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## A Word from the Editor

### WELCOME TO OUR MARCH EDITION OF THE ABOUT MAGAZINE.

What a spectacular summer it has been! The season's excitement reached its peak with the Australia Day Marine Rescue Duck Derby, which was once again held locally and proved to be bigger and better than ever. It's always a fantastic community event and a wonderful highlight in our events calendar.

As the buzz of the summer holidays fades, we can all settle in for a slightly slower pace of life, at least until the next school holidays arrive! It's a perfect time to relax, reflect, and catch up on some good reading.

Speaking of which, our must-read article this month shines a spotlight on a group of unsung local heroes: the volunteer Board of Directors at our Community Bank. These dedicated individuals work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our bank not only runs smoothly but is also guided toward continued success for the benefit of everyone in our community. I highly encourage you to read the article and learn more about the incredible work they do.

**Enjoy the read, and I'll see you next month –  
Editor**

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# MORE THAN JUST A JOB, IT'S COMMUNITY!



It's hard to believe that it has already been twelve months since I first stepped into my role as Branch Manager of the local Community Bank here in the beautiful Bay and Basin area. I remember the excitement I felt on day one, eager to meet the team and the community.

Today, I can honestly say that the reality of being here has surpassed all my hopes. From the moment I arrived, I was struck by the incredible spirit of this place. It's a spirit built on genuine connection and a willingness to lend a hand. I've been impressed by the warm welcome I've received from everyone. It wasn't just a professional courtesy; it was a heartfelt embrace that made me feel right at home from the very beginning.

I want to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to my amazing team and the Board of Directors behind the Sanctuary Point branch. Your dedication, local knowledge and unwavering support have been the bedrock of this past year. You made my transition seamless and have worked tirelessly to serve our customers with passion and integrity. It is a privilege to work alongside you every day.

My gratitude also goes out to the local businesses, community groups, and partners who I've had the pleasure of

collaborating with. Whether we were supporting a local event, sponsoring a sports team or working together on a community initiative, your partnership has been invaluable. It's this collaborative spirit that makes the Bay and Basin such a special place to live and work.

Looking back on the last 12 months, I'm filled with immense gratitude. Looking forward, I'm filled with excitement for what's to come. I am more committed than ever to serving this community, supporting its growth and continuing to build on the wonderful relationships we've started.

Thank you, for an unforgettable first year. I'm proud to be a part of your community.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Marin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot at the end.

**James Marin**  
**Community Bank**  
**Branch Manager 4443 9825**

# Basin Villages Forum

A Shoalhaven City Council Community Consultative Body

*The Basin Villages Forum wishes residents and visitors to St Georges Basin and its village communities, large and small, a happy new year and our best wishes for 2026. Hoping it will be an enjoyable and successful year for everyone.*

## MEETINGS 3RD MONDAY EACH MONTH

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## THE CCB RESPONSE

On January 12 2026, a Shoalhaven CCBs workshop was convened at the Tomerong Hall for the CCBs themselves without any Council involvement. This was in reaction to the Council resolution about the future of CCBs and their apparent probable demise. It provided a chance for the vast majority of CCBs to voice their perspective on the resolution to abandon CCBs. BVF President David Reynolds and Vice President Chris Grounds attended the meeting of 44 CCB members from 20 CCBs with three apologies. A quite varied range of grievances and observations of the operation of Shoalhaven CCBs with Council were shared and noted. Suffice to say, CCBs were generally not at all happy with what had happened. The BVF Committee has received extensive Minutes. The major resolution of the CCBs was to create a Working Party from nominated members whose task was to prepare within 3 weeks by February 2nd a "Draft document as a proposal for Council regarding CCBs, which incorporates the views expressed at the meeting." BVF Vice President Chris Grounds was nominated to the 5 member Working Party. Two documents, a Proposals Paper and a Perspectives Paper have been sent in Draft to BVF and all CCBs for feedback and approval. When finalised these will be provided to the Mayor and CEO and subsequently to all Councillors.

## THE FORUM FUTURE IS UP IN THE AIR

The immediate future for the Basin Villages Forum (BVF) and indeed for all CCBs in the Shoalhaven remains firmly up in the air at the time of writing. At the December 16th 2025 Council meeting a 6-5 vote of Councillors with two absent resolved to:

**Transition from the current CCB Model of engagement and formally conclude its operation in its present form from July 1 2026; AND  
Involve community consultation from March 2026 to determine the most appropriate alternative engagement model that should be for the long term.**

No consultation whatsoever had occurred prior to that meeting with CCBs and a subsequent attempt to move a Rescission motion was rejected by the Mayor.

There are 23 CCBs in the Shoalhaven. They are "place-based" organisations representing a particular area and the related community of residents and ratepayers. They vary considerably in geographical size, in their associated population and their own range of functions. Some are Incorporated and some, like BVF, are not. The fundamental idea of the CCBs is to represent the community to Council and the Council to the community, through the CCB.

Our Basin Forum is certainly one of the largest as it involves 5 smaller villages: Wrights Beach, Erowal Bay, Old Erowal Bay, Coastal Waters and Basin View and two small towns, Sanctuary Point and St Georges Basin. BVF functions through its Committee and conducts 10 meetings per year with a recess in December and January. This format varies between CCBs. Some meet only every second month.



### **Your Neighbours, Your Lions Club: 48 Years of Serving Jervis Bay**

Have you ever bought a sausage sizzle at a local market or a raffle ticket from a friendly face in a gold and purple vest? Chances are, you've met the Jervis Bay Lions Club. For nearly five decades, we've been your neighbours, friends, and dedicated volunteers, working hard to make our beautiful community even better.

#### **Where Your Donation Goes**

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- [Our Neighbours in Need](#): Stocking the shelves at the St Georges Basin Food Bank and supporting the Shoalhaven Homeless Hub.
- [Our Future Generations](#): Donating funds, books, and confidence-building youth programs to all our local schools.
- [Our Community Heroes](#): Providing essential funds to Marine Rescue, local Rural Fire Brigades, and other community groups that keep us safe.

When fires and floods have hit our area, your generosity has allowed us to provide immediate support to local victims, helping them get back on their feet.

#### **More Than Just a BBQ**

You see us at all the big local events – from the Huskisson Carnival and ANZAC Day services to New Year's Eve and local car rallies. But our work goes far beyond the famous Lions BBQ.

Known as "The Friendly Club," we're a vibrant group of locals who believe in rolling up our sleeves to serve. Our efforts can be as simple as sorting used stamps to fund health initiatives or as hands-on as mentoring local students in our youth development programs.

We also enjoy a great social calendar with dinner outings and opportunities for personal growth. We are part of a global movement of 1.4 million members strong, all guided by a simple motto: "We Serve."

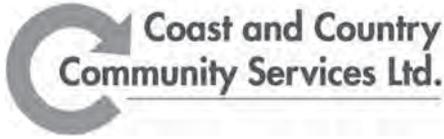
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If you're looking for a way to give back to the Jervis Bay community, meet new people, and make a tangible difference, we'd love to hear from you. All welcome, come and find out why we're called "The Friendly Club"!

To learn more about this great organisation, please get in touch!

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Today World Day of Prayer involves men and women in over 170 countries on the 1st Friday in March each year.

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# meet the board

This year, Community Bank Sanctuary Point and Districts welcomes a refreshed board, bringing new directors alongside continuing members to guide the next chapter of community impact across the Bay and Basin region.

For more than 20 years, the Community Bank Sanctuary Point has operated as part of Bendigo Bank's community banking model, reinvesting profits generated through local banking back into the region. Over that time, more than \$1.5 million has been reinvested locally to the Bay and Basin community by supporting local organisations, clubs, projects, and services that help build connection, wellbeing, and opportunity.

The board's role is to steward this model with care, guiding community investment, supporting local decision making, and ensuring the bank continues delivering lasting benefit for our Bay and Basin community.



Keith Robinson our chairman has been involved with the Sanctuary Point Community Bank since its opening in 2004, serving as the inaugural Branch Manager before retiring from full time work in 2021. Joining the board was a natural continuation of his long commitment to community banking and local development. A South Coast resident since 2001, Keith values strong local connections and is proud of the bank's ongoing support of community projects.

Paul Lallensack retired to Vincentia in 2017 after a senior corporate career in finance and operations, including serving as Chief Operating Officer at Epson Australia. He joined the board in 2020 to remain actively involved in the local community. Paul enjoys time outdoors, particularly kayaking in the bay, and values initiatives that bring people together while respecting the natural environment.



Sue O'Brien has lived in the Bay and Basin for more than twelve years and brings over thirty years of experience in the aged care sector across community and residential settings. With qualifications in gerontology and counselling, and experience on several not for profit boards, Sue remains deeply connected to local services and believes strong communities are built through care, responsiveness, and support.



Oliver Griffiths is a lifelong Bay and Basin local and joined the board in 2022 after first serving as Junior Financial Observer. He balances his board role with local work and university studies in law, economics, and finance. Oliver values community as a place of shared knowledge across generations and is proud to support initiatives that invest in young people and the future of the region.

Emily-Jane Shurey, known locally as M, brings senior marketing leadership experience across global technology and high growth businesses, with a career spanning Australia and Europe. After early agency roles in Melbourne, she spent several years working internationally with technology startups before returning to Australia to lead marketing for global companies entering and scaling in the local market. Born in Nowra, living in Woollamia, M also runs a local bioglitter business and volunteers with community organisations.

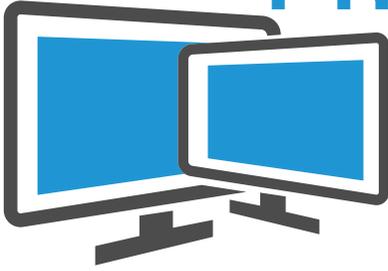


Ross Popplewell moved to Vincentia in 2017 after a career across banking, insurance, professional services, and small business ownership. He now manages the Vincentia Connections Community Hub and is deeply involved in local volunteering. Ross brings a practical, grounded approach to community development, focused on connection, wellbeing, and meaningful local action.

Boris Duka brings more than twenty five years of experience across hospitality education, vocational training, and industry leadership. A highly qualified Trainer and Assessor, he has held senior roles with respected education institutions and founded a multi award winning hospitality traineeship organisation. Boris is driven by creating practical education and employment pathways for young people across the region.



Digby Hughes brings more than thirty years of experience across disability services, environmental advocacy, homelessness, and community engagement. While a more recent Bay and Basin resident, his connection to the region spans decades. Digby believes care for people and care for place are inseparable and looks forward to contributing to deeper community engagement through the Community Bank.



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The aim is to stop the burning process, cool the burn and cover the burn. This will provide pain relief and minimise tissue loss.

## **BURNS FIRST AID**

- Cool burnt area with cool water for up to 20 minutes.
- Remove any clothing and jewellery unless stuck to the burn
- Cover burnt area with light non stick dressing or clean non fluffy material.
- Rest and reassure the person and check for shock.
- Cover unburnt areas and keep the person warm to reduce the risk of hypothermia particularly small children who may develop hypothermia quickly.
- Where possible elevate burnt limbs to minimise swelling.

## **CALL TRIPLE ZERO 000 IF**

- Burns involving airway, hands, feet, face or genitals.
- A burn greater than 10 percent of total body surface area which in an adult is approximately the size of the arm or half the leg

- All infants and children with burns should be medically assessed.

## **AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES**

- DO NOT peel off adherent clothing or burnt substances.
- DO NOT use ice directly on the burn as further tissue damage may result.
- DO NOT break blisters.
- DO NOT apply lotions, ointments, creams or powders.

For more information visit the **Australian Resuscitation Council** <https://www.anzcor.org/home/first-aid-management-of-injuries/guideline-9-1-3-first-aid-for-burns> and **The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne** [https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact\\_sheets/Burns\\_prevention\\_and\\_first\\_aid/](https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Burns_prevention_and_first_aid/).





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# Noah's Inclusion Services

Contributed by Nicole Kennedy, Team Leader

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**Growing Together Program – A Community and Family Support Program in the Shoalhaven.** Noah's Inclusion Services is proud to be launching this new program in 2026.

**Growing Together** is a program for families in the Shoalhaven who would benefit from extra support and guidance throughout their child's developmental journey.

Our program supports families with children under eight years of age who may need help understanding and responding to their child's behaviour as they grow and learn. We walk alongside families, providing practical support, referrals and connections to community services and resources.

Our experienced Noah's team is dedicated to empowering, educating and encouraging parents through evidence-based parenting strategies that support the whole family to grow and thrive together. The **Growing Together** program supports families by:

- Building understanding of child development and behaviour
- Coaching and mentoring families with practical advice and guidance
- Supporting advocacy for children within educational and early learning settings
- Connecting families with peer and community support networks
- Encouraging family wellbeing and connection and growing parental confidence

We welcome families with children who may find early learning environments challenging, have low-level additional needs or simply need support to build confidence. We also support parents who may be experiencing vulnerability or hardship.

**Growing Together** is tailored to meet each family's unique strengths, challenges and goals. An NDIS Plan is not needed to access this program and it is provided free of charge through funding by the Department of Communities and Justice. Session days and times will be arranged in collaboration with individual families.

**Parent Connect** We are thrilled to be working with families in Sanctuary Point and surrounds to provide peer support and opportunities for connection through our **Parent Connect** program. Any parent or carer of a child living with a disability, additional needs or developmental delay can access this service to gain one-on-one support and invitations to regular meet-ups in Sanctuary Point. Our next planned Parent Connect in person sessions are:

- **Mon 16 March** – Wellbeing Session
- **Wed 25 March** – NDIS Information Session

We are aiming to increase the wellbeing of local families and build connections and support networks through our partnership with Bendigo Bank Sanctuary Point who are funding the delivery of Parent Connect in 2026.

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**If you want to avoid boredom and loneliness - Volunteering is the answer.**

There is so much to gain from joining Sanctuary Point Community Pride Inc. We are not your typical organisation. We're a bunch of friendly locals passionate about our town. Our goal is simple: celebrate what makes our area unique and create a community we're all proud of.

It does not matter if you have only a few hours a month or if you do not want to commit to regular activities. While we meet monthly, these meetings are not compulsory. Although they are an opportunity to learn how things can be improved and to offer your insights and experience.

Sanctuary Point Community Pride is dedicated to supporting local businesses, organising exciting community events to

bring us together, and seeking funding to enhance our parks and the lives of those who call Sanctuary Point and adjoining area home.

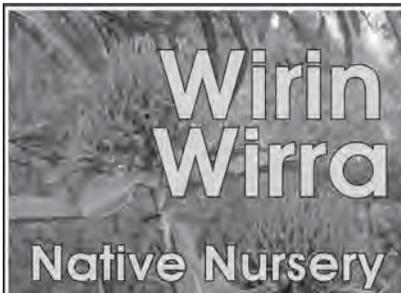
We hold an annual Spring Into Sanctuary Point fair in October. Recently we campaigned to get a new library in Sanctuary Point that Council has approved. Our current campaign is to fund a picnic shelter at Clifton Park.

There is so much to gain from volunteering.

And what is the "wet leaf syndrome"? It is a Japanese term for those recently retired who follow their wives (or husbands) around, at a loss to know what to do and sticking like a wet leaf!

To find out more about Sanctuary Point Community Pride visit [www.spcp.org.au](http://www.spcp.org.au) or our Facebook page or phone our Secretary Gwen Price on 0419 492 348 for a chat .

**Our next meeting is on Friday March 27 from 10am to noon at the upstairs function room at the The Country Club – St Georges Basin.** You are most welcome to attend.



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# FiREFLY.

## Little Voices, Big Change: Growing Community Through Youth Voice

At Sanctuary Point Public School, a quiet but powerful transformation has taken place throughout the school's Aboriginal Garden. New bush tucker plants are now growing in the soil, alongside two established grass trees standing proudly at the entry. While the plants themselves are important, the story behind how they came to be there is even more meaningful.

The planting was the outcome of **Firefly's Youth Voice Jr Project** run in partnership for a second year at the school, across Terms 3 and 4 in 2025. In December 2025, student participants in the Youth Voice Jr Project brought months of learning and planning to life by planting the new garden additions themselves.

The Youth Voice Jr Program began by exploring with the student's what community means and how young people can play an active role in improving the spaces they belong to. Students conducted research with their peers and teachers, gathering ideas and feedback. From this research they decided to focus on ways they could strengthen the school's Aboriginal Garden.

Working in small groups, the students developed these ideas and formally pitched three garden revitalisation projects to the school's executive team. Presenting to the Sanctuary Point Public School executive team was a significant milestone, one that asked students to speak with confidence, purpose, and pride.

From the pitches presented, the Bush Tucker Planting Project was selected. The idea stood out for its connection to culture, sustainability, and learning, while also creating a long-term benefit for the school community.

With the concept approved, students moved into project management mode. They learnt how to plan a project step by step, using timelines, shared responsibility, and feedback to guide their work. Each student took on a role, discovering how organisation and teamwork, turn ideas into action.

Planting day brought everything together. Students worked side by side to plant a range of



new bush tucker species in the garden. They dug, planted, mulched, watered, and solved problems together, adapting calmly when challenges arose.

What stood out most was how naturally leadership emerged. Students supported one another, shared tasks, and worked with care and respect for the space they were improving. Seeing their planning come to life was a powerful moment, a clear reminder that their voices had been heard and valued.

The planting forms part of Aboriginal Education Officer, Aunty Mally's ongoing Aboriginal Garden project, contributing to a space that will continue to grow and be cared for by future students. It is a living legacy created by young people for their school community.

Beyond the garden itself, the project has built confidence, communication skills, empathy, and pride. Students experienced firsthand how listening, research, and collaboration can lead to meaningful change.

This Youth Voice Jr Project shows that when adults create space to listen, young people respond with insight, creativity, and leadership. Sometimes, improving a community starts with listening to its youngest members — proving that little voices really can make big change.

**To learn more about Firefly and its award winning Youth Voice Project, visit [www.fireflybayandbasin.com](http://www.fireflybayandbasin.com)**



# Disaster Recovery

*Bringing hope in times of disaster*



**Anglicare Disaster Recover helps prepare and support local volunteer teams to provide compassionate care and assistance to those affected by major emergencies, ensuring they receive the help they need in times of crisis.**

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Working alongside your Team Leader and other disaster response agencies, you'll help ensure that your local Evacuation or Recovery Centre operates smoothly, making a real difference in your community.

Volunteering doesn't have to be a regular commitment. You can stay prepared by participating in short courses each year, along with practical drills, seminars, and other training opportunities - ensuring you're always ready to step in when you're needed most.

**Our Volunteers** As an Anglicare Disaster Recovery volunteer, you'll have the chance to:

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- Offer personal emotional support to those in need.
- Play a key role in helping communities recover.
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- Participate in community assistance initiatives under government guidance.
- Truly make a difference in local communities.

Volunteering with Anglicare is a meaningful way to contribute and grow - together, we make a real impact!

*"Volunteering with Anglicare Disaster Recovery team, it doesn't take much of your time but can make a big difference to people when disaster hits."* – Heather from the Southern Highlands Team

*"Anglicare Disaster Recovery is a great way to give back to your community when they need it most and when they are most vulnerable."* Rokelle – Western Sydney Team.

### **Ready to begin your journey?**

You're welcome to start your volunteer journey by either joining a new recruit online meeting with the team where you can see some videos, ask questions and meet other volunteers (held monthly) or jump in to some interactive online introductory modules which you can start at any time.

Additionally, if your church or community group is interested in partnering with Anglicare for Disaster Recovery, we can also arrange face-to-face New Recruit training for larger groups.

It's a wonderful way to equip your peers to serve their community with love and care.



**We'd love to hear from you!**

[anglicare.org.au/disaster-recovery/#enquiry](https://www.anglicare.org.au/disaster-recovery/#enquiry)

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e: [disasterrecovery@anglicare.org.au](mailto:disasterrecovery@anglicare.org.au)



DISASTER  
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# The Art of Wearing Your Story

Everyone has that one piece of clothing they can't quite let go of. For 16 year old Sol, it was her favourite pair of jeans - comfortable, familiar and worn constantly. When a hole appeared, Sol was ready to say goodbye, until a needle, some thread and a dash of creative inspiration changed their future.

Sol was one of a group of young people who recently took part in a Textile Art Workshop at the BCR Youth and Community Centre in Sanctuary Point. Rather than discarding damaged or forgotten clothing, participants were invited to bring items from home and learn how to transform them through fabric printing and embroidery.

The workshop was facilitated by BCR Community Program Officer Cita Daidone, who brings decades of experience as an art teacher and a strong belief in creativity as a tool for confidence and self-expression. *"What we wear often tells a story about who we are,"* Cita said. *"This workshop was about giving young people the chance to explore their identity, build confidence and realise they can re-imagine something instead of throwing it away."*

Through guided activities, participants learned how to embellish, repair and restore clothing - turning holes, stains and worn patches into creative features. For Sol, a simple embroidery flourish meant her much-loved jeans could be worn again.

*"I'm excited to wear them again,"* Sol said. *"I haven't really done printing on fabric or embroidery before, and I've liked it a lot because it's really creative."*

Funded by the Office of Regional Youth, the workshop reflects a growing focus on providing young people in regional areas with meaningful opportunities to build confidence, skills and employment pathways close to home.

*"A spark of an idea can turn into something much bigger,"* Cita said. *"It might lead to selling handmade pieces at a market stall or online but just as importantly, it creates that moment of realising, 'I can actually do this' which is priceless."*

Beyond the creative process, the workshop also opened conversations about sustainability. With thousands of clothing items discarded each year, participants were encouraged to think differently about fashion, consumption and waste.

The workshop reflects BCR Communities' ongoing commitment to creativity, sustainability and empowering young people to see new possibilities – not just in their clothing, but in their skills and confidence.





# WHAT LIES BEYOND Murano Island - Venice Lagoon

Contributed by Corinne Le Gall

Within the Venetian Lagoon, which is where the city of Venice is, lies other smaller islands. Getting to Venice, the main island can be by car, private boat transfer or train. Getting around to the other islands, is by privately hired boats or by the ferry – called the Vaporetto. Once you arrive at either Venice or any other island, the only way to get around is on foot – no cars for hire. Therefore, plan well and allow yourself a whole day or so to visit any one of the islands – large or small. On limited time, most visitors will only visit Venice – which is nice and a ‘must do’ but very touristy. If you want to somehow go a bit ‘off-track’ or are time-limited, two islands I will suggest are Murano and Burano Islands - (next article will be about Burano).

Having a long tradition of glass-making, Murano island is not dissimilar to Venice, but on a smaller scale. People live their daily lives there as do the glass workers. If you get the chance to visit the museum of glass, the Museo del Vetro, do so, as you will learn the whole history of glass-making through the centuries – very interesting! Some feel as the island of Venice with cobblestoned laneways, shops, restaurants, church, washing hanging up across the street and antiquity all around.

You can venture your way through the streets or shops at a leisurely pace (or break-neck speed), stop at a restaurant for a bite/lunch or a coffee stop – a lot of choices available. Not as touristy as Venice, but getting there.

Nowadays, a lot of the furnaces have shut down due to the cost of running them, which has become too prohibitive. The furnaces are fired up to operating temperatures very gradually over several hours and involves a controlled heating process to prevent damage to the refractory materials which can withstand extreme heat often exceeding 1000 degrees Celsius. Any quicker and these elements can crack and become inoperative from rapid temperature changes – hence damaging the whole structure. Once this temperature is reached, it has to be maintained at this operating temperature as it requires a significant amount of energy, hence the cost of items made as well as the running costs.

A lot of furnaces have a little demonstration of their works and the coveted, beautifully intrinsic work come at a price, but once you take into account all that it entails to produce any work, it is worth taking a piece of ‘something’ home to remind you of your time on Murano. ■

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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



## 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**

## 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**



## 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.**

## Rural Fire Services

## IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000

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

### Fire Control

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 Schuttz	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](http://www.beekeepers.asn.au/shoalhaven)

**TOMERONG FOOD HALL & MARKETS**

Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8am till 1pm. Artisan style baked goods, pastries, cakes, biscuits, organic produce, local honey, free range eggs, coffee, live music and friendly community Find us on

@Tomerong Food Hall & 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, Croobyar 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 Food Hall & Market** 3rd Sat ||

8am-1pm || School of Arts, 360 Hawken Rd, Tomerong || tomerongfoodhall@gmail.com || www.tomeronghall.com || or find us on

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# What's On...What's On...What's On...What's On...What's On...What's On

## Weekly Meetings

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

**Al Anon - Huskisson** ■ 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](http://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 ■ [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/News-and-feedback/Participation-opportunities/Bushcare](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/News-and-feedback/Participation-opportunities/Bushcare) ■ [david.rush@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](mailto:david.rush@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) ■ 1300 293111

**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](http://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](mailto:huskidrumming@gmail.com)

**Huskisson Girl Guides** ■ 8-18 years old ■ During school terms ■ Huskisson Guide/Scout Hall (near Bowling Club and Oval) ■ Wed 5.30-7.30pm ■ New Guides always welcome ■ Gayle 0418 114 979

**JB Walkers and Talkers** ■ Meet Holden St Boat Ramp, Vincentia ■ Pram friendly walking group ■ Fri 10.30am ■ e: [lanaburkey@gmail.com](mailto: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 [Facebook](#) Jervis Bay Paddle Group page for schedule

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

**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 [Facebook](#)

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**Tues 3rd**  
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**Wed 4th**  
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**Friday Afternoon Poker**  
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**Free Live Entertainment**  
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 Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm  
**Poker** Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm  
**\$18 Monday Rib Night\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

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**Bingo** Starts 10:30am  
**Trivia** from 6:30pm  
**SGB Women's Golf Club Raffle**  
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 Register 5:30pm, Start 6:30pm  
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 Draw 6:30pm  
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 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Fri 13th**  
**Friday Bingo** 10am - 2pm Auditorium  
**Friday Afternoon Poker**  
 Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm  
**Snooker Club Raffle** Drawn 7:30pm  
**Hitlist Fridays** Main Lounge from 7pm  
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**Sat 14th**  
**Free Live Entertainment**  
 Torque 7pm -11pm

**Sun 15th**  
**Poker** - Sunday Poker  
 Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm  
**Sunday Meat Raffle**  
 Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm  
**Snooker Club Raffle** Drawn 5:30pm  
**Free Live Entertainment**  
 Keith Zehr 4pm - 8pm

**Mon 16th**  
**Bingo** - Morning 10am - 12pm  
 Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm  
**Poker** Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm  
**\$18 Monday Rib Night\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Tues 17th**  
**Bingo** Starts 10:30am  
**Trivia** from 6:30pm  
**SGB Women's Golf Club Raffle**  
 Drawn 6pm  
**\$18 Burger & Beer Tuesdays\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Wed 18th**  
**Bingo** Starts 10:30am  
**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  
**\$18 Wednesday Steak Night\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Thurs 19th**  
**Ripper Raffle** - Tickets from 4:30pm  
 Draw 6pm  
**Junior Rugby League Raffle**  
 Draw 6:30pm  
**\$18 Parmageddon Thursday\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Fri 20th**  
**Friday Bingo** 10am - 2pm Auditorium  
**Friday Afternoon Poker**  
 Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm  
**Snooker Club Raffle** Drawn 7:30pm  
**Hitlist Fridays** Main Lounge from 7pm

**Sat 21st**  
**Free Live Entertainment**  
 William Wallace 7pm -11pm

**Sun 22nd**  
**Poker** - Sunday Poker  
 Rego from 1pm, starts 2pm  
**Sunday Meat Raffle**  
 Tickets from 1:30pm, Draw 3pm  
**Snooker Club Raffle** Drawn 5:30pm  
**Free Live Entertainment**  
 Hits Central 4pm - 8pm

**Mon 23rd**  
**Bingo** - Morning 10am - 12pm  
 Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm  
**Poker** Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm  
**\$18 Monday Rib Night\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Tues 24th**  
**Bingo** Starts 10:30am  
**Trivia** from 6:30pm  
**SGB Women's Golf Club Raffle**  
 Drawn 6pm  
**\$18 Burger & Beer Tuesdays\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Wed 25th**  
**Bingo** Starts 10:30am  
**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  
**\$18 Wednesday Steak Night\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Thurs 26th**  
**Ripper Raffle** - Tickets from 4:30pm  
 Draw 6pm  
**Junior Rugby League Raffle**  
 Draw 6:30pm  
**\$18 Parmageddon Thursday\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Fri 27th**  
**Friday Bingo** 10am - 2pm Auditorium  
**Friday Afternoon Poker**  
 Rego from 12pm, Start 1pm  
**Snooker Club Raffle** Drawn 7:30pm  
**Hitlist Fridays** Main Lounge from 7pm

**Sat 28th**  
**Monthly Special Breakfast**  
 9am - 11am  
**Cash Housie**  
 Books on Sale 11:30am | Starts 1pm  
**Free Live Entertainment**  
 Rock-a-Holics 7pm -11pm

**Sun 29th**  
**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**  
 DJ Mat Trix 4pm - 8pm

**Mon 30th**  
**Bingo** - Morning 10am - 12pm  
 Afternoon 12:45pm - 3pm  
**Poker** Rego from 5:30pm, starts 6:30pm  
**\$18 Monday Rib Night\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

**Tues 31st**  
**Bingo** Starts 10:30am  
**Easter Egg Raffle**  
 Tickets from 4:30pm | Draw 6pm  
**Trivia** from 7:30pm  
**SGB Women's Golf Club Raffle**  
 Drawn 6pm  
**\$18 Burger & Beer Tuesdays\***  
 On Point Kitchen from 5pm

\* Member Price  
 \* Events subject to change



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**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-Servicemans 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 ■  
Ph 0418 460 594

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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

**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 4448 7788

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bay & Basin Liberals** Meets monthly ■ More information about joining, meeting venues and times call Michael Davis 0498 797 471 or e: michaeladavis1981@gmail.com

**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 Arts Trail** Last Sat of the month 10am-3pm  
■ Visit local artists in their studios and purchase original artworks directly from the artist ■ See website for details. www.jervisbayartstrail.com.au

**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 Swattridge 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 [FB](#) ■ email [jervisbaywritersgroup@gmail.com](mailto: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, Currumbene St, Huskisson ■ 2nd Fri 5.30pm @ Club Jervis Bay (MRNSW members only) ■ 4428 2400

**National Party – Shoalhaven Branch** Visitors most welcome ■ Geoff Brennan 0402 026 328 for further info

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

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

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

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

**Shoalhaven Prostate Cancer Support Group** ■ 2nd Mon 10.30am ■ Coastal Waters Conference Room, 110 The Wool Rd, Worroving Heights ■ Fred Hocking 0435 628 110 e: [ShoalhavenPCSG@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:secretary@wandandian.org.au)

**Wildlife Rescue South Coast** ■ Contact 0418 427 214 e: [info@wildlife-rescue.org.au](mailto: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 ■ 9.30am Family Service with kids and youth programs ■ 6.30am Contemporary Service ■ Minister — Rev Campbell Mackay ■ [www.jervisbayanglican.org.au](http://www.jervisbayanglican.org.au)

**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, Worroving Hts ■ Sun 9.30am Family Service ■ Every morning except Sun 5.30am Prayer Meeting ■ Office 0429 335 024 ■ [web: c3churchjervisbay.com.au](http://web:c3churchjervisbay.com.au)

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church** ■ 23 St George Ave, Vincentia ■ Mass times: Sun 10am, Sat Vigil 6pm, Wed 5.30pm ■ [www.nowraparish.org.au/masses/mass-times](http://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](http://www.breastfeeding.asn.au)

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

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

### Other Activities cont'd

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

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

#### Shareostomates, Shoalhaven Area Ostomates

**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 ■

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**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](mailto:tomerongmarket@gmail.com) ■ Sat (4th Sat) Yoga Tapas 8-10am ■ Further info [www.tomeronghall.com](http://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](http://www.hwcv.org.au) ■ [exec@hwcv.org.au](mailto: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 ■ e: [sanctuarypointcommunitypride@gmail.com](mailto:sanctuarypointcommunitypride@gmail.com)

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

#### Vincentia Ratepayers & Residents Association

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

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### Venues for Hire

- Bay & Basin Uniting Church** Meriton St, StGB  
 ■ 4443 2642
- Community Arts Cottage** 48 Edmund St, Sanctuary Point ■ Lesley 0426 878 421
- Huskisson Community Centre** Dent St, Huskisson ■ Ph Peter 0401 436 353
- Huskisson Scout & Guide Hall** Kiola St, Huskisson ■ Ph Scout South Coast & Tablelands 02 42746334
- Jervis Bay Maritime Museum Classrooms** Dent St, Huskisson
- Sanctuary Point Youth & Community Centre**  
 34 Paradise Beach Rd, Sanctuary Point ■ Ph: 4443 9244
- St Georges Basin Scout Hall** Tasman Rd Scout Hall, St Georges Basin ■ Tammie 0472 658 505
- Tomerong School of Arts** 358 Hawken Rd, Tomerong  
 ■ \$15 per hour ■ Email tomeronghall@gmail.com  
 ■ www.tomeronghall.com
- Vincenia Community Centre** rear of Bilo carpark, Wool Rd, Vincenia ■ 4429 3463
- Wandandian Progress Association Hall** D2683 Princes Hwy, Wandandian ■ www.wandandian.org.au  
 ■ Booking Officer Anne Simpson 0405 527 655

### Justices of the Peace

#### BASIN VIEW

Barling, Debbie 0411 275 656

#### HUSKISSON

#### OLD EROWAL BAY

Lord, Simone 4443 8300

#### SANCTUARY POINT

Flynn, Mark 0418 669 688

Tyrell, Leesma 0420 921 778

#### ST GEORGES BASIN

Crass, Charles 0400 876 696

Creighton, Sandra 0411 245 188

Thomas, Jeff 0417 772 262

#### TOMERONG

Askew, Matthew 0422 068 209

#### VINCENIA

Casmiri, Luciano (Lou) 0438 856 568

## Local Services...Local Services...

### Playgroups

- Aboriginal Playgroup** Mon 9.30-11am ■ Noah's Inclusion Services the old church 48 Paradise Beach Rd, Sanctuary Point ■ Ph Mel Harpur 4423 5022 or email mharpur@noahsark.nsw.edu.au
- Sanctuary Point Sing & Play** ■ Tues 9.30-11.30am at Sanctuary Point Connect ■ A free supported playgroup with music, craft and more ■ Tracey Popple 4443 0520 or e: tracey.popple@det.nsw.edu.au
- Splash Playgroup** ■ Mon 9.30-11.30am ■ Paradise Beach Reserve ■ Renee 0423 606 559
- Baby Playgroup** - for babies 6 wks to 2 yrs ■ Thu 1-2.45pm at Sanctuary Point Connect ■ Tracey Popple 4443 0520 or e: tracey.popple@det.nsw.edu.au
- Little Steps** - a playgroup for children not attending childcare ■ the old church 48 Paradise Beach Rd Sanctuary Point ■ Ph 4423 5022
- St. Georges Basin** Wed 9.30am ■ Cnr Tasman Rd & Terry St, SGB ■ Melissa Horselman 0424 218 547 or find us on facebook



## JOIN *the* CREW

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*Connecting men, strengthening communities, combating isolation*

**ST GEORGES BASIN CREW WALKS**  
**EVERY Saturday Morning @ 7.30am**  
**Meeting @ Providence Blue Cafe**  
**191 Kerry Street, Sanctuary Point**

Call John on 0412 118 678

GET INVOLVED:

**f** The Man Walk – Community  
 WEB www.themanwalk.com.au

# THE BOOK OF SHOALHAVEN

Contributed by John Blackmore

*“Published as a souvenir of the ‘Back To Shoalhaven Week’ Celebrations, Nowra, October 17 – 23, 1926,” the BOOK OF SHOALHAVEN was advertised on its front cover as an “authentic record of principal Biography and Events in the rise and progress of an Eminently Rich Farming District”.*

In the March, October and November 2010 **About.....** Monthly Features, certain aspects of BACK TO SHOALHAVEN WEEK were referenced. One hundred years this month, a committee was formed to organise this week of activities. This **About.....** Monthly Feature is going to revisit the 120 page book which documents stories of much of the early European settlement of the Shoalhaven.

On page 5 of THE BOOK OF SHOALHAVEN was a full page illustration of a Ladies Committee which functioned as part of the organisational arrangements for the week. At the centre of this page is a photograph taken of the full committee of ladies who committed to assisting with the organisation of this week in 1926. 26 ladies were pictured near the front verandah of a prominent homestead garden. Inset thumbnail photos of the half a dozen ladies who formed this committee’s executive were placed around the fringes of the centrepiece photo. They were Mrs M.F.Morton (President); Miss McKenzie, Mrs H.C. Rauch and Mrs R.A.Bailie (Vice-Presidents); Mrs H.Rauch Snr (Honorary Secretary); and Mrs M.J.Molony (Treasurer).

Looking through the names of these half a dozen ladies, they had close connections with the male executive committee established for B.T.S.W. Not only was the secretary’s husband a newspaper proprietor in Nowra, Henry Rauch was also a member of that committee. In the midst of a 24 year stint as Nowra Show secretary, this made Henry’s role on the B.T.S.W. committee a most helpful one for the cause. The Rauch’s daughter-in-law, Vice-President Mrs H.C.Rauch, was the wife of the male executive’s President. The husband of another Ladies Vice-President, Mrs R.A.Bailie, was another member of the dozen strong male executive committee.

President of the Ladies Committee, Mrs M.F.Morton, was also a spouse of a member of the Executive Committee. Her husband Mark Morton had been elected as State Member for Wollondilly four years earlier, making him most helpful to the B.T.S.W. cause. Mrs Morton had been elected as the first President of the NOWRA C.W.A. branch two years earlier. More details of her life were included in the December 2024 **About.....** Monthly Feature on that subject.

Directly underneath the title and sub-title on the front cover of THE BOOK OF SHOALHAVEN, AS IT WAS AND AS IT IS, is the word *Illustrated*, printed in Italics. Apart from a modicum of paid advertisements throughout parts of the publication, many pages of the book are taken up by thumbnail photos and portraits of the ‘Pioneers Of Early Shoalhaven’. In all, there are 90 of these. All have the name of the person in the portrait next to them.

Amongst these, there are 13 thumbnail images of ladies. Today Mrs Mary Reiby’s portrait occupies one side of Australia’s twenty dollar note. On page 36 of THE BOOK OF SHOALHAVEN, a similar sketch of her is included. A brooch, her glasses and a hairpiece on this sketch bear some resemblance to the image on the twenty dollar note, although the sketch in the book has her looking in the opposite direction. Granted land on the south side of the Shoalhaven River at Burrier in 1824, and later on the northern side at what became known as Illaroo, on page 55 Mary was noted as riding her horse from Sydney to Burrier in 1828. Even today, two centuries later, this would be considered quite a feat.

Of the other females represented in this collection of pioneers, most of them married in to, and/or belonged to, families whose members have

resonated down the generations. Mrs Thomas Walsh was the wife of a resident of the district for 80 years before 1926. Thomas had arrived from Ireland as a small boy. He lived at Wandandian for half a century, as well as at Wogamia. Thomas “*was with William Ratnett when the latter acquired a number of the first allotments in Nowra from the Crown*”.

Mrs H.G.Morton was featured in the MORTON **About.....** Monthly Feature in June last year. THE BOOK OF SHOALHAVEN describes her as “*one of the best known of pioneer residents*”. She “*came from England when a girl, and resided for seventy years in the Shoalhaven district*”. Before her marriage to Henry Morton, she governessed for the De Mestre family. With Numbaa House as their family home, they produced eight sons. Mark was one of three of their four eldest sons elected to the N.S.W. Parliament. Mrs H.G.Morton’s daughter-in-law was the President of the B.T.S.W. Ladies Committee.

Mrs David Hyam was the daughter-in-law of Michael Hyam, after whom the beach on Jervis Bay is named. Although she predeceased her husband by 25 years when she died in the late 1890s, Mrs Hyam and husband David had a marriage which produced three sons and four daughters. Husband David was a successful breeder of Jersey cows on district properties at Bamarang, Nowra Hill and Mayfield, was a hotelkeeper at Greenhills and Terara, along with serving on two local municipal councils for close to half a century.

A daughter of Michael Hyam, and a sister to David, Mrs H.Moss was 85 years of age at the time THE BOOK OF SHOALHAVEN was produced. Born at Jamberoo in 1840, she came to the Shoalhaven as a small girl. She married Henry Moss, who arrived in the area in 1851. They had a son and three daughters. He became the first Mayor of Nowra, operating a hotel at the corner of Ferry Lane and the road to Terara. The initial section of this road is today named Moss Street after him.

Arriving in the Shoalhaven from Sydney at a young age, Mrs Andre De Mestre was a sister-in-law to well known racehorse trainer Etienne De Mestre. His record of winning five Melbourne Cups stood for 100 years. Her husband Andre, after living with her at Worrigea and at Greenwell Point near the Crookhaven River, would go on to

become the oldest Justice of the Peace in N.S.W. before he died at 95 years of age in 1917. After four sons and two daughters were produced in their marriage, Mrs De Mestre gained much respect as she “*travelled long distances at all hours to relieve distress, or nurse the sick and suffering*”.

Mrs John Glanville was married to one of the pioneer upriver farmers of the district. He had arrived in the Shoalhaven around 1840, acquiring farming estate land at Wogamia. In their marriage they successfully raised five sons and four daughters, with several of these sons continuing on the family farm after their father passed away in September 1900. The tradition of family ownership of this Wogamia property continued throughout all of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Mrs Z.G.Bice was married to a nephew of Mr and Mrs John Glanville. Her husband Zaccheus Glanville Bice is recognised as one of the first white settlers in the Cambewarra part of the Shoalhaven. He arrived in the district as an eight year old in 1837, before acquiring land off the Crown at the base of Cambewarra Mountain in 1851. Mrs Bice had grown up in the Richmond River area of northern N.S.W. Her marriage with Zaccheus prospered until his death in 1904. Their four sons and ten daughters would see this family “*long among the leading spirits in the social life of the community*”.

One of their daughters, Miss Emma Bice, in her role as secretary of the Nowra Red Cross branch, farewelled the Nowra Waratahs wartime recruitment marchers from outside the Nowra Post Office on November 30, 1915. Seven years later, Emma and her sister Miss Maud Bice would open an accommodation guesthouse in Junction Street Nowra called St Enoder. As the 20<sup>th</sup> century wore on, it became known as The White House.

For this ‘*Eminently Rich Farming District*’, THE BOOK OF SHOALHAVEN did much in 1926 to promote the cause of the local Back To movement, as well as record the efforts of many of the more prominent early citizens of the Shoalhaven. The women of the district included in this “*authentic record of principal Biography and Events*”, were respected in their own right just as much for their achievements, as well as the raising of their children, as for the support they gave to their pioneering husbands. ■



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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

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See you at the library!





## Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc.

# Irish Records Breakthrough

**My work this last month has taken me to County Clare and County Cork in Ireland, and armed with the knowledge that Irish Records are famously difficult to find, the trepidation I dreaded at the start became a revelation in the records now available.**

In my favour were the counties, the fact that the families were Roman Catholics, and that some of them were around in 1901 & 1911; which gave me access to census records to work backwards from; enabling me to list children alive at the time, with detailed residential locations.

Armed with my family groups (in pencil, because I knew there would be alterations to names & dates) I set out to fill in the births, baptisms, marriages, deaths etc.

This step, once I then checked out <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie> became all consuming as I worked my way around the search boxes. Before very long I was filling in the blanks from Civil Registrations and even better – Parish registers.

Another discovery was on [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com), where I found that Patrick (Paddy) Hickey had applied for an old age pension in 1917. The old age pension was introduced in Ireland in 1909 for people over 70, but because civil registration did not begin until 1864, eligible people often had no way to prove their age, so officials searched the 1841 & 1851 census to determine if they were eligible. This document told me that in 1851 John & Mary Hickey were then married and living in Knockduff, Millstreet, County Cork, and placed Patrick's birth c 1849 +/- 2years, although his birth record remains not found.

Through the NSW State Library, I found a couple of very interesting newspaper items from County Cork, which revealed that James Hickey was imprisoned for his involvement in the IRA.

As always, I heed you to proceed with extreme caution when using information in family Trees uploaded by inexperienced people who I will not grace with the title of 'Researcher'. One of my families was locked into a completely wrong family unit which in turn was taken back 2 more generations; and the tragedy is that several others had loaded those details into their trees, so perpetuating the error. One of my colleagues experienced this recently and found 106 trees had copied incorrect details, but when she notified all 106 subscribers, only a few expressed concern, and even fewer, thanks.

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 and the 1st & 2nd Thursday of each month, all days from 10am to 2pm. Take a look at our website at [www.shoalhavenfamilyhistory.org.au](http://www.shoalhavenfamilyhistory.org.au) for more information.

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### **We have endured and so too has our precious garden space and its plantings!**

What a heat wave to take January out and a blessing to have that southerly come through for Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, hooray, it saved the day!

In spite of the heat the tomatoes have carried on and although the plants were late into the ground they have produced well and there are still lots of lovely even sized green fruit to ripen. Lots of flowers and buds as well, so they will continue on with the bounty. The growing committee had chosen heirloom varieties to grow again this season and the flavour of these is exciting. The definite favourite is the Black Russian variety served at room temperature on warm buttered toast with a little pepper and salt, 'tis a delightful meal to enjoy!

Or.... lightly sautéed with a shallot or two, a branch of chopped basil, the sprinkle of p/s, over your favourite pasta, maybe a shaving of parmesan! Fresh and clean, the yummy flavour of summer. No fat, so healthy too!

As well as the tomatoes being exciting this summer, the English spinach, grown as companion with the strawberries, had a delicious flavour which thwarted even the most staunch *"I don't like that green stuff"* people. That deserves to be buddied up again for the future; we all enjoy a spinach pie, and that is also good eating for all of us.

A huge butternut pumpkin was produced from a vine which grew itself in the compost bin area, trailing itself over the fence and along the bins. As it grew larger and larger a 'sling' was contrived to help support the weight,

and the pumpkin is now resting, waiting to be shared up to the members who happen to be working on the day. What a treat that will be, the members work in the garden and all share the produce as needed, which seems to work well in this volunteer environment.

One of the joys of being a member of this garden is the sharing.... sometimes, a 'branch of basil' is enough for a recipe and so convenient to have it fresh from the plant.

The Open mornings on the third Saturday of every month, continue to be happy jolly events, even over the heat of summer or the odd storm. Visitors to the area have enjoyed the atmosphere of the event, even exposing their teenage sons to the joys of the pickles, chutney, jam and marmalade. The lads were encouraged to choose and pay for their own treats – hot and spicy or sweet treats! What a great learning experience, some parents are so clever at developing skills.

The cooks have already squirreled away their tomato requirements for the year, to keep the goodies on the stall, so there will be no need to miss out the favourites. The freezers are well stocked with the rich red flavoured bounty, chopped and weighed, ready to go into the pot.

**Our March event will be the 21<sup>st</sup> and the flags will again fly at the front of the garden, gates open at 10am sharp through to 12 noon.** There will be the produce table, plant stall and morning tea as usual so it makes a jolly atmosphere to visit. Hope to see you there!



### Up the Garden Path

By Brad Wilson

#### The Worst Vegetable I Ever Had

The worst vegetable I ever had was boiled cauliflower. Depending how long you boiled it, it came out of the saucepan white or grey. No other cooking method was known to my Mum back then. Just a tiny bit of cheese sauce might have made a big difference. We wouldn't have been talking about it now.

On one particularly slow night it was obvious to my parents that I wasn't going to eat my vegetables. So harsh measures were taken – the kitchen clock was put in front of my plate. I was informed that all vegetables including the cauliflower would be eaten by the time the big hand gets to 6 – or else.

“Or else” was “the pot stick”. The pot stick was a thick wooden stick for stirring the clothes boiling in the gas copper. This was the way we washed the clothes back in the 1960's – on the “heavy duty” cycle. There was no spin cycle. At the end of the wash, everything including arms went through the hand wringer. No problem if that happened. Just wind it backwards and everything would be all right.

I never received the pot stick. But knowing that everyone was against me I started chewing the cauliflower. After about 50 chews it still tasted bad. I think I hold the record for the most chews on a boiled vegetable. By the time I swallowed it, the cauliflower was well pureed.

Now of course I like cauliflower, cabbage and kale. They are all cruciferous vegetables – if you look at them upside down you see a cross. The bitterness in all of them is due to sulphur. The plant draws sulphur from the soil which acts as a deterrent to pests. If you were brought up on sugar like most kids my age you weren't about to eat something that was the opposite of sweet. As we now know, sulphur keeps us healthy – it's in garlic bulbs as well. What works so well for the plant – keeping the bugs away, works for us, too! The sulphur is antimicrobial. It helps keep the body free of germs and other pathogens.

Around the same time as the cauliflower incident, I learned that flies love boiled cabbage. On impulse the family had taken a quick trip to the Botanical Gardens. Just before we left Mum had put the cabbage on to boil as she loved to do and then in all the excitement forgot about it. When we returned 2 or 3 hours later the screen door was full of flies, all dying to be let inside. The cabbage was no more, nor was the saucepan. Both had mysteriously disappeared. However we quickly discovered a little river of molten aluminium running down the stove, next to the glowing red hotplate. We never forgot that incident. The smell of burnt boiled cabbage stayed in our nostrils for weeks. ■

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**Regards, Laurie**

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- Tuesday 28/4/26 – 6.30pm to 8pm
- Friday 29/5/26 – 10am to noon;
- Tuesday 23/6/26 – 6.30pm to 8pm
- Friday 24/7/26 – 10am to noon
- Tuesday 25/8/26 – 6.30pm to 8pm
- Friday 25/9/26 – 10am to noon (venue TBA)
- Tuesday 27/10/26 – 6.30pm to 8pm
- Friday 27/11/25 (AGM) – 10am to noon.

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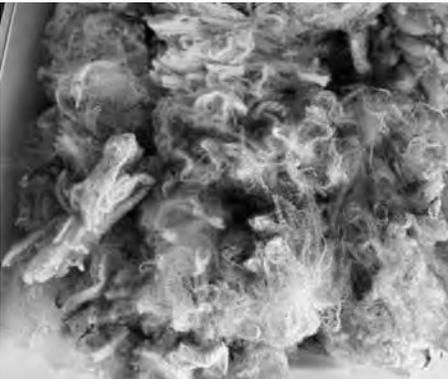
## The story behind a very long, drawn out project

Let me give you some background to this story! I am very fortunate to be a mum and a mother-in-law. My son-in-law, comes from a small Central Western Town in NSW called Bogan Gate. He and his brother run the family farm as unfortunately both his parents have died. I feel quite a sense of responsibility as the only surviving 'parent' for this family.

There must have been a discussion between the brothers about 5 years ago, in the beginning stages of my spinning career. So, very proudly my son-in-law rocked up that Christmas with a wool bale, very proudly announcing that they had saved their best 19 micron merino fleece, all 12.5kg of it, for me to spin!!

In my naivety as a new spinner and inexperience in preparing a fleece to spin, I thought, as good mother-in-laws do (?!), that I should knit both boys a jumper from the fleece from their farm.

To say the least, the fleece was very dirty, there had been a drought and dust storms, and I believe the sheep found and frolicked in every prickly shrub it could find!! This is some of the very dirty fleece as presented to me.



To get this to a knittable stage there is much washing and rinsing, a couple of days to dry, then

combing out small sections at a time to remove the vegetation and straighten the wool. I then put it through what is called a drum roller. Then to spin the wool, followed by spinning two bobbins of wool together, which is called plying, to get a yarn. To continue, you make a skein from the wool you've plied, wash and dry it and finally create a ball. THEN you can knit!!

So beginner spinner, a very dirty merino fleece, the realisation of the huge task I had taken on, began to dawn. I suggested to my son-in-law that he had two choices: Take the first jumper produced, but the quality of the spinning might not be as good as the second production; however he could take the second jumper which possibly had better spinning but I might run out of time and not get it completed. Lachlan felt that he had a better chance of getting the first jumper – and here is the first jumper completed after 4 years!!!



In my defence, I did knit quite a number of baby blankets and other items whilst making this jumper. So now I set off on the production of the second jumper!!! Another 4 years?

**Wool Road Spinners and Weavers meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month in the Classroom of the Jervis Bay Baptist Church, 1 St George Ave, Vincentia 9.30am to 1pm; you are welcome to pop in and see what we are doing and have a cuppa – Judy 0403 212 237**



# Classic Fluffy Australian Corn Fritters

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## INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup self raising flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 x 420g cans corn kernels, drained
- 2 tbsp chopped chives
- 100g fetta, crumbled
- 30g piece cold butter

## METHOD

1. Place flour into a large mixing bowl and make a well in the centre.
2. Use a fork to whisk eggs and milk in a jug and pour gradually into the flour, stirring gently to combine.
3. Fold in corn, chives and fetta. Don't over-mix or the fritters will be tough
4. Wrap butter in a piece of paper towel. Heat a large frying pan over medium heat and wipe with the butter to grease.
5. Drop 1/4 cupfuls of mixture into the pan (you'll have to cook in batches).
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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.

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# FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

Learning Together

As we look ahead to 2026, we're excited to introduce our teaching staff. It's lovely to welcome both familiar faces and new members to our team as we prepare for another year of learning, laughter and growth. We're already off to a great start and looking forward to what the year will bring.

**Mr Clayton Stevenson**



**Principal**

I'm excited to be returning home to Falls Creek Public School. I love teaching in a small school where we get to watch students grow from Kindergarten through to Year 6 – no two days are ever the same, and there's always plenty of fun along the way. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time outdoors with our four children aged 7, 7, 1 and 5 months.

**Mrs Jennai Harris**



**Assistant Principal**

Welcome back to both new and returning families. I'm passionate about teaching and love starting each day seeing our students' smiling faces, it truly brightens my day. I enjoy sports, especially touch football and athletics, and spending time with family and friends at the beach. I'm excited for a fun, adventurous year filled with laughter and great learning opportunities.

**Mrs Bonnie Kemp**



**K-2 Waaruus**

I'm excited to be a part of the school community this year. I love teaching because I enjoy building connections with students and supporting their growth. Outside the classroom, I enjoy travelling, beach time and playing the piano and guitar. At home, I'm kept busy with my two teenage boys and our very cute Cavoodle. I'm looking forward to a fun year ahead!

**Mrs Laura Heterick**



**K-2 Waaruus**

Hi everyone! My name is Mrs Heterick and I am the K/1/2 class teacher on Fridays. I love creating a classroom full of smiles, curiosity, and lots of learning adventures. When I'm not at school, you'll usually find me at the beach, spending time with my family, or chasing after my cattle dog, Charlie. I can't wait to get to know all the wonderful students and families this year. Fridays are going to be full of learning, laughter, and fun!

**Mr Shane McMillan**



**3/4 Marra Marra**

Hi, I'm Mr Mac and I'm excited to be joining Falls Creek in 2026. I have taught a Nowra Public School for 13 years and last year worked at Mutitjulu School near Uluru, teaching K-2. I live north of the river on Dharawal Country with my wife, our large family, and our dachshunds. Outside of school, I enjoy organising basketball competitions, which I've been doing since 2016, and I have a (not-so-secret) talent for creating complex spreadsheets. For me, 2026 will be a success if students feel known, safe, and excited to come to school each day.

**Mrs Carla Yeates**



**5/6 Yirramah**

My name is Carla, and I'm very excited to be joining the Falls Creek school community. I'm a mum, a defence partner, and a teacher with over 25 years' experience in Early Years and Primary classrooms. After recently moving to Nowra, I now live locally with my family and our much loved dog, Harley. I'm passionate about creating happy, safe, and supportive classrooms, and outside of school I love the beach, warm weather, fun earrings, and the colour pink. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the children and families at Falls Creek.



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## Starting 2026 Strong at Huskinson Public School

Huskinson Public School has launched into 2026 with energy, enthusiasm, and a wonderful sense of community, as we warmly welcomed 18 new Kindergarten students and their teacher, Mrs Barrett, to our school family.

From day one, our newest Huskies arrived with bright smiles, shiny shoes, and a keen eagerness to get involved in their new school lives. The excitement in the playground and classrooms has been contagious as they begin forming friendships, building confidence, and discovering all that Huskinson Public School has to offer.

Our Kindergarten students will soon be engaging in the **Best Start Assessment**, an important and supportive process that helps Mrs Barrett understand where each child is in their learning journey. This ensures that teaching and learning is tailored to meet individual needs and to set every student up for a successful year ahead.

They are also learning what it truly means to

be a **Husky STAR**—being **Safe, Tolerant, Achieving, and Responsible**—as they proudly get to know their Year 6 buddies, who are already stepping up as positive role models and friendly guides.

Across the school, we have also begun the year by reviewing our **BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) procedures**, helping to prepare our students for the modern, digital world. Students have been exploring what it means to be cyber safe, to show responsibility for their own devices, and to work in partnership with the school through agreements on appropriate and respectful use.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we look forward to watching our students continue to grow, learn, and shine as we move forward together in 2026.





# VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**'Introducing and extending the warmest of welcomes to our new staff members for 2026 Mr Royal, Ms Kyle, Mr Yang & Ms Pinto.**

We are looking forward to the positive impact these amazing

staff members will bring to our students' learning journeys by creating engaging experiences where curiosity is encouraged, and by playing a vital role in supporting students growth and wellbeing throughout the year.

## Zhouxing Yang (Tom) *Mathematics*

I have been a casual teacher in Wollongong and Kiama, I got my BSc from UNSW and MTeach from UOW. I am excited to bring my professional expertise, some humour and joy to VHS. Maths is already intimidating enough. My first impressions of VHS were natural and refreshing. Literally sitting next to a national park and I was amazing at how large the support unit and agriculture farm are.

## Deahne Pinto *LaSP Teacher* *- Transition Class Year 8*

I have recently moved to the area from Sydney and I have heard great things about VHS! I have been teaching for 9 years. I love helping students



achieve more than they could have imagined, so I can't wait to start working with the students on their goals. I love board games, going to the beach and hanging out with my three dogs. I love bright colours and sparkly things.

## Lea Kyle *Student Support Officer*



I have joined the Yiliga Miraral Wellbeing team in the SSO role and will be based in Walawaaningarn. I am a qualified Social Worker, local to the Shoalhaven

and passionate about giving back to the community. I have previously worked as SSO at Nowra High and before that spent 24 years with the Department of Defence. As a mum of three teenage girls I have first hand understanding of high school life and the realities families face. This year I'll be representing Shoalhaven in the Open Women's Waratah League team, proving that you're never too old to have a run, even if it takes a bit longer to recover.

## Mr Royal *Science*

I began my teaching career in 2017 in the Hunter Valley, working in Muswellbrook and Singleton. At the end of 2022 I returned to the south coast and gained



valuable experience at Ulladulla High and Shoalhaven High. I am excited to bring a positive attitude and enthusiasm to our VHS community.

Outside of school I enjoy surfing, bushwalking and running.



# What we are doing at VINCENTIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

**FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL** It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces on the first day back at school for 2026. We'd also like to welcome our new students and new Principal Michael Chapple!



## **WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2026!**

The newest cohort of public school students started their educational journey on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Our Kindergarten students were excited and nervous about coming to big school but are finding their way around the school and enjoying our wonderful playground equipment.



Sudoku 1

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Can you do it?

The goal of Sudoku is to fill in a 9 x 9 grid with numbers 1-9.

Tricky part is each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3 x 3 block.



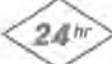
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Sudoku 2

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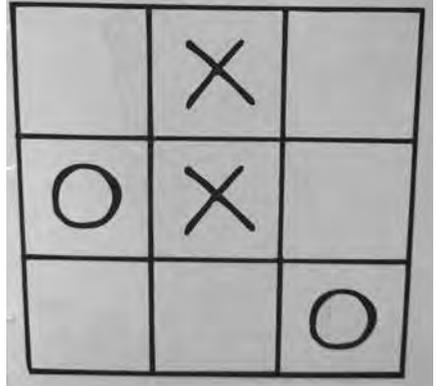
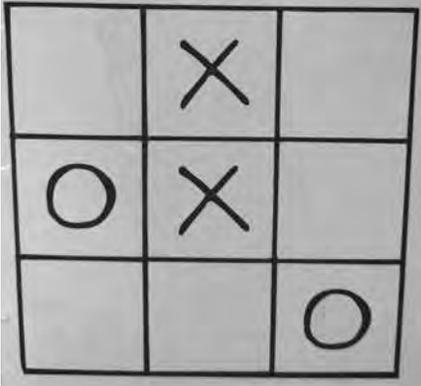
## WHAT AM I?

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1. I am full of keys, but I cannot open any door. What am I?
2. I am full of holes, but I can still hold a lot of water. What am I?
3. I get smaller every time I take a bath. What am I?
4. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
5. I am white when I am dirty, and black when I am clean. What am I?
6. What is as light as a feather, yet even the strongest person cannot hold it for long? What am I?
7. I have a bed, but I never sleep. I have a mouth but I never speak. What am I?

1. A Piano; 2. A Sponges; 3. A Bar of Soap; 4. A Pencil; 5. A Chalkboard; 6. Your Breath; 7. River

### Who can play Noughts & Crosses???



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