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A Word from the Editor

WELCOME TO OUR DECEMBER EDITION OF THE

About MAGAZINE.

The end of another year is nearly upon us, what a year it has been again.

Christmas time is a great time of the year for all. It is a chance for us to catch up with family and friends, some we might not have seen since last Christmas. It is a great time to relax and enjoy the beautiful place we live in.

Where better to be at Christmas than in the bay and basin area. Make sure to enjoy a family BBQ and a swim in the pristine waters of the close to home or maybe a day out on the boat is more your style, whatever you like doing enjoy the time with those special people in your life and be safe.

Be patient with the tourists who come into our area over the next month or so. They are the lifeblood of this area for many of our local businesses. Show them some patience and a smile, show them that this is the friendly place to be like I know it is.

Thank you to all our many supporters, contributors and readers over this past year, **About** still remains the only free community magazine delivered to households in the Bay & Basin.

This month's must reads:

- What Lies Beyond – UAE - United Arab Emirates – Page 13
- Monthly Feature - Pages 28 & 29
- Schools Corner – from Page 39

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“November has been and gone, and the countdown to Christmas has now begun.

Our shop front looks slightly different for now due to the recent motor vehicle accident that damaged the branch. Thankfully, nobody was hurt, we are open and ready to countdown to Christmas with you all. We hope to have our branch shopfront fully restored and back to normal by mid-December.



Our **Christmas Giving Tree** is now up in the branch. We are proud to once again be accepting donations for our local Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Donations of gifts and non-perishable food items can be placed under the tree in our branch. See if you can spot our Elf on the Shelf hiding around the branch in the lead up to Christmas.

Please be vigilant for scams at this time of year as we all go through the rollercoaster that is last minute Christmas shopping. Make sure you pick up a copy of our "Black Book of Scams" when in our branch and remember never to click on any suspicious links that have been emailed or sent to you. Our staff will never request your log in credentials over the phone. If you're in doubt, hang up the call and ring our branch number.

We wish our customers and our community a very safe and Happy Holiday season.

Until next month, Luke Nolan – 4443 9825

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Basin Villages Forum

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Two newly elected Shoalhaven City Councillors attended the BVF October meeting. Councillors presence at Forum meetings is invited and encouraged as it gives local residents the chance to meet their elected representatives and also notify them of problems that are occurring.

It was noted that Mitchell Pakes had resigned after winning election as Councillor causing a count back to find his replacement

Councillor Gillian Boyd has been a regular at Forum meetings during her recent term as a Ward 3 Councillor. Councillor Bob Proudfoot was also in attendance.

Both Councillors spoke to the meeting about SCC finances and advised that a Financial Advisory Committee was being formed that would include 5 community members. Other issues discussed were the 45deg rule and Vincentia Golf Club outcome.

State of local roads also raised and quality of repair. Noting that Disaster Fund from NSW Govt could assist Council.

CCB Executive meeting with Council. Representatives of BVF will attend the Combined Community Consultative Bodies (CCB) Executive meeting with Shoalhaven City Council staff and Councillors. This meeting gives all CCB reps the chance to hear about Council issues and discuss their own with SCC. Outcomes of these meetings are reported to Forum monthly meetings.

Island Pt Jetty. Work has commenced on the almost destroyed jetty at end of Island Point Rd, St Georges Basin after the work being logged in 2021. Unknown if work will be completed by Christmas.

Name change was discussed and highlighted that the only possible change would be for renaming Basin Villages Forum and not for the

St Georges Basin waterway.

Noted that a Great white shark had been seen in St Georges Basin waterway.

All residents in northern local villages of St Georges Basin are automatically members of BVF, able to attend meetings and not only have input into issues raised but to raise issues occurring in their local area.

Basin Villages Forum meets every 3rd Monday of each month excepting December and January of each year.

The next meeting of the BVF will be 17th February 2025 at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton St, St Georges Basin. Enquiries – 0411 572 725

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When he is not in the practice Ish does voluntary work with Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (University of Sydney).

Come in and have a chat, we are here to help!

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MARINE RESCUE NSW JERVIS BAY UNIT

2025 Australia Day Marine Rescue DUCK DERBY



2025 Australia Day Marine Rescue Duck Derby is on again: at last, many people have said!

Join us on Australia Day, Sunday 26th January 2025 @ 0900 Moona Moona Creek Huskisson for a day of family fun and entertainment. Bring a picnic rug, bring the family and watch your duck race to the finish line for a chance of winning \$500 cash.

This event is the major fundraising event for the Jervis Bay Marine Rescue and the volunteers of Jervis Bay Marine Rescue have put a lot of effort into bringing you a bigger brighter show this year and we would love everyone to come along and make the day a roaring success while having the time of your life watching the ducks race with the tide.

An added bonus this year will be a free bus (optional gold coin donation) from HomeCo

via Burton St Mall to Moona Creek plus an electric Tuk Tuk from Huskisson kindly donated by Wat2do.

If you haven't been before, it is a sight to be seen as 500 plastic ducks are released into Moona Moona Creek with the purchaser of the ticket to the winning duck taking home a cool \$500 in cash. The kids just love the excitement of it all. We are hoping to sell 12 races this year plus a Corporate Race, where local businesses vie for first place and win \$1000, generously donated by Chilko Air.

2ST will be broadcasting live for 3 hours at the event and promoting all those businesses who have supported this Corporate Race.

As well as the races, the Gadhungal Murring Aboriginal Community have agreed to participate again this year and will again wow us all as they did in the 2024 Duck Derby with their interactive songs and games after

the smoking ceremony. There will be food and market stalls plus live entertainment.

Duck tickets are on sale now and there is also the opportunity to buy race tickets online. On Saturday mornings tickets are available at HomeCo Vincentia & Owen St. Huskisson. Tickets will also be sold at the Huskisson Markets at the Marine Rescue Gazebo. Alternate Thursday afternoons will see us selling tickets at The Country Club – St Georges Basin. Race 1 is an online race for anyone who can't make it to purchase their tickets.

Limited tickets can also be purchased on the day. Find more information on the Facebook & Instagram pages for Marine Rescue Jervis Bay.

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A \$5 entry entitles you to a sumptuous MORNING TEA with tea or coffee, Spinning Wheel, Lucky Door Prize and also raffles during the morning.

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Lamb Kofta

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 kg lamb mince
- 1 small brown onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/2 tsp chilli flakes
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint leaves
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 2 tsp mild paprika
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- Skewers

METHOD

1. Place all ingredients above into a bowl. Mix to combine.
2. Shape 1/4 cup lamb mixture at a time into sixteen 8cm long sausages. Thread 1 sausage onto each skewer. Place on a large baking tray. Cover. Refrigerate for 20 minutes or until firm.
3. Heat an oiled barbecued plate on high. Add koftas. Reduce heat to low. Cook, turning occasionally, for 10 minutes or until cooked through.
4. Transfer to a large baking tray. Cover with foil. Rest for 5 minutes. Serve.



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Local Youth Leader Makes History in Shoalhaven

Old Erowal Bay's Harriet Percy has made history as the first young person in the Shoalhaven to complete the Youth Insearch Foundation's esteemed Year Long Leadership Program. Harriet graduated in October 2024, joining 14 other youths from across NSW, Queensland, and Victoria in an intensive journey of training and personal growth. Over the past year, she has served as a trainee leader at four Youth Insearch camps, including one in Victoria, with plans to become a fully accredited leader by March 2025.

The Youth Insearch Program, active in Shoalhaven since 2022, began offering its transformative weekend workshops for local youth in early 2023. These two-night, peer-facilitated workshops create a safe and supportive environment for young people aged 14-20 to address trauma and life challenges using open dialogue and trauma-informed practices. Led by trained Youth Insearch leaders and supported by social workers and other dedicated staff, the workshops help participants openly explore critical themes such as trust, self-esteem, grief, drugs and alcohol, communication, sexual assault, and family relationships. Firefly Bay and Basin has been a steadfast supporter of Youth Insearch since its establishment in the Shoalhaven, working actively to promote these life-changing workshops.

A Firefly staff member attends the weekend workshops as an Adult Support Worker and has referred more than ten of their clients to the program, witnessing firsthand the remarkable transformations these young people undergo.

Youth Insearch's reach in Shoalhaven includes outreach at Vincentia High School, Nowra High School and Bomaderry High School, connecting with a growing number of students. The Leadership Program itself takes on a select group each year, guiding them through a 12 month course that emphasises self-development, communication skills and leadership.

Looking ahead, Youth Insearch hopes that more young people who have participated in the weekend workshops will step up and join the 2025 Leadership Program, expanding a network of empowered young leaders. Currently, there are 11 applicants from our region.

With her inspiring journey, Harriet stands as a powerful role model, demonstrating that Shoalhaven youth can lead the way in personal growth, resilience, and community service.

Find out more about this program and how to support its life changing work go to youthinsearch.org.au.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHARITY We are proud to announce we are gearing up for our annual **Christmas Charity** offering, an initiative that has been running for several years. Each year, we've been humbled by the incredible generosity and support from our local community, and this year, your involvement is more crucial than ever.

Meeting the Growing Need With the ongoing cost of living crisis, many families in our community are facing unprecedented challenges. As a result, we anticipate a higher demand for hampers this year. Our mission remains the same: *to ensure that everyone in our community can experience the warmth and joy of the holiday season, regardless of their circumstances.*

Seeking Volunteers To meet the increased demand, we need more hands on deck. Whether you've volunteered in the past or are joining us for the first time, your help will be invaluable. From organising and packing to distributing hampers, every role is vital in making this year's drive a success.

Donations Needed Now More Than Ever In light of the current economic pressures, we're calling on our community to come together and donate what they can. Non-perishable food items, toiletries, and festive treats are all greatly appreciated. Every contribution, big or small, will make a significant difference in the lives of those who are struggling.

Nominations Open If you know someone who could benefit from a Christmas hamper this year, we encourage you to nominate them. Our goal is to reach as many people as possible, ensuring that no one in our community is left behind during this festive season. To nominate someone to receive a Changing Tide Christmas Hamper, go to <https://changingtide.com.au/community/xmas-hamper-drive/> and click on the link to complete the form.

EMBRACE TALK Are you facing a mental health crisis but struggling to find support due to financial constraints or long waitlists?

We believe everyone deserves access to quality mental health care, regardless of their circumstances. That's why we're excited to introduce Embrace Talk, a program funded by Club Grants, offering 4 free counselling sessions to individuals in need.

What is Embrace Talk? Embrace Talk is a short-term, solution-focused counselling program designed to provide immediate, practical support for individuals facing mental health challenges. Our sessions are evidence-based and focused on helping you find clear strategies to navigate through difficult times.

Who is it for? Embrace Talk is for individuals who:

- Are experiencing stress, anxiety, or other mental health challenges.
- Cannot access traditional counselling services due to financial reasons or long waitlists.
- Are looking for quick, effective support to address immediate issues.

How it Works Through Embrace Talk, you'll receive 4 free counselling sessions. These sessions are designed to:

- Help you identify the key challenges you're facing.
- Equip you with practical, actionable strategies to move forward.
- Offer a safe, supportive space to work through your concerns.

Why Choose Embrace Talk? Thanks to Club Grants and The Country Club – St Georges Basin, we're able to offer these sessions at no cost. Our approach is designed to get to the heart of the problem and provide you with immediate, effective strategies. With just 4 sessions, you can start making positive changes quickly.

Ready to Get Started? If you're ready to explore how Embrace Talk can help, go to <https://changingtide.com.au/community/embrace-talk-free-counselling-for-the-community/> complete the Expression of Interest form today and one of our team will be in touch to discuss your needs. We're here to help you take the next step in your mental health journey. ■



WHAT LIES BEYOND UAE - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Contributed by Corinne Le Gall

Simply put, seven states or Emirates, each with its own Emir as head, make up the country known as the United Arab Emirates or UAE for short. Each of these emirates is ruled by its own separate royal family with the emir of Abu Dhabi being the UAE's president and head of state while the emir of Dubai serves as the nation's prime minister.

The UAE (all seven states/Emirates) is classed as a country, with Abu Dhabi being the capital.

Perhaps the most known city within the Emirates is Dubai, being the hub of air traffic coming in from all directions making it a leading tourist destination and the playground for the rich and famous.

Whilst being close to other Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia, Oman and Yemen which in comparison seem 'closed' to westerners, the UAE and in particular Dubai, is one of the most multicultural countries in the world with only 15% of its population being native Emiratis while the remaining 85% are expatriates working and living there.

Opulence is everywhere and definitely on show. Dubai boasts the tallest building in the world - the Burj Khalifa. There is a 12 hectare artificial lake near the Dubai mall, at the centre of the Dubai development adjacent to the Burj Khalifa which has a light show every night from 6pm to 11pm, each half hour lasting about 5 minutes as well as a daytime show where the jets of the fountain sway in time to a range of melodies from 1pm to 1.30pm.

The other famous building is the 5 star hotel - the Burj Al Arab which is sometimes known as the world's only seven stars, when in fact officially the highest world rating for a hotel is 5 stars.

This hotel which sits on its own man-made island, is designed to resemble the graceful sail of an Arabian dhow (sailing boat). If you have a spare \$2,000+ you too could enjoy ONE night at this famous hotel.

Another show of opulence is the Palm Jumeirah which is an archipelago of artificial islands which from the air, resembles a palm tree. This structure added 56 kms to Dubai's coastline. Posh apartment towers, upmarket global restaurants, glitzy hotels, nightclubs and beach clubs dominate the landscape.

Yet another man-made feature is The World Islands - an archipelago of small artificial islands constructed in the shape of a world map, again best seen from the air.

Throughout the Emirates, although most of the wealth was/is attained through oil and gas reserves, Dubai is not the largest exporter. But, through its strategic location and leadership, exploitation of tourism, trade and real estate, has made Dubai the most well-known and visited. ■





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Spring into Sanctuary Point Festival A WINNING EVENT



Sanctuary Point Community Inc is delighted to report that our Spring Into Sanctuary Point fair was another winner for our community. Over 1,800 people attended on a sunny Saturday on 19 October at Francis Ryan Oval. The 46 stalls showcased the variety of interests and activities in our vibrant community such as Clifton Community Food Garden; Nowra Poultry Club and Amnesty International. Also present were community service organisations including Headspace, Red Cross, Meals On Wheels, the RFS and SES.

There was something for every age group from the Lions Club Geoffrey Giraffe jumping castle to Repower Shoalhaven electric cars. Keeping the crowd fed were food vans for coffee; ice cream; the Lions Club hot food and Sanctuary Point Chinese Restaurant.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Aboriginal Dance and Choir was provided by Sanctuary Point Public School. Other outstanding entertainment was provided by Shoalhaven City Concert Band, KC Dancers

and Music is a Verb. Thanks to the generous assistance of the Member for South Coast Liza Butler MP and a grant from the Shoalhaven City Council, we were able to hire a professional sound system this year.

The raffle was drawn and the lucky winners were ticket numbers 010351 winning a \$100 voucher from Sanctuary Point Garden Centre; 009579 won a \$100 voucher from Symone's Avenue of Beauty; 01067 won 6 months gym membership from Anytime Fitness Vincentia while ticket numbers 008223 and 008237 each won the lovely rugs hand crocheted by our Member Joan Hall. We thank the generosity of these local businesses.

Funds raised from the raffle will benefit the Community Pantry at the Uniting Church St Georges Basin. We also thank those who purchased raffle tickets as your bigheartedness greatly benefits those in need through this community organisation. *Pictured above* is SPCP President Allen Kruse with members Ruth Evans and John Svoboda receiving a certificate of

appreciation for the donation from Rev Janice Freeston, Team Leader of the Food Pantry together with her hard-working volunteers Diane, Tony, Janis, Ann, Judy, Louise, Christine & Tracey (Lynn was absent).

The winning vibe was also present in the free Lucky Gate competition. A total of 45 prizes were won by those who completed their entry tickets. We thank the donors of these prizes and a list of their names can be found on our website www.spcp.org.au.

We surveyed the stallholders after the fair and we appreciate their encouraging words and the time they took to help us progress our fair in the future.

To find out more about how Sanctuary Point Community Pride builds a connected and proud community visit our website www.spcp.org.au or check out our Facebook page. We hold monthly meetings and we welcome new members.

The Community Crop

The Community Crop is located at St Georges Basin Baptist Church, 165 The Wool Rd (opposite Shortcut Rd).

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Any one of these approved identification documents is acceptable, provided that it has not expired (except for an Australian passport, which is acceptable if it expired no more than two years ago). You must not accept any identification document that has been cancelled.

- A **driver's licence or permit** with a photograph of the person in whose name the licence is issued, whether issued in Australia or another country. **Please note Digital Licences are acceptable as identification but cannot be certified.**
- a **NSW photo card** issued under the Photo Card Act 2005
- an **Australian proof of age card** which contains the photograph of the person in whose name the card is issued
- an **Australian passport** (either current or expired less than 2 years ago)
- a **passport or similar document with the person's photograph and signature issued by another country or by the United Nations** (*with an English language translation if not in English*)
- a **national identity card issued by another country** or the United Nations for the purpose of identification with the person's photograph and signature (*with an English language translation if not in English*)
- an **Australian citizenship certificate (not laminated)**
- a **foreign citizenship certificate** (*with an English language translation if not in English*)
- a **birth certificate**, whether issued in Australia, another country or by the United Nations (*with an English language translation if not in English*)
- a **birth extract** issued by an Australian state or territory
- a **pension card issued by Centrelink** that entitles the person in whose name the card is issued to financial benefits
- a **credit card or passbook** from a bank, building society or credit union
- an **account or statement** of account from a bank, building society or credit union, up to one year old
- a **Medicare card, pensioner concession card, Department of Veterans' Affairs entitlement card** or other entitlement card issued by the Federal or any State Government
- an **electoral enrolment card** or other evidence of enrolment as an elector, up to 2 years old
- a **student identity card**, or a certificate or statement of enrolment up to 2 years old from an educational institution
- in the case of an inmate, an **inmate identification card**, or other document containing information identifying the inmate, prepared or used by the correctional centre in which the inmate is held in the case of a forensic patient, a **residential identity card**, or other document containing information identifying the patient, prepared or used by the mental health facility, correctional centre or other place in which the patient is detained
- in the case of a mental health patient other than a forensic patient, a **residential identity card**, or other document containing information identifying the patient, prepared or used by the mental health facility to which the patient is admitted
- a **police identification card** issued to a police officer by the Commissioner of Police.

A copy of one of the above identification documents is acceptable if the copy has been

certified as a true copy by either Justice of the Peace; Public Notary; Commissioner of the Court for taking affidavits; Australian legal practitioner authorised to take and receive any affidavit; the NSW Registrar-General; a Deputy Registrar-General, or other person by law authorised to administer an oath. However, the person who certified the copy must not be the same person who is witnessing the statutory declaration or affidavit.

You must not accept a certified copy of an identification document if the copy shows that the original has expired (except for an Australian passport, which is acceptable if it expired no more than two years ago) or that the original has been cancelled.

The Nowra JP Community Help Desk located at the Federal Members Office will operate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am until 2pm. A list of JP mobile numbers is available during all other hours – Contact 0407 065 031.

Regards, Laurie NSW Justices Association Inc.,
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A New Career Path for Paige with BCR Communities

When 24 year old Paige Bannister signed up for a free 'Training Taster Program' with BCR Communities, she wasn't expecting it to lead to a new career in only 12 weeks. Having worked in hospitality, customer service and childcare, the Sanctuary Point local thought the program, run through Kiama Community College, would be a simple stepping stone to the next stage of her working life.

"I wanted to join the program to learn new skills, improve my resume, and hopefully meet some new friends," Paige said. While the course provided her with the workplace skills she wanted, Paige was especially inspired by the part of the course that involved working on the new BCR Youth Collective Pods.

"I found working on the Youth Collective really interesting. I loved the idea of being involved with creating a space that will bring the community, and particularly young people together," Paige said. *"Growing up, I didn't really spend much time in Sanctuary Point, I would go to Nowra or Huskisson. It would have been great to have a place like the Youth Collective to meet up with friends."*

When Paige completed the course and said she wanted to continue working for the community, the BCR team – already impressed by her enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism – encouraged Paige to apply for a paid role with BCR in aged care.

"I am really looking forward to working for BCR, doing more training in aged care, and meeting and getting to know the clients," Paige said. *"I love knowing that I will be helping people in my community to keep living in their own homes."*

If you would like to learn more about the BCR Youth Collective or career opportunities with BCR Communities, please phone 1300 222 748 or visit BCRcommunities.com.





Wool Road Spinners & Weavers

Inc.



Looking back and Looking forward

As the year draws to a close, the members reflect on the projects that have been completed, or the planning for the next. As like any craft, spinning, weaving and felting with the associated knitting and crocheting becomes somewhat addictive. How can you resist the lure of another colourful, squishy bag of wool!!

I was gifted a merino fleece from my son-in-law's family farm, given with the statement: "*We saved you the best fleece!*" This was a bit daunting as there was 7.5kg of very dirty but fine merino fleece and being not a super experienced spinner, quite a challenge!

The process is slow as I have to carefully wash small amounts at a time; requiring soaking, several washes and then a number of rinses. Then comes drying, flicking it out with a dog comb and carding it, using what is called a drum carder which further brushes the fibre. Now its ready to spin, ply, skein and wind into balls. What excitement when I began the knitting!

So you know what I am looking forward to in 2025..... further washing, carding, spinning and knitting for two jumpers, because like most spinners and weavers, I have, dare I say it, bags of such beautiful wools that I am itching to spin.

So if you want to spend some time with others, revive or start a new craft, come and join us in 2025. You are always welcome to join us. It doesn't matter if you know little or anything about spinning or weaving, the ladies are always delighted to set you off on a discovery involving fibres: wool, alpaca, silk or cotton to name a few. We do have fun!!

Don't forget we are having our Biennial exhibition in the Tomerong Hall over the June long weekend in 2025. You never know there might be a finished jumper on exhibition!!!

After the Christmas break our next meeting will be the 16th January: Jervis Bay Baptist Church classroom, 1 St George Ave, Vincentia – 9.30am to 1pm. Judy 0403 212 237

Have a safe and relaxing time over Christmas and the New Year



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JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**Volunteer Help Desk**

We are available to help to answer your questions at The Office of the Federal Member for Gilmore, Suite 3, 59 Junction St, Nowra (around corner from PO). **For more info or to join the local J.P. Branch call Brenda 0407 065 031**

Tennis: Ladies Doubles**Social tennis only – no competition**

Ladies come along for some exercise & social activity at The Country Club, StGB. **We need more players for Wed AM. Ph: 0409 920 878**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**


Do you have a particular interest and would like to help Basin View Masonic Village? We need your help with activities such as bus trips, craft, exercise and various entertainment events. Just a few hours of your time occasionally will put a smile on the faces of our residents. **Contact Michelle or Jo on 4443 5034 during office hours.**

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Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc.

The Old School 888 Greenwell Pt Rd, Pyree. Open every Sun 10am and 1st & 2nd Thurs 10am – 2pm. shoalhavenfamilyhistory.org.au LIKE us on 

NOWRA & DISTRICTS TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED (TPI) SOCIAL & WELFARE CLUB

Are you a Military TPI looking for social interaction??? Come join us! We are seeking new members. We hold our meetings at the Nowra Veterans Wellbeing Centre, 124 Wallace Street, Nowra, on the 3rd Tuesday at 11am as well as having social outings and lunches. **For more information contact Secretary Leanne Wehmeier on 0419 464 313.**



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We meet every 4th Wednesday of the month at 1pm at the Holy Spirit Church Hall, St George Ave, Vincentia. Become involved in our disaster relief and other activities. We also have a singing group which practises Wednesday mornings, and performs at nursing homes and day care centres plus the odd bit of busking throughout the year. Support and friendship.

Pres. Margaret Klem 0491 622 405 or Elaine Ladyga, Singing Group 0490 007 483


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Shoalhaven Transition a worldwide grassroots movement, transitioning communities towards a more sustainable future. **Meets monthly 4443 4713.**

Shoalhaven Beekeepers Assoc Inc.



meet West Street Community Centre, West St, Nowra on the 3rd Wed (ex. Dec 2nd Wed) at 5.30pm for cuppa, meeting starts 6pm sharp, guest speakers most months. For more info email shoalhavenbeekeepers@gmail.com or 

TOMERONG MARKETS

Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8am till 1.30pm. Lots of local handmade products and snacks. Find us on  and  @Tomerong Markets

SHOALHAVEN INDIAN MYNA ACTION GROUP

This facebook page has been setup for the community to share information, educate and share ideas on this pesty bird, the "Flying Rat" Indian Myna which competes and harm's our native birdlife. Join the group for some valuable information to help our local wildlife.



We meet at Jervis Bay Baptist Church school room, behind the Church, cnr Wool Rd & St George Ave, Vincentia, on 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 9.30am to 1pm.
Phone Judy 0403 212 237.

Local Markets

Berry Country Fair 1st Sun (except Feb held 2nd Sun) ||
Berry Showground, Alexandra St || 4464 1476

Clifton Community Food Garden Fundraiser

3rd Sat || 10am - 12 noon || at the garden Clifton Street,
Sanctuary Point || 0412 793 319

Huskisson Markets 2nd Sun || Huskisson Sports Ground
|| 0409 740 704 (BH)

Jervis Bay Maritime Museum Markets

Twilight Museum Market 1st Sat || 3-7pm || Dent St,
Huskisson || Ph 4441 5675 || e: markets@jlbmm.asn.au

Milton Village Showground Markets

1st Sat PLUS
Long Weekends & Easter || Milton Showgrounds, Croobyar Rd,
Milton || miltonvillagemarkets@gmail.com

Pyree Village Arts & Craft Markets

4th Sun ||
Shoalhaven Potters Workshop, Greenwell Pt Rd, Pyree
|| 4443 7312

Royal Coastal Patrol Market Ulladulla

2nd Sun ||
Ulladulla Harbour & Wharf, Wason St, Ulladulla || 4455 3403

Sussex Inlet Flea Market

2nd Sat || Uniting Church Hall,
Jacobs Dr, Sussex Inlet || 4441 1546

Tomerong Village Market

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Tue 3rd	Cash Housie Starts 10:30am Bingo Starts 6:30pm Trivia from 6:30pm Christmas Ham Raffle Tickets 4:30pm, Draw 6pm \$15 Burger & Beer Tuesdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm
Wed 4th	Bingo Starts 10:30am \$15 Wednesday Steak Night* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Wednesday Mega Meat Raffle Tickets from 4:30pm, Draw 6pm Sub Club Raffle Draw 6:30pm Wednesday Night Poker Register 5:30pm, Start 6:30pm
Thu 5th	\$15 Parmageddon Thursdays On Point Kitchen from 5pm Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm
Fri 6th	Friday Bingo 10:30am - 2:30pm Auditorium Friday Afternoon Poker Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm Fantastic Friday Cash Draw Drawn 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm & 9:30pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm Hitlist Fridays 7pm Main Lounge
Sat 7th	Kids Toy Raffle Tickets 12:30pm, Draw 2pm Free Live Entertainment Hav N Fun Karaoke 7pm - 11pm Santa Visit 3pm - 5pm Dreams - Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks Tribute Show Auditorium Doors 7pm Show 8pm

Sun 8th	Poker - Sunday Poker Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm Sunday Meat Raffle Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm Free Live Entertainment Keith Zehr 4pm - 8pm
Mon 9th	Bingo - Morning 10am - 12pm Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm \$15 Pork Ribs & Beer Mondays* Available from 5pm Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm
Tue 10th	Cash Housie Starts 10:30am Bingo Starts 6:30pm Trivia from 6:30pm Christmas Ham Raffle Tickets 4:30pm, Draw 6pm \$15 Burger & Beer Tuesdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm
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Thu 12th	\$15 Parmageddon Thursdays On Point Kitchen from 5pm Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm
Fri 13th	Friday Bingo 10:30am - 2:30pm Auditorium Friday Afternoon Poker Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm Fantastic Friday Cash Draw Drawn 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm & 9:30pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm Hitlist Fridays 7pm Main Lounge Car or Cash Major Draw 7pm - Finalist MUST be present
Sat 14th	Santa Visit 3pm - 5pm Free Live Entertainment Last Chance Honey 7pm - 11pm

Sun 15th	Poker - Sunday Poker Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm Sunday Meat Raffle Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm Free Live Entertainment Rock-A-Holics 4pm - 8pm
Mon 16th	Bingo - Morning 10am - 12pm Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm \$15 Pork Ribs & Beer Mondays* Available from 5pm Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm
Tue 17th	Cash Housie Starts 10:30am Bingo Starts 6:30pm Trivia from 6:30pm Christmas Ham Raffle Tickets 4:30pm, Draw 6pm \$15 Burger & Beer Tuesdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm
Wed 18th	Bingo Starts 10:30am \$15 Wednesday Steak Night* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Wednesday Mega Meat Raffle Tickets from 4:30pm, Draw 6pm Sub Club Raffle Draw 6:30pm Wednesday Night Poker Register 5:30pm, Start 6:30pm
Thu 19th	\$15 Parmageddon Thursdays On Point Kitchen from 5pm Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm
Fri 20th	Friday Bingo 10:30am - 2:30pm Auditorium Friday Afternoon Poker Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm Fantastic Friday Cash Draw Drawn 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm & 9:30pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm Hitlist Fridays 7pm Main Lounge
Sat 21st	Free Live Entertainment SiRenics 7pm - 11pm

Sun 22nd	Poker - Sunday Poker Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm Sunday Meat Raffle Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm Free Live Entertainment Mick on Wheels Trio 4pm - 8pm
Mon 23rd	Bingo - Morning 10am - 12pm Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm
Tue 24th	Cash Housie Starts 10:30am Bingo Starts 6:30pm
Wed 25th	<p>CLOSED</p>
Thu 26th	Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm Free Live Entertainment Rock Chic 7pm - 11pm
Fri 27th	Friday Bingo 10:30am - 2:30pm Auditorium Friday Afternoon Poker Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm Fantastic Friday Cash Draw Drawn 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm & 9:30pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm Free Live Entertainment William Wallace 7pm - 11pm
Sat 28th	Free Live Entertainment Hits Central 7pm - 11pm

Sun 29th	Sunday Meat Raffle Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm Free Live Entertainment Raven 4pm - 8pm
Mon 30th	Bingo - Morning 10am - 12pm Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm Free Live Entertainment Hav N Fun Karaoke 7pm - 11pm
Tue 31st	New Year's Eve Free Live Entertainment Backlash 7pm - 12:30pm The Hub Cocktail Lounge Brian King 6pm - 9pm

*Member Price

WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER



Weekly Meetings

1st St Georges Basin Scout Group ■ Tasman Rd Scout Hall, SGB ■ Tue 5pm Joey Scouts; 6.30pm Cub Scouts ■ Wed 6pm Scouts ■ Mon 6.30pm Venturers ■ Paula 0400 674 525

Al Anon - Huskisson ■ Thu 10am ■ Huskisson Community Centre Dent Street, Huskisson

Alcohol and Drug Treatment ■ Lives Lived Well ■ Nana Muru (Better Road) ■ Free day rehabilitation program runs over 6 weeks in bay and basin (non-residential) ■ Mobile withdrawal program for residents of Nowra and bay and basin ■ 18 yrs and over ■ 1300 727 957 ■ self refer via website www.liveslivedwell.org.au

Basin Radio Controlled Yacht Group ■ Jetty at Island Pt Rd, SGB ■ Tue & Sat 9.30am ■ Racing starts 10am ■ Tony Blackmore 0427 450 278 or Malcolm Griffiths 0431 094 520

Basin Track Bushcare ■ Wed 9am ■ <https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/For-Residents/Our-Environment/Bushcare> ■ michael.smith@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au ■ 0434 691 367

Bay & Basin Art Group ■ Community Centre, Loralyn Ave StGB ■ Mon 9.30am-12.30pm ■ Over 50s ■ Lyn 4443 2848

Bay & Basin Bombers Junior AFL Club ■ Leisure Centre, Wood Rd, Ventinctia ■ Thu 4.30-5.30pm ■ Girls & Boys aged 6-17 ■ Jeff 0420 749 402 or Chris 0403 047 659 ■ www.bombers.net.au

Bay & Basin Bush Potters ■ 48 Edmund St, Sanctuary Point ■ Mon 9am-2pm ■ Lesley 0426 878 421

Beginners Belly Dance Class ■ Huskisson Community Centre ■ Wed 5-6pm ■ Ph Mimi 0461 576 176

Best Fitness ■ Huskisson Community Centre ■ Tue 4.30-5.30pm ■ Ph Mimi 0461 576 176

Clifton Community Food Garden Working Bees held 3 times a week ■ Daylight Saving Hours Tue 9am-12noon ■ Fri 3-6pm ■ Sat 9am-12noon ■ Non Daylight Saving Hours Tue 9am-12noon ■ Fri 2-5pm ■ Sat 9am-12noon ■ Jeff 0437 333 042

Collingwood Reserve Park Care Group ■ meet in reserve opposite Basin View Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade Shed ■ Mon 8.30am ■

CWA Jervis Bay Day ■ Huskisson Community Centre, Dent St ■ Tue 10am for craft, cuppa & chat ■ 3rd Tue General Meeting ■ Visitors welcomed ■ Pres. Emily Ede 0438 208 754

Dancing ■ Bomaderry RSL Club ■ Wed 7pm ■ permanent dance floor R'n'R, swing, country 2 step, rockabilly ■ Born to Boogie 0409 998 868

Heart Foundation Walking Group ■ Paradise Beach Sanctuary Point ■ Mon 9am ■ Sue Randles 0427 286 719

HuskiDrumming ■ Facilitated djembe drumming circle ■ Huskisson Community Centre ■ Sat 10.30am ■ All welcome ■ e: huskidrumming@gmail.com

Huskisson Girl Guides ■ During school terms ■ Huskisson Scout/Guide Hall, Kiola St (near Bowling Club) ■ Tue 5-6.30pm Junior Guides 6-9yrs ■ Wed 4.30-6.30pm Guides & Senior Guides 10-16 yrs ■ Parents and Friends Support Group 3rd Wed ■ Liesel Turnbull 4443 6007/0402 837 777

JB Walkers and Talkers ■ Meet Holden St Boat Ramp, Ventinctia ■ Pram friendly walking group ■ Fri 10.30am ■ e: lanaburkey@gmail.com

Jervis Bay Bridge Club ■ Huskisson Community Centre, Dent St, Huskisson ■ Fri 9.30am ■ All Bridge players welcome Ph 0421 332 991 or 0430 013 946

Jervis Bay Community & Men's Shed ■ Thu 9am-12pm ■ New members welcome both men & women ■ Colin Loudon 0412 347 322

Jervis Bay & Districts Activities Group ■ Fri 9am-1pm ■ Men & Women welcome ■ Colin Loudon 0412 347 322

Jervis Bay Paddle Group ■ weekly paddle group for kayakers ■ check  Jervis Bay Paddle Group page for schedule

Jervis Bay Physical Culture Club ■ Classes held Ventinctia Primary School & StGB Community Hall ■ www.jervisbayphysie.com.au ■ e: jervisbayphysie@gmail.com ■ Jaclyn 0422 458 485 or Amie 0405 438 057

Jervis Bay Wobbeongs Winter Swimming Club ■ Huskisson Beach south end ■ Racing season Sun 8.30am between 1st May & 30th Sept each year ■ Swim & Chinwag Mon-Fri 7.30am to 8am all year long ■ <http://wobbeongs.weebly.com/> or 

Karate ■ Sanct Pt Community Centre, 18 Sanct Pt Rd ■ Tue & Fri ■ 5.30pm

Line Dancing ■ Tue 10am-1pm SGB Community Hall, Meriton St, StGB ■ Mon 6-8.30pm Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club ■ Wed 10am-1pm Bomaderry Community Hall ■ Thurs 6-8pm StGB Community Hall ■ Laurel 0408 184 984

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Mannahouse Youth ■ Fri 7pm StGB Community Centre, 21 Meriton St, StGB ■ www.mannahouseyouth.org

MSCARC Inc. ■ (Mid South Coast Amateur Radio Club Inc.)
■ Wed from 7.30-9.30pm on air ■ New members always welcome ■ Ken 4403 0599

Nowra Healing Rooms ■ 12 Tarawara St, Bomaderry
■ Open Wed 10am-12pm, Thu 7-9pm ■ 0459 046 084 ■ No appointment necessary & no charge ■ www.healingrooms.com.au

Nowra Quilters ■ North Nowra Community Centre, 7 Hood Cl, Nth Nowra ■ Tue 9am-1pm ■ New members welcome
■ e: alex@themwarners.com

Nowra Town Band ■ 174 Kinghorne St, Nowra ■ Mon 5.30-6.30pm for Training Band & 7-9pm for senior practice
■ Private lessons available in brass and percussion ■ Hall 4422 0807 or Ross 4443 5745/0488 056 196

Raised Voices Community Choir SATB ■ Jervis Bay Baptist Church ■ Tue 7pm ■ New Members welcome
■ Ph Rosalie 0412 297 435

Rock and Roll Lessons ■ Huskisson Community Hall ■ Tue 7pm ■ Rock n Roll, Partner Dancing, Swing ■ Ph Laurel 0408 184 984 or Rob 0439 416 386

Scottish Country Dancing ■ Thu 2pm-3.30pm Senior Citizens Hall, Berry St, Nowra ■ Tue 7.30-9.30pm Presbyterian Church Hall, Kinghorne St, Nowra
■ Beginners welcome ■ Heather 4441 5496

Shoalhaven City Pipes & Drums ■ Mon 7pm ■ Nowra Wellbeing Centre, 124 Wallace St, Nowra
■ Ph Stuart 0404 471 957

Shoalhaven Concert Band ■ Junior, Concert and Stage band ■ Nowra School of Arts Annex, Berry St Nowra
■ Tue 6-9.30pm ■ Richard 0417 462 885 or see 

Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemens Dance Club 157 Junction St, Nowra ■ Wed 7-9.30pm ■ Social dancing inc. modern ballroom, new vogue, sequence, latin, rock n roll
■ visitors welcome ■ Ph Norm 0407 950 325

Shoalhaven Rock N Roll Group ■ SGB Country Club ■ Mon 7pm ■ John 0411 120 042 or Linda 4443 3364
■ www.shoalhavenrockandroll.org.au

Sing Australia, Vincentia ■ Community Singing Group ■ Jervis Bay Baptist Church, The Wool Rd, Vincentia ■ Thu 7-9pm ■ New members welcome ■ Jenny 4441 7713 ■ www.singaustralia.com.au

Smith Bay Bushcare Group ■ Basin View ■ Fri for 2-3 hours ■ Fran 4443 6324


Social Scrabble ■ The Country Club StGB ■ Thu 1-4pm ■ New players welcome ■ Ph Anne 0410 012 642 or Emily 0438 208 754

St Georges Basin Health & Com Transport Serv ■ Mon & Wed Local Health ■ Tue, Thu & Fri Nowra Area Health
■ 4423 6044 for bookings Mon-Fri 9am-12pm, 1-3pm

St Georges Basin Little Athletics ■ Sports Grounds, Larmer Ave, Sanctuary Point ■ Registration Ph Tracy 0423 846 194 or Michelle 0412 656 206

St Georges Basin Senior Citizens Club ■ Thu from 9am Bowls-Darts-Euchre, The Country Club — St Georges Basin
■ Ph Margaret 4443 6031

St Georges Basin Senior Citizens Walking Group ■ Alternate Fridays 9am onwards, ph Helen 0412 215 855, Colleen 0423 233 594

St Georges Basin SES Unit ■ 41 Tasman Rd, StGB ■ Wed 6.30pm ■ for training, providing advice to members of the community on storm/flood preparedness, new volunteer enquiries welcomed ■  NSWSESSGB

Sussex Inlet Computer Club ■ Sussex Inlet RSL Club ■ 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tue 10am-noon ■ All welcome

Table Tennis ■ Scout Hall, Tasman Rd, SGB ■ Wed 2-4pm ■ Adam 0401 020 827 please leave a message

Tennis ■ Errowal Bay ■ Grandview St, Errowal Bay ■ Booking enquiries 0491 978 037 ■ Monday & Tuesday morning social tennis players welcomed, as well as Thursday afternoon social tennis

Tennis ■ Huskisson ■ Owen St, Huskisson Casual bookings Wendy 4441 7985 ■ Adult Mixed Group Mon PM & Thu AM Ph June Gripping 4443 3065 or John Hayward 4441 6979
■ Ladies Tue AM Ph Jan Chappelow 4441 6417

Tennis ■ The Country Club, St Georges Basin ■ Social Mon 6-9pm & Thu 9am-1pm ■ Comps Tue or Wed 6-9pm
■ Ph 4443 0666 ■ thecountryclub.com.au/sport/tennis/

Vincentia Bush Care Group ■ Tue 9am - 12 noon ■ Ph 0418 460 594

Fortnightly Meetings

Bay & Basin Camera Club Vincenia Community Hall, rear Coles carpark ■ 2nd & 4th Tues 7.30-9.30pm
■ Pam 0401 043 833 ■ Kate 0417 713 850

SCA Shire of Adora Medievalists of the South Coast Wandandian Progress Hall ■ Every 2nd Wed 5.30-7.30pm
■ e: seneschal@adora.lochac.sca.org;
■ w: adora.lochac.sca.org/regular-activities

Shoalhaven Masonic Widows Association Basin View Masonic Village Hall, 130 The Wool Rd ■ 2nd Mon 10am ■ 4441 0436 or 4441 1644

Wool Road Spinners & Weavers Jervis Bay Baptist Church classroom, behind church, cnr The Wool Rd & St George Ave, Vincenia ■ 1st & 3rd Thu 9.30am-1pm
■ Judy 0403 212 237

Monthly Meetings

1st St Georges Basin Scout Group Meetings 1st Mon 6.30pm ■ Tasman Rd Scout Hall, SGB ■ Paula 0400 674 525

Amnesty International - Bay & Basin 3rd Mon ■ New members welcome ■ bayandbasinamnesty@gmail.com

Association of Independent Retirees-AIR Bomaderry Bowling Club, Meroo Rd, Bomaderry ■ 2nd Tue 10am ■ Peter Moate 4448 7788

Basin Business Forum Last Fri of the month ■ See  Basin Business Forum for more details and to RSVP
■ e: basinbusinessforum@gmail.com or

Basin View Daylight Lodge No.1015 (now consolidated with Lodge Milton No. 63) Milton Masonic Centre, 128 Princes Hwy, Milton ■ 2nd Mon 6pm
■ M/Ship & other enquiries Ken Sheppard 0428 638 611

Basin View Rural Fire Service Fire Station ■ 3rd Fri 6.30pm ■ Denise Fabreschi 0412 780 899

Bay & Basin Brew Club ■ 2nd Fri 7pm at alternate locations ■ Matt 0413 172 757

Bay & Basin Cancer Support Group Venue Room, SGB Country Club ■ 2nd Thu 10am-12pm ■ Dianne 4443 3275

Bay & Basin Cricket Club Meetings held 2nd Tue 7pm ■ St Georges Basin Country Club ■ Ph Chris 0403 113 362

Bay & Basin Multicultural Support Group Community Centre, Meriton St, SGB ■ 1st Thu 11am-1pm ■ Zaga Tkulja 4229 2755 or Anu Mehta 4422 5933

Bloomers & Buds Social Gardening Group

Inc. Community Centre, Dent St, Huskisson ■ Last Wed 9.30am ■ Ph Denise 0408 723 270

Combined Probus Club of Jervis Bay & Districts

Inc. SGB Country Club, Function Room ■ 4th Thu 9.30am-11.30am ■ Pres. Val Hyde 0422 477 771;
Sec. Denise Stevens 0408 008 460

Combined War Widows & Laurel Club of Legacy

Huskisson Meeting & Lunch ■ Club Jervis Bay (RSL) ■ 2nd Tue at 11am ■ Carol Barnes 0408 076 280

Country Labor – Jervis Bay/SGB Branch meets every month on the 2nd Wed ■ more info about joining, meeting times and venue email Debbie on debshapira@gmail.com

Honey Beez Gardeners Group 3rd Wed 11.30am ■ Vincenia Community Hall (behind Coles carpark) ■ Lauren 4443 5946

Huskisson RSL Sub Branch 2nd Thu 5pm
■ Club Jervis Bay ■ Sec Helen Walker 4441 5282

Huskisson Rural Fire Service 2nd Tue 7pm ■ Captain Sanna Reeves 0408 480 424

Jervis Bay Community & Men's Shed

Computer Service Day 1st Thu 1-3pm ■ Call Colin for booking 0412 347 322

Jervis Bay Divers Club Club Husky, 336 Huskisson Rd, Huskisson ■ Last Wed 7pm ■ contact _2@jervisbaydivers.org or call Susan 0409 875 358

Jervis Bay Lions Club Club Jervis Bay ■ 1st Thu 6pm for 7pm start ■ President Marie-Ann Watson 0412 401 917
Publicity Bob Hanlon 4441 6087

Jervis Bay Probus Club Inc. (C) RFBI Basin View Masonic Village, 130 The Wool Rd, Basin View ■ 3rd Mon 10am ■ Ian Collins 0424 292 625 ■
secretary.probusjervisbay@gmail.com

Jervis Bay Triathlon Club Inc. Usually Iluka, Booderee National Park ■ Group Training Day 3rd Sun 8am ■ All welcome including juniors ■ Pres. Tony Lim 0411 052 746 ■
admin@jervisbaytriathlonclub.org

Justice of the Peace Assoc NSW Shoalhaven

Branch Bomaderry Bowling Club, Meroo St ■ 1st Mon 1pm ■ Visitors most welcome ■ Brenda 0407 065 031

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Marine Rescue Jervis Bay - VMR 209 Voyager Park,
Currambene St, Huskisson ■ 2nd Fri 5.30pm @ Club Jervis
Bay (MRNSW members only) ■ 4428 2400

Nationals Branch Shoalhaven meetings ■ Ian 4443 3780

National Servicemen's Assoc., Shoalhaven Sub-Branch

Rotating meetings on 4th Sun ■ Ulladulla Ex-Servos Club
0930 for 1000hrs start ■ Nowra Ex-Servos Club 0930 for
1000hrs start ■ Sussex Inlet RSL Club 1000 for 1030hrs
start ■ Jim Reid 4421 2886

**Nowra & Districts Totally & Permanently
Incapacitated (TPI) Social Welfare Club**

3rd Tue 11am ■ Nowra Veterans Wellbeing Centre,
124 Wallace St, Nowra ■ Leanne 0419 464 313

Nowra Legacy Group 66 Bridge Rd, Nowra ■ 1st Mon
(except January) 10am ■ 4423 1795 or 0409 981 663

NSW Transport Authorities Retired Employees Assoc

Nowra Bowling Club, cnr Osbourne & Junction St ■ 2nd Thu
10am for 10.30am start ■ Pres. Bob 4421 5265 or Sec Aileen
4421 6660

Sanctuary Point Mens Shed 17 Clifton St, Sanct Pt ■
1st Thu 10.30am ■ All members welcome ■ Open Mon-Fri
9am-3pm ■ Any blokes that want to get out of the house for
a while drop in for a cuppa and a chat ■ John 0413 837 538

Shoalhaven Avicultural Society 2nd Tue 7.30pm ■
PCYC Hall Park Rd Nowra ■ 4423 4475

Shoalhaven Beekeepers Ass, Inc. West Street
Community Centre, West St, Nowra ■ 3rd Wed (ex. Dec 2nd
Wed) 5.30pm for cuppa, meeting 6pm sharp,
guest speakers most months
■ e: shoalhavenbeekeepers@gmail.com or 

Shoalhaven Caravan Club bi monthly 11am
■ Nowra Bowling Club followed by lunch ■
Ph Kathy 0427 874 201

Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemens Dance Club 3rd Sat
7-10.30pm ■ Shoal Ex-Servicemens Club 157 Junction St,
Nowra ■ social dance incl. modern ballroom, new vogue
and sequence, latin, rock n roll ■ visitors welcome light
supper ■ Ph Norm 0407 950 325

Shoalhaven Mark & Royal Arch Chapter No.73 1st
Thu 7pm ■ RFBI Village Hall, 130 The Wool Rd, Basin View ■
Freemasons (attached or current) ■ Glen Green 0417 453 999

Shoalhaven Orchid Society 3rd Mon Feb-May &
Sept-Dec 7pm; Winter day meetings 3rd Sat June, July &
Aug 10am ■ Bomaderry Community Centre, 17-19 Birriley
St, Bomaderry ■ Visitors welcome ■ 0419 241 177

Shoalhaven Philatelic Society 2nd Mon 7pm ■ Nowra
Bowling Club, Osborne St, Nowra ■ John 4421 4624

Shoalhaven Prostate Cancer Support Group ■

2nd Mon 10.30am ■ Coastal Waters Conference Room,
110 The Wool Rd, Worroving Heights ■ Fred Hocking
0435 628 110 e: ShoalhavenPCSG@gmail.com

Shoalhaven Scout Fellowship 3rd Sun ■ David Ravell
4441 8659

Shoalhaven Transition 1st Tue ■ Trish Kahler 4443 4713
or shoalhaventransition@yahoo.com.au

St Georges Basin Probus Club Inc. (Mixed) SGB
Country Club, Function Room ■ 3rd Thu 10am-12pm ■ Sec.
Robyn Dalleywater 4408 8084

St Georges Basin Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station, The
Wool Rd, SGB ■ 3rd Mon 7.30pm ■ Cpt Michelle 0427 288 340

Sussex Inlet Cancer Support Group 2nd Fri 10am ■
Sussex Inlet Neighbourhood Centre ■ Robin Lang 4441 0155
or Kay Cunningham 0408 297 325

Tomerong School of Arts 2nd Mon 1900hrs ■ Tomerong
School of Arts Hall ■ www.tomeronghall.com
■ New members welcome

Vincentia Red Cross Holy Spirit Church Hall, St George
Ave, Vincentia ■ 4th Wed (except Jan) 1pm ■ Enquiries
Margaret Klem 0491 622 405

Vincentia Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station, The Wool
Rd, Vincentia ■ 1st Mon 6.30pm ■ Cpt. 4401 1750

Wandandian Progress Association 1st Tue 6pm ■
Progress Hall ■ New members welcome ■
e: secretary@wandandian.org.au

Wildlife Rescue South Coast ■ Contact 0418 427 214
e: info@wildlife-rescue.org.au ■ 2nd Wed 7pm ■ Phone /
email for details of meetings via Zoom or venue TBA

Weekly Church Services

Anglican Church -

Vincentia ■ Vincentia Primary School, George Caley Place, Vincentia ■ 8.30am Traditional Service each Sunday
■ 10.30am Contemporary Family Service with kids and youth programs ■ Minister Campbell Mackay 0478 228 113

Basin Baptist Church ■ 165 The Wool Rd, SGB ■ Sun Morning Service 9.30am ■ Minister David Marsden 0408 779 451

Bay & Basin Uniting Church ■ Meriton St, SGB ■ Sun 9.30am Family Worship w/Jnr Church ■ Minister 4443 0864

C3 Church Jervis Bay ■ 20 Birriga Av, Worroving Hts ■ Sun 9.30am Family Service ■ Every morning except Sun 5.30am Prayer Meeting ■ Office 0429 335 024 ■ web: c3churchjervisbay.com.au

Holy Spirit Catholic Church ■ 23 St George Ave, Vincentia ■ Mass times: Sun 9.30am ■ Tue / Wed / Fri 8am ■ Wed 5pm ■ www.nowraparish.org.au/masses/mass-times

Jervis Bay Baptist Church ■ Cnr The Wool Rd & St George Av, Vincentia ■ Sun 9.30am Morning Service

Seventh-day Adventist Church ■ 169 McKay St, Nowra ■ Sat 9.30am Bible Study, 11am Worship Service ■ Future planning for possible Bay and Basin Contemporary Service ■ Minister Adam Tonkin 0413 538 514

Monthly Church Services

Spiritualist Meeting ■ Scout Hall, 39 Tasman Rd, StGB ■ 2nd Sun ■ 2pm ■ Ph 4443 0628

Other Activities

Australian Breastfeeding Association, Shoalhaven Group ■ 24 hour Breastfeeding Helpline 1800 686 268 for information about local Mum-to-Mum get togethers ■ www.breastfeeding.asn.au

Bay & Basin Branch of the Liberal Party ■ Meets Quarterly ■ 7pm ■ Venue SGB Country Club

Bay & Basin Uniting Church Huskisson ■ OP SHOP at Huskisson Church Centre ■ 53 Hawke Street, Huskisson ■ Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 9am-12.30pm ■ 4441 7495

Other Activities cont'd

BBCR Activities Hub ■ 18 Sanctuary Pt Rd, Sanctuary Point ■ Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am-3pm (closed Wed) ■ 4443 7681

Community Cottage ■ 48 Edmund St, Sanctuary Pt ■ Lesley 0426 878 421 ■ Mon Pottery 9am-2pm
■ Tue & Thu Gentle Fitness for Postural Strength - Move with ease 8-9am ■ Thu Phoenix Strings Ukles & Guitars practice 1-4pm

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Support Group ■ Nowra Community Health Centre, 5-7 Lawrence Av, Nowra ■ Contact Brenda Christiansen on 0422 006 550 or 4424 6321 for group times and dates ■ *Improving lives through shared experiences*

Tomerong School of Arts ■ Mon Pilates 6-7pm ■ Wed NIA 11.30-1.30pm ■ Sat Markets (3rd Sat) 8am-1.30pm ■ email tomerongmarket@gmail.com ■ Sat (4th Sat) Yoga Tapas 8-10am ■ Further info www.tomeronghall.com

Youth & Community Centre ■ 34 Paradise Beach Rd, Sanctuary Pt ■ 4443 9244 ■ Operating Hrs Mon-Fri 9-4pm offering a range of social & recreational activities

Community Forums

Basin Villages Forum ■ 3rd Mon 7.30pm ■ Meriton St Community Centre, SGB ■ Christine 4443 7665

Huskisson & Woollamia Comm. Voice ■ bi monthly 2nd Mon 7pm (Feb-Nov) ■ Huskisson Community Centre, Cnr Tomerong & Dent St, Huskisson ■ www.hwc.org.au ■ exec@hwc.org.au

Sanctuary Point Community Pride ■ Function Room at The Country Club, St Georges Basin ■ Christine 0409 363 243 or Gwen 0419 492 348 ■ e: sanctuarypointcommunitypride@gmail.com

Tomerong Community Forum ■ 2nd Mon 2030hrs directly after the School of Arts meeting ■ Tomerong School of Arts Hall ■ New members welcome

Vincentia Ratepayers & Residents Association

Vincentia Community Hall (Coles carpark) ■ 3rd Thu of every 2nd month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) 7.15pm coffe/tea/biscuit 7.30pm start ■ www.vrra.org.au ■ vrra.ccb@gmail.com ■ Secretary 0438 856 568 ■ vrra.ccb

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Venues for Hire

Bay & Basin Uniting Church Meriton St, StGB
‖ 4443 2642

Community Arts Cottage 48 Edmund St, Sanctuary Point ‖ Lesley 0426 878 421

Huskisson Community Centre Dent St, Huskisson ‖ Ph Peter 0401 436 353

Huskisson Scout & Guide Hall Kiola St, Huskisson ‖ Ph Scout South Coast & Tablelands 02 42746334

Jervis Bay Maritime Museum Classrooms Dent St, Huskisson

Sanctuary Point Youth & Community Centre 34 Paradise Beach Rd, Sanctuary Point ‖ Ph: 4443 9244

St Georges Basin Scout Hall Tasman Rd Scout Hall, St Georges Basin ‖ Tammie 0472 658 505

Tomerong School of Arts 358 Hawken Rd, Tomerong ‖ \$15 per hour ‖ Email tomeronghall@gmail.com ‖ www.tomeronghall.com

Vincenia Community Centre rear of Bilo carpark, Wool Rd, Vincenia ‖ 4429 3463

Wandandian Progress Association Hall D2683 Princes Hwy, Wandandian ‖ www.wandandian.org.au ‖ Booking Officer Anne Simpson 0405 527 655

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Barling, Debbie			0411 275 656
Gray, Frank	4443 5365		
HUSKISSON			
OLD EROWAL BAY			
Lord, Simone	4443 8300		
SANCTUARY POINT			
Flynn, Mark		0418 669 688	
Hawkins, Paul	4443 8800	0417 219 260	
Tyrell, Leesma		0420 921 778	
ST GEORGES BASIN			
Crass, Charles		0400 876 696	
Creighton, Sandra		0411 245 188	
Thomas, Jeff		0417 772 262	
TOMERONG			
Askew, Matthew		0422 068 209	
VINCENIA			
Casmiri, Luciano (Lou)		0438 856 568	

Local Services...Local Services...

Playgroups

Aboriginal Playgroup Mon 9.30-11am ‖ Noah's Inclusion Services the old church 48 Paradise Beach Rd, Sanctuary Point ‖ Ph Mel Harpur 4423 5022 or email mharpur@noahsark.nsw.edu.au

Sanctuary Point Sing & Play ‖ Tues 9.30-11.30am at Sanctuary Point Connect ‖ A free supported playgroup with music, craft and more ‖ Tracey Popple 4443 0520 or e: tracey.popple@det.nsw.edu.au

Splash Playgroup ‖ Mon 9.30-11.30am ‖ Paradise Beach Reserve ‖ Renee 0423 606 559

Baby Playgroup - for babies 6 wks to 2 yrs ‖ Thu 1-2.45pm at Sanctuary Point Connect ‖ Tracey Popple 4443 0520 or e: tracey.popple@det.nsw.edu.au

Little Steps - a playgroup for children not attending childcare ‖ the old church 48 Paradise Beach Rd Sanctuary Point ‖ Ph 4423 5022

St. Georges Basin Wed 9.30am ‖ Cnr Tasman Rd & Terry St, SGB ‖ Melissa Horselman 0424 218 547 or find us on facebook

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NOWRA C.W.A.

Contributed by John Blackmore

During 2024, the Nowra Branch of the Country Women's Association has celebrated 100 years of existence. As part of these celebrations, a display cabinet full of the group's memorabilia was set up in the archives of the Nowra Library. On the four levels of the cabinet were a variety of items and information which reflects the origins and development of NOWRA C.W.A.

On an information piece on one of these levels was recorded details of the first President of the Nowra C.W.A. Branch. Mrs Sarah Emily Morton was born in 1873 as Sarah Fuller. She married a Scottish doctor named Thomas Anderson, and they began their married life at Kiama in 1894. However, four years later, Dr Anderson was to die of consumption, leaving Sarah a widow in her mid-twenties.

Almost two decades later, Sarah married Mark Morton in 1919. He was the then Member for Wollondilly in the N.S.W. Parliament. Mark was the son of Henry and Jane Morton. In fact, he was one of their eight sons, three of whom (including himself) were elected as parliamentarians. In the September **About®** Monthly Feature this year, Numba House was mentioned as being the family home, with their father Henry Gordon, or H.G. Morton, working as *'the Right Hand Man To Alexander Berry'* when the flood plain south of the Shoalhaven River was being developed for farming in the latter half of the 1800s.

In the same information piece on the C.W.A., it stated that *"within a year of the branch being established, a block of land in Berry Street was purchased for 400 pounds, and a single room building with a verandah and toilets was built at a cost of 85 pounds"*. The President continued in her role until she died in 1935. One of the services established at the Nowra C.W.A. rooms was the employment of a baby health clinic nurse the year before this. This service was to continue there for 63 years.

Formed in 1922 aiming to improve the quality of life for women in rural areas, this association has been at the forefront of a wide range of

activities ever since. Although long perceived as *"the bastion of conservative older women from the bush, who spend their days making scones"*, the Country Women's Association has been much more than that over its existence. It has always raised funds through members using traditional skills like baking, but its advocacy for women living in rural communities has always been at its heart. Establishing services in these communities such as baby health centres, rest rooms, maternity wards and hostels for girls to attend school are examples of the work that C.W.A. groups have achieved during their existence.

In the case of this year's display in the town library, a substantial number of projects it has supported within and beyond the local district were listed. This includes: C.W.A. disaster funds; education of women in remote areas and Third World countries; our local hospital, including the Linear Accelerator Appeal; Nowra Eisteddfod and local high schools; Overseas Aid and water in to villages in Third World countries; knitting for the needy; the Royal Flying Doctor Service; and scholarships for young Australians. This range of activities are only some of the projects the local branch has undertaken down the years.

Within the display, a centerpiece feature was a hardback book produced in 2022 for the centenary of the organisation across New South Wales. Named THE WOMEN WHO CHANGED COUNTRY AUSTRALIA, this 320 page book is a comprehensive history of the development of the C.W.A. While acknowledging in its earliest chapters that *"a national umbrella organisation has existed for much of the past 75 years, each state, and the Northern Territory, operates quite separately. They do not even share the same motto, constitution, policies or priorities"*. The focus of this book is on the hundreds of branches which have existed across N.S.W. In her introduction, author Liz Harfull states that they *"laid the foundations for every C.W.A. in Australia"*.

By the start of the 1960s, approaching its 40th anniversary, this volunteer organisation had

assets exceeding a million pounds, which would today be worth many multiples of that figure in dollar value. The previous decade had seen C.W.A. membership peak a few hundred over 30,000 in 1953. By 1961, there were 27,000 members spread across 573 branches. Statewide, this represented “250 rest rooms, 175 baby health centres, 70 libraries, 20 playgrounds, and 10 holiday homes and cottages” established by C.W.A. branches. A feature of this period was that “a growing number of young mothers were joining branches, filling the spaces left by the pioneering members who had passed away”.

This decade saw one of the most intriguing chapters of NOWRA C.W.A.’s centenary of existence unfold. Its membership gave their assistance to the formation of a Wreck Bay–Worrigeer Aboriginal C.W.A. Branch in July 1961. They were “concerned about living conditions at the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Reserve”, but particularly the fact that “its isolation and lack of public transport services limited opportunities for residents” living there, at its location 40 kilometres south east of Nowra. Fishing had been one of the few employment opportunities for Aboriginal people at Wreck Bay, with some families actually relocating to the Worrigeer area, where a growing number of families had relocated in an attempt to be closer to town. This unofficial settlement was on private land, but the living conditions there were quite poor.

During the following year, a conference was held at the end of March in Nowra, at which a South Coast Aborigines Advancement League was formed. This conference was addressed by the C.W.A. State President Mrs Thelma Bate. This Aboriginal C.W.A. Branch was part of a series of such branches formed during this decade across N.S.W. Boggabilla (1956), Kempsey (1960), Taree (1960), Grafton (1962) and Griffith (1962) were all other regional centres around which similar branches were formed.

Each of these branches were allocated an entire chapter in a 2015 book written by La Trobe University (Melbourne) Indigenous Studies lecturer Dr Jennifer Jones. Her book COUNTRY WOMEN AND THE COLOUR BAR was subtitled ‘Grassroots Activism and the Country Women’s Association’. In a period of the mid 20th century when Australia was gearing up towards the 1967 referendum on Aboriginal people being

given voting rights, the C.W.A. as a volunteer organisation was doing far more than ‘raising funds with scones when providing afternoon teas’. In this case, it actively sought to attempt to culturally assimilate Aboriginal women in these branches formed across the state. These instances of Aboriginal and white women working together met with varying degrees of success.

In the case of NOWRA C.W.A. assisting the Aboriginal women form the Wreck Bay–Worrigeer C.W.A. branch, a key relationship was one that existed between Belle McLeod and Purth Moorhouse. Purth was first elected as President of NOWRA C.W.A. in 1954. She was re-elected President for another two years in 1961, and again for another year in 1964.

Belle was born in 1927 as the daughter of Bob and Vera Brown. They were prominent members of the local Aboriginal community. Belle attended Bomaderry Public School, from which she graduated as Dux of the school. The Nowra High School principal encouraged her to continue her education at a secondary level, upon which Belle became the first Aboriginal child enrolled to attend high school in Nowra.

After leaving high school several years later, Belle would work for Mrs Moorhouse as a house maid. This was during wartime. As the wife of a prominent businessman in the local dairy industry who had in the 1930s been Nowra Rotary Club’s founding father (*About* Monthly Feature March 2022), as well as being the mother of three young boys, Purth “redecorated a room in pink for her new Aboriginal maid”. This kind hearted treatment led to a friendship between the teenager and the married mother which over a decade later would through their bond of trust help in this community attempt to challenge ‘the colour bar’, as it was relevant within the Shoalhaven.

While the Wreck Bay–Worrigeer C.W.A. branch did not survive beyond the 1960s, it did lead to other opportunities for local Aboriginal women, such as becoming enrolled in courses at Nowra Technical College (today the T.A.F.E. College) in subjects such as sewing, dressmaking, cooking and other handicrafts. As Belle told Jennifer Jones for her 2015 book, “the C.W.A. branch was the first thing that ever happened that was good for our Aboriginal people. We had no services, no organisations, and no nothing”. ■

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<http://www.shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/Our-Libraries/Sanctuary-Point>

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Sanctuary Point Library! Get into the festive spirit by bringing the kids along to one of our special Christmas events.



Preschool Christmas. Thursday 12th

December 10.30am-11.30am. Christmas themed stories, songs, and craft. Ages 2-5. No bookings required.

Christmas Rhymetime. Friday 13th
December 10.30am-11.30am. Festive songs and rhymes for little ones. Ages 0-2. No bookings required.



Christmas Craft Morning – Ornament Workshop. Thursday 19th

December 10.30am-11.30am. Make a little watercolour angel and a beaded wreath for your Christmas tree.

Please come dressed all Christmassy! Ages 4-12. Bookings essential.

Be sure to get in early to secure your place. Call 4406 2076 or book online: <http://www.shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/events>

Looking for more fun & FREE kid's events? Watch this space for details of summer holiday sessions coming soon to Shoalhaven Libraries in January. Check the website for information and to book. Sessions book out quickly so make sure you

are signed up to receive all the latest news about library events and programs straight to your inbox. Subscribe at: <https://mailchi.mp/33b517338a32/library-newsletter-signup>



Holiday Book Bags Don't forget about our Holiday Book Bag program in December. Drop in your library bag before Friday 20th December and library staff will pick you up to six books for you to enjoy on your summer holiday. Return a few days later to



pick up your library bag filled with some great new reads hand-picked just for you! You must be a member of Shoalhaven Libraries but it's easy to join, just ask us how! Be sure to collect your bag before 2pm on Tuesday 24th December.

Christmas Hours: Sanctuary Point Library will close at 2pm on Tuesday 24th December 2024 and re-open at 9.30am on Thursday 2nd January 2025. ***We wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.***

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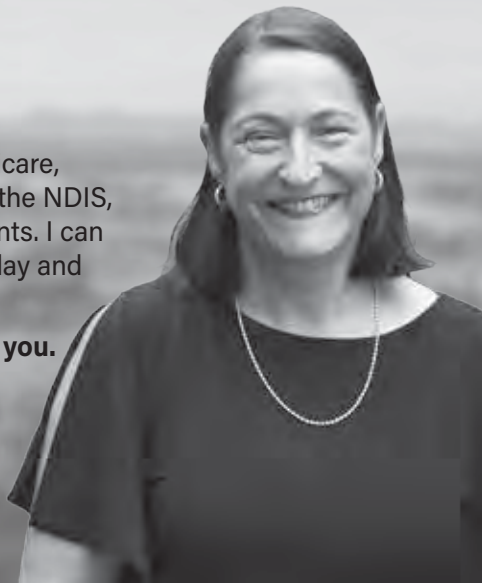
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Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc.

Did The Punishment Fit The Crime?

For all those readers who have ancestors in the Shoalhaven, and who are researching their family history without assistance; using suspect facts, hints and tips from subscription websites, you are missing out on such a great deal of local information which you will not find on line. For instance, if your family attended the old Pyree School in the early 1900's, you can prove by reading our extract from the Pyree School Punishment book that any stories of harsh treatment from schoolmasters, was actually, very sadly, true.

On 29th January 1900, Linda Armstrong and Mary Barron both aged 7 each received one slap of the cane for "*looking about*", and the following day Linda earned 2 slaps of the cane for "*neglect of work*".

Wasting water was punishable with 2 strokes of the cane, while "*adding a word to a note from his guardian*" earned William Fryer 6 strokes.

In 1903 Rupert Lessill age 13½ was in trouble quite often and amongst his offences he was given 6 strokes for "*bringing burrs into school and throwing them into girls hair*".

It appears that most of the disruption and bad behaviour was from the older pupils, as many of them feature regularly, with the record showing a pattern of certain individuals displaying rather disturbing behaviour traits.

Another punishment record is from the Berry Estate Papers, taken from microfilm reel 2172 held in the Family History Society library at Pyree

On 5th January 1829, a convict named Mooring per the ship Blenheim was sentenced to receive 25 lashes from The Flogger for giving the women in the kitchen a bottle of rum.

On August 26th 1837 William Jones per ship Susan was given "20 lashes for having been

found behind the slaughter house with 2 others who ran away – he is a very lazy idle man, & has been much trouble of late". For neglecting his work on February 24th 1838 he was given another 50 lashes followed by another 50 lashes on February 23rd 1839 for neglect of work at Humes Farm. "*he has been ever a surly lazy fellow*". "*Past redemption*"

These examples are a tiny sample of records held locally which you would never find unless you spent weeks in Sydney in the Mitchell library, or days in NSW State records at Kingswood, and are certainly not available at home online.

SFHS Research Centre is The Shoalhaven Family History Society in the Old Pyree School, 888 Greenwell Point Road Pyree. We are open for research every Sunday & the 1st & 2nd Thursday of each month, all days from 10am to 2pm. Take a look at the website shoalhavenfamilyhistory.org.au for more information.

Members can use the facilities free of charge and a small fee of \$10 allows visitors to research for the day.

Our member's meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month (excluding January) at 1.30pm, with afternoon tea to enjoy - a chat and catch up for everyone. Come along one day to see what we do and how we can help you.

Our rooms will close for the Christmas break at 2pm on Sunday 15th December, to reopen at 10am on Thursday 9th January 2025.

We wish our readers a safe and happy Christmas & look forward to meeting some of you when you begin your research.





Snippet of Tomerong History

SCHOOL DAYS

Information sourced from <https://tomeronghistory.com/index.html>



Tomerong Public School Centenary Celebrations 1962

Tomerong School Centenary

The annual examination of the Tomerong pupils was held on 11 December 1869, at which good results were achieved by several of the students. *'At the examination, owing probably to the exigencies of the harvest season, more of the parents were absent than was desirable, but to make amends, the Rev. Mr Hughes the Wesleyan clergyman from Milton afforded his valuable presidency. English grammar; to the diligent study of which, William Cobbett, perhaps the purest writer and speaker of genuine English in modern times, attributed his wonderful facility of tongue and pen, is the branch of learning to which Mr Matthew Craig, the teacher, has directed special attention of his pupils, and their proficiency showed that his assiduity had not been thrown away. Arithmetic, mental and manual,*

appeared to have been placed on an equal grade with grammar in the scale of study. The solutions by the scholars of questions in mental Arithmetic were for promptitude and accuracy creditable to the teacher and the taught. Reading, writing from diction, and geography came in for a share in the exercises, and were evidently not excluded from the routine of instruction. Without disparagement to the deserts of other scholars, Miss Marian Mathie, Miss Catherine Bryce, Master Alexander Bryce, Master Patrick Daley, and Master James Watt, distinguished themselves by the readiness and correctness of their replies to the questions propounded. At the close of the examination, the Rev. Mr Hughes addressed to the children some judicious remarks expressive of his gratification with the result.' On the following day the pupils were treated to a picnic at the Erowal Estate, the home of Mr and Mrs Alexander Bryce.

Matthew Craig obtained permission from the Council of Education to propose a subscription list to local residents to raise funds to erect a teacher's residence at the school. A public meeting was held to discuss the matter and it was agreed that public funds would be collected for the dwelling. It is unclear how much was actually raised, but it was reported by Matthew Craig that he was the largest subscriber and erected and maintained the dwelling at a cost of £20. The dwelling was obviously not substantial, as the 1871 Inspector's Report stated the need for a new residence for the teacher, and also showed that pupil numbers were low. The low enrollment resulted in a reduction of Matthew Craig's salary to £60 per annum from January 1872.

An unknown correspondent reported in the 'Kiama Independent' in September 1871, that at that time the school showed an attendance of 30 pupils and that *'.....their attainment's in the rudiments of education would bear favourable*

comparison with those of more densely populated places, where the children being less useful at home get a longer and less interrupted schooling. This is a disadvantage experienced at all small country schools'.



Tomerong Public School Centenary Celebrations 1962

The Council of Education's 1872 annual report on the condition of Public Schools showed that the Tomerong School had enrollments of 32 boys and 12 girls. *'The grounds are fenced and the buildings are in fair repair, but a lavatory, additional hat pegs and a residence are needed. The stock of furniture, apparatus and books is*

sufficient, but the records are incomplete. The pupils are clean and orderly, but not sufficiently punctual. Singing and drawing is not taught, but the proficiency in the other branches is tolerable.'

The School Inspector visited in August 1873 and reported that *'This is a substantial and well-built schoolroom of sawn slabs with shingled roof, but the teacher's residence is a mere hut. A good playground is enclosed and cleared. The building is frequently used for religious purposes and a disarrangement of the furniture etc. left for the teacher to make good is a common consequence. Attainment's... on an average between indifferent and moderate... the teacher clings to the old forms with a tenacity that greatly mars his usefulness.'*

The 1874 School Inspector's annual report showed an enrollment of 30 children: 22 boys and 8 girls. *'No alteration in these premises. The records are in a very backward and defective state. There are no programmes of lessons. The pupils include nearly all the children of the locality, but are irregular and unpunctual in attendance. The government is very feeble and the general discipline and the moral tone are consequently unsatisfactory. The classification is informal and necessarily inute. For some time past the school has been conducted with but very little regularity or system - the result mainly of the teachers ill health. The attainment of the pupils are of very limited range. Their proficiency averages only moderate. Singing is not taught'...* (extract from Tomerong Local History)

(The School celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2012 in the same location as the original building constructed in 1862).



**Tomerong
Public School
Sesquicentenary
Celebrations 2012**





MUCKING IN

CLIFTON COMMUNITY FOOD GARDEN

Hours: Tues and Sat 9 to 12; Fri 3 to 6pm – Contributed by Colleen McIntyre

Our final copy of the year, the year has flown by; we have enjoyed another year of "toil in the soil in the sun!" We are aware of the sun being hotter on us in the garden, especially around the herb garden which has buildings on two sides. Hats and long sleeved garments are a must to prevent burning.

The strawberries have thrived with hot and dry and the harvest has been exciting for our members with good picks twice a week. Silverbeet and lettuce have been available to the members throughout the full year, Spinach Pie the 'go to' recipe each week, for many of us. Keeps the vim and vigour in the working members!

In sorting previous *About* magazines, I happened to pick up the one from Jan/Feb 2017. Mention was made of Brad, his love of geometry, and the need for a design for the Heritage Herb Garden. He called it a Vesical Pisces, and this design was duly adopted. The Vesical Pisces in Latin literally means "bladder of a fish", reflecting the shape's resemblance to the conjoined dual air bladder/swim bladder found in most fish. In Latin the shape's name is mandorla (almond). A similar shape in three dimensions is the lemon. How clever, thank you Brad for the meaningful design and with pathways made of handmade bricks, it is a treasure for the Community Garden and has looked fabulous this spring.

Our fundraising morning, the third Saturday of the month, and with flags flying, we will welcome people to visit us from 10am till 12 noon on Saturday 21st December. Still time to purchase gifts of preserves, chutneys and pickles for the Christmas and holiday season and there will be baskets prepared especially. These make a delicious addition to any barbeque, picnic or feast and are always appreciated as a gift.

Fresh seasonal vegetables and various potted plants, excess donated from the members' gardens, will be available for sale.

This is our main source of income and used to cover running cost in the garden. We always welcome the support of our regular customers and new visitors are generally surprised at the array of delights on offer and with reasonable prices.

Perhaps the strange weather we have experienced over the previous months has caused problems with our tomato crop. Dr. Google has many theories as to the development of large leathery leaves on some of the toms that have been in the ground for 6 weeks or so. Is it sort of 'take your pick' if you dare!! Is it a virus, too much fertilizer, not enough water? Or too hot to soon, then cold!! Is the Dr. taking climate change into account? Were the plants healthy, is the compost perfect?

Decision – remove and replace because we do so need a tomato harvest, it is important for the girls to make the pickles and chutney for the open day. Fingers crossed..... the hazards of gardening – nature can be fickle..... yes! It seems trial and error prevails! Again!

There are many varieties of fruit and vegetables growing in the garden for the summer. Pumpkin, cucumbers, zucchini, eggplant, corn and purple tomatillos have joined the staples carrots, silver beet, beetroot and lettuce.

There are two melon varieties planted, including a Santa Claus melon, sometimes known as Christmas melon or Piel de Sapo, originating in Spain with fruit like a Rugby football. It has a thick green striped outer rind and pale green to white inner flesh with a mild melon flavour and sweetness close to honeydew melons. Also growing is the new Sugar Baby watermelon, recently available to the home gardener and promising to be a good alternative to the larger rambling varieties. Both of these will be excellent for the members to share.

We wish you all a Happy and safe summer season and a Merry Christmas...be cool!

Citrus Fruit

Brad Wilson - Herbalist



Original Citrus – Of all the citrus fruits, I most enjoy the mandarin. It's super sweet, you can peel it with one hand tied behind your back and it doesn't drip on Mums nice clean floor. But here's something you might not know, the mandarin has a special feature – it is one of the 10 Original Citrus Fruits, living and growing unchanged since the Stone Age. Most of the other 870 or so citrus varieties are hybrids. They have been selectively bred over the years by humans. Why? Because man just likes to fiddle with things.

The three most important Original Citrus are the mandarin, the giant pomelo and the bitter citron. These are used to make nearly all the other hybrids. Less used are the sour kumquat, the inedible papeda and micrantha and the mangshanyegan (a Chinese mandarin). Last but not least we have three tiny limes: the desert lime, the little round lime and the finger lime. These little limes are all from the Great Southern Land, hidden in the summer for a million years.....

Hybrid Citrus – Here is a shortlist of the most popular hybrids showing which came from what and when:

The **orange** (all varieties sweet and bitter) is a cross between the mandarin and the pomelo. First bred in Asia in about 350 BC. By an incredible coincidence it is also orange in colour.

The **grapefruit** is a cross between the pomelo and the orange. First bred in Barbados around 1700. It comes in two colours, ruby red and yellow, and one flavour – grapefruit flavour.

The fruit of the poor **lemon** appears to be a natural cross between a bitter orange and a citron. Date of creation unknown. Two varieties deserving some space are the "*lemonade lemon*" – believed to be a lemon accidentally crossed with a mandarin in

NZ in the 1980's, and the "*bush lemon*" believed to be a cross between a mandarin and a citron. They were brought into Australia from India about a hundred years ago and left to go feral when "*smoother*" lemons became available.

The typical supermarket **lime** usually contains bits of everything: pomelo, citron, papeda, micrantha and orange, whereas the three Australian outback limes are not hybrids. They are unique to Australia and are all true originals – as old as the Dreamtime.

The **tangerine** is a mandarin crossed with a little bit of pomelo and/or orange. It was first bred in Tangiers, Morocco circa 1700, hence the name.

The **tangelo** is the orange coloured fruit with a bump on top. It's a cross between the grapefruit (or pomelo) plus the orange (or tangerine). Sweet and sour, easy to peel and very juicy. Born in the USA in 1911.

Hygiene Hint: if your fruit is very juicy, try eating it in the bath. No more drips and you come out clean as a whistle.



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Meals on Wheels
North Shoalhaven

**News from
North Shoalhaven Meals on Wheels
– Jervis Bay service –**

In the twelve months July 2023 to June 2024 the volunteers at Jervis Bay Meals on Wheels cooked the following:

- Main Meals made for JB consumers 21,451, desserts 6,184, soups 4,566
- Main Meals made for Culburra consumers 6,738
- Puree meals for Nowra/Bomaderry consumers 296, vegetarian meals made for other services 922.

In total 29,497 main meals plus the soups and desserts – so if you thought we were busy now you know why.

We still cook Monday, Wednesday and Friday and try to have two shifts although most come at 6am and stay till 1.30/2pm. There are days we are there much later till 4 or even 5pm. And still having to go in on the weekend and do work.

We have 26 dedicated kitchen assistants, and while this sounds like a lot there is always one or two or even three away travelling and enjoying retirement. So the bottom line is we could always do with more kitchen assistants.

We are hoping with the opening of the new kitchen at South Nowra that North Shoalhaven Meals on Wheels have invested in will help with the workload as they will be making some of the meals.

We will soon be preparing for Christmas, so we hope this finds everyone happy and healthy and brings everything you wish for – **Sue and the team.**

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Celebrating Grandparents Day at Huskisson Public School: A Heartwarming Community Gathering

On Monday, October 28th, Huskisson Public School hosted a genuinely memorable Grandparents Day, with an incredible turnout of around 400 people. The event was an excellent opportunity for our students and community to celebrate and honour the important role grandparents play in their lives.

The day began with a formal school assembly that highlighted the impressive talents of our students. Guests enjoyed performances by our dance ensemble, drama group and school choir. Kindergarten students delighted the audience with their thoughtful observations about our beloved Grandmother Tree, while Year 2 students shared a heartfelt, original poem dedicated to Grandparents Day. During the assembly, three students from each class were recognised as “shining stars,” honoured for embodying the Husky Star Values — being safe, tolerant, achieving and responsible.

Following the assembly, grandparents were invited into open classrooms for a unique chance to share stories about their own school days. This led to wonderful intergenerational conversations, with students eagerly noting similarities and differences in school experiences across generations. Each classroom hosted various activities, from Yarning circles to memory-sharing sessions around our special Grandmother Tree. This beautiful and ancient tree, significant to our local Aboriginal community, became a focal point of the day. Led by Auntie Teresa Ardler's story — who also created our school's welcoming Food Gathering Mural — students and grandparents attached leaves to the Grandmother Tree, each leaf representing a treasured memory from school days.

One of the day's highlights included a lively outdoor dance session with grandparents joining in, filling the school grounds with laughter and joy. After the classroom activities, the P&C hosted a lovely morning tea, creating a warm, communal space for all. This meaningful day celebrated the idea that “it takes a village to raise a child”. Huskisson Public School is proud to be at the heart of our community, and Grandparents Day is a reminder of the invaluable connections that bind us all. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the day so special.





What we are doing at VINCENTIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Grandparents Day On Wednesday, 23rd October we welcomed Grandparents/special guests to our school. They were treated to a special assembly as well as a visit to classrooms. We had many Grandparents/special guests enjoy activities both inside and outside of the classroom. It was great to see so many smiling faces!

K-2 Zoo Excursion Our K-2 students got to touch, feed and look at many of the different animals when they visited Shoalhaven Zoo on Friday, 25th October. They learnt interesting facts about the alligator, ring tailed possums, snakes, tortoise and the koalas. It was a big day filled with lots of fun.



Stage 2 Science Space Excursion

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a bus trip on Friday, 25th October to the UOW Science Space in Wollongong to learn more about energy, stars and being scientists.

The students enjoyed the STEM LEGO challenge, built bridges, went to the planetarium and had fun on the ground piano, whisper dishes and delay headphones. What a great place to learn about our world!





VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Building on the success of the girls team in 2023, this year's Run Beyond project embraced 6 Year 9 boys. One hot lap of Bathurst Race Track got the boy's motors running as did the idea of conquering Mt Panorama by foot. Brand new UQ running shoes, socks, t-shirts, free accommodation, and a weekend away sealed the deal.

The weekend was busy, leaving early Saturday morning from Vincentia High for a 4 hour bus trip to Bathurst with a lunch stop in Goulburn, and then returning late Sunday afternoon. The boys were full of positive energy to start, bursting with bravado.

Our team rose at predawn to cold 5 degrees, dressed, and headed to Pitt Straight to warm up for the race. A tense countdown lead us into the starting siren (of a Ford V8 roaring) and we were off!! The first 3km is a climb of 174m which is a gradient un-heard of in Vincentia (water tower is 90m) and our legs certainly felt it.

First runner to the top was crowned **"King of the Mountain"** and the race had a strict completion time limit of 30 minutes.

Our boys were all successful in their mission and their resilience and team work paid off. Supporting one another when things got tough.

We met with our Run Beyond co-runners from schools in Sydney and Shellharbour to bask in our glory and share stories of success and overcoming the odds. Taking out the overall Run Beyond team trophy, many of the boys are already planning their return next year. Contact Mr Snelling or Ms South if you are interested to sign up for the VHS Running Group in 2025.





What's been happening at St Georges Basin Public School

SAVE THE DATE: OUR ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY IS TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024 We are excited to celebrate the learning and achievements of our students in 2024.

Winner – Shoalhaven's Best School Wow! A huge thank you to everyone who nominated and voted for us! We are thrilled to announce that we have been named the 94.9 Power FM Shoalhaven's Best School WINNER! This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of our incredible staff, students, and supportive community. It's a wonderful recognition of the collaborative efforts that make our school a nurturing and inspiring place for learning. **We are a proud NSW Department of Education Public School.**

Kindy Zoo Excursion Kindergarten students took a bus trip to Shoalhaven Zoo for a fun learning experience. They were so well behaved whilst hearing a talk from zoo staff about different animals, including their features, needs, and the importance of caring for them. After the talk, students explored the zoo, observing animals and asking questions. This visit helps them understand the "Living World" by discovering what animals need to survive and fostering a sense of responsibility towards nature. Overall, it's an exciting way to learn about living things.

Dragon Sports Our Yr 3-6 students are incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to engage with their local environment every Friday through our Dragon Sports program. This initiative not only promotes physical activity but also fosters a deep appreciation for the natural surroundings that we have access to. The range of sports and activities offered is diverse and caters to various interests. Students can experience the tranquilly and excitement of fishing, allowing them to connect with nature while developing patience and focus. Walking through our beautiful local trails not only enhances their fitness levels but also encourages exploration and discovery of the flora and fauna around them. Games held on the reserve provide a fun and competitive atmosphere, where teamwork and sportsmanship are emphasised. The tabloids activities introduce a variety of physical challenges that promote agility and coordination, ensuring that every child finds something they enjoy. Finally, our beach activities provide a unique setting for students to engage in water sports, beach games, and other fun-filled exercises, all while enjoying the sun and sand.

The enthusiasm and joy our students display during these sessions are truly heartwarming, as they immerse themselves in these experiences and build lasting memories.

It's a wonderful way for them to stay active, foster friendships, and develop a lifelong love for the outdoors.



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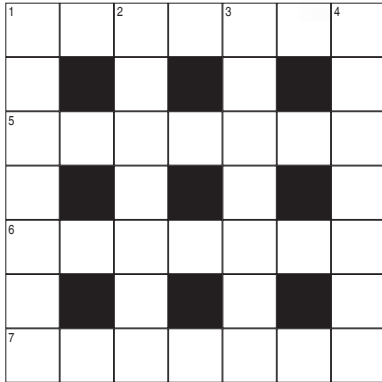


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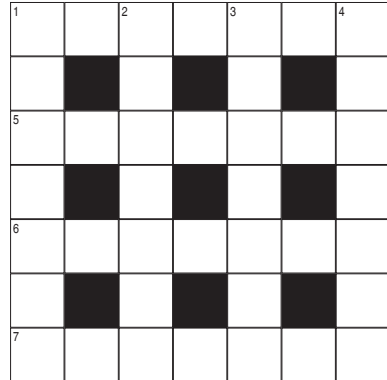
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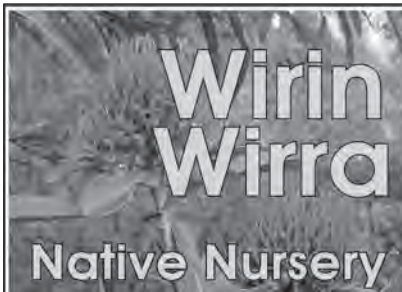
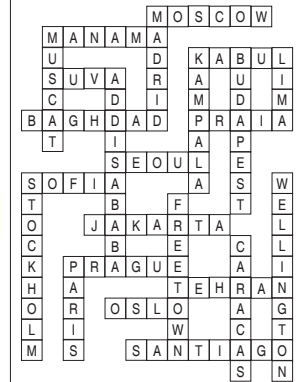
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