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Dural Growers Market

2nd Sunday each month Country Club Dural Info: 0417 227 748

Glenorie Growers Market

4th Sunday each month Les Shore Oval Glenorie Info: 0417 227 748

St Albans Village Market

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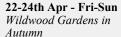
1-3rd Apr -Fri to Sun

Tiny Homes Exhibition Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon

Info: 0427 765 554

Sat 9th Apr

National Gem & Crystal Expo Hawk Indoor Stadium South Windsor Info: 0412 333 150



Powells Rd Bilpin Info: 0417 042460

ANZAC DAY Service Mon 25th April Wisemans Ferry ...see page 3



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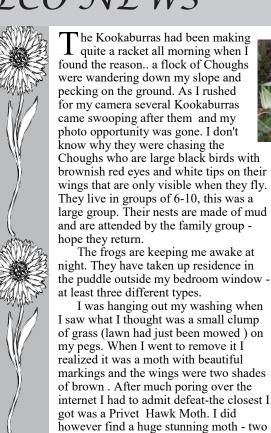


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ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson



In the middle of February I wandered up to my dam to check out the waterlilies - there were heaps in flower and so beautiful, then down came all that rain and they all went under. Days later I went up to the dam again to check the dam level and they had popped up again despite having even more rain in it.

shades of orange, brown and lime/

It is worth checking on the internet!

yellow - it was the Giant Emperor Moth.

During all that heavy rain I took the opportunity to revert to my childhood again and went splashing through all the puddles and rivulets-- very exhilarating!!

After the burn off in our area quite a







few years ago most of my Flannel Flowers disappeared, as a stronger colonizing plant took over their bush area. I was happy to see that those plants have grown taller and my Flannel Flowers are now appearing again. I thought I'd lost them for good.

I would love to know the history of our property. It was on the corner of River Road opposite the fire brigade, and at some stage in the past it was subdivided into three blocks, with ours being the middle one. An old stone cottage was on the site where our home sits now, then later another one was built where our garage shed is. The thing that intrigues me, is the small dam built down in the bush at the bottom of a long rock slope.

Large rectangular blocks of rock were placed to make a wall. How on earth did they put them there? How long ago? For what purpose? If any of the older citizens in our area has any information on this, I would love to know. The dam is often dry, but you can imagine it now, full to the brim and overflowing down our property. Please stay safe in this time of devastating floods.

Quote!

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts!

Winston Churchill অসমসমসমসমসমসমস

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Editor's Notes

I have let the pictures do the talking this month, so many people sent me their flood pics, though I don't' have enough room to put all of them in. However, I have put in a selection that I'm sure will be appreciated.

The Village Market for 13th March at St Albans, had to be cancelled for obvious reasons, and was rescheduled as a 'pop up' market' on 19th March.

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What a wonderful day that turned out to be, with 300 people rocking up for support. This is a good indication of what the future holds for this market.

In times of trouble, these great communities of ours, pull together and give their all to get the district back and running again. There will be many who still have not got their properties returned to their former glory, but with great community spirit, turned up to make sure the markets were successful. Why would you live anywhere else?

In saying that, these last two floods have shown that telecommunications and electricity are vital in keeping our communities connected and safe. Those who were inundated with floodwaters, eventually had their power turned off, which resulted in the towers being inoperable, therefore making it almost impossible to let emergency services and others know of their plight.

And that's when locals spring into action, knowing their neighbours, and what needed to be done. Words seem not enough, to thank those heroes who put themselves at risk to help their communities. But anyway, thank you!

....Enjoy this issue...Carole



The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury River Historical Society















...and then help arrived





Deluge

Rising waters, getting deep, Through the wall, slowly seep. Pack the car, drive away, Speeding current, do not stay. Muddy ground, leaving home, All around, spreading loam.

Never dry, Always wet Bring the kids, and the pet. Bridge is gone, rail's down, Hidden roofs, no more town When it's done, nothing left Of home and happiness, we are bereft.

Help the neighbours, be a friend, We can rebuild, at the end. A clear sky, no clouds or rain, Brick by brick, we regain. All together, in threes and fives, Work with each other, restore our lives.



Ebenezer Church Mother's Day Markets

Coromandel Road, Ebenezer Saturday 30 April 2022 (Sam – 3pm)

> Contact Inquires; Dawn Case 0419-449-362 Stall Holder Inquires: Dawn Case 0419-449-362

Come along and get your Mother's Day gift before the rush







ANZAC DAY Service

Monday 25th April 2022

Dawn Service 6am sharp
Mustering for ANZAC DAY march, will be at
Wisemans Ferry Public School at 10am sharp.
10.30am morning service following the march at
Wisemans Ferry War Memorial.

Due to the flood damage at the club, the gunfire breakfast may not go ahead.





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News From Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed



The Hills Shire Council Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi and Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston MP hear the sad news that the Mens Shed was inundated again by this flood, with more destruction of their equipment. I'm sure Adrian gave them the full story, and what is needed to make sure it can't happen again. Of course there is no other news at this time.

Windsor Mall Rotunda

Defenders of Thompson
Square members, met with Hawkesbury
Council recently to discus the proposed removal of the rotunda and pergolas in Windsor Mall.

Several of the shopkeepers in the vicinity would like them to remain. If you share the same view, please message the Mayor



and councillors of Hawkesbury Council. 4560 4444



Macdonald Valley Association Wellbeing Project

The MVA Wellbeing Project is proud to support and offer Livingworks online START training free of charge to the Macdonald Valley community.

What is LivingWorks START online training?

During the online training session you will learn the skills to recognise and respond to someone having thoughts of suicide.

LivingWorks Start is a 90-minute online training program for all Australians 15 years and over to learn how to recognise when someone is having thoughts of suicide and respond to keep them safe. The program is self paced and can be done anytime at your convenience.

Training features:

- •An evidence-based practical four-step model to keep someone safe from suicide
- •Interactive simulations and scenarios to practice your skills
- •Customised content depending on learner location and needs
- •Lifetime access to resources and refresher training
- •Proven to increase confidence in talking to someone about suicide and connecting them to care

Supporting communities during COVID-19 The ongoing impacts of COVID19 have many of us feeling unsettled, uncertain and lonely, particularly those living with restrictions right now. For some, those feelings may turn to thoughts of suicide. That's why it is more important than ever to train all Australians in suicide prevention, so we can support those around us – even while social distancing.



PROJECT

Ready to enroll?

Please contact Kate Stuart on <u>stalbanscourthouse@gmail.com</u> so she can enroll you.

Susan Templeman MP

A fter a mammoth effort to clean up after floodwaters inundated the café, Tractor 828 has opened again for business! If you're in the Ebenezer area, drop into see Mark and help our local businesses get back on their feet.





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CLASSIC HAWKESBURY WEEKENDER - LARGE DOUBLE BLOCK Your weekend escape awaits... This tidy cottage is located in Sunnyvale, known for its sun-drenched, northerly aspect and just 5km from Wisemans Ferry. Set on a rare double block of approx. 1391sqm, the 30m frontage and gentle slope of the land offers potential for the cottage to be extended and space for shedding/garaging if needed STCA. There are two titles, these blocks may be able to be separated STCA.

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Rarely found in the river valley this 2 title, 3 acre property offers a large family home set amongst landscaped gardens, on a mostly level block. The home has multiple living areas, 4 bedrooms, separate study, bathroom plus ensuite, open plan kitchen / dining / lounge, a range of outdoor living spaces, and multiple sheds for parking and storage. The 2 titles may be able to be separated STCA.

FOR SALE - Contact Agent

BEYOND THE FENCE

Challenging times for our community ...

Our heartfelt thoughts go out to our friends and neighbours who have been deeply impacted by the recent floods. Although many of us are resilient and accept that flooding is an inevitable part of river life, the reality and devastation of such events are heartbreaking and impact all of us physically, emotionally, and mentally.

The allure of a peaceful life in what we believe is one of the most spectacular regions seems to outweigh the hardship caused by unique weather events. Over time we continue to learn to live with and adapt to these challenges. Where possible we aim ensure that we manage the risk to lives and property should we experience similar events in the future.

The incredible effort and swift response from our emergency services cannot go unacknowledged. The truly remarkable volunteers of the Rural Fire Service and the State Emergency Service in coordination with the Australian Defence Force have played a crucial part not only during the flood but more importantly in the clean-up process as the waters recede. We thank you all for your efforts and truly appreciate all your support.

Vella Iverson Real Estate appreciate all of the effort and support given to our community and are proud to support these organisations now and in the future.

Stay Safe, Trent Iverson

..compiled by Ruby Ramm

e are pleased to continue a series of memoirs selected from a booklet titled 'The Women of Maroota'. This is a They had three children

compilation of recollections from Ruby E Ramm, published in 2001. Ruby's stories are a mixture of personal memories and those of family and friends, and convey the admiration and respect in which these forebears were held.

We hope you enjoy reading about these amazing pioneering women, and we look forward to hearing your own stories of the old days in our district.

Margaret Begg (nee Lincoln)

argaret's family, the Lincoln's, ■ lived down Cliftonville Road, South Maroota.

Margaret's brother was the first school teacher at South Maroota PS.

Some of the highlights in Margaret's youth, were the good times she had spent with friends, especially at Christmas time. They would get together and travel around carol singing and have sing-alongs around the piano at the Lincoln's home. She also enjoyed the outings with the Sunday School, when PSSM (Postal Sunday School Movement) came around the district.

Margaret married Dal Begg, a

builder who was involved in the building of South Matroota Hall.

They made their home down Cliftonville Road, the same road that Margaret's family lived on. They had three children of their own, George, Edna and Heather Begg.

Because of Margaret's kind nature and love of children, she and Dal adopted some other children.

Margaret and Dal were both part of the South Maroota Baptist Church congregation.

Amongst Margaret's interests, were gardening, knitting and glass painting. In her retirement, Margaret and Dal moved to Queensland.



Margaret Grace Ramm (nee Roberts)

argaret Grace lived L in Stonehouse Grove from the 1940's to 1963. She was my mother-in-law. Having

lived previously in Cattai Ridge Road Glenorie.

Her mother was Sarah Deasey, the first school teacher at Cattai PS.

Margaret Grace had two daughters, Edna and Norma, and three sons, Eric, Clyde and Ron.

She was afflicted with Rheumatoid Arthritis during the time I knew her. And though she seldom complained, she found using her hands very difficult, and it was obvious that it was painful.





As your Federal Member, I am here to:

Assist with accessing Federal Government services

Attend your local community event

Arrange congratulatory messages

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

JULIAN **LEESER M**P FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA















Wisemans Ferry Seniors

Hopefully we are back to our regular Monday meetings playing Bingo, socialising and generally having fun. Arriving about 9:00 for a cuppa and a chat with Bingo commencing at 9:30.

We have several other trips planned but no definite dates set as yet, we should have them settled by next issue. Fingers crossed there will be no interruptions, and we will have plenty of trips this year.



Don't forget our Facebook page Wisemans Ferry Bingo Group and for any queries contact Jo 0419 413 523 or Noelene 45 668 226



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we thank you for your patience

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Something For You

The Windsor Probus Club offers a wide range of activities and connections for retirees in the Hawkesbury area.

If you are looking to make friends and connections while enjoying outings and activities please phone our Secretary

Ann Jones on

0414 298945

so we can welcome you along to a meeting.



St Albans Village Market...

Sat 9 – Sun 10 April

Sat 14 – Sun 15 May

Sat 11 – Sun 12 June Sat 9 – Sun 10 July

Sat 13 – Sun 14 August

Sat 10 – Sun 11 September

Sat 8 – Sun 9 October

Sat 12 – Sun 13 November

Sat 10 – Sun 11 December Gates open at 9am

Come and join in the fun

Art Along The Way

By Liz Wilkinson

One of the pleasures of being out and about with car clubs is seeing the large scale art works adorning towns all over our country that depicts the history and/or the major rural pursuits of each town.

On a recent trip up to the Blue Mountains (Our first outing since Covid struck) I couldn't help but notice the large art works as you cross under railway lines. At Blackheath was a wall of symbols, both aboriginal and from nature that was a bright addition to a plain brick wall.

On one of our car trips we came across the town of Mendooran whilst travelling between Mudgee and Dunedoo. Its only a small rural village but it has many murals in it that show the pursuits and history of the area. It is such a shame that these small town die.

Weethalie silo was the first one of these that I saw as well as being the first one painted in NSW in July 2017. Grenfell was the 26th silo and was completed in 2019.

On our trip to the gulf last year we saw many examples of silo, water tank and street art as the rural towns try to attract the tourists to visit and spend tourist dollars in their town. Windorah, Richmond, Charleville and Longreach all had water tank/tower art and Huendon had street art plus many others. At Augathella were more water tanks and on the shops in the main street were murals on the front of Buchan's garage. My most favourite of all the towns was Thallon just over the border Qld side of NSW with its fabulous silo art in stunning colours. They even have a viewing platform for visitors. As well the town has Wombats on the water tank and street art on the side of bridge supports. Wow!!

If you are interested in pursuits like this you can purchase where to find guides for all the different art works on the computer. I saw a map of Australia with dots all over it showing the locations of the various types of art - you click on the dot and up comes the art pictures.

And don't forget our own Windsor and Richmond has their examples of street art.















Latest News





Flood recovery assistance prioritised

Council's flood recovery efforts are well underway, with our outdoor teams working hard fixing damaged roads, clearing debris, removing fallen trees, clearing landslides and much, much else.

Council is also extending assistance to flood-affected property owners by waiving a range of Development Application (DA), Compliance Levy and other fees until 30 June 2023.

This includes DA fees for certain construction or reconstruction works and for reinstallation works on flood-affected properties, such as water supply, sewerage and stormwater drainage works. Council is also waiving fees for work to assist residents with the clearing of vegetation or debris caused by the flood. Where possible, DAs, construction certificates, and

the like in flood-impacted areas are being prioritised.

We all owe a great debt of thanks to our wonderful local volunteers, emergency teams and Council staff for their incredible efforts during this recent severe flood event.

It's also important to mention that Council has on public exhibition our ten-year draft Community Strategic Plan, 'Your Vision | Your Future 2032', which, amongst other things, aims to make Hornsby Shire a resilient community, especially in relation to droughts, floods, bushfires and other extreme weather events.

To have your say on the plan, go to www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/draftcsp23

Philip Ruddock AO,

Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL, 6.30PM

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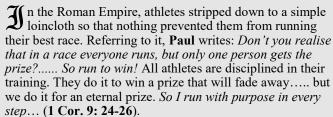


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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

WINNING! **Run To Win (1Cor. 9-24)**



How about you? Do you just want the fun of being in the race or are you running to win? To succeed at being what God has redeemed and called you to be, you will have to stop doing certain things, even enjoying things and begin doing other things that support your goals and help you to fulfil your God-ordained purpose. Sometimes this will mean saying "no" to well-intentioned people who try to involve you in things that steal your time and produce the wrong results. It will also mean dealing with .

"the sin that so easily entangles"....(Heb 12:1).
When God says something is wrong...it's wrong! You don't need to rationalise, make excuses or feel sorry for yourself. You just need to agree, ask His forgiveness and get it out of your life. Who gets the prize? Those who pay the

Paul knew he couldn't win the race without first bringing his body, mind and emotions under the control of God's Spirit. The same goes for you. And you can't expect somebody else to make you do what is right..... you must listen to what God's saying to you....and take action!

God Bless!......PS Peter Goldstien JP, Community Chaplain.

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Some expenses are excluded including improvements to land or buildings that are not treated as plant or as separate depreciating assets in their own right. Expenditure on these improvements would still normally be claimed at 2.5% or 4% per year.

For companies it is important to note that the loss carry back rules have not as yet been extended to 30 June 2023 – we're still waiting for the relevant legislation to be passed. If a

company claims large deductions for depreciating assets in a particular income year and this puts the company into a loss position then the tax loss can generally only be carried forward to future years.

However, the loss carry back rules allow some companies to apply current year losses against taxable profits in prior years and claim a refund of the tax that has been paid. At this stage the loss carry back rules are due to expire at the end of the 2022 income year, but we are hopeful that the rules will be extended to cover the 2023 Income year as well.

The material and contents provided in this publication are informative in nature only. It is not intended to be advice and you should not act specifically on the basis of this information alone.

If expert assistance is required, professional advice should be obtained.



WOMEN OF MAROOTA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



It was not so long ago that the only role women played in the Bushfire Brigade (as it was known then) was to make sandwiches while the men fought the fire!

Look at how far we have come!! We now have young girls as junior members. We have daughters, sisters, cousins, wives, mothers and grandmothers, all as invaluable members of Maroota Brigade.

They perform a diverse range of roles within the brigade. They are so important to Maroota Brigade as they bring a whole new perspective to what the Brigade does for the community.

The ladies can apply for any job within the Brigade. In our Brigade, we have fire fighters, admin people, trainers and crew leaders. One day one or more of our ladies will make Deputy Captain or Captain themselves! It will all come down to the courses they do and the experience they have, the same qualifications as the men must attain.

Last but definitely not least, the women that stay at home and keep the household running, the business running and the farm running. THANK YOU, LADIES, we could not function properly as a brigade if you did not let your partners leave to attend incidents, meetings, strike teams etc.

YOU, are just as important as the brigade.

Peter Kazzi

Rainfall for

FEB 24th To MAR 23rd

Week 1. 52mm

Week 2. nil

Week 3. 1mm

Week 4. 10mm Week 5. 1mm

> Taken at South Maroota

Bush Philosophy

Helping one person may not change the whole world.

but it can change one person's world.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

ST ALBANS RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

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Senior Dep: Sherri McMahon: 4568 2013.

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The Village Market

IT'S GIVEAWAY TIME!

ur post flood pop up market was a huge success and a great community gathering on a glorious sunny day.

'As a big THANK YOU to all who have supported St Albans Village Market we are giving away 3 x \$50 SAVM vouchers to spend at any stall on BOTH of our next market days - 9 & 10 April - so that's 6 vouchers in total.



Explore - Discover - Sell



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'interested' people and announced at the Market at midday on both 9 & 10 April, and later posted online.

come to the market on that day.

All you have to do is go to either of the

#interested to be in the draw – and then

Winners will be drawn from the list of

April Facebook Event posts and click

How To Enter



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Yoga with a View

Monday Classes - Wiseman's Ferry Community Centre

General class 10.00 -11.30 am \$18

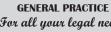
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### MAROOTA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

L ast month I mentioned how green our district was looking and how much greater build up of fuel in our forest areas there is because of the huge rainfalls we had been having. This continues but now our community has been impacted by the biggest floods we have seen for decades.

In response to this, our brigades have called on their skills in flood events, along with any other incidents that have come along. As I write this month's article we are in the middle of helping out in the evacuation centre at Wisemans Ferry which started out at the Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club until that had to be evacuated on Tuesday night to Cassely Cottage, opposite the Wisemans Ferry Inn. Here we have assisted in registering evacuees as they were brought over the rivers by either SES or RFS, built food packages for stranded residents and evacuees, assisted SES in flood rescue, dropped food packages to residents still stranded in remote areas across the rivers and have assisted in the clean out of the Bowling Club to make it operational again. We, along with many other brigades, will continue to assist with the clean up of the floods when the water finally goes down.

Our brigades are always trying to instil on our community the importance of planning for survival in any emergency, not just fire. Many of the people we have seen in this flood event had plans. They moved their furniture up high, moved their stock to higher ground, knew if they would leave or stay based on what had happened in the past. However, this was no ordinary flood. It turned out to be the biggest flood people have seen in Wisemans Ferry. It has never entered the club premises before.

We never quite know what Mother Nature will throw at us and unfortunately a lot of these people didn't realise they needed a **Plan B** or **C** or **D**. They have now seen the worst-case scenario of a flood. It was not in their control and evacuation was the only answer and now they are needing help to rebuild their lives.

A big lesson for us in this disaster is to sit down with our families, make plans for our safety in any emergency, get our important papers, medication information, photos, valuables etc together. Have it ready to grab quickly and easily should you need to leave urgently anytime. To help you make these plans we have a guide and resources at <a href="https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources">www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources</a>. It is the basics for any emergency. NSW SES have similar on their website too for storm or flood. PLAN...ACT...SURVIVE!

### WISEMANS FERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

With the logistics of flood activity the brigade in the thick of it our meeting cancelled and The station in a mess, it just couldn't happen this month. We will do a good one for next month.





...Margaret Cavanagh Assistant Community Engagement Officer

### MAROOTA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

hat a month of trauma to our residents.

VV The brigade has been operational most days, and many of you will have seen us, and trucks from near and far, assist with the flood cleanup. We have also assisted a lot with road closures to keep road users safe.

Many of you will have had to travel along Old Northern Rd during the floods, and noticed a couple of pot holes, but you may not have noticed cars parked in them. Did you report them or just complain about them?

I decided to report them, and try to get them at least on a repair list, understanding that these things happen slowly. I ask, that, as we all see these types of road issues, *ring the RMS reporting line on 131700*, and get the reference number. The process and contractor has all changed, and they are only required to inspect Old Northern and Wisemans Ferry Roads every two months. All other roads are council roads, and they only have an online reporting system. If it is not reported, the problem doesn't exist. More on this later, and see if we can change things for the better.

The fire season that we didn't have will end March 31<sup>st</sup>. So on April 1<sup>st</sup> you can advise on the RFS website, and let your neighbours know, then you begin to do pile burns. You need to have all burning attended to by October 1<sup>st</sup>, when the next fire season will start again.

....Garry Chatman





### SACKVILLE NORTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

To news from Sackville North this month.

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**Tip 2:** Nurture and enjoy your relationships. Relationships are one of the biggest sources of happiness in our lives. The happier the person, the more likely that he or she has a large, supportive circle of family and friends, a fulfilling marriage, and a thriving social life. That's why nurturing your relationships is one of the best emotional investments you can make.

Tip 3: Live in the moment and savour life's pleasures. Think about a time when you were depressed or anxious. Chances are, you were either dwelling on something negative from the past or worrying about something in the future. In contrast, when you focus on the present moment, you are much more likely to feel centred, happy, and at peace.

**Tip 4:** Focus on helping others and living with meaning. There is something truly fulfilling in helping others and feeling like your actions are making a difference in the world. That's why people who assist those in need and give back to others and their communities tend to be happier.

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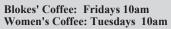
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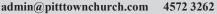
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### Hornsby Shire To Waive Fees For Flood Victims

A t its General Meeting, Hornsby Shire Council adopted a special Mayoral Minute extending assistance to property owners who are affected by the February – March 2022 floods which impacted parts of the Shire. The initiative includes waiving a range of Council Development Application (DA), Compliance Levy and other fees until 30 June 2023.



In response to the ongoing hardship in communities impacted by floods, Council will offer the following forms of assistance:

- •For DAs submitted to Council for construction or reconstruction works on an originally approved development affected by the February March 2022 floods, DA fees and Compliance Levy fees will be waived.
- •For Section 68 applications to carry out reinstallation works on flood-affected properties, the application fees will be waived.
- •For Section 68 applications for the approval to operate a Caravan Park, the application fees will be waived.

Common 'Section 68' activities include water supply, sewerage and stormwater drainage works or the installation of moveable dwellings or 'temporary' structures.

Council's recovery efforts are already underway, with a focus on our rural areas, notably road works along Singleton Road and Laughtondale Gully Road.

We will be assisting with property clean-ups where needed, particularly in Singleton Road and Wisemans Ferry. Importantly, Council is also ensuring our foreshore assets, including pontoons and boat ramps, remain open for the community and we have already cleared an extensive amount of debris that has washed down the Hawkesbury River to Dangar Island and Parsley Bay.

Potholes will continue to be repaired over the coming days and fallen trees removed, as we keep a close watch on weather and road conditions.

We are endeavouring to maintain our waste collections, but there may be delays in service in a few areas.

Mayor Ruddock urged residents to continue to be aware of the weather conditions, follow the advice of the state agencies

and report issues to the appropriate authorities. Issues can be reported to Council through our website <a href="www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au">www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au</a>, via email to <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/joseph.nsw.gov.au">hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au</a>, or by phoning on 9847 6666.



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### SCHOOL SNIPPETS

MACDONALD VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL



First day back after the floods

To assist our families, we provided all food for the first day back. Students enjoyed a breakfast of cereal and raisin toast; a variety of fruit for Crunch n Sip; cocktail frankfurts w/sauce and more fruit for morning tea and were delighted with making their own pizzas for lunch on the first day back! They also made a chocolate slice!

### **School Community Breakfast BBO**

We invited our School and Family Day Care community and their families to attend a School Community Breakfast BBQ at our school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. It was a wonderful opportunity for us all to connect after what has been a challenging time for so many.

A big thank you to our wonderful General Assistant Mr Hughes for ensuring the school looked so lovely after such a long period of being non-operational throughout the flood emergency and also for his amazing barbeque skills!

Thank you to the O'Neill family for their generous donation of a giant game of Connect 4 for our students to play. It was a big hit!

### RFS to the rescue!

A huge thank you to the St Albans and Schofields Rural Fire Service for coming to our rescue on our first day back by pressure cleaning our driveway to improve access for our students! We were all so grateful for their help.























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# SCHOOL SNIPPETS

CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL



Tell, what a month!! The children had a fabulous start to the school year and loved being back in a face-to-face learning system. They worked hard to prepare for the week 5 Parent Assembly. Everyone was keen to show their achievements to the parents as well as receive their awards and certificates. The Department of Education then decided to lift the ban of parents on school sites, so the assembly was pushed back a week to allow this wonderous event to occur with parents actually being on site.

Everyone was so excited to display their leadership and show their special talents first hand rather than via Google Classroom. Then the rain came!!

Our school had many days non-operational due to the rising floodwaters and associated road closures. Lessons again were offered via the wonders of modern technology. Then many families experienced loss of power. While many children were cut off from their friends and family, most were safe and dry. Everyone experienced different types of life lessons which

hopefully will stay with them but not be needed in the near future. The school has now re-opened. We would like to thank the RFS volunteers who, with an army of electricians.

plumbers and teachers, worked to ensure the safety of the children on their return to a fully functional school. There will be several testing sessions. A check-in assessment will be held for years 2 and 4. This test allows their reading and numeracy skills to be graded in a manner which helps the school support each child in their learning journey. A practise NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 will allow the students to use the computers to complete the task and ensure they all understand how the test is written and answered.

Even though the Term 1 excursion had to be cancelled, and the Henny Penny experience has been pushed back to next term, all the extra-curricular experiences which enhance the learning of the students, will occur in due course. I'm sure everyone will be pleased to see the waters recede, the sun come out and the students return to the school site. It is not long until the end of term break and lots more learning to be done. The engagement of the students, the return to pre-forged friendships and the flexibility of the children is wonderful to see, as they all strive to get back into "normal" school life

### MAROOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL



### WISEMANS FERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL



We'd like to acknowledge our resilient students and community who have been impacted by the recent floods. Despite being faced with flooding for the second time in twelve months the positive outlook of our students and their families is admirable.

After seven days of being nonoperational we were excited to have our students return eager to see their friends and eager to learn with their teachers.

We'd like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and for reaching out to our school community. We had a team from the RFS come in and hose down our court to get rid of some of the mud and they even spend some of their precious time to talk with the students and show them the fire truck.

### **Swimming**

Prior to the flooding our students were enjoying swim school with

Chrissy at the Retreat. Thank you to Chrissy and the Retreat for assisting us with the swim school program. We have a team of talented swimmers off to represent at school at the Hawkesbury Zone swimming carnival. Well done, Kamali, Amber, Tyler and Tori.

### **TwosDay**

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrated twosday (all the twos 22/2/22) with a fun tutus, ties and tiaras dress-up day. The students looked fabulous in their attire.













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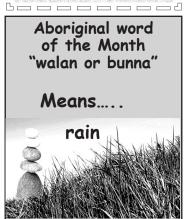
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18th - Riley Swift will be 10

19th - Mia Smith will be 13

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