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A Word from the Editor

WELCOME TO OUR JANUARY/FEBRUARY EDITION OF THE *About* MAGAZINE.

Well, there goes another year, welcome to 2025.

With the new year upon us that also means that the Bay & Basin areas are teaming with tourists who want to enjoy for a few weeks what we take for granted all year round.

Try and be patient with all the extra people around, everyone is just trying to enjoy their holidays and remember that a lot of local businesses would not survive without the input from our visitors.

Have a safe and happy 2025.

This months must reads:

- Duck Derby – Page 7
- Monthly Feature – Pages 28 & 29
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What is your New Years Resolution? Is it a fitness related goal? Is it to take up a hobby? Is it to get more involved in your local community? Is it to take charge of your finances?

Whatever your goal is, a review of your current banking can help lay out a road map to make your short, medium, and long-term goals an achievable reality.

Whether you're a student, a retiree, a homeowner, or someone looking to own a home in the future, my team and I are here to help you achieve your goals.

Make a time to sit down with us today.

2025 will be a big year for our community. For all our local community organisations in the Bay & Basin area, we are here to support you.

Whether you're a local sporting club or a local community group, if you have a project or a cause where you're needing financial support, I strongly encourage you to reach out to me to learn how you can apply for grants/sponsorship.

I hope 2025 brings you plenty of laughter, joy, and success.

Until next month, Luke Nolan – 4443 9825

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Friday 28th March from 10am to noon

Tuesday 29th April from 6.30pm to 8pm

Friday 30th May from 10am to noon

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Tuesday 26th August

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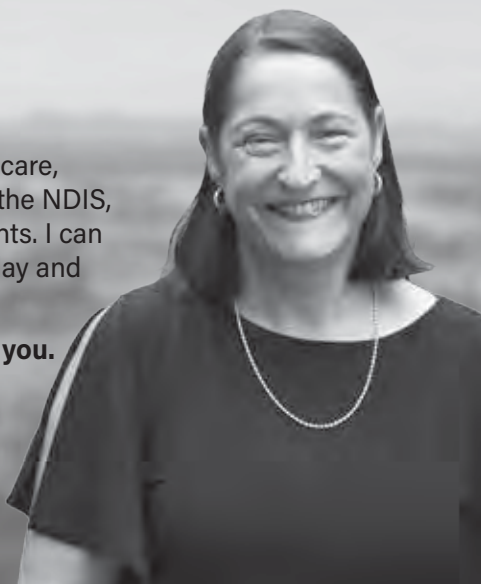
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When he is not in the practice Ish does voluntary work with Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (University of Sydney).

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

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Welcome to 2025 and to new adventures!

It is so important to maintain your social contact, which is often more difficult after a busy working life. For those of you not retired, you're not off the hook! You need to prepare for retirement by having leisure activities. There is nothing better than a craft as you can continue to learn and try new skills! Lifelong learning! You are never too old!

Towards the end of 2024 we had a gorgeous lady who made contact and wanted to join our group. However, as happens to many of us who are on their own, it was daunting to front up to a new group all by yourself. After a couple of times planning to come, it was too daunting for her to come in by herself. However third time, with some hesitancy, she came to the door, and felt so welcome that she was one of the last to leave, having sat with many of the members enjoying watching and chatting.

There are many different groups in the Bay and Basin, so pluck up the courage and make contact with one of the groups and

I'm sure you will feel very welcome. It is of such value to you!!

Our next meeting dates are:

- 16th January,
- 6th February, and
- 20th February

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DUCK DERBY!



The much loved Marine Rescue Duck Derby returns this Australia Day! Join us on Thursday January 26th 2025 at Moona Moona Creek, Huskisson, for a fantastic day filled with family fun, entertainment, and the thrill of the race. Bring a picnic rug, gather your family and friends, and get ready to cheer on your duck as it races toward the finish line for a chance to win \$500 in cash!

This Duck Derby is the biggest annual fundraising event for Marine Rescue Jervis Bay, and our dedicated volunteers have gone all out this year to make it more exciting than ever. We would love to see everyone join in on the fun and make this event a roaring success!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Free Bus and Electric Tuk Tuk: Enjoy a complimentary bus (gold coin donation welcome) from HomeCo via Burton St Mall to Moona Creek, and an electric Tuk Tuk shuttle courtesy of Wat2do.
- Duck Races: Watch as 500 brightly colored ducks are released into Moona Moona Creek, with each ticket holder vying for the winning duck and a \$500 cash prize. This year, we aim to hold 12 thrilling races plus a special Corporate Race, where local businesses compete for a \$1000 prize donated by Chilko Air.
- Live Broadcast by 2ST: Radio station 2ST will be broadcasting live for three hours, featuring our corporate sponsors

and covering the event excitement.

- Indigenous Culture and Entertainment: We're honored to welcome back the Gadhungal Murring Aboriginal Community, who will perform interactive songs, games, and a smoking ceremony, as they did in last year's memorable Derby.
- Food, Market Stalls, and More: Enjoy a variety of food and market stalls, along with live entertainment to keep the whole family engaged throughout the day.

GET YOUR TICKETS!

Duck tickets are on sale now! You can purchase them:

- Online (for Race 1, especially for those who can't attend in person)
- On Saturday mornings at HomeCo Vincentia & Owen St. Huskisson
- At the Marine Rescue Gazebo during Huskisson Markets
- On select Thursday afternoons at The Country Club – St Georges Basin.

A limited number of tickets will also be available on race day. Don't miss your chance to support Marine Rescue Jervis Bay and be part of this unforgettable day!

For more details and updates, follow Marine Rescue Jervis Bay on Facebook and Instagram.

This event is proudly supported by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.

Basin Villages Forum

CCB for StGB Villages / basinvillagesforum.asn.au / PO Box 37, St Georges Basin 2540

The last BVF meeting (November) for 2024 commenced with a presentation from the Friends of Vincentia Golf Club (VGC) Working Group.

Their representatives gave a report on the history of how the Club started up to the present day with the Vincentia Golf Course and Club closed by the Board of St Georges Basin Country Club. The Vincentia Golf Club was officially opened by John Hatton in 1969 and was known for many years as a social and welcoming venue.

The Basin Villages Forum AGM was also held on that night with all positions filled. A warm welcome to the new committee of BVF, who will find there is always something interesting happening in the area to be reported on, submissions made and/or possible attendance at special meetings with Shoalhaven Council or otherwise.

Councillor Gemma Tribe spoke about the financial situation of Shoalhaven City Council at the time (Nov 2024) with a Special Rate Variation requested by Council and input from residents requested. 3%, 8% or 12% rate rise possible.

The added finances would assist Council carry out its duties with maintenance of properties, assistance to some community groups etc. The state of local roads was also seen as an issue. A Finance Committee has been formed to examine ways for Council to gain extra funds.

The resignation of the new CEO was discussed and the possibility of Council being in administration.

It was noted that the **historic sign at Island Point Boat Ramp** is badly degraded and difficult to read the important war time history with 107 Squadron based at the end of Island Point Rd (SGB) and the use of Kingfisher planes.

St Georges Basin, NSW. 3/7/1944. Vought Sikorsky OS2-U Kingfisher two seat reconnaissance seaplanes of 107 Squadron RAAF photographed on a muddy beach at their base at St Georges Basin.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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St Georges Basin, NSW. 30/6/1944. Vought Sikorsky OS2-U Kingfisher two seat Reconnaissance Seaplane of No 107 Squadron RAAF. Eighteen of this type of aircraft were acquired by the RAAF for reconnaissance missions in search of Japanese submarines.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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(Photos above sourced from the Australian War Memorial website <https://www.awm.gov.au/>)

About Community Forums

During 2024 it was normal for Councillors to attend Forum meetings, ready to answer questions or give their knowledge on Council's and local situations. It is presumed this will also occur in 2025.

BVF Committee wish everyone a safe summer and enjoyment of our waterways and a number for your contact list - 131 236.

Just remember poor behaviour by jet ski drivers putting people or marine life at risk, should be reported to the authorities. This means authorities will realise problems do exist and that there are some jet ski riders who fail to comply with the rules. 131 236 (option #1 is to report a jet ski endangering humans and/or marine animals).

This is Transport's jet ski reporting number. You may not see an immediate response due to the location and proximity of authorities at the time, but calls to this number are logged and passed on to NSW Police Marine Area Command and Fisheries/Marine Park Management.

Basin Villages Forum meets every 3rd Monday of each month at the Meriton St Community Centre, St Georges Basin starting at 7.30. The hall is normally opened by 7pm with the chance of a cuppa and a chat before the meeting. Enquiries 0411 572 725

All welcome to attend, with local residents having the ability to vote on issues raised. ■

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Discover How to Start with Confidence

Contributed by Nikki Knieriem

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A new year often inspires change, and for many, that means trying something new like running.

Running is fantastic for

building fitness, boosting mental health, and fostering mindfulness.

However, it can feel daunting, especially if you're managing family, work, and other responsibilities. Safety and whether your body can handle the impact are common concerns.

YOUR FIRST STEPS

If you're new to running, keep these tips in mind:

1. Build stamina with a run-walk approach.
2. Keep your distances short, gradually increasing as you feel ready.
3. Listen to your body. If you have any pain or discomfort seek guidance from a health professional.
4. Support your body by incorporating strength training into your week.

SUPPORT YOUR BODY

When running, your feet land roughly 2,250 to 2,575 times per kilometer, each time absorbing a force equal to 2–2.5 times your body weight.

Strength training (using weights or bodyweight) strengthens the muscles, bones, tendons, and ligaments, helping you handle this impact.

It also improves running efficiency, mobility, and bone density – crucial for preventing injuries and long-term issues like osteoporosis.

Key exercises include:

- **Lower Body Strength:** Squats, lunges, and glute bridges target the muscles that we use most when running.
- **Core Stability:** Planks, deadbugs and russian twists build a strong core to stabilize your spine and pelvis and potentially reduce back pain.
- **Balance and Coordination:** Single-leg exercises, like step-ups and single leg calf raises are beneficial as running is a unilateral exercise (you only use one leg at a time).
- **Upper Body Support:** Rows and push-ups strengthen your back and shoulders, supporting good running posture.

FIND YOUR SUPPORT CREW

Accountability and community can keep you motivated, especially if you are new to running. Joining a group or running with friends offers encouragement and is a great way of remaining safe as you explore new areas.

Local groups offering free run/walks, support and community include:

- **Basin Women's Run Club** For beginner women runners wanting to experience a 2-3km trail run/walk. Meet every Sunday, 7am at Basinview Boatramp followed by coffee at Shell's Mobile Cafe.
- **ParkRun** A 5km run/walk/jog for all community members. Meet every Saturday, 8am at Moona Moona Creek, Huskisson

- **PEAK RUN DEPT.** 40 minutes walk/run/jog for all community members. Meet every Sunday, 7am at Tuna Tail Bowls, Huskisson
- **The Man Walk** An opportunity for men to get together to walk, talk and support. Meet every Saturday, 7.30am at Providence Blue Cafe, Kerry Street, Sanctuary Point
- **Shoalhaven Trail Runners** A social running club offering group trail runs throughout the Shoalhaven area. Join the Shoalhaven Trail Runners Facebook group for more information.



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More info go to <https://lionsclubs.org.au>
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 25th – Outacontrol @ 8pm

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Mr Alan Clarke A. M. our very well-known local historian, took on the onerous task of writing a definitive history of the Show's first 150 years; his stories are outstanding, detailed and at times humorous. It is a great resource for all and will provide the reader an opportunity to understand the history of agricultural shows, highlighting the importance and significance of these events which explains why they still exist today.

Additionally, the work will celebrate the love of the land and its people who came to live and work in the Nowra district, and greatly complement the files we hold on local farming families

When the show society began life 150 years ago as the Shoalhaven Agricultural and Horticultural Association, the first event it organised was a ploughing match held on the Terrara Estate with three divisions of which champion John Watson took the first-class honours. The match was followed by dinner at the nearby Royal Victoria Hotel, where the group of dignitaries included George Reid who 30 years later would become Australia's fourth prime minister.

Although prizes for horses were well spread, considerable space in the local press was

devoted to Donald McLean's winning draught mare and her ancestry. James Monaghan was the most successful exhibitor of cattle, while his brother John took all the prizes for sheep – Merino and Leicester – and also had a non-competitive exhibit of a fleece of wool that weighed 11 pounds.

Terara market-gardener John Utick contributed greatly to the pavilion; a corn-sheller made by John Aldous was admired, as was John Watson's cask of export butter.

For generations the horse high jump was a feature – from Desmond, a star at the beginning of the 20th century, to Mark Radium in the 1950s; but nowadays it is the showjumping that demands attention in the ring.

SFHS Research Centre is The Shoalhaven Family History Society in the Old Pyree School, 888 Greenwell Point Road Pyree. **We will be closed for the Christmas break until Thursday January 9th**, then we are open for research every Sunday & the 1st & 2nd Thursday of each month, all days from 10am to 2pm.

Take a look at the website at shoalhavenfamilyhistory.org.au for more information.

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

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St Georges Basin Unit

Contributed by Chris Wheeler –
Unit Commander

October 4th 2014 – the day the first team from St Georges Basin SES went out into the field to answer a request for assistance from the community. Recently, the Unit celebrated its 10th birthday and the total now stands at nearly 3,400 completed requests, an achievement of which the members can be justly proud.

As the Commander, I share that pride in the dedication of the members, their commitment to continued training and willingness to help the community.

We were joined in our celebration by State, Zone and Local Commanders, Deputies and guests from Nowra and Ulladulla SES Units. We were particularly happy to reconnect with some of our retired members.

Celebrations soon fade, however, as business takes over. Storm season brings the risks of heavy rain, hail and wind. It is a good time to review your property. Some questions to ask yourself:

- Can rain run away quickly?
- Are your gutters clean?
- Lightweight garden furniture and trampolines, are they secure?
- Do any trees need attention?

Regular training is an essential part of business. Recently the Unit joined several other SES units in a major, one-day exercise on the Shoalhaven River. Somewhere approaching 150 operatives were kept very active for the day, in hot conditions, with challenging scenarios. A lot was learned and, very importantly, the camaraderie between Units and services was reinforced.

A small, but dedicated, number at SGB cover the area from Falls Creek down to Bendalong. We are always happy for people to join us and make an even greater contribution to the community.

To help with New Year Resolutions I have made up a ‘to do’ list.

- Join SES
- Meet great people and enjoy working in a team
- Become a real asset to your community
- Be a great comfort to those needing help
- Use your practical or office skills and learn new skills
- Wear orange and stand out from the crowd

Call in and see us at 41 Tasman Road, St Georges Basin

If you suffer difficulties or damage because of storm or flooding, contact us on 132 500.

Further information regarding the SES and its activities can be obtained from The State Emergency Service website

www.ses.nsw.gov.au



MUCKING IN

CLIFTON COMMUNITY FOOD GARDEN

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

Welcome to another year of happy gardening in 2025 at the Clifton Community Food Garden, Sanctuary Point. Away we go again, *"toiling in the soil in the sun"* having fun while producing our fresh vegetables.

Happy New Year to all our members and supporters alike, we trust you have all enjoyed a happy holiday season. That you are invigorated for another year of work and fellowship producing fruit and vegetables and learning more and more about the art of gardening, Mother Nature and ourselves.

The **strawberry bed** has been the star performer for this spring producing prolonged flowering and fruiting with excellent quality berries. Fortunately the members were mostly able to beat the snails to the bounty, thanks mainly to Bruce's home-made traps. We were all happy to have fresh strawberries to take home, no excess for the jam makers this year.

However, there were very good supplies of strawberries on the market at a reasonable price, so there will be strawberry jam at the fund raiser morning!! But limited in supply, I must warn all our friends who love to find it there.

Open morning, (always the third Saturday) **for January will be Saturday 18th and then for February it will be Saturday 15th** and the flags will fly at the front of the garden inviting you in to explore. Many holiday makers enjoy a visit to the Clifton Community Food Garden, as it is quite unique in style, growing and evolving each year and season. Most people love to check out the local market in the area!! There will be the usual vegetable and plant tables and of course the wonderful pickles, chutneys, jam and marmalade. Maybe even strawberry jam if you're early!!

As the soil and years have turned over we have been sharing our progress through this article – Mucking In, in pictures and script, gratefully

thanking our supporters along the way.

Many gardening friends have joined in and then moved on since we started but newcomers arrive, and the fellowship and crops keep on growing.

We have been able to share our produce through Meals on Wheels, Meriton Street Food Pantry, our fundraising third Saturday market and donations of produce to people in need and food for kind.

Of course, the members have benefited from the produce as we go and grow but what under pins the group is the company we enjoy while in the garden. Sharing a chat, a laugh and being part of a group is as important as the food we grow and share. Friendship and the emotional support that working beside one another provides, cannot be understated for our mental health and wellbeing.

Gardening is a widespread hobby providing three of the most important elements for excellent health; exercise, sunlight and nutritious food. There is plenty of aerobic exercise knocking down the cob webs, or shovelling the mulch, weeding and trimming. Even picking the beans and then the strawberries, cavorting around the tomato plants to find the ripe fruit gives a nice gentle workout. When combined with chatting and laughter at the same time and shared in a group environment, the benefits are manifested.

All our barbeque evenings through the year result in a fabulous presentation of salads and desserts. The Christmas Party was no exception and we dined magnificently as usual. Our vegetarian friends can produce delicious recipes to make fresh produce taste even better, some simple, some exotic. Oh! There were protein choices, but why bother..... after salad, go straight to dessert, Mmmm!



NUTS *Brad Wilson - Herbalist*

Name that Nut What is a nut? Is a peanut a nut? How about a chestnut? How about acorns? I consulted Wikipedia but it's a nutty topic. It's hard to get a straight answer from those nuts. A nut seems to be a lot of things. It could be a seed. It could be a fruit. It could be a legume. It could be a drupe. It could be a nutlet (a little nut). It could be a big nutlet (a coconut). But here's a tip. If you want to find out if your nut is a nut, just buy a bag of mixed nuts. If it's in that bag it must be a nut.

There is however, an exception to the rule. Once upon a time Nobby's mixed nuts contained Brazil nuts – or at least that's what it said on the packet. But every time I bought a bag there was never any Brazil nuts in it – until there was. One quiet evening in front of the TV set sipping on a mug of hot cocoa in my dressing gown and new slippers and munching on some Nobby's mixed nuts, I felt something strange at the bottom of the bag. Was it ten peanuts glued together? No it was (you guessed it) a Brazil nut. I was shocked. This was change and I don't like change. The mystery of the missing Brazil nuts has never been fully solved to my satisfaction.



Back in those far off days when I used to believe in Santa Claus our father would generously purchase a large quantity of mixed nuts for the Christmas table: almonds, walnuts, Brazil nuts, hazelnuts – you get the idea. There was just one little problem – all these nuts were in their shells. But no worries; Dad had thought of that. Also provided was a cheap nutcracker. A nutcracker requires superhuman strength to operate. Too bad Mum; no nuts for you!

Brazil nuts and almonds are the worst. Probably the only way to successfully crack Brazil nuts is to put them on the train line and wait for the 10.47 to come through. Almonds are almost as bad. Christmas Day would be totally over before you cracked enough almonds to add to your muesli. Start today for next year.

The only nuts really worth cracking are peanuts in their shell. No nutcracker or muscles are required. Peanuts in the shell allow you to space out your nut consumption one genuine peanut at a time. Your evening becomes a soothingly long and mellow nut-a-thon. Try cracking a few nuts in a hot bath with some incense candles – so relaxing! Peanuts in the shell are cheap entertainment especially if there's no TV, internet or even electricity. Sometimes it's really exciting if you can find three peanuts in the one shell. It caps off a great evening.

Health Tip: Make your own almond milk. Soak your (raw, hulled) nuts overnight in water. Drain off the dross; add fresh water and a little salt. Blend and then squeeze through a cloth. Refrigerate.

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Demand for Emergency Food Relief Surges

BCR Communities is calling on the generous hearts of Bay and Basin residents to help combat rising food insecurity in our region. According to Roh Holland from the BCR Community Services team, the local not-for-profit has seen a staggering 56% increase in requests for emergency food relief over the past 12 months alone.

"BCR has been responding to the local community for over 30 years but we've never seen the need for emergency food relief as high as it is right now – it has stretched our resources to the limit," Roh said.

"The rising cost of living is putting additional strain on families, especially single parent families, older people, and individuals already doing it tough."

BCR Communities has been a lifeline for many, providing essential items like fresh produce, pantry staples, and meal ingredients to those in need. But with cupboards running low, the organisation is reaching out to the community to help restock.



"We're particularly in need of non-perishable items such as rice, pasta, canned goods, cereal, pasta sauces, snacks, tinned fruit and long-life milk – basically the ingredients to make a meal" Roh said.

"We also need other items like soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, sanitary items, toilet paper and even pet food."

Food donations can be dropped off at the BCR Youth & Community Centre in Sanctuary Point, Monday to Friday. Local schools, businesses, and community groups are also encouraged to host food drives to bolster the cause.

"We were very grateful to the community members and local businesses who generously donated to our Christmas food hampers, like Plough and Harrow who have donated baked goods all year, and the residents of the Basin Shores Estate who donated a large hamper of items to BCR from their own Christmas donation drive. Their kindness really made a difference to a lot of families over the holiday period."

To learn more or find out how to help, visit BCRcommunities.com, phone 1300 222 748 or email info@bcrcommunities.com

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Every few months we have a luncheon so we won't be at our regular meeting place. Spouses and partners are welcome to come along also.

If you are interested in coming along, please contact the Secretary, Leanne Wehmeier on 0419 464 313 beforehand to confirm what our location will be on that day.

We look forward to meeting you soon.



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Meals on Wheels
Jervis Bay Service**

North Shoalhaven Meals on Wheels-Jervis Bay Service is a not-for-profit organisation that provides meals to older people living in their own homes in the Bay and Basin area.

We need cooks or those that want to help in the kitchen, and delivery people for those that want to get out of the kitchen and help deliver meals.

We operate Mon, Wed and Friday from our Huskisson kitchen, with great flexibility in volunteering.

**Call the kitchen 4441 7845
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**OR fill in forms online at
www.northshoalhavenmeals.org.au**

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We meet 2nd Monday of the month from 10.30am at Coastal Waters Conference Room, 110 The Wool Rd, Worroving Heights. **For more info please contact Fred Hocking 0435 628 110 or Roy Forge 0405 579 088**

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 WANTED

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



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Elaine Ladyga, Singing Group
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Shoalhaven Beekeepers Assoc Inc.



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

TOMERONG MARKETS

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SHOALHAVEN INDIAN MYNA ACTION GROUP

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



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

Local Markets

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

Clifton Community Food Garden Fundraiser

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

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

Jervis Bay Maritime Museum Markets

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

Milton Village Showground Markets

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

Pyree Village Arts & Craft Markets

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

Royal Coastal Patrol Market Ulladulla

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

Sussex Inlet Flea Market

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

Tomerong Village Market

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Wed 15th	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
Thu 16th	Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm
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Tue 21st	Cash Housie Starts 10:30am Bingo Starts 6:30pm Trivia from 6:30pm

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Sun 26th	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 SiRenics 4pm - 8pm
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Tue 28th	Cash Housie Starts 10:30am Bingo Starts 6:30pm Trivia from 6:30pm

Wed 29th	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
Thu 30th	Ripper Raffle - Tickets from 4:30pm Draw 6pm Junior Rugby League Raffle Draw 6:30pm
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WHAT'S ON

JANUARY



Weekly Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fortnightly Meetings

Bay & Basin Camera Club Vincentia Community Hall, rear Coles carpark ■ 2nd & 4th Tues 7.30-9.30pm

■ Pam 0401 043 833 ■ Kate 0417 713 850

SCA Shire of Adora Medievalists of the South Coast Wandandian Progress Hall ■ Every 2nd Wed 5.30-7.30pm

■ e: seneschal@adora.lochac.sca.org;

■ w: adora.lochac.sca.org/regular-activities

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

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

Monthly Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bloomers & Buds Social Gardening Group Inc. Community Centre, Dent St, Huskisson ■ Last Wed 9.30am ■ Ph Denise 0408 723 270

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

Combined War Widows & Laurel Club of Legacy Huskisson Meeting & Lunch ■ Club Jervis Bay (RSL) ■ 2nd Tue at 11am ■ Carol Barnes 0408 076 280

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

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

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

Jervis Bay Community & Men's Shed Computer Service Day 1st Thu 1-3pm ■ Call Colin for booking 0412 347 322

Jervis Bay Divers Club Club Jervis Bay ■ Last Wed 7pm ■ contact_2@jervisbaydivers.org or call Geraldine 0410 326 061

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

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

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

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

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

Nationals Branch Shoalhaven meetings ■ Ian 4443 3780

National Servicemen's Assoc., Shoalhaven Sub-Branch

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

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

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

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

NSW Transport Authorities Retired Employees Assoc

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

Sanctuary Point Mens Shed 17 Clifton St, Sanct Pt ■

1st Thu 10.30am ■ All members welcome ■ Open Mon-Fri 9am-3pm ■ Any blokes that want to get out of the house for a while drop in for a cuppa and a chat ■ John 0413 837 538

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

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

■ e: shoalhavenbeekeepers@gmail.com or 

Shoalhaven Caravan Club bi monthly 11am

■ Nowra Bowling Club followed by lunch ■

Ph Kathy 0427 874 201

Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemens Dance Club 3rd Sat

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

Shoalhaven Mark & Royal Arch Chapter No.73 1st

Thu 7pm ■ RFBI Village Hall, 130 The Wool Rd, Basin View ■ Freemasons (attached or current) ■ Glen Green 0417 453 999

Shoalhaven Orchid Society 3rd Mon Feb-May &

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

Shoalhaven Philatelic Society 2nd Mon 7pm ■ Nowra

Bowling Club, Osborne St, Nowra ■ John 4421 4624

Shoalhaven Prostate Cancer Support Group ■

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

Shoalhaven Scout Fellowship 3rd Sun ■ David Ravell

4441 8659

Shoalhaven Transition 1st Tue ■ Trish Kahler 4443 4713

or shoalhaventransition@yahoo.com.au

St Georges Basin Probus Club Inc. (Mixed) SGB

Country Club, Function Room ■ 3rd Thu 10am-12pm ■ Sec. Robyn Dalleywater 4408 8084

St Georges Basin Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station, The

Wool Rd, SGB ■ 3rd Mon 7.30pm ■ Cpt Michelle 0427 288 340

Sussex Inlet Cancer Support Group 2nd Fri 10am ■

Sussex Inlet Neighbourhood Centre ■ Robin Lang 4441 0155 or Kay Cunningham 0408 297 325

Tomerong School of Arts 2nd Mon 1900hrs ■ Tomerong

School of Arts Hall ■ www.tomeronghall.com

■ New members welcome

Vincentia Red Cross Holy Spirit Church Hall, St George

Ave, Vincentia ■ 4th Wed (except Jan) 1pm ■ Enquiries Margaret Klem 0491 622 405

Vincentia Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station, The Wool

Rd, Vincentia ■ 1st Mon 6.30pm ■ Cpt. 4401 1750

Wandandian Progress Association 1st Tue 6pm ■

Progress Hall ■ New members welcome ■

e: secretary@wandandian.org.au

Wildlife Rescue South Coast ■ Contact 0418 427 214

e: info@wildlife-rescue.org.au ■ 2nd Wed 7pm ■ Phone / email for details of meetings via Zoom or venue TBA

Weekly Church Services

Anglican Church -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monthly Church Services

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

Other Activities

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

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

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

Other Activities cont'd

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

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

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Support Group ■ Nowra Community Health Centre, 5-7 Lawrence Av, Nowra ■ Contact Brenda Christiansen on 0422 006 550 or 4424 6321 for group times and dates ■
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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 ■ Sat (4th Sat) Yoga Tapas 8-10am ■ Further info www.tomeronghall.com

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

Community Forums

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

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

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

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

Vincentia Ratepayers & Residents Association

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

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Venues for Hire

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

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

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

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

Jervis Bay Maritime Museum Classrooms Dent St, Huskisson

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

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

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

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

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

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
Hawkins, Paul	4443 8800	0417 219 260
Tyrell, Leesma		0420 921 778
ST GEORGES BASIN		
Crass, Charles		0400 876 696
Creighton, Sandra		0411 245 188
Thomas, Jeff		0417 772 262
TOMERONG		
Askew, Matthew		0422 068 209
VINCENIA		
Casmiri, Luciano (Lou)		0438 856 568

Local Services...Local Services...

Playgroups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GEORGE W. McGUIRE'S RIBBONS

Contributed by John Blackmore

In last February's *About.....[®] Monthly Feature SHOWTIME*, details were given on the celebrations the Nowra Show Society had been undertaking for its 150th anniversary. Retracing its agricultural and horticultural roots, the society had chosen the Coolangatta Historical Village to host a function in the November prior to its 150th show. This celebration recognised those families who had maintained connections for generations with the oldest continuously functioning organisation in Nowra, and arguably, the district as a whole.

To record all this, who else would the society call upon but the foremost historian across the Shoalhaven – Alan Clark AM. Alan researched for several years on the subject of the Show Society, with assistance from many others, but especially Robyn Florance OAM, as well as Shoalhaven Historical Society stalwarts Gerry Walker and her husband Bruce. Because so much information had to be deciphered through and annotated, a decision was made to produce this work in three volumes; one for each of the 50 years.

On Saturday October 19th 2024, this historical work of some magnitude was launched in the Nowra Showground Pavilion. A woodchop exhibition was conducted across from the pavilion, while the Nowra Town Band provided some musical entertainment to set the mood as guests arrived for the book launch. Husband of Show Society Secretary, Gary Nelson, was engaged by his wife Robyn to have his two Brahman bulls on hand. Charlie and Harley are both seasoned performers at public events, so late in the day Gary took Charlie inside the pavilion.

As the two (the man and his beast) approached the ladies catering section for some afternoon tea, newly elected Shoalhaven Council Mayor Patricia White was given a daunting task. Standing taller than her, Charlie needed to be patted by the Mayor, who was being initiated (whilst being photographed and videoed) in to 'the traditions' of the show society.

150 YEARS OF SHOWTIME was launched by the current President of the NSW Royal Agricultural Society John Bennett OAM. As was mentioned in last February's *About.....[®] Monthly Feature*, John's ascension to this position had only just been completed when the Nowra Show Society were celebrating their sequicentenary. Timing is everything, so they say, and with his rise to this position also coinciding with the bicentennial year of the N.S.W.R.A.S., he must still be pinching himself at being the right man in the right spot at the right time.

Indeed, John is the first person from the Shoalhaven to hold the prestigious position of NSW Royal Agricultural Society President. As business partners Edward Wollstonecraft (who hosted the organisation's foundation meeting in 1822 at his home in North Sydney) and Alexander Berry (who had been a joint Secretary of the organisation for its inaugural half a dozen years) started their venture at Coolangatta the same year as the R.A.S. formed, going full cycle back to that village estate was seen as appropriate for the Show Society's 150th celebration.

One of the tasks John had undertaken during the preceding year was to read the complete manuscript for Alan of this three volume, 405 page tome of information, as the editing process neared its completion. He also regaled some of the unusual circumstances that had prevailed over the century and a half of the society's existence, as well as the things that he believed had been its strengths, in launching the book. Growing up in a local family, one of many with a multigenerational commitment to the show, John had been a living example of what he and later Alan both spoke *About.....[®]*.

When the book launch was completed, President James Thompson initiated some presentations to those who had contributed to both the success of the day, and the production of the history. In lieu of the enormity of the body of research he'd undertaken, James indicated that the Society wished to confer Life Membership to Alan Clark

AM. Alan and his wife Helen had been on show committees for some years in the past, and as he had been the Society's Secretary for a couple of years, it was a very popular accolade afforded to Alan.

During last February's 150th Nowra Show, as part of the traditional exhibits sections set up within the same pavilion area as this SHOWTIME book was launched, a wall hanging of ribbons was displayed. This wall hanging belongs to Peter and Debbie McGuire who now live in the Bowral suburb of Burradoo. Both are semi-retired teachers. Debbie made the wall hanging over 40 years ago using ribbons belonging to Peter's grandfather. They were won predominantly in and around the Group 5 region shows that comprise today's NSW South Coast & Tablelands, or Southern Region, of the N.S.W.R.A.S. organisation. Debbie sewed around 50 ribbons together out of Peter's grandfather George Walter McGuire's collection. It measures over three metres high by over a metre wide. Debbie lined it at the back with a linen material in order to give the wall hanging strength, and help preserve it for posterity. Its borders are also ribbons won during the decade from 1947 until 1957. Little did Deb know then that during the 150th Nowra Show, this ribbons collection would be a popular talking point in the pavilion's exhibits section.

George was a Tomerong sawmiller (G.W.McGuire & Sons) who owned a substantial amount of land in that area at the time his horses won ribbons at all these shows. Prior to the Second World War, George had been a handicapper for Nowra Show woodchopping events. He is recorded as taking on this task during the 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1939 shows. Alan Clark's notes indicate that he donated logs for the 1936 show, and by 1941, George had been elected to the main committee of the Nowra Show. Alan's notes state that "*George W. McGuire received 149 notes when appointed to the committee (those elected received between 157 and 123 votes)*" each.

George was to fulfil his roles on the show committee for eight years, by which time he had been a steward for woodchopping events, as well as a continuing donator of logs for those events. When wartime hit its peak, the 1942 and 1943 shows needed to be abandoned, but instead a carnival was held in January of 1943.

For this event, Alan noted that George organised a woodchop as part of this carnival. For all his efforts in helping with the organisation of the show, and other related events, the Shoalhaven Agricultural & Horticultural Association (as Nowra Show Society was known during its first century of existence) made him a Life Member.

The fifty or so of GEORGE W. MCGUIRE'S RIBBONS were mostly won on two horses named 'Sandra' and 'Bombo'. Over forty years ago when Debbie made the wall hanging, she had the luxury of only including, almost without exception, the blue First, red Second, and golden Third place ribbons won by these horses, some in the same event. The green and white Fourth and Fifth place ribbons were surplus to order, and eventually succumbed to the moths in the cupboard.

A photo that has come to hand of the two horses, Sandra (a thoroughbred) and Bombo (a stockhorse) shows George and his rider Jack Wallace standing by the animals. That is where an anomaly comes in to play, as Jack rode the horses in predominantly barrel racing events because George, a burly sawmiller, was too heavy to ride his horses in competition. Albion Park, Berry, Dapto, Kangaroo Valley, Milton & Moruya were all happy hunting grounds for shows at which GEORGE W. MCGUIRE'S RIBBONS were won.

Interestingly, on the wall hanging were a series of ribbons won at the '*Shoalhaven Show*' in the 1950s. As there is no ribbons with Nowra Show on them, we might therefore assume that '*Shoalhaven Show*' was how events held at Nowra Show were referred to at the time.

An impromptu honour came Deb McGuire's way at the 150th Nowra Show. As she sat in the crowd, NSW Governor Margaret Beazley was walking around the showgrounds. As she did so, she noticed Debbie working away on a crochet bag she was making from her own design. Governor Beazley stopped to chat and admire Debbie's work in progress, paying her some nice compliments as they sat together. Deb is a member of Bowral Show committee, and has won the Group 5 Australian Wool Board State '*Creative Garment Competition*' three times in ten years at Sydney's Royal Easter Show. Her grandchildren have since named this creation '*The Governor's Bag*'. ■



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WHAT LIES BEYOND VANUATU

Contributed by Corinne Le Gall

Formerly known as the New Hebrides for 74 years and jointly administered by France and the UK before its independence in 1980, Vanuatu is today a republic.

Comprising of 83 islands which make up the archipelago, the capital of Port Vila or simply Vila, on the island of Efate is the gateway to Vanuatu.

Our first time on the island back in 1992, once we settled into our hotel for the night as we were leaving for another island in the morning, hubby and I decided to take an island tour. We enlisted the help of a taxi and the tour started.

Our overly enthusiastic taxi driver told us that he would show us the attractions, which we were told were many. We started off on the main road – quite busy traffic, large volume of cars, trucks and buses inching their way through.

He put on his tour guide hat (metaphorical speaking) and we were on our way in the slow moving mayhem. Straddling the coastline, he pointed out the obvious sea that lay constantly on our left. Entering the main part of the small town, he started out proudly describing the diverse landmarks and their purpose. First was 'there on the right, you can see the ANZ bank' and it went on in that vein throughout the tour.

We were quite amused by his avid descriptions of the shops and colourful markets that were singled out, the little villages we drove through and the lush gardens, the children on the way back home from school etc.

All the snippets and details and descriptions of the local inhabitants of Vanuatu's day to day lives from sun-up to sun-down, were very proudly explained to us. The locals are known as Ni-Vanuatu or simply Ni-Vans.

So in all, 'not much to see here', but we both so enjoyed the commentary, the gusto and pushed-out-chest stance when he described what we were witnessing, opened our eyes to a simple way of life, a beautiful people who made the most of their 'everyday', the pride with which the progress of their little nation is displayed.

If only us, in the 'first-world' could just simplify our lives to match these so, laid-back populace of islanders on island-time, I really believe that with this lifestyle and access to modern medicine, we would live a much relaxed, long life, unstressed.

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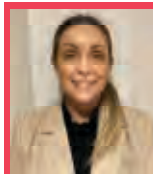
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<http://www.shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/Our-Libraries/Sanctuary-Point>

Happy New Year from all the staff at Sanctuary Point Library! We hope the holiday season was a safe and happy one. Look at all the fantastic events on at your local library over summer! Please note some of these sessions require bookings.

Quiver drop-in activity. Monday 6th January.

Come along anytime between 3pm & 4.30pm and experience augmented reality with the Quiver app. Colour your picture then watch it come to life on the iPad! Suitable for kids aged 4 to 12 years. No bookings required.

Summer fun with Dash Robot.

Tuesday 7th January. 10.30-11.30am.
Learn simple block coding to play Dash Ball and teach Dash Robot how to draw. Suitable for kids aged 7-12 years. Bookings essential.



Kid's Wool Workshop. Thursday 16th January.

10.30am-12pm. Back by popular demand! Experiment with finger knitting and French

knitting techniques to make jewellery, cute creatures and more. Suitable for kids aged 5-12 years. Bookings essential.

Try Coding drop-in sessions.

Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th January. 3pm-4pm. Always wanted to come along to our regular Coding Club sessions during term time but not sure if you would like it? Why not drop in on a Wednesday these school holidays and give coding a go? Laptops and simple Scratch coding tutorials provided. No bookings required. Suitable for kids aged 8-12 years.

Summer Mural Project. Tuesday 14th January.

3pm-4pm.
Chill out at the library and help decorate a summer mural. Suitable for kids aged 4-12 years. No bookings required.

LEGO drop-in session.

Monday 20th January. 3-4 pm.
Escape the summer heat at the library while testing out your building skills. For kids aged 5-12 years. No bookings required.



Ocean Art. Thursday 23rd January.

10.30am-11.30am.
Here is the sea, the wavy sea..... What will you create? A

paper plate ocean, a leafy sea dragon or an ocean crown? Use paper, paint, glue, and other simple materials to craft your own masterpiece. Suitable for kids aged 4-12 years. Bookings essential.

Call 4406 2076 or book online at <http://www.shoalhavenlibraries.com.au/events>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: As part of Shoalhaven Council's Financial Sustainability Review, Sanctuary Point library will be **CLOSED** on Saturdays from 4th January 2025.

Lastly, a reminder that the library will be closed on Monday 27th January to observe the Australia Day Public Holiday.



Beef Mince Noodle Stir-fry

courtesy of  Australian Home Cooks

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup plum sauce
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup oyster sauce
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2cm piece fresh ginger, finely grated
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 150g green beans, trimmed, halved
- 1/2 x 300g packet shredded carrot
- 500g beef mince
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 350g fresh chow mein noodles
- 1 long red chilli, thinly sliced

METHOD

1. Boil kettle. Combine sauces, sesame oil, garlic and ginger in a jug.
2. Heat a wok over high heat. Add half of the vegetable oil to wok. Swirl to coat. Add beans and carrot. Stirfry for 2 minutes or until beans are starting to char. Transfer to a large bowl.
3. Heat remaining vegetable oil in wok. Add mince, stirfry for 3 minutes or until browned all over. Add sauce mixture and half of the onion. Season with pepper. Stirfry for 2 to 3 minutes or until mince is cooked through and sauce thickens and caramelises.
4. Meanwhile, place noodles in a heatproof bowl. Cover with boiling water. Set aside.
5. Return vegetables to wok. Toss to combine. Remove from heat.
6. Drain noodles. Divide noodles among serving bowls. Top with mince mixture. Sprinkle with remaining onion and chilli. Serve.



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Snippet of Tomerong History

Bush Fire Brigade

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

The destructive power of fire, given the right conditions, can do tremendous damage in a very short time.

This was the case in October 1867 when the home of Mathew Hart was destroyed just north of Tomerong. The correspondent to the 'Kiamia Independent' reports *'On Thursday last we were visited by a perfect hurricane, trees and limbs falling in every direction, playing havoc with fencing within reach. During its fury great damage was done by fire at Tomerong. It appears there was some rubbish set fire to by some of Mr Mathew Hart's family. Although a great distance from the homestead, the violence of the wind carried sparks to some neighbouring trees, and such was the rapidity with which the fiery element travelled, that it reached the premises and totally destroyed the dwelling house and everything in it. ... Young Hart, in trying to save the house, got his arm burnt. Messrs. Shepherd, Barham, and Parnell are great sufferers from the fire, losing their barns, huts, and fencing: But I am happy to say no casualty to life occurred in that direction.'*

In the well-timbered area of Tomerong the danger of bush fires has always been present. Outbreaks of large bush fires almost always coincide with extended periods of dry weather or droughts. In January 1884, a fire swept through the village causing much damage along the way. A correspondent to the 'Shoalhaven Telegraph' reported that *'...the whole township was in a cloud of smoke. Mr John Parnell has lost between two hundred and three hundred rod of fencing, and Mr George Smith nearly lost his dwelling house and outhouses; in fact, but for the energy of some kind-hearted neighbours and his own activity, he would have lost all. Mr Hart's and Mr Feeman's places were also in great danger; and Mr John Stapleton's place, I hear, had a narrow escape, as the sleepers of the house were on fire.'*

The devastation of bush fires was all too apparent ten years later when another fire swept through the district, completely engulfing the home of Mr

and Mrs Edward Pepper who lived about a mile off the main road. Edward was away seeking work at Jervis Bay and Mrs Pepper and her five children watched as their home and all the family's belongings burnt to the ground. It was reported that the fire left the family almost destitute.

A major blaze was reported to be burning between Tomerong and Jervis Bay in December 1900 and twelve months later fires were again said to be raging all around. The district was badly in need of rain at this time and New South Wales was experiencing one of its most severe droughts.

Major losses of property for many residents at Tomerong and St Georges Basin occurred on 'Black Sunday' in January 1909. It was described as one of the worst days experienced for years with the temperature reaching 110 degrees (43°C) with bush fires blazing in all directions. The 'Shoalhaven Telegraph' reported that *'...Mr F Hart had his house and outbuildings burnt to the ground. Mr James Bryce lost everything but his house. It was thought at one time that Mr G Ganderton would have lost everything. Much damage is done to the grass and fencing in the district.'*

Although bush fires were reported at Turpentine and Falls Creek in 1919, it wasn't until 1929 when, in the grip of another dry period, Tomerong and Wandandian suffered major damage from fires. James Watt lost about five miles of fencing in the blaze. To assist those who had suffered 'hardship and distress' in the fires, the Clyde Council offered work to those most in need.

Ken McGuire remembers when he was still attending school, before WWII, a large fire was burning at Turpentine *'...the burnt leaves were travelling from up at Turpentine which is about 15 miles away, the leaves were burnt, but they were still landing on our ground outside. The birds dropped dead out of the trees, it was as still as still, like when there's a disaster and everything goes dead still, we were out in the paddock and everything was sort of*

aglow up in the sky, it was dark inside the house, it was frightening.' The massive destruction of wild fire was experienced in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales in January 1939 with many lives lost in Victoria. After bush fires wiped out the township of Yalwal in the same year, Nowra Municipal Council decided that local bush fire Brigades should be formed to counter the potential threat of bushfires to the town.

In the following year the first local Brigade was formed and was based in Illaroo Road. The State Bush Fire Advisory Council made recommendations to local Councils but the advice was largely ineffectual without a local authority to implement directives. In 1939, when the Clyde Shire was asked by the Advisory Council how they planned to deal with future fire

outbreaks their response was to purchase beaters for the maintenance men. At that time Mr J F Rolfe advised the Clyde Council that he was willing to assist in forming a Bush Fire Brigade at Tomerong to which they readily agreed.

Although a Brigade was formed in 1939 with its headquarters based at the Clyde Shire office, it does not appear to have been active. With the departure of Mr Rolfe it was left to the Council maintenance men, once again, to react to any outbreaks.

In 1942 the Bush Fire Emergency Committee were urging the establishment of Brigades at Huskisson, Jervis Bay, Sassafras, Sussex Inlet, Termeil, Tomerong and Wandandian... (extract from Tomerong Local History)

TOMERONG RFB 1947 - 2000

YEAR	CAPTAIN	DEPUTY	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1947	Harold Parnell	Bert Parnell	Jim Seberry	Jim Suffolk
1949	Harold Parnell	Bert Parnell	Jim Seberry	Jim Suffolk
1950-52	Bert Parnell	Arch McGuire	Jim Suffolk	Jim Suffolk
1953	Bert McKinnon	Arch McGuire	Jim Suffolk	Jim Suffolk
1954	Merv Pippert	Arch McGuire	Jim Suffolk	Jim Suffolk
1955-58	Merv Pippert	Thero Schutz	Jim Suffolk	Jim Suffolk
1959	Thero Schutz	Ken Parnell	Roy Smith	Ken Smith
1960	Thero Schutz	Ken Parnell	Donald Hart	Ken Smith
1970	Thero Schutz	Ken Parnell	Doug Schutz	Ken McKinnon
1971-72	Thero Schutz	Ken Parnell	Bill McKinnon	Ken McKinnon
1973	Thero Schutz	Ken Parnell	Bill McKinnon	Ken McKinnon
1974-75	Thero Schutz	Ken Parnell	Bill McKinnon	Ken McKinnon
1976	Thero Schutz	Ken Parnell	Ray Schultz	Donald Hart
1977	Thero Schutz	Ken Parnell	F Briggs	Donald Hart
1978-80	Doug Schutz	Donald Hart	Ray Schultz	Alan Dimmock
1981	Doug Schutz	Donald Hart	Ray Schultz	Alan Dimmock
1982	Doug Schutz	Colin Schutz	Chris Schutz	Alan Dimmock
1983-84	Colin Schutz	Lincoln Parnell	Chris Schutz	Alan Dimmock
1985	Colin Schutz	Lincoln Parnell	Chris Schutz	Alan Dimmock
1986	Colin Schutz	Lincoln Parnell	Chris Schutz	Alan Dimmock
1987	Colin Schutz	Doug Schutz	Maralyn Moseley	Alan Dimmock
1988	Doug Schutz	Rock Kilpatrick	Rock Kilpatrick	Maralyn Moseley
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Contributed by Colin Loudon – President



Governor General visit

On the afternoon of 11th November 2024, Colin Loudon Vice President received a phone call advising him that the Governor General, Sam Mostyn AC, wished to visit our group. Our first thought was that it might be a scam. Why would the Governor General want to visit our group?

The Governor was to attend a function at HMAS Creswell and during her time in the Shoalhaven she wished to visit one of the local community groups. One of her aims in her position as Governor General is to promote community care and spirit. Her staff did research on the many groups within the Shoalhaven area and our group, The Jervis Bay and Community & Men's Shed was chosen.

We are not a traditional Men's Shed, we are community based, our members are men and women who work within our community providing activities for members and giving support to each other both socially and physically.

We are welfare based and have a cohesive group whose support to each other is extremely important. In preparation for the day our ladies got to work and prepared a lavish afternoon tea.

Our guests arrived, Shoalhaven Mayor Patricia White and Liberal candidate Andrew Constance.

The sun was shining and our small shed looked great. The Governor Sam Mostyn AC arrived with a full support crew including ABC TV. We had about 15 members in attendance.

The Governor was very gracious and gave her time to several members including Bill, who has spent a great deal of time in hospital after a hip replacement and his wife Sandra who has been sharing her time between home and hospital. John and Adele told her that the members of this group are the only true friends they have had in their life.

The Governor shared her time with the members and took lots of selfies, and her staff and guests enjoyed the wonderful spread of food. A slight bump and her cup of tea fell and broke, this cup will not go into the rubbish it will remain a reminder of a very special day for our Shed.

In her closing speech the Governor congratulated our members for their work and support within

About Community Groups

the community, it was very evident from the way the members interacted how supportive we all are to each other. Our group and its members are role models for the community, others can learn from us.



The Governor said for us all to watch her Australia Day speech in January because she will be telling our story to many people. Her key objective is community and community spirit.

The Governor's medallion was presented as a closing gift to our group; our President Roger thanked her for her visit and extended a warm invitation to return at any time.



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Are you looking for something to do, a social day out, something to get you out of the house where you'll meet people and make new friends, if so, we are here for you. Perhaps you are new to the district and looking for company and an interest? Why not join us for a friendly social morning of **Indoor Bowls**, or maybe a game of **Euchre** is your thing? Our card players are happy to teach beginners and are in need of more players. So, come on, why not give it a go?

We are a happy and friendly group of people providing activities and fun days for our local Senior Citizens and we'd love to have you join us.

Please come along and have a free morning with us to see if you like what you see. We are located in the Auditorium of The Country Club – StGB, from 9am each Thursday. Activities commence at 9.30am. If you don't know how to play Indoor Bowls, don't worry, we'll soon teach you in a very social, relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Our **Bushwalking group** will make new members very welcome also. They meet on alternate Friday mornings. All walks are easy and designed for Seniors.

Anyone interested in any of our activities can contact me on 4443 6031 or 0403 783 290.

***Till next time,
keep smiling – Margaret Roser***

JERVIS BAY | MARITIME MUSEUM

A touring exhibition from the Australian War Memorial takes visitors behind the front lines and beyond our screens.

This summer, visitors to Jervis Bay Maritime Museum can experience **Action! Film and War**, a cinematic journey that features moving images, oral histories, artwork and objects that showcase film technology through the ages.

The exhibition examines the use of film to document the experiences of Australian Defence Force personnel overseas, and showcase the role of film to promote, report on, and recreate events from our military history, from before the First World War until today.

Through expertly chosen objects, images and stories, the visitor is challenged to consider the tensions between fact and fiction in the moving image's quest to truthfully record history while also telling the best story. The exhibition also explores feature film narratives which collectively share war stories with a breadth of audiences and frame how history is remembered.

"Film is such a powerful way of telling a story," says Museum Director, Diana Lorentz. *"This exhibition is bound to surprise and engage our visitors. It has been curated with great care by the Australian War Memorial, from the technology to items from films we all know like*



Army Defence Photographer Warrant Officer Class 2 Al Green captures the main streets of Dili, Timor during INTERFET, 1999. Image courtesy of Department of Defence. Unknown photographer

The Sapphires, as well as the very personal stories presented."

Action! Film and War takes visitors behind the front lines, detailing the experiences of Australians who document the stories of the nation's wartime experience, and revealing what lies beyond the cameras and our screens.

Action! Film and War is on show till 26th January 2025.

Jervis Bay Maritime Museum & Gallery is open every day 10am - 4pm and is located on Woollamia Road, Huskisson. Admission is \$12.50 (\$10 concession) with children under 16 free.

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Slouch hat Snip – Cameraman John William Trerise, photographer of the Department of Information, beside his Bell and Howell Eyemo 35mm cine camera, during the filming of Jungle Patrol (AWM F01310) in New Guinea, 1944. Image credit: William Carty, AWM 016690



NSW Justices

Contributed by Laurie – NSW Justices Association Inc., Shoalhaven Branch – 0438 013 330

Shoalhaven Justices of the Peace at work for you

Who is a Justice of the Peace and Who is not!

There are a number of people who think they are JPs from years ago but unfortunately things have changed and they may be no longer a JP.

If you are not a JP and sign a document as a JP you will be legally held responsible and could be charged by the Police. Also the document you sign will not be legal and can be challenged in Court. *So here are the differences:*

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- be of good character
- not be an undischarged bankrupt
- meet an employment - or community-based need for appointment; and
- pass the JP Knowledge Test on JP Online.

Five-year terms All JP appointments are for five-year terms. The start and end dates of your term are included in your letter of appointment and available to view on JP Online. Record these dates somewhere easy for you to locate for future reference. Five-year terms help the Department maintain an accurate public JP register and an up-to-date database of JP contact details. It also means that only JPs who remain eligible and willing to hold the office continue to do so.

Applying for reappointment If you have a continuing need for your appointment as a JP, you must apply for reappointment before the end of your five-year term. The Department will send you a reminder email notice up to 12 months before the end of your term. To make sure you receive your reminder, keep your details up to date on JP Online. It is essential that you tell the Department as soon as possible of any changes to your email address, postal address or telephone numbers.

The reappointment process requires you to confirm your personal information and answer questions about your eligibility to continue as a JP. You must also successfully pass the JP Knowledge Test. You do not need to be nominated for reappointment by a Member of the NSW Parliament.

You can apply for reappointment through JP Online from 12 months before the end of your term of appointment. Detailed instructions are available at www.jp.nsw.gov.au

Lapsed appointments If you do not apply for reappointment before your five-year term ends, your appointment will automatically lapse. If your appointment lapses and you wish to continue as a JP, you must submit an application for a new appointment.

Unfortunately, there is no provision in the legislation to reappoint a JP once their appointment has lapsed. This means the Department is unable to take into account personal circumstances and requires all JPs whose appointment has lapsed to apply for a new appointment. You will be able to retain your existing JP number once successfully appointed.

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HuskiSSon Public School Celebrates its First Book Launch

On Friday November 8th, HuskiSSon Public School proudly launched its first book, *The Story of the Food Gathering Mural*. This special project, led by Mrs. LeAnn Hanson and Auntie Theresa Ardler, celebrates the cultural significance of the school mural and the creativity of our students.

The book shares the mural's story, weaving together Auntie Theresa's deep connection to the land, sea, and local history with stunning illustrations from students across all classes. Under Mrs. Hanson's guidance, the project resulted in three unique versions of the book, each showcasing student artwork thoughtfully paired with sections of the mural.

The launch was marked by a special assembly at the community center, where Auntie Theresa captivated the audience with her storytelling. Miss Lovell, the school's Principal, supported the book's creation and was a valued contributor to its success.

Copies of *The Story of the Food Gathering Mural* are available in the school's front office and library, serving as a tribute to the collaboration, creativity, and cultural respect that define our school community. This milestone is a proud moment for HuskiSSon Public School and a foundation for future projects.





VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

During this term, Year 9 students participated in the annual Writing Democracy Challenge, run by Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, UNSW Parliament of NSW and Story Factory.

The challenge helped students develop skills for political persuasion and advocacy through letter writing.

The students were required to write a letter concerning an issue of their choosing, with four students being chosen to travel to NSW Parliament House where they spent the day meeting MPs and the Minister for Education, refining their letters and working closely with schools from across NSW.

It was an incredible experience for **Nathan Luck, Isaac Logan, Caitlin Allan and Phoebe Jefferson** and a wonderful way to end the school year of 2024.



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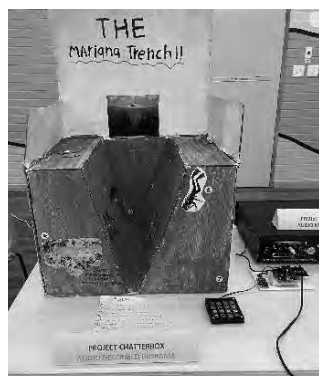
Vincentia Community Connect

The VPS Choir sang at the Vincentia Community Connect event on Sunday 24th November. They did a wonderful job representing the school out in the community. Three of our students also won the competition to design a flyer for the event and their designs were seen advertising the event in the area.



Year 6 Fundraiser Bake Sale and Balloon Raffle

raised over \$930 at their fundraiser to buy a gift for the school. Thanks to all of the donated baked goods and raffle prizes it was a very successful and fun day!



Code Club Expo How clever are our Code Club students! On 28th November, the students from Code Club held an expo and invited their parents to come and explore the amazing work that they have been doing throughout the year. Everyone was suitably impressed with what the students had created and the way they presented it to the other school students.

TRUE OR FALSE CROSSWORD

In this crossword there are two clues for each word. Can you work out which is true and which is false?

Across

1. Peak / Base (6)
3. Speech / Song (6)
8. Slowly / Quickly (7)
10. Appears gradually / Disappears gradually (5)
11. Ephemeral / Perpetual (7)
12. Fuel / Traffic (3)
13. Cover / Uncover (6)
15. Call for / Ignore (6)
19. Auto / Bicycle (3)
20. Impeded / Assisted (7)
22. Interested / Uninterested (5)
24. Go before / Come after (7)
25. Village / Country (6)
26. Wears away / Builds up (6)

Down

1. First name / Last name (7)
2. Type of wood / Type of metal (5)
4. Atrocious / Beautiful (5)
5. Young woman / Young man (3)
6. Writing tables / Pencils (5)
7. Doglike mammal / Fish (5)
9. Legal documents / Coins (5)
12. Jewel / Clay (3)
14. Golfing term / Nautical term (3)
16. Fasten / Unfasten (5)
17. Male relatives / Female relatives (7)
18. Gives / Retains (5)
19. Small wooden house / Large mansion (5)
20. Sound / Vision (5)
21. Love / Fear (5)
23. Rodent / Bird (3)



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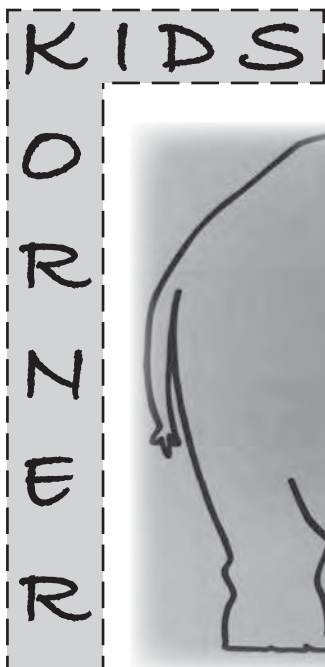
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- Q. What's as big as a rhinoceros but weighs nothing? **A.** A rhinoceros's shadow!



A man gets pulled over by the police for driving with a rhino in his car.

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