this difficult time.

## CWA Woolgoolga are holding a Clothes Swap Party

Bring along your own clothes to swap, or drop them off beforehand to a CWA member. Saturday 18 April, 2pm. 21 Beach Street Woolgoolga Entry \$10 includes CWA afternoon tea. Proceeds to Woopi Schools and Community Groups Inquiries: Trish 0417 409 627.

## Knitting 'Wrap with Love' Blankets

Enjoy knitting, crocheting or chatting . . . join in our group of like-minded ladies. These lovely ladies knit their hearts out - and enjoy lots of fun and laughter in the process. They volunteer their time to knit and crochet blankets for the Charity group, 'Wrap with Love', who in turn distribute the wraps to people in areas of trauma and need - both in Australia and around the World. Not sure about that pattern you have tucked away, bring it to one of our classes. Lots of laughter and fun over a cuppa. Woolgoolga Seniors Centre. Every Thursday, until July 2.

## Learn about Child Development

Are you a parent with a child aged 0-6 years, an Early Childhood Educator or someone supporting young children? You're invited to one of the information sessions Northcott, an NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention Partner in the Community, will be holding in Woolgoolga.

During these sessions they will talk about: • Tips for understanding child development • How to assist children to grow and learn • How the NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) program works • How families can access support and funding. You will also be able to meet the Northcott ECEI team, who will be available for a one on one chat about your child's development.

Sessions will be held on Thursday 2nd April and Thursday 7th May, at Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre, from 10am to 1pm. A complimentary morning tea will be provided.

If you are planning to attend one of the sessions, please let them know by email at [wncentre@outlook.com](mailto:wncentre@outlook.com) or by phone to 6654 1598.





**Boomerang Bags** will be at Art By The Sea Craft Markets on Easter Monday.

**CWA Woolgoolga** third Monday 10am, CWA Rooms, 21 Beach Street. Trish 0417 409 627.

**Craft Group** every Tues 1pm Uniting Church, 5 Trafalgar Street

**CROQUET** Tuesday and Friday morning at 8am. Ganderton Street

**Days for Girls** Coffs Coast Team meets every 4-6 weeks on a Saturday from 1pm Uniting Church Hall, 5 Trafalgar St. Contact: Merran Storrie 0428 571 676 or Theresa Peppernell 0407 212 745 coffscoastnsw@daysforgirls.org Facebook Group Days For Girls Coffs Coast Team

**Euchre** every Thur at Woolgoolga Diggers 1pm, \$2

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**Grandparents and Kinship Carers** 2nd Monday 10am Support group for Grandparents and Carers raising children. An opportunity to chat with people who know and understand what you might be going through. Neighbourhood Centre. 6654 1598

**Lions Club Woolgoolga** first and third Thursdays 6pm, Woolgoolga Bowling Club. woolgoolga@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au or 0444 548 646

**Men's Group** meets every Tues from 9am. Board games and cards, Uniting Church, 5 Trafalgar Street.

**North Coast Potters** are welcoming new members for workshops and other activities. Lyn 6654 2478 or northcoastpotters@gmail.com

**Paul Mannix JP** for the services of the New South Wales Justices Association Inc (NSWJA) A free JP service every Friday between 9am - 10.30am at Woolgoolga Central outside the Bakery. Paul can also be contacted on 0418120066 for any urgent matters.

**Red Cross** second Tuesday 1.30pm CWA rooms 0409 600 056 Friendship afternoon tea last Friday of month, Senior Citizens 2pm 0409 600 056

**Rotary Club** of Woolgoolga, meet second and fourth Mondays 6-8pm

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**Rotary auction** first Sat of month.

**Seagulls Woolgoolga** - Centre Based Respite Care - Community Centre, 8 Boundary Street, 6654 0766

**Seinagers Morning Tea** 4th Thursday of the month. The Sunken Chip, Sandy Beach 10.30am You will get to meet other retired folk have a laugh, a chat a few jokes, enjoy a free coffee and slice.

**Tennis** Each Tuesday mornings at 9 am an intrepid group of senior ladies and one brave gent play at the town courts. Always open to newcomers - \$3.50 covers the cost of the court rental, provides balls and usually funds their end of the year lunch

**Wesley Youth Accommodation Service - Woolgoolga Outreach Service.** Specialist homeless service for young people and children between the ages of 12-25 Every Tuesday 1.30-4.30pm Neighbourhood Centre.

**Woolgoolga Art Gallery**, Turon Parade. Open seven days 10am-4pm

**Woolgoolga Community Centre** (also known as Mud Brick Hall) 8 Boundary Street

**Woolgoolga Community Health Centre Early Childhood Health Clinic.** Infant health screening, feeding advice, parent & child groups, new mothers' groups, immunisation programs and referrals where appropriate. 6654 1111

**Woolgoolga and District Retirement Village Auxiliary** meet second Monday 2pm Contact President Gail 6649 1816 or Beth 6649 2835

**Woolgoolga Day VIEW Club** Meet 3rd Thur 10.30am Digger's Club. \$5 for coffee and meeting/speaker/activity of the day. Stay on for lunch in the Bistro if desired. VIEW - Voices, Interests, Education of Women - supporting the Smith Family's Learning For Life Program. Contact Barbara Letts 0458 420 780 woolgoolgaday@gmail.com

**Woolgoolga and District Garden Club** meets second Saturday, 1.30pm Senior Centre. 0419 414 324

**Woolgoolga District Orchid Society**, fourth Saturday, 2pm Community Centre. 0447 323 761

**Woolgoolga Evening View Club** meet 2nd Wednesday, 6pm C.ex Club (Bowlo) in the cinema room. Meeting followed by guest speaker and dinner

contact Secretary Elfie Garbers 0427 541 032. woolgoolgaeveningviewclub@gmail.com Visitors always welcome

**Woolgoolga Meals on Wheels** and other food Services for over 65's. Open Mon, Wed and Fri 10am-1pm 8 Boundary Street (Mud brick hall) 66542870. Good quality meals, desserts and soups at a reasonable price. Deliveries on Mondays or pick up available from the office/kitchen.

**Woolgoolga Mens Shed** 6656 1210

**Woolgoolga Mental Health Carer Support Group** meet fourth Thursday 10am Neighbourhood Centre

**Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre** Cnr Beach and Boundary St 6654 1598

**Woolgoolga Probus Club** meet fourth Wednesday, Diggers 0410 466 188

**Woolgoolga RSL Sub Branch** is part of RSL NSW their aim is to care for serving and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their families. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, except January, 10.30am, at Woolgoolga Diggers Club.

**Woolgoolga Seniors' Centre** 6 Boundary Street, 6654 7311. Membership is \$10 per year. Come and have some fun and meet new friends. We have a range of activities/events including exercise classes, craft and knitting groups, computer classes, indoor lawn bowls, table tennis, bus trips (local and interstate), lunches, line dancing and Rummiking.

**Woolgoolga Sewing and Textiles Art Group** meets Tuesday mornings, Masonic Hall (next to Woolworths). Learn to sew, work on own projects. Machines/equipment available. 9.30am to 12.30pm. Ph. 0498 109 108

**Woopi Community Gardens** - open Wed and Sat 8-12. Come for a cuppa at 10am woopigardens@gmail.com www.woopigardens.com.au 0421 225 369

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## Woolgoolga RSL Women's Golf Club

Safety Beach golf course hosted twenty one ladies on Tuesday March 10 to play a Coloured Ball comp in conjunction with single stableford. The very welcome rain is causing a bit of grief at present and rather than sunny skies and lots of run on the course, they are finding the wet weather quite a challenge at present. Division 1 winner on the day was Rose Morrow with 33pts, Division 2 Gaile Mackenzie 29pts and Division 3 Karina Bettision 25pts. Coloured Ball comp winners were the team of Judy Pattison, Linda MacDonald and Trish Hill. NTP 4th Marie Matthews, 9th Trish Hill and 11th Carole Stone. Balls went to Judy Pattison, Karen Bellamy and Lex Bailey. Thank you to Mandy Purchase for donating the raffle won by Judy Boyle. Woolgoolga RSL Women's Golf Club have a very active club but new members and players are always welcome. Their Pennant Comp commenced for the year on March 16 and was played between Woolgoolga,



President Lyn Reilly, Overall Club Champion Marian Brading and Captain Leanne Clark.

Bellingen, Sawtell, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Macksville and Bowraville. It's a wonderful group of ladies who travel far and wide to play golf. A 9 hole Wine Run comp is playable over the week at a time to suit you and there is plenty of social time too. They are hosting the Central North Coast Seniors Tournament over two days, May 4th and 5th.

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