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A Word from the Editor

WELCOME TO OUR DECEMBER EDITION OF THE **About° MAGAZINE.**

There's something magical about December in the Bay & Basin. The days seem to sparkle a little brighter, the beaches are buzzing, and there's that familiar hum of summer energy in the air.

It's the time of year when locals and visitors come together to enjoy everything our beautiful area has to offer — lazy swims at Hyams, sunset walks in Huskisson, a coffee catch-up on Owen Street, or a lazy afternoon paddle through the crystal-clear water at Booderee. And in between all that, our community spirit really shines — from Christmas markets and carols to charity drives.

As the year wraps up, we just want to say a big thank you to everyone who makes this place so special — the volunteers, the small business owners, the families, and the friendly faces you bump into every day.

Here's to a safe, sunny, and joy-filled festive season. See you out and about — or maybe floating in the bay!

This months must reads:

- Humpback Whales – Page 7
- **About°** What Lies Beyond – Carcassonne France – Page 13
- **About°** Monthly Feature – Regan – Pages 26 & 27
- Mucking In – Pages 30 & 31

**Regards and happy reading
Editor**

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As 2025 draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to extend our sincere thanks to all our customers, supporters, and the broader community who continue to believe in what we do. Your loyalty, enthusiasm, and encouragement have been the foundation of our journey, and we are deeply grateful for the connection we share with you.

This past year has been one of growth, reflection, and renewed purpose. At Our Community Bank Sanctuary Point and Districts, we've continued to focus on growing as individuals and as a team to position us as the best bank in the area. None of this would be possible without your continued trust and support.

As we look ahead to 2026, we recognise that change is often in the

air – a time for new beginnings, fresh energy, and positive momentum. Whether it's a renewed focus on personal wellbeing, a commitment to financial health, or simply finding more time to enjoy the good things in life, we hope the year ahead brings prosperity and balance to you and your loved ones.

We invite you to visit us in the new year, reconnect, and discover what's next for Our Community Bank. Here's to new opportunities and shared success in 2026.

With our warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year,

**The Community Bank Team –
Sanctuary Point**

James, Tayla, Kat, Ange and Shelly



Basin Villages Forum

A Shoalhaven City Council Community Consultative Body

Basin Villages Forum and Summer Season The Forum year comes to a temporary closure for December and January with normal general meetings resuming in February. The Annual General Meeting was conducted in November after the deadline for **About....°** closed but has been notified in the circulation of Minutes to Forum members and on the new BASIN VILLAGES FORUM [f](#) page. You will know you have found the current page when you see the Basin image matching this months edition of **About....°** magazine. The new Committee will monitor developments in any relevant Basin news and communicate these in the same way.

The "Keep Cats At Home" State Government Initiative.

A media release for Ministers for Environment and Local Government of October 26th indicated that 19 additional NSW Councils would receive \$6 million to adopt this project. Local media reported on October 30th that Shoalhaven Council would join this but in fact our Council was in the original 11 Councils that received \$92,000 in 2021 based on problems that existed with roaming cats in the LGA. The Forum had requested Council to act on this in 2023. The various issues with cats had been canvassed and discussed over a number of years with a number of committee members active on the matter.

Council is involved in a partnership with the RSPCA in the initiative, which has been funded by the Environmental Trust. The program focuses on increasing rates of desexing, microchipping and lifetime registration while encouraging the uptake of voluntary containment.

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE FORUM

The Forum wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year and trust all of our Basin Community has a safe and enjoyable summer with family and friends.

Remember to join us on [f](#) at Basin Villages Forum

BIGGEST NEWS SANCTUARY POINT LIBRARY

At the time of writing this newsletter for a Nov.2 deadline Shoalhaven Council were involved in two actions concerning the Sanctuary Point Library. At the October 28th meeting a majority of Councilors reinstated the corner of Kerry Street and Paradise Beach Road as the preferred site for the Library, which it was originally.

The Council debate received a Deputation from Sanctuary Point Community Pride who tabled a 1228 petition calling for reinstatement of the Kerry Street corner site. The SPCP organisation is to be congratulated for the work they did on this issue, which was fully supported by the Forum.

A \$7.5 million Federal Government funding was specifically for this site. A \$500,000 Grant from the State Library Infrastructure toward the Library was also provided in 2022/23.

However a notice of a Recission Motion from Clr. Proudfoot, Clancy and Wilkins will mean the decision will be reconsidered at the next Council meeting. A staff report and an evaluation by State Library indicated the Kerry Street Corner site clearly offered by far the best of the preferred qualities of a number of sites listed.

CHARITY SANTA RIDE

From White Sands Park to
Jervis Bay Brewery

Saturday 13 December

• 3PM Start •



JOIN US FOR THE CLASSIC RIDE AND HELP US set the RIDE record IN OUR 20TH RIDE! A yearly community bike ride and event to raise funds for the amazing volunteer firefighters who look after our community and help keep us safe during fires and emergencies.

The ride will be from White Sands Park Huskisson to the Jervis Bay Brewery – A short community ride along the main road of Husky and into Woollamia – a celebration for the community. Celebrate after at Jervis Bay Brewing Co with raffle prizes, live music, and Christmas cheer. Dress up as Santa (or rock your best festive fit) – it's all part of the fun!

Jervis Bay Brewing Co. is proud to be the major sponsor of the 2025 Charity Santa Ride, and this year, we're aiming to set a new record – with the help of our incredible Jervis Bay community! We're on a mission to have the most Santas ever in our charity bike ride and raise funds for the dedicated volunteers of the **Huskisson Rural Fire Brigade**.



Get ready for an afternoon of festive fun:

- Prizes for the best-dressed Santas, Mrs Clauses, Elves, and helpers
- A special release of Jervis Bay Brewing Santa Ride Lager, celebrating 20 years of the event
- Live music, kids' face painting and raffles.

When: 13 December 2025 – Santa Ride kicks off at 3pm

Official Santa Photo: 4pm

But don't dash away too soon – stick around and soak up the Saturday evening vibes at Jervis Bay Brewing Co. Let's make history together and support a great cause!

How we got here and what is it for..... The Charity Santa Ride is a community bike ride and event to raise funds for the amazing volunteer firefighters who look after our community and help keep us safe during fires and emergencies. This year we are proud to have our major event sponsors and outstanding local businesses Jervis Bay Brewing Co and Elite Energy back to plan and host the ride and after party.

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Humpback Whales

Marine Mammal Research Jervis Bay

Marine Mammal Research (MMR) set up in 2006 on the New South Wales south coasts, with a strong focus on the marine mammals "cetaceans" and our blue backyard marine environment we all live in. The objective of MMR is to conduct sound scientific RESEARCH and citizen science on marine mammals and EDUCATE the public about cetaceans, their habitats and the importance of raising awareness for CONSERVATION.



Images by Scott Sheehan SEA Jervis Bay

CITIZEN SCIENCE: Project SEA Jervis Bay is a way that the public as citizen science can join an expedition with hands on learning use binoculars, camera, enter data that all contributes to science as a marine explorer. If you are in NSW on the water, on a boat or surfing or just walking the beaches and see any marine mammals let us know, you can submit a report online and contribute to research.

Humpback Whales – Marine Mammal Research Jervis Bay

The Australia's east coast humpback whale population is recovering; as the numbers have increased. Marine Mammal Research Jervis Bay has been collecting data on the marine mammals of Jervis Bay for 25 years. Historical data estimated that the number fell to as low as 200 animals due to overhunting whales, but have since rebounded to an estimated 50,000. (Dr Wally Franklin - The Oceania Project)

Humpback whales undertake one of the world's longest migrations, and Jervis Bay is known as one resting location for the southern migration as they undertake "*maternal calf development*". Research Scott Sheehan "Years ago, we never would be whale watching in August, they are migrating now like they would have pre whaling days," Scott Sheehan said, Researcher from MMR JB. "We are witnessing the recovery of a population from pre-whaling days which is amazing."

SEA Jervis Bay is a new citizen science project. "We need the general public to be involved and come out with us learning how to contribute to science. Anyone walking along the beach, or surfing or out on boats can document what they see and contribute to science."

Become a MARINE EXPLORER as you SEA Jervis Bay as a Citizen Science contributor, with Marine Mammal Research (MMR) and www.seajervisbay.com.au

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Bay & Basin Cancer Support Group

DEVONSHIRE TEA AND CRAFT TABLE

Wed 3rd Dec 2025

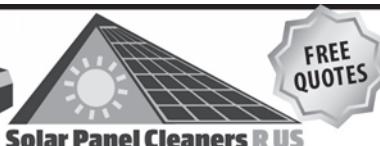


A **Devonshire Morning Tea** will be held on **Wednesday 3rd December 2025** from **10am-1pm** at **The Country Club – St Georges Basin** to support our local Bay & Basin Cancer Support Group.

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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2026 Australia Day Marine Rescue

DUCK DERBY



It's Back — The 2026 Australia Day Marine Rescue Duck Derby! Get ready for a splash of fun and fundraising as the Duck Derby returns bigger and brighter than ever on Australia Day — Monday 26th January 2026 at 9AM, at Moona Moona Creek, Huskisson.

What's in store?

- Watch 500 ducks race the tide for a chance to win \$500 cash!
- Live entertainment, food & market stalls, and interactive cultural performances by the incredible Gadhungal Marring Saltwater People following the smoking ceremony.
- Free shuttle bus from Huskisson to Moona Moona Creek, thanks to Club Jervis Bay (and possibly another from HomeCo — stay tuned!)
- 12 thrilling races plus a Corporate Race where local businesses compete for \$1,500 first prize and \$500 second prize, generously sponsored by Bendigo Bank.
- 2ST Radio broadcasting live for 3 hours, celebrating our amazing sponsors and community spirit.

Never seen it before? Picture this: 500 bright yellow ducks released into the creek, cheered on by excited families and kids (who absolutely love it!). If your child wants to help guide the ducks, please make sure they wear shoes to protect against oyster cuts.

DUCK TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Buy online or in person at HomeCo Vincentia & Owen St Huskisson (Saturday mornings), Huskisson Markets at the Marine Rescue Gazebo, St Georges Basin Country Club (alternate Thursday afternoons) or HomeCo (alternate Saturdays).

Race 1 is online — perfect for those who can't attend in person. Limited tickets available on the day, so don't miss out! Follow us on Facebook & Instagram at Marine Rescue Jervis Bay for updates, ticket links, and behind-the-scenes fun. Proudly supported by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.

Let's make this year's Duck Derby a quacking good time and support our incredible Marine Rescue Jervis Bay volunteers. Bring your picnic rug, bring your cheer, and let's race into 2026 together!



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Australia Day

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Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc.

Extending the Family

(by mistake)

Researching for a client, I found myself looking at Philip Peter Pinn, 1834 – 1919, father of Selina Ann Pinn 1860-1911, and Trove provided me with an obituary for Paul

Pinn, who I knew to be a brother of Philip from UK census records already checked: (extract)

.....*Mr. Pinn was a native of Sidbury, Devon, and came to this State when a young man, settling in Goulburn in the year 1858. At one time he and his brother Philip, of Crookwell, carried on business as builders. Amongst their most important works were - portion of SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Goldsmith St. Methodist Church, the flour mills known as Kimpton's, and St. Andrew's Manse.....*

I found their shipping record quite easily; they arrived on the Sultana from Plymouth, on 19 May 1855, and the passenger list on NSW State Records reel #2137 noted Philip was 20, Paul was 22 – both were carpenters, and with them was Alfred, age 17, a farm labourer. The logical step here is to check the relationships of the three young men.

The UK census in 1841 for Sidbury Devon, showed Paul & Peter, sister Selina, with their mother, also Selina, but no mention of an Alfred. 1851 also did not have an Alfred.

Next stop was to view the original record of the Shipping Agents lists for the Sultana, on NSW State Records reel #2471 when all became clear.

Philip & Paul were listed as carpenters, parents John & Celina; father dead, mother living in Sidbury. (The 1861 UK census confirmed this).

Alfred was a farm labourer, parents Richard & Sarah (dead). Paul stated he had an uncle Charles in the Colony who had arrived by the ship Rajasthan.

This record proved that Alfred was not a younger brother of the boys, and the uncle is a side step for further investigation at a later date.

So when you are searching immigration records, here are a few hints to stop you extending your family, leaving them behind in the old country, or killing them off even!

On shipping /assisted passenger lists families are usually listed first, but any adult children will be listed separately as Single Males/Females, and often future spouses & best friends can be found on the same voyage.

A widow or widower with children will be listed in a separate category, as will wives joining husbands already in the Colony.

Births & deaths on the voyage are usually on the last page of the ship's record but don't always name names.

Immigration from 1828 to 1842 can be in the Bounty immigration collection, to be found on Familysearch.org, but be aware that this collection is full of errors, mostly spelling of names & places, so think outside the box.

If you can't find an immigration record, your person could have been a convict or a soldier – but that's another story, and the answers to your questions are to be found in our library.

The Shoalhaven Family History Society Research Centre is in the Old Pyree School, at 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 our website www.shoalhavenfamilyhistory.org.au for more information.

We will be closed over Christmas from 2pm on December 14th to 10am on Sunday January 11th 2026.

Our general 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.



TOMERONG FOOD HALL: A Fresh New Chapter for Local Food Lovers

Tomerong School of Arts (Tomerong Hall) is proud to announce a delicious new direction for our beloved monthly market.

From 15 November, the Tomerong Food Hall will take centre stage every third Saturday of the month, bringing together the best of our region's homegrown and handmade food offerings.

In place of the regular Tomerong Market, this new monthly event will focus on local artisan style produce — think sourdough bread, free range eggs, fresh fruit and veg, honey, home baked cakes and jam, pastries, locally brewed gin, and more. And of course, Dave's Four Feet Espresso Coffee will be on hand to keep everyone caffeinated and cheerful.

With live music, friendly faces and the unmistakable charm of Tomerong Hall, we invite locals and visitors alike to come and experience the warmth of our community.

Grab yourself brekkie, morning tea or a coffee, stock up on your pantry essentials, and soak up the relaxed village vibe.

The broader Tomerong Market will now be held quarterly, with the next event happening in 2026. These seasonal markets will incorporate the Food Hall and expand

to include artisans, artists, makers, bakers and shakers in a festive, fun atmosphere.

After many years of hosting monthly markets, we're excited to introduce this fresh new offer for the community.

Tomerong Food Hall is a celebration of local flavour, creativity, and connection — and we can't wait to welcome you.

EVENT DETAILS:

Where:
Tomerong Hall,
356 Hawken Road Tomerong

When:
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- Saturday 17th January 2026
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WHAT LIES BEYOND CARCASSONNE – FRANCE

Contributed by Corinne Le Gall

Known as the best-preserved medieval city in the world, this hilltop town in the south of France is famous for its fortified citadel, numerous watchtowers and double-walled fortifications that can be seen from a good distance. The ramparts of the city total 3 kilometres and can only be accessed by foot. Mode of transport within the historical city is foot traffic only.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site has been listed since 1997. The large urban area at the foot of the hill of Carcassonne has a population of near 50,000 inhabitants, although the historical, medieval-walled section atop of the hill, known as 'La Cite' - only houses approximately 100 people.

Primarily a tourist attraction these days, the beautifully-lined cobbled streets will lead you up and down as well as around the Old Town whilst giving you a good aerobic workout at the same time – for free. Outside of the massive walls downhill, you can visit the newer part of Carcassonne and venture to and through the winery regions.

Although built as a defence post due to its prime position on top of the hill, Carcassonne was demilitarised by Napoleon Bonaparte and

hence, disrepair crept in. So much so that the French government decided that it should be demolished in 1849.

This caused a huge uproar and a campaign was launched to preserve the fortress as a historical monument. Work began in 1853.

The lower, although known as the modern town – the Ville Basse (lower city) – was founded in history as well during the late middle ages, which in European history translates to the years 1300AD to 1500AD, therefore, not so modern after all, but younger than the historical city atop the hill.

This lower city was founded as a settlement for the expelled inhabitants of the old walled-town sometime after the Crusades.

It also, had at one time been walled, although no longer intact. ■



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Ismail Larney
Dental Prosthetist

Ish became involved in Dental Prosthetics (Denture making) through his passion for painting and sculpting. From a very young age he carved his family's firewood. He was able to link his passion for carving and sculpting to his career and by restoring the facial features of maxilla facial patients.

He manufactured artificial eyes, noses, ears, cast metal splints and obturators for many years at the Sydney (United) Dental Hospital.

Ish has over 30 years experience in making dentures. He became a dental tutor in 1986 and recently retired from teaching however, his retirement was short lived and Ish has now opened a private practice in Vincentia so he can continue doing what he loves best.

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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Shoalhaven Libraries Sanctuary Point

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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 Storytime Christmas.

Thursday 18th December

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



Christmas Rhymetime.

Friday 19th December

10.30-11.30am. Festive songs and rhymes for little ones. Ages 0-2. No bookings required.

<http://www.shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/events>

Hey Kids! Have you written your letter to Santa and posted it in the special Library North Pole Mail Box yet? If not, ask for your letter template at the desk and make sure your letter is posted by Friday 12th December. Replies can be collected anytime from Friday 5th December.



Looking for more fun & FREE kid's events?



Keep an eye out 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 starting

1st December. Drop in your library bag and library staff will pick 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 5pm Tuesday 23rd December.

Christmas Hours: Sanctuary Point Library will close at 5pm on Wednesday 24th December 2025 and re-open at 9.30am on Monday 5th January 2026.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

The digital library is always open for eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, movies, documentaries and more. Perfect for holiday road trips!

Check it out here: <https://www.shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/Digital-Library>



Community Bank
Sanctuary Point & Districts

Bay & Basin Bachelor Degree Scholarship Program

Need help with the costs of study?

Applications open 1 November

bendigobank.com.au/scholarships



The 2026 Community Bank Sanctuary Point Bachelor Degree Scholarship Program aims to assist academically motivated students from the **Bay & Basin or Sussex Inlet** area of NSW, who have been offered a place at an Australian University to study for the first time at **Bachelor's degree level in 2026** and are experiencing challenging circumstances.

The Scholarship program supports the following study related expenses – **accommodation costs, course costs, study-related materials/equipment, textbooks, tutoring and /or education related travel (within Australia).**

Key general qualification criteria:

- You are an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Students must reside in or attend school in Bay & Basin or Sussex Inlet area
- You can demonstrate leadership both within, and outside, your school community.
- You can demonstrate the challenging circumstances (financial &/or social) hindering your ability to undertake further study.
- You are a motivated student who can demonstrate community involvement

For study at undergraduate bachelor's degree level

Qualification criteria:

- You will be a first-time tertiary student at first year undergraduate bachelor's degree level in 2026.
- You have been offered a full-time place to study on campus for a bachelor's degree in an approved Australian course at an Australian university, TAFE Institute or College Campus.
- You have completed Year 12.
- You must be aged 25 years or younger as at 31 January 2026.
- Students under the age of 18 years will require parental/guardian consent to accept this scholarship

The scholarship award value is up to **\$5,000 per year for 2 years** for each successful recipient. Subject to the criteria set out above and satisfactory academic performance. Scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee and will be based on how an applicant addresses the qualification criteria.

For further information please contact the Community Bank Sanctuary Point Phone 4443 9825.

The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right, at its discretion, not to award this scholarship in any given year.

Uncovering the Bay and Basin: Stories That Echo Across Time



From the stench of boiling whale blubber on the wind to the quiet solitude of a sailor's grave overlooking Jervis Bay, Uncovering the Bay and Basin brings to life the stories that have shaped our remarkable stretch of the South Coast. Produced in the studios of Bay & Basin 92.7FM, the locally made podcast tells big stories in small doses – each episode running under five minutes, perfect for a coffee break, morning walk or drive along the bay. Written and researched by local Wendy Hamlin and hosted by Stephen Brown, the series blends research, storytelling and sound design to uncover the people, industries and natural forces that shaped the Bay and Basin.

"We wanted to create something that connects people to the places they see every day," Wendy said. *"There's so much history hidden within the coves, headlands and small towns around here, stories that remind us of who we are and how far we have come as a community."*

Across its growing collection of short episodes, the series explores everything from the whaling boom and bust to colonial ambition, natural disasters and even Canberra's curious connection to Jervis Bay. More than a history lesson, it's an invitation to rediscover our region through sound – weaving archival research and local insight into vivid, accessible stories right from our doorstep. Listen to all the podcasts now at www.927fm.com.au

Uncovering the Bay and Basin is proudly produced by Bay & Basin Community Radio 92.7FM, a not-for-profit station powered by volunteers and the generosity of local business sponsors. Every partnership helps keep local voices on air and our shared stories alive.

Businesses interested in supporting the station and strengthening their connection to the community are encouraged to get in touch by calling 1300 222 748 or emailing info@BCRcommunities.com.



Potato and Mince Bake

courtesy of Australian Home Cooks

INGREDIENTS

- 600g lamb or beef mince
- 3 cups tomato pasta sauce
- 2 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1kg waxy or all-purpose potatoes
- extra olive oil, to brush over potatoes

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Heat oil in a large saucepan and brown mince for 5 to 10 minutes.
2. Drain off any excess fat, then add tomato pasta sauce and parsley. Stir to combine, season with salt and pepper, then set aside.
3. At the same time, cook whole potatoes in boiling, salted water for 7 minutes to half-cook, then drain well and slice.
4. Spread half the meat sauce over the base of a lasagne-style baking dish. Arrange a layer of sliced potatoes over the meat sauce, then cover with the remaining meat sauce. Arrange a second layer of potatoes over the surface. Brush potatoes with a little oil to finish.
5. Cover dish with foil and bake for 40 minutes or until potatoes are tender.
6. Remove foil and bake uncovered for a further 20 minutes to lightly brown the top. ■

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Huskisson Woollamia Community Voice

Community Consultative Body (CCB)

HWCV provides a two-way communication link with Shoalhaven City Council; other government agencies and; non-government organisations who make decisions that affect you. **Join us to have a say in local matters that effect you and the community you live in.**

MEETINGS

at Huskisson Community Centre, Dent St, Huskisson.

Mondays at 7pm
(aim to finish at 9pm)



Link to HWCV's website



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**

SOCIAL TENNIS

Ladies Doubles – We would love to have some more Ladies join us for some fun and exercise every Tuesday morning 9.30am – 11.30am at The Country Club – St Georges Basin. **Please come along or contact Maureen on 0478 792 001**

Rural Fire Services

We have 7 Brigades over two groups in our area.



Basin View, Huskisson,
St Georges Basin, Sussex Inlet,
Tomerong, Vincentia and Wandandian.

New members always welcome.

EMERGENCY CALL 000

We are looking for Volunteer bus drivers.

LR Drivers Licence required. One morning or afternoon per month.
Call Michelle at Basin View Masonic Village on 4443 5034

PHOENIX STRINGS

Like to play Uke? Join a happy group of Uke and Guitar players. Can't play?

We will help you! Come along on Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm at the Community Cottage, Edmund Street, Sanctuary Point.

For more information call Sandra 4443 2073 or John on 0403 052 026.



VINCENTIA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

next door to Leisure Centre, Vincentia

We are seeking community minded volunteers. Contact our Captain on 4401 1750



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.**

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000

Fire Control

4424 4424

Basin View	Denise Fabreschi	0412 780 899
Huskisson	Cpt Sanna Reeves	0408 480 424
St Georges Basin	Cpt Michelle Thornley	0427 288 340
Sussex Inlet	Adam Harris	0409 326 660
Tomerong	Doug Schutz	4443 4600
Vincentia	Captain	4401 1750
Wandandian	Brian Edwards	0488 752 489

Shoalhaven Beekeepers Assoc Inc.

meet in the Committee Room at the Nowra Showground (enter from West Street via the War Memorial Gate) on the 3rd Wed (ex. Dec 2nd Wed) at 5.30pm for cuppa, meeting starts 6pm sharp.

www.beekeepers.asn.au/shoalhaven



noticeboard

TOMERONG MARKETS

Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8am till 1.30pm. Lots of local handmade products and snacks. Find us on [f](#) and [i](#) @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.

**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**

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

Local Markets**Berry Country Fair**

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

Callala Beach Makers Market

5th Sat (only in months with 5 Saturdays) || Callala Beach Community Hall || 8am to 1.30pm

Clifton Community Food Garden Fundraiser

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

Culburra Beach Market

1st Sun || Culburra Community Centre, Fred Evans Lane || 8am to 1pm

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@jbmm.asn.au

Milton Village Showground Markets

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

Nowra Showground Indoor Market

4th Sat || Nowra Showground Pavilion || 8am to 1.30pm

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** 3rd Sat || 8am-1.30pm || School of Arts, 360 Hawken Rd, Tomerong || nowramarkets@gmail.com || or find us on [f](#) or [i](#)

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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

AI Anon - Huskisson ■ Tue 1pm & 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.org ■ 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 & Senior AFL Club ■ Leisure Centre, Wood Rd, Vincentia ■ Juniors Thu 4.30-5.30pm for girls & boys aged 6-17 ■ Seniors for men & women Tue & Thu 6-7.30pm / Game Day Sat ■ Michael 0417 190 277 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 ■ Bruce 0403 236 842

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 welcome ■ Pres. Cheryl Clarke 0466 307 776

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

Friendly 500 Card Group ■ Mon 1pm ■ New members welcome ■ Roger 0481 995 461

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, Vincentia ■ 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 Male Choir ■ practices Fri 5.30-7pm ■ A fun attitude but no musical experience required ■ Lorraine 0408 422 423 for venue details

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

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

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Jervis Bay Wobbegongs 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://wobbegongs.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

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 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 0408 428 670 ■ 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

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 ■ Erowal Bay ■ Grandview St, Erowal Bay ■ Booking

enquiries 0491 978 037 ■ Social tennis players welcomed on ■ Monday & Tuesday mornings ■ Tuesdays evening 6.45pm ■ Thursday afternoons

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 9-11am Ph Max 0427 663 318 or

Ph 4443 0666 ■ thecountryclub.com.au/sport/tennis

Vincentia Bush Care Group ■ Tue 9am - 12 noon ■

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Mon 1st Musical Monday Christmas Special 10am - 1pm Bingo - Morning 10am - 12pm Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm \$18 Monday Roast Night* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm	Mon 8th Bingo - Morning 10am - 12pm Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm \$18 Monday Roast Night* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm	Mon 15th Bingo - Morning 10am - 12pm Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm \$18 Monday Roast Night* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm	Mon 22nd Bingo - Morning 10am - 12pm Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm \$18 Monday Roast Night* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm	Mon 29th Poker Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm Free Live Entertainment The Martini Henrys 7pm - 11pm
Tues 2nd Cash Housie Starts 10:30am \$18 Burger & Beer Tuesdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Bingo Starts 6:30pm Christmas Ham Raffles Tickets 4:30pm Draw 6pm Trivia later start 7:30pm SGB Women's Golf Club Raffle Drawn 6pm	Tues 9th Cash Housie Starts 10:30am \$18 Burger & Beer Tuesdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Bingo Starts 6:30pm Christmas Ham Raffles Tickets 4:30pm Draw 6pm Trivia later start 7:30pm SGB Women's Golf Club Raffle Drawn 6pm	Tues 16th Cash Housie Starts 10:30am \$18 Burger & Beer Tuesdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Bingo Starts 6:30pm Christmas Ham Raffles Tickets 4:30pm Draw 6pm Trivia later start 7:30pm SGB Women's Golf Club Raffle Drawn 6pm	Tues 23rd Cash Housie Starts 10:30am \$18 Burger & Beer Tuesdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Bingo Starts 6:30pm Trivia 7pm SGB Women's Golf Club Raffle Drawn 6pm	Tues 30th Trivia 7pm Free Live Entertainment Hav n Fun Karaoke 7pm - 11pm
Wed 3rd Bay & Basin Cancer Support Group Charity Devonshire Morning Tea 10am Main Lounge Bingo Starts 10:30am \$18 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	Wed 10th Bingo Starts 10:30am \$18 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	Wed 17th Bingo Starts 10:30am \$18 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	Wed 24th Bingo Starts 10:30am \$18 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	Wed 31st Wednesday Mega Meat Raffle Tickets from 4:30pm, Draw 6pm Wednesday Night Poker Register 5:30pm, Start 6:30pm Free Live Entertainment New Year's Eve Entertainment Raven 7pm - 12.30pm
Thurs 4th \$18 Parmageddon Thursdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm	Thurs 11th \$18 Parmageddon Thursdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm	Thurs 18th \$18 Parmageddon Thursdays* On Point Kitchen from 5pm Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm	Thurs 25th CLOSED	* Member Price * Events subject to change
Fri 5th Friday Bingo 10am - 2pm Auditorium Friday Afternoon Poker Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm Hitlist Fridays 7pm Main Lounge Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm	Fri 12th Friday Bingo 10am - 2pm Auditorium Friday Afternoon Poker Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm Hitlist Fridays 7pm Main Lounge Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm	Fri 19th Friday Bingo 10am - 2pm Auditorium Friday Afternoon Poker Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm Hitlist Fridays 7pm Main Lounge Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 7:30pm	Fri 26th Free Live Entertainment DJ Matrix 7pm - 11pm	
Sat 6th Free Live Entertainment Torque 7pm - 11pm The Angels - Echoes of Thunder Show Auditorium Doors 7pm Show 8pm	Sat 13th Free Live Entertainment SiRenics 4pm - 8pm	Sat 20th Free Live Entertainment Raven 7pm - 11pm	Sat 27th Free Live Entertainment Last Chance Honey 7pm - 11pm	
Sun 7th Poker - Sunday Poker Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm Sunday Meat Raffle Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 5:30pm Free Live Entertainment Rock-a-Holics 4pm - 8pm Santa Visit 6pm - 7pm	Sun 14th Poker - Sunday Poker Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm Sunday Meat Raffle Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 5:30pm Free Live Entertainment Backlash 4pm - 8pm Santa Visit 6pm - 7pm	Sun 21st Poker - Sunday Poker Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm Sunday Meat Raffle Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 5:30pm Free Live Entertainment William Wallace 4pm - 8pm	Sun 28th Poker - Sunday Poker Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm Sunday Meat Raffle Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm Snooker Club Raffle Drawn 5:30pm Free Live Entertainment Keith Zehr 4pm - 8pm	

WHAT'S ON DECEMBER



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Fortnightly Meetings

Bay & Basin Camera Club Vincentia 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, Vincentia □ 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 0448 7788

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

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 Liberals The Country Club StGB □ Last Mon

6pm dinner followed by meeting at 7pm □ New members and guests welcome □ Michael Davis 0498 797 471 to RSVP

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. Norman Hughes 0418 382 288; Sec. Roz Woolmer 0409 981 340

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

Huskisson RSL Sub Branch 2nd Thu 6pm □ 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 Jervis Bay □ Last Wed 7pm □ contact_2@jervisbaydivers.org or call Geraldine 0410 326 061

Jervis Bay Lions Club Club Jervis Bay □ 1st Thu for 7pm start □ President Ruth Evans 0439 466 741 □ 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 □ Joy Swatridge 0403 838 441 □ e: swattorj@hotmail.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

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Jervis Bay Writers Group Workshop your writing with other local writers ■ Ages 35-60 ■ Find us on [Facebook](#)
■ email jervisbaywritersgroup@gmail.com

Justice of the Peace Assoc NSW Shoalhaven Branch Bomaderry Bowling Club, Meroo St ■ 1st Mon 1pm ■ Visitors most welcome ■ Brenda 0407 065 031

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 ■ Harry Back 0402 366 695

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 (Bird Club) 2nd Tue 7.30pm ■ North Nowra Community Hall, Hook Cl, Nth Nowra ■ Ph Ray Faulds 4423 4475

Shoalhaven Beekeepers Ass, Inc. Committee Room at the Nowra Showground (enter from West Street via the War Memorial Gate) ■ 3rd Wed (ex. Dec 2nd Wed) 5.30pm for cuppa, meeting 6pm sharp
■ <https://www.beekeepers.asn.au/shoalhaven>

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

Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemans Dance Club 3rd Sat 7-10.30pm ■ Shoal ExServicemans 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, Worrorring 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 9.45am-11.45am ■ 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 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

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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 ▪ Enquiries Steve Harris 0415 668 660

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, Worrington 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 Ukes & Guitars practice 1-4pm

Shareostomates, Shoalhaven Area Ostromates

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.hwcv.org.au ▪ exec@hwcv.org.au

Sanctuary Point Community Pride Function Room at The Country Club, St Georges Basin ▪ Christine 0409 363 243 or Gwen 0419 492 348 ▪ exec@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 coffee/tea/biscuit 7.30pm start ▪ www.vrra.org.au ▪ vrra.ccb@gmail.com ▪ Secretary 0438 856 568 ▪ www.facebook.com/vrra.ccb

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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

Vincentia Community Centre rear of Bilo carpark, Wool Rd, Vincentia ■ 4429 3463

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

Justices of the Peace

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Barling, Debbie 0411 275 656

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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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REGAN

Contributed by John Blackmore

Within the Shoalhaven district, the Regan family name has been synonymous with many different aspects of community life for over a century. In particular, numerous family and extended family members have been noted for their sporting prowess. Most significant is the respect the family has engendered around the district from various members who have put so much time and effort back in to the wider sporting community.

In 1919, Harry Regan played in a rugby league premiership team with the Nowra Warriors. The following year, he would team up with ARTIE SMITH (*About* Monthly Feature August 2005) as part of the first senior rugby league teams fielded by Pyree Rovers. Artie and his Pyree cricketing mates Toby and Merv Bice had played before the First World War for Nowra Warriors in the first local rugby league competition in 1913.

Back in 1901, Pyree Rovers had started as a rugby union team. They played in a competition spread along the South Coast for several seasons. Gerringong, Cambewarra and Coolangatta (known as the Rob Roys) all formed rugby union teams in the same year as Pyree. Berry, Kembla and Nowra Warriors were others teams known to play rugby union in those seasons.

When Pyree Rovers reformed as a rugby league club in 1920, the competition was still in a rebuilding phase, with Gerringong winning the first premiership after the war, before Nowra Warriors won the next. South Coast Rugby Football League competitions in 1920 comprised eight teams in first grade, and seven in reserve grade. Pyree entered a first grade team, playing against Nowra, Berry, Gerringong, Jamberoo, Kangaroo Valley, Kiama and Naval College. Nowra, Berry, Gerringong, Jamberoo, Kiama, Shellharbour and Bomaderry made up the teams who competed in reserve grade.

Harry Regan's brother Mick is noted as playing during this season, with Artie, Merv and Toby being joined by members of other families like the Wilson, Watts, Caddells and Coultharts. Most



team members were from farming families from around Pyree and Numbaa.

While its cricket club played on grounds around Pyree that were farm paddocks prepared for that summer sport, and despite holding meetings at the Pyree Literary Institute Hall, and training in the adjacent school grounds, the rugby league club began playing its home games on a ground in Nowra. This was at the eastern end of Junction Street near where the northern entrance to the Nowra Stocklands Shopping Centre exists today. This ground was fabled for the large shady figtree which stood there for many years, until the highway realignment at the end of the 1970s saw its disappear.

Pyree Rovers played successfully as a rugby league club right up until the advent of the Second World War, for many of those seasons competing as a first grade entity. While a premiership eluded the club in the top grade, it did win the reserve grade premiership in 1935, and the second ever under 18s competition to be played, in 1939. Mick Regan played in the 1935 premiership team, then coached the Under 18s to their premiership. His nephew Ted Regan was a member of this Under 18s team.

1945 saw the Rovers win the Reserve Grade Premiership again, upon the resumption of competitive rugby league competition immediately after World War II. A few years after that it would merge with the Nowra Warriors, re-emerge as a single team reserve grade club, then disappear permanently by 1955.

Harry Regan married his wife in 1923. Universally known as Maggie, she was a member of the LONESBOROUGH (*About* Monthly Feature May 2022) family. In the first years of their marriage, they lived on a property on the south side of the Crookhaven River where her grandparents lived. Over the next 23 years, their marriage would produce ten children. They were Ted (b. 1923), Jack (b. 1927), Frank (b. 1930), Dennis (b. 1933), Kathleen (b. 1936), Margaret (b. 1937), Helen (b. 1940), Bernie (b. 1943) and

Joan (b. 1946). Another son was born between Ted and Jack, but died as an infant.

As Harry began working in the 1920s, among other jobs, as a contractor helping to survey lands for the Halloran Family companies, the family would move several times as it was growing. The Crookhaven property on which they first lived after their marriage was next to the landmark known as the Archgate. This was the entrance to Halloran land on the peninsula beyond, for places like present day Culburra, Callala and Currarong.

Harry's contract work with the company meant travel to other areas to work. This work included surveying a land estate at Unanderra in Wollongong in the early 1930s, as well as ones in the Lake Macquarie district around Newcastle. Consequently, the young but growing Regan family would move in to addresses in Bridge Road Nowra, and at the top end of Kinghorne Street, then the southern outskirts of Nowra. After a brief while living at Falls Creek, the family would then settle back at the Crookhaven property.

In 1932, Harry Regan was employed as a cleaner at the Pyree Hall as one of his jobs around that area. Adjacent to the Pyree School, it was the hub of an extremely vibrant community. Apart from its football club, the cricket club continued to be a presence in district first grade competition, the hall hosted annual ball nights after the Shoalhaven Rowing Club regattas, had an active Musical Society the equal of anything in Nowra/Bomaderry at the time, as well as being the administrative base for the South Shoalhaven Municipal Council. It was into this environment that Harry and Maggie Regan's growing family were to develop.

In later years, Ted revealed that as teenagers, their father, a committeeman as well for many of the regatta events (probably the biggest annual spectator sporting event across the district at the time), entered him and his brother Jack in to rowing races. One of the training methods he used was to have his sons row upriver from the Numbaa Regatta course, then turn in to a stiffening nor'easterly breeze, and row against the wind; to make them work harder in training.

In 1953, Harry and Maggie moved their family away from the Crookhaven land that had been lived on by the extended family for the best part of a century. This is one of the reasons that

the Halloran family would eventually name the property REGANVILLE; one of the names by which the land goes by today. Harry took a job in Milligan's Bakery in Berry Street Nowra, working there from this time onwards. After this point, the family lived in St Annes Street Nowra as each of the children were starting to make their own way in life. One by one, they all married.

In the REGAN CUP *About* Monthly Feature in July 2004, many of the sporting exploits of the siblings and son-in -law Ivan 'Chips' Gray were noted in detail. In 2025, the Nowra/Culburra Surf Club celebrated 70 years of existence. Jack Regan was in the very first surf boat crew for that club, followed closely by Chips.

In the years around the REGAN CUP being named after the family as the premiership trophy for the 3rd grade South Coast Group Seven Rugby League competition, Jack and Chips as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents respectively nominated John O'Dwyer to become a paid secretary of the league. John fulfilled this role for 40 years, in amongst a myriad of other community commitments.

Amongst the four REGAN sisters, Joan is the only sibling to live permanently outside the district after she married. Between 1970 and 1990, she played squash in the highest divisions of the Brisbane Metropolitan competitions, as well as being an active ballroom dancer, and an actress in amateur theatre groups in Brisbane. Helen played tennis and squash for 30 years, winning the Shoalhaven A grade ladies doubles tennis in 1971. She had represented at the 1954 Country Week tennis tournament in Sydney, after playing in representative P.S.A.A.A. competitions while attending Pyree School.

Margaret was the N.S.W. Estuary Fishing Champion in 1976 and 1979. Later, in 1985, she competed in a team of three women who won the Australian Deep Sea Fishing Championships, held in Western Australia. Two years later on the Gold Coast, Margaret won the 1987 Australian Estuary Championships.

Probably the family's most unique achievement among many, is the day the four eldest Regan brothers first played first grade rugby league together for Nowra Warriors. As a teenager, Bernie must have looked on in awe of his older brothers. A proud moment for their parents too, one would suggest. ■



Wool Road Spinners & Weavers

Inc.



Christmas Greetings without spin, or going back and forward, from the Wool Road Spinners and Weavers

We wish all the readers of **About** a safe Christmas, and may there be some very special moments for each and everyone during this time.

We thank Bendigo Bank and the Editor, Michelle, for the work they do to produce this magazine for the community.

To finish 2025, here is an interview of another of our members, Jennifer: Jennifer has maintained her joy of spinning moved to through a number of moves, demonstrating the joy she has of the craft. There are many spinning groups throughout Australia, and most like us are a member of the Hand Weavers and Spinners of NSW.

Some years ago Jennifer went, by chance, to the Winter Woolfest run by the Sutherland Shire Spinners and Weavers. She started to go to the group as a social day out to knit but then got roped into spinning about thirteen years ago. At first, she found spinning was frustrating, but eventually it fell into place, and Jennifer is a fine spinner these days.

Jenny was a member with Wool Road Spinners and Weavers but she moved and became a member with the Hunter Valley group. But Wool Road beckoned again when she moved back to the South Coast. Her dedication is such that she travels from Shellharbour to maintain her friendships and spinning skills with the Wool Road crew. Have I convinced you yet that we really are friendly?

Jennifer tends to spin for smaller items such

as hats, headbands and scarves. One item she remembers is knitting a greasy wool jumper for a fisherman. Greasy Wool is when wool is knitted without all the lanolin being washed out. It is a great way to then have a more water-resistant article, particularly liked by fisherman and farmers.

Presently Jennifer is working with 3 to 4kg of alpaca and mohair fibre creating a very fine yarn ready for knitting.

When asked how she selects what she is next going to produce, Jennifer said she buys for colour and then plans and sets her goal for her next article.

So as New Year approaches, those wonderful thoughts of new resolutions arise. So drop in and see if we can tempt you to develop or restore a craft with some friendly people. You can even enjoy a coffee or tea as you check us out. There's plenty of time as our first meeting in 2026 is Thursday the 15th January.

We meet at Jervis Bay Baptist Church classroom, 1 St George Ave Vincentia, 9.30am to 1pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. If you want any further information please call Judy 0403 212 237. ■

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NSW Justices

In continuing on from my last article on how to find a Justice of the Peace, I have added a few other thoughts and the procedure for Appointment as a Justice of the Peace in New South Wales. How many JPs are in your area? Over 50 and sometimes you cannot find one. I wonder why?

Justice of the Peace prior to the year 2000 were JPs for life. This changed in the year 2000 to a five-year term. Even the person who was a JP for life at this time was given a five year term and then renewal at the end of that. For the first time in our history JPs are now required to complete a 20 question test and must obtain 100% so they know what they are doing and are competent.

As you can see below you must complete the test first, prior to meeting with your State MP. Prior to this you had a book with the legal action a JP could take and wished the best. Now you need to know what you are doing.

What you will need:

1. To register for JP Online
2. To pass the JP Knowledge Test, this is based on the information in the JP Handbook.
3. To complete an appointment application form. This includes requesting a NSW Member of Parliament to consider nominating you
4. The application will indicate which documents you need to provide and may include any of the following:
 - Your Australian Birth Certificate
 - Your Australian passport
 - Your Australian citizenship certificate
 - A document from the NSW Electoral Office which shows you are currently enrolled to vote in NSW
 - A change of name certificate and proof of use of that name
 - Contact details for two character references

How do I become a Justice of the Peace?

- If you are applying to be a community JP you will need to describe the community based need for your appointment in 2,000 words or less
- If you are applying as part of an employment need, a letter on your employers letterhead demonstrating the need for your appointment.

Well, how do I apply to become a JP NOW and in the future? (You must be a minimum of 18 years of age)

1. Select the "Register for JP Online" button
2. Confirm your eligibility and enter your personal details
3. Receive an email from the Department of Justice confirming your registration
4. Take the JP Knowledge Test on JP Online
5. Gather all required supporting documentation
6. Select "Apply to be a JP" to complete the appointment application using JP Online
7. If your local State Member agrees to nominate you, your application will be sent directly to The Department of Justice for processing
8. Take the Oath of Office at a NSW Local Court.

I also suggest that when you are notified you have been appointed a JP then you should join the New South Wales Justices Association to keep yourself up to date as changes come through.

I trust this has been helpful and just a reminder that ALL JPs must REGISTER ON JP ONLINE NOW – if you need a hand please give me a call.

**Regards, Laurie
(Laurence Stuart McGinty OAM JP)**

Shoalhaven Support Group of the New South Wales Justices Association – 0438 013 330

Please note that Members of the New South Wales Justices Association are now insured for indemnity, what a great reason to be a member.

Weekly collection of your yellow bin starts Monday 22 December.

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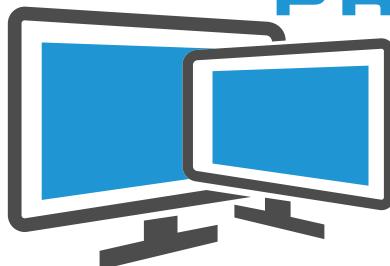
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MUCKING IN

CLIFTON COMMUNITY FOOD GARDEN

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

Another calendar year draws to a close but the garden grows on! The tomatoes are amazing; the weather has been excellent for their growth this season. The bushes are more like trees, thriving under the care of the growing committee and keen members, from early September. Tomatoes are the highlight of the summer production and more than half the beds are dedicated to producing a good crop. As well as the members enjoying the heirloom varieties with excellent flavour for eating, the excess are frozen and stored for the year. These are then used for the delicious preserves of chutney, pickles and sauces made for the fundraising throughout the year. And we need lots!!

We grow even-sized clear skin varieties for the cooking and the flavour of the larger meaty Grosse Lisse and Beef Steak is prized for general use and then a variety of the smaller growing tasty morsels like Tiny Tom and Small Truss are favoured by all. It is a wonderful time of the year!!

Care has also been taken to plant lots of Basil in with the tomatoes as they complement one another in growing as well as eating. Then many of the members make lovely fresh pesto, which also complement all tomato dishes but also many other of summer's food delights.

The lettuce, which have been planted in many varieties as usual are sharing the beds with varieties of Mizuna, a popular green found in salad packs and bowls in the last few years and coming to us from Japan. It has green and red varieties but the flavour is the same, peppery and pleasantly bitter, and the thin white stems are crunchy. Mizuna contains compounds that have anti-inflammatory properties, which can help reduce inflammation in the body and reduce the risk of chronic diseases. Supports digestion: Mizuna is a good source of fibre, which can help promote digestion and prevent constipation. It is not eaten raw in Japan- instead; it's pickled, stir-

fried, simmered and added to hot pot dishes. Only light cooking is recommended to preserve the rich source of vitamins contained within. It can also grow as a sprout crop and eaten while very young although the flavour is mild or missing.

Watch out for those 'stink bugs' on the citrus trees, they are orange now, easy to see, so hunt them down and destroy them. Please!

We have been lucky enough to receive a grant from our local bank, the Bendigo Bank, for improvements to conditions to the garden enclosures. The slippery pathway has been replaced by Geohex and gravel, improving drainage problems and serviceability. We are most grateful for their support.



The last fundraiser for the year is on Saturday 20th December, which is close to that very special day but hey – a chance to top up the treats for yourself or as thanks for that BBQ invite in the holidays. The flags will fly and the cheery members will be in the garden to greet

one and all, with chutney, relish, pickles and jam and produce as available. There will also be a cuppa and cake available!

We wish all our readers a Happy and Joyful Christmas Season and a Healthy New Year for 2026.

Companion Planting

Brad Wilson – Herbalist

No man is an island, and that goes for plants as well. Plants need company – like humans they get lonely.

Companion planting is not a new trend. The ancients knew that certain plants thrived when grown in close proximity to certain other plants. In today's world of intensive monoculture, the only company a young cabbage gets down on the farm is another cabbage. Too bad if they don't get along – they are stuck with each other. And that's not the worst of it. If a hungry cabbage moth comes along with a party of ten and spies your row of cabbages, you know what they are all going to want for dinner – and it's not fish fingers with chips.

To protect against insects naturally, there are two approaches. One is to grow a smelly plant next to the cabbage, like thyme or garlic. That makes a cabbage harder to find, as insects rely on smell just as much as eyesight. The second is to include a plant even more tasty to the insect than the cabbage, such as African marigolds. True, the moth-eaten marigold will not thank you, but its cabbage friends will more likely thrive and shine – at least till harvest day.

Some plants help each other grow. A good example is beans and corn. Although everyone knows that beans cause indigestion and acute embarrassment in confined spaces, not everyone knows that beans fertilise the soil by adding nitrogen to it. The nitrogen in the soil is then used by other plants, such as corn which needs a lot of nitrogen.

The idea is to first plant the corn. As the corn starts to grow, plant the beans. Everyone knows that beans like rock climbing and the beans will soon climb up the corn. Result: happy beans, happy corn. Who would have thought that beans and corn are BFF - Best Friends Forever.

On the other hand, some plants are strictly IHYG – I Hate Your Guts. One of the most disliked plants in the vegetable kingdom is fennel. Fennel is that bad neighbour in the vegetable patch. Have you noticed that fennel seems to have a bad case of body odour? Well other vegetables have certainly noticed and they do not like it. They just can't stand to be near fennel and will show their disdain by growing poorly. ■

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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been a very busy year for the members of Sanctuary Point Community Pride Inc as we campaign for improvements to our community.

Neighbour Day is held on the last Sunday in March and SPCP intended to hold a community BBQ at Clifton Park. Unfortunately poor weather led to the cancellation but it made us aware that Clifton Park badly needs a large **picnic shelter**. President Allen Kruse has been in discussions with Council to gain the necessary permission for SPCP go ahead and raise funds and have it erected. Council would not be funding it. This year's raffle proceeds will contribute to those costs. Allen thanks members who generously gave their time to sell tickets. Joan Hall rates a special mention as she not only donated two prizes but also sold tickets and then folded them. The raffle winners were announced at the Spring Into Sanctuary Point fair and all prizes have been delivered.

Another project was to showcase to visitors and residents alike the wonderful facilities we have in Sanctuary Point. Our Treasurer and digital whizz Christine McInerney Percy **developed a map of these attractions**. Free copies of this map will soon be appearing at public spaces.

Our member John Svoboda has been campaigning for improved **bus services** to the bay and basin resulting in an increase of services. To improve patronage John and Christine have designed a schematic map (similar to the famous London Underground map) to show where the buses run. This will also have a QR Code with access to bus companies' timetables.

Our much-loved **library** is too small for our growing population and for several years

Council has worked on various designs to build a new one. In January their Architects submitted preliminary designs for a library to be built on the corner of Kerry Street and Paradise Beach Road. As reported in June's edition of **About°** magazine Councillors voted against this site and SPCP commenced the campaign to have that design built there. Secretary Gwen Price led the campaign and to test support for the Kerry Street corner site, a petition was circulated. Over 1228 signatures were gathered and the petition was submitted by Clr Gemma Tribe at the Council meeting of 28 October. To our delight Council passed 7.5 the amended motion to have the library built on the Kerry Street corner. Regretfully some Councillors were unhappy with that result and moved a recission motion. As this report goes to press, we await an outcome that reinforces the will of the community.

Earlier in the year President Allen Kruse and Secretary Gwen Price met with relevant NSW Ministers at the Community Cabinet at Ulladulla about the **library issue** and the **Police Station**. In particular community concerns about staffing levels and the operating hours at the Police Station. Chief Inspector Nick Hallett accepted our invitation to attend our June meeting where he urged residents to call 131 444 if they notice any suspicious activity as being the best way to alert police. He explained that police numbers will increase over summer and station operating hours vary according to police requirements.

SPCP also works well with other community organisations such as Firefly Bay and Basin, the youth focussed initiative of Uniting. Whether it be encouraging youth activities, cooking a BBQ at the skate park or auspicing their funds, SPCP supports Firefly's endeavours.

Another project that Christine has been working on is improvements to the large billboard at the big roundabout on Naval College Road. Many visitors approach Sanctuary Point from that direction and some of the signage is in a very dilapidated state. By the onset of summer it is planned to have that sign updated to showcase our attractions and improve visitation to Sanctuary Point. We all benefit when our businesses are doing well.

About Community Groups

On October 18 we held our annual Spring Into Sanctuary Point. Over 1800 people attended this very successful fair. There is a lot of work involved in holding this event and our congratulations go to Christine and her team of SPCP Members and community volunteers.

All of these activities would not be possible without the support of local businesses and successful grant applications. FRRR, Shoalhaven City Council, Bendigo Bank Sanctuary Point and Veolia Mulwaree Trust deserve special mention. We thank the Country Club St Georges Basin for allowing us to use their meeting room. We have also been backed by the Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips MP and the NSW Member for South Coast Liza Butler.

SPCP takes pride in our community. The SPCP Executive thanks our members for their efforts during the year. To learn more about us, visit our Facebook page or our website spcp.org.au

We welcome new members who are interested in contributing in a big or a small way to the improvement of our community. We are a keen and friendly bunch.

Come along to one of our monthly meetings or contact our Secretary Gwen Price on 0419 492 348 for more information.



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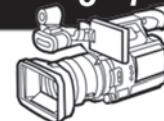
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Don't Get Caught Off Guard – Snake Awareness

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As the weather warms up, snakes are on the move again across the Shoalhaven. Encounters can happen on bushwalks, in paddocks, and even close to home.

Be Prepared With the Right Gear

Having the right gear is just as important as knowing what to do. That's why we recommend keeping a Snake Bite Bandage with Continuous Indicator in your kit — to guide you to create the correct tension.

Snake bites are rare, but they're serious. The best protection is being prepared, confident, and equipped.

Most snake venom reaches the bloodstream via the lymphatic system. Research has shown that very little venom reaches circulation if Pressure Immobilisation Bandaging is applied immediately and maintained.

How to apply a Pressure Immobilisation Bandage

1. If on a limb, apply a broad pressure bandage over the bite site as soon as possible. Elasticised bandages (10–15 cm wide) are preferred over crepe bandages. If neither are available, clothing or other material should be used. The bandage should be firm and tight — you should be unable to easily slide a finger between the bandage and the skin.
2. To further restrict lymphatic flow and to assist in immobilisation of the limb, apply a second pressure bandage, starting at the fingers or toes of the bitten limb and

extending upward to cover as much of the limb as possible.

Why Snake Awareness Matters

Many of the snakes found in Australia are capable of lethal bites to humans. These include Taipans, Brown snakes, Tiger snakes, Death Adders, Black snakes, Rough Scaled snakes and many Sea snakes.

The bite may be painless and without visible marks.

Other symptoms and signs of a snake bite may include:

- Paired fang marks, though often only a single mark or scratch (localised redness and bruising are uncommon in Australian snake bites)
- Headache
- Nausea and vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Blurred or double vision, or drooping eyelids
- Difficulty in speaking, swallowing or breathing
- Swollen tender glands in the groin or armpit of the bitten limb
- Limb weakness or paralysis
- Respiratory weakness or respiratory arrest

First Aid for Snake Bite

If someone is bitten, remember these critical steps:

- Call 000 immediately

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First Aid

- Keep the person immobilised (still), reassured and under constant observation
- Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage
- Commence CPR if the person is unresponsive and not breathing normally. There is no risk of transmission of venom to the rescuer by providing CPR.
- A digital photograph of the snake may be helpful in identification if safe to do so.
- Antivenom is available for all venomous snakes native to Australia.

Note:

- DO NOT cut or incise the bite
- DO NOT use an arterial tourniquet
- DO NOT wash or suck the bite

For more information see the Australian Resuscitation Council Guidelines at <https://www.anzcor.org/home/first-aid-for-bites-stings-and-poisoning/guideline-9-4-1-first-aid-management-of-australian-snake-bite>

**Stay safe this summer —
The South Coast First Aid Team**

PS: Already trained and equipped with the right bandages? Then pass this information along to someone who isn't — it could make all the difference to give the gift of time.



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A dozen hearty voices took to the stage at Worringong Heights Residential Aged Care facility in early October, as the Jervis Bay Male Choir entertained the residents with songs that they had been quietly practising in anticipation of the event. The choir was rewarded with a large and appreciative audience as they ran through their repertoire, skilfully led by maestro Lorraine Sneesby and accompanied on the keyboard by virtuoso Helen McKenzie.

The morning started with a robust rendition of the Kentucky coal mining classic Sixteen Tons, a huge hit for Tennessee Ernie Ford in 1955. The Australian classics Andy's Gone With Cattle (Henry Lawson) and Bound for South Australia were part of the performance which also included the stage show songs Nothing Like a Dame, Some Enchanted Evening and The Impossible Dream. The haunting She (included in the film "Notting Hill") and The Rose, popularised by Bette Midler, provided a change in tempo before the Negro spiritual Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet and the whimsical Eric Idle classic Always Look on the Bright Side of Life brought the room alive.

The Jervis Bay Male Choir meets weekly for practice, from 5.30 to 7pm on Fridays, usually at Coastal Waters Community Centre, but occasionally at Aveo Village Community Centre.

Men of any age interested in joining the choir, or just coming along to see if they like it, should phone Lorraine on 0408 422 423 to determine the venue of the next practice session.

The choir revels in the joy of singing and does not require musical experience or an audition.

PROJECT SKATE BRINGS ENERGY TO SANCTUARY POINT AND SUSSEX INLET!



The skateparks of Sanctuary Point and Sussex Inlet came alive on the weekend of 11 and 12 October. Project Skate events were made possible through a generous community grant from Bendigo Bank Sanctuary Point and Districts, whose support helped turn the students' vision into reality. The events were part of the Youth Voice Project, an initiative that empowers Vincentia High School students to lead projects that make a difference in their local communities.

Both days were led by the **Totem Skateboarding** team, including Olympian Liv Lovelace, who brought incredible energy and encouragement to the sessions. On both days Totem ran two structured skateboarding workshops followed by a Skate Jam, a friendly skate competition where participants could show off their skills, try new tricks, and cheer each other on.

A real standout moment was seeing the Project Skate students from Vincentia High School team deliver one of their main goals, providing a free, fun, and inclusive event for the Bay and Basin community. Supported by Firefly Bay and Basin, the students took charge of everything from planning and promotion to on-the-day logistics.

Watching them step up with confidence and teamwork was a proud moment for everyone involved.

The local community also played a key role. Sanctuary Point Community Pride Inc. and the Sussex Inlet Neighbourhood Centre rolled up their sleeves to cook the much-loved community sausage sizzle and helped promote the events through their networks. The atmosphere was upbeat, welcoming, and supportive, a true celebration of community spirit.

Feedback from the weekend was overwhelmingly positive. Young people and families alike asked for more events like this, saying how much they appreciated having a safe, positive space to connect, learn, and have fun. At the Sussex Inlet event, conversations naturally turned into the dream of a new and improved skate park, one with added street-style features and better amenities. The buzz of enthusiasm quickly turned into talk of community collaboration and advocacy, with parents and residents voicing their support for making it happen.

Project Skate Youth Voice students are now analysing the data they collected from skaters and community members and are working on a concept design for a new Sussex Inlet Skate Park. Their goal is to present the design to the community, rally local support, and inspire collective action to bring the new park to life.

The biggest takeaway from the weekend?
That young people are capable of incredible things when given the opportunity. The Project Skate team proved themselves to be passionate advocates for their peers and their community, showing leadership, creativity, and determination.

The Project Skate events didn't just deliver two great days of skating; they built momentum, strengthened community connections, and reminded everyone that change starts with young people having a voice and the courage to use it.

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We welcomed approximately 300 grandparents and special friends for a joyful Grandparents' Day celebration that truly showcased the school's role as the heart of the community. Guests were warmly invited into classrooms to share in a massive recipe-sharing activity, working alongside their young learners in a fun and collaborative way. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, learning, and the special bond between generations.



Following the classroom visits, everyone gathered to watch a vibrant showcase assembly featuring more than just performances — it was a lively celebration of the school's creative spirit. Our talented choir, drama, and dance groups took to the stage, accompanied by special performances from Kindergarten, Stage 1, and Stage 2 students, delighting all in attendance. The morning concluded with a special morning tea generously provided by the HPS P&C. We are truly grateful to our incredible school community—especially the grandparents and special friends—whose ongoing support enriches the learning experience for every student and staff member. Events like Grandparents' Day remind us why HPS is more than just a place of learning; it is a vibrant hub where community, connection, and education come together. Thank you to everyone who made this day so memorable. We look forward to continuing to grow and learn together as one community.



Evalyn's Athletics Achievement

Evalyn's hard work and dedication to athletics have taken her all the way to the top levels of competition. After strong performances at the school and local district carnivals, she progressed through the regional championships and earned her place at the NSW PSSA State Championships in Homebush, competing in both the 100m and 200m events.

Racing with determination and grit, Evalyn secured a third place finish on the state podium—an incredible achievement that has qualified her for selection in the NSW team. She will proudly represent our community at the National Championships later this month. Adding to her success, Evalyn has also been selected to compete in the 200m medley and the combined event (100m, 800m, long jump, and shot put). Congratulations, Evalyn, on your remarkable achievements and the inspiration you bring to others through your perseverance and passion for sport! We wish you every success at Nationals.



VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We love celebrating our student successes here at Vincentia High School

**Indiana Wenberg**

First prize - Shoalhaven Art Society Exhibition. Her artwork 'Calm Before The Storm'. Judges comment: "This work displays a confident application of acrylic painting technique & composition."

**Martin Keogh –**

Certificate II Aero Skills
Martin began his NAPS Defence Course during Year 10 in 2024 and has recently graduated from QINETIQ Training Space in South Nowra. With a strong passion for aircraft, Martin is excited to pursue a career in aero skills.

**Kadance Naylor –**

All Schools Championships
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Placing 3rd in Javelin has now qualified her for the AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in March in Brisbane 2026.

**Kiana Roberts**

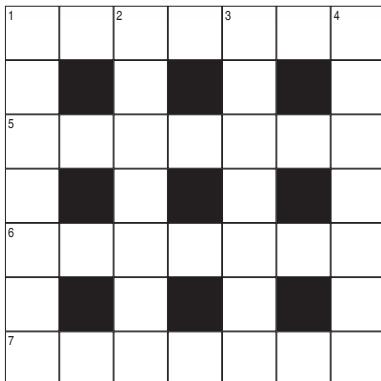
Represented VHS at Interschools competing in dressage.

She was highly commended by the judges for excellent horsemanship.



Kaylee Chittenden Interschool Equestrian at Berry. An amazing result, overall reserve champion for all Year 7 riders

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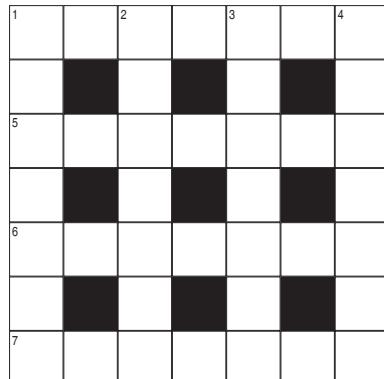
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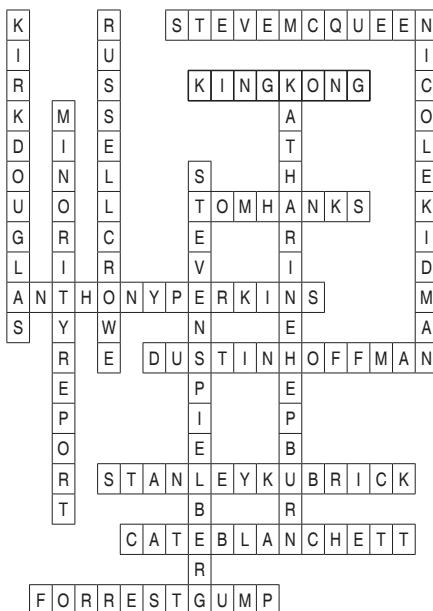
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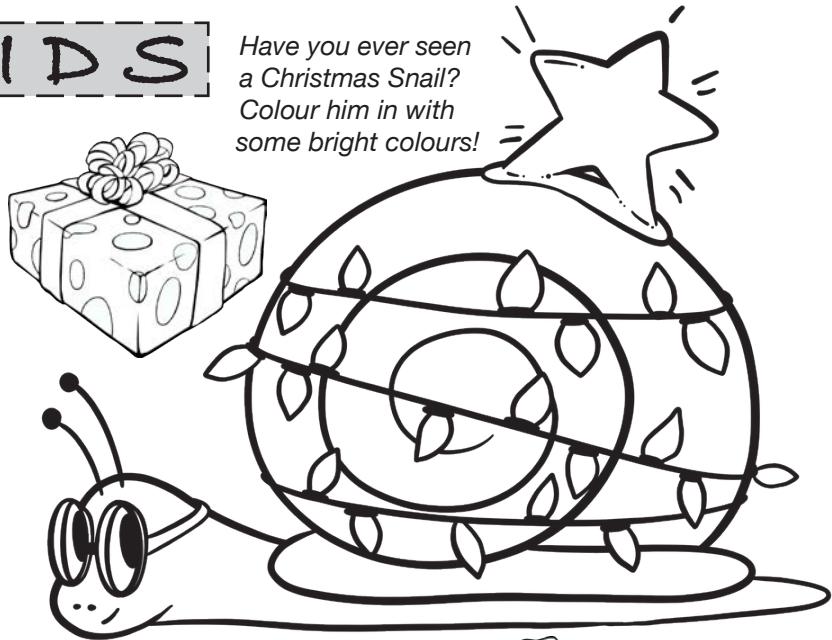
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- Q. Where will you be able to find the nine reindeer?
A. It depends on where you left them.
- Q. What do you call Santa when he stops moving?
A. Santa Pause!
- Q. What kind of pictures do elves take? A. Elfies
- Q. Why is Santa good at karate?
A. Because he has a black belt
- Q. What do you call a snowman in the summer? A. A puddle!
- Q. What do you call the fear of Santa Claus? A. Claus-trophobia



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