

LIVING HERITAGE IS PRODUCED ON ANCESTRAL DHARUG COUNTRY
AND WE PAY RESPECT TO DHARUG ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT

FREE

LIVING HERITAGE

Maroota and Districts News

LIVING HERITAGE IS VIEWABLE/DOWNLOADABLE AT...
[HTTPS://WISEMANS.ORG.AU/LIVING-HERITAGE/](https://wisemans.org.au/living-heritage/) AND FACEBOOK...IN GLORIOUS COLOUR

VOLUME 27, ISSUE 1/2

CIRCULATION 2000

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024

What's On

St Albans Village Market

...see page 14

Wharf Street St Albans
Info: 0419 977 535

19th Jan - Fri
Katy Perry & Taylor Swift Tribute Concert
Richmond Club
Info: (02) 4578 1144

22-25th Jan - Mon/Th
MTAS Kids School Holiday Workshops
Richmond Art Supplies
Richmond
Info: 0412 979 731

25th Jan - Thurs
Build a Boat Races School Holiday Activity
Regional Museum Windsor
Info: (02) 4560 4460

26th Jan - Fri
Australia Day
Governor Phillip Park, 5-9pm
Windsor
Info: (02) 4560 4444

4th Feb - Sunday
Artisan Market Homegrown Produce
Tractor 828
Ebenezer
Info: (02) 4579 9982

10th Feb - Sat
Australian T-Bucket Nationals Displays
Hot Rods, Classics, Utes and Trucks
Showground Clarendon
Info: 0407 419 939

Put these in your diary!



Find us on Facebook

What Has Happened To Our Weather?

By.....
Pat Schwartz

As the weather forecast changed from El Nino to La Nina last September, the fear was for a hot dry Summer and the threat of bushfires.

Instead, on the East Coast of Australia, so far this summer has been humid with lower temperatures than predicted and storms, rain and hail.

So, what happened?

It is important to understand that El Nino doesn't always mean hot dry conditions but instead just a greater likelihood of these conditions occurring. So, a wet season can still occur even through an El Nino event.

This year there have been other factors at play that have created our summer weather. An important one of these is the warm sea surface temperature near the East Coast which leads to greater evaporation and air moisture triggering rain and thunderstorms.

The thunderstorms have been dramatic with huge, damaging hailstones as big as oranges falling in parts of Maroota in particular.

Hail is formed when rain droplets are caught in updraughts in thunderstorms and carried to extremely cold areas in the upper atmosphere. When the hailstones get big enough to overcome the updraught they fall to the ground. How big the hail becomes relates to how much water gets picked up by the forming hailstone in the updraught and the complex air movements within the thunderstorm.

Amazing cloud formations have foreshadowed and accompanied this season's dramatic storms. These thunder clouds called Cumulonimbus clouds tower high into the sky in multiple layers and treat the observer to a threatening but wondrous visual display.

However, with the extra rain this season we still must not relax as the threat of bushfire can return with changing weather. Rapid grass growth follows rain and when this dries out becomes readily flammable and the forest growth will continue.

With more extreme weather events predicted for the future, remaining vigilant is important.



ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson



Just had some photos from Pamela - she has a baby possum who comes at times to be fed - so cute. She also had a Bandy-Bandy snake that was on her road - Vermicella Annulata. It has a range over northern and eastern Australia and is very distinctive. It is a nocturnal burrowing species and often found under rocks and logs. It can lay up to six eggs and the young are about 175 mm when hatched. The adult can grow to 750mm. Although venomous it's not regarded as dangerous to humans. Pamela sent a video and they move quickly in an 's' movement, (Oops my teacher side is showing!)

Last night 12/11 was the first time that I heard the Yellow Bellied Glider since the RFS burn off was done in our area in August. It is a regular caller each night quite close to the house.

Must be snake time - driving along Sackville Ferry Road near the Fire Brigade the other day I saw a Red-Bellied Black Snake crossing the road - it was about 1.5 metres. Better take care as I move around outside!

The Walking Stick Cuckoos have moved on now all the Mulberries have finished and the Koel Cuckoo (Cooee Bird) has come to visit - gets a little monotonous at times.

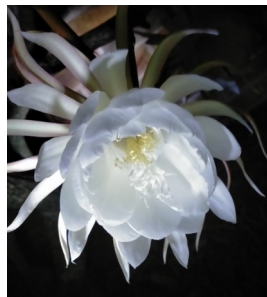
I have recently spent some time at my daughters place on the Central Coast, minding her dog, a suburban block in Blackwall, but just opposite the mountain so plenty of bush around. I expected it to be similar to home but the native life was quite different. A few Lorikeets during the day, then a Kookaburra in the late afternoon and each evening a large flock of white cockatoos would fly into the back yard

and after making a racket for a short time would fly off again.

What I did notice up there was an absence of bees. I only saw two in all the time I was there.

On our return home I was hit with the deafening noise of cicadas coming up from our valley - a good welcome home!

This heat has made a mess of my gardens along with Mr Wally who is feasting here every night. He is in big trouble now - he has discovered the flowers on my Moon Plant and as the flowers only last for one night and form new flowers monthly he is very unpopular to say the least!!!!



Quote!

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light!

Ghandi

Living Heritage News

Published by:

Eastbend Rural Communications Inc.
509 Cliftonville Rd Lower Portland, 2756
livingheritage@bigpond.com

Editor:

Carole Sweeny ☎ 0407 949 899

Contributors:

Pat Schwartz, Liz Wilkinson, Mens' Shed, Gail Sweeny, Bev Tollman, Harry Edwards, Peter Goldstien, Pamela O'Carroll, DLHHS, Councils, Councillors, Local Schools, Rural Fire Brigades.

Advertising/Accounts/

Enquiries:

Sheila Trotman ☎ 0410 504 132
livingheritageads@gmail.com

Printed by:

Adelphi Design & Print

☎ 02 9652 1193

The opinions stated in the *Living Heritage News* are not necessarily those of the editorial staff, nor those of Eastbend Rural Communications Inc. They are published to provide the community with information and a medium for discussion on issues affecting them and their neighbours.

Copy Deadline: 15th month

Editor's Notes

Well didn't we have a 'smashing' Boxing Day? I don't know how many of us had damage, but we certainly copped it here. Some of the hail was as big as baseballs. We have had damage to every roof on our property, all downpipes and pipes to the tank and pool were smashed. Twenty of our twenty four solar panels are gone, and the glass from that has gone into our tank. So that means a cleanout from our local Watertank Cleaning Company. Of course we lost water from our tank and pool, so that's a load of water from Hitchcock Springs too. Three cars had windscreens cracked and two had their back windows cave in. Skylight and TV aerial damaged and water has entered the house through the damaged roof, so that needs to be fixed as well. Thank goodness my son lives on the property, he has worked tirelessly, replacing 40 plus roof tiles, and mending broken pipes. The insurance

company have been very helpful with their assessors and hopefully will repair all the damage. Here are a few pics....



It's lovely to see bees flitting around the flowers again after such a long absence. And where are the birds? I have not seen any in my garden since the storm. Hope they return soon.

.....Enjoy your read....Carole

Manure, an interesting fact:

Did you know With John

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common. It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas of course. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone went below at night with a lantern, BOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instructions 'Stow high in transit' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

...cont page 3

Some Local History

St Albans is a small and historic village on the Macdonald River, New South Wales, Australia, about 94 kilometres (65 miles) north west of Sydney. At the 2011 census, St Albans and the surrounding area had a population of 305 people.

The original inhabitants of the Hawkesbury district were the Darug tribe of Aboriginals, also spelt as Dharug or Daruk. The river, which they called Deerubbin, was a focal point as a source of food and transport. The Darug people used the river to farm for fish, eels, water birds, and mussels. They also used the river as a mode of transport in bark canoes.

It was first settled by Europeans in 1794 in a bid to acquire arable land to feed the increasing population of the penal colony at Sydney. In April 1794, Lieutenant Governor Francis Grose submitted plans for the first 22 farms on the Hawkesbury River in the present Pitt Town Bottoms area. In June 1795 a camp of Aboriginal peoples opposing the landtakings was harassed by a British regiment commanded by Paterson (who later regretted the necessary injustice).

The "Village of Macdonald" was surveyed in 1837 but renamed St Albans on 26 January 1841 after the City of St Albans in Hertfordshire, England, north of London.

In the early part of the colonial settlement of New South Wales, the Macdonald Valley was an important agricultural area because of its accessibility by water. However, with the development of railways and extensive agricultural development west of the Great Dividing Range, the Macdonald Valley became less important and declined into a remote backwater. The valley is often referred to by the locals as the "Forgotten Valley".

St Albans village was opened for settlement in 1842, largely because it had become an important stopping point for farmers and others in the area wanting to ship their goods down the Hawkesbury River to Sydney. St Albans was at the navigational upper limit of the Macdonald River. This upper portion of the river has since been drastically reduced to navigation with sand and silt.



St Albans Folk Festival



The Macdonald River

Grand New Year

By...Ben
Anderson

A year gone by,
A year to come,
Say goodbye,
To when we were from.



We'll have stunning fireworks,
All through the long, long night,
Red, yellow, with all the quirks,
And they'll glimmer bright at twilight

We'll all look forward,
With hope in our eyes,
And though it seems absurd,
We'll be a bit more wise.

Let's raise our glasses, full of cheer,
And look forward to a grand new year.



Your local
registered
Sydney Wildlife
Carer
is



Helen Coy

0427 358 096

TONY SIMPSON & CO. LAW FIRM

GENERAL PRACTICE

'For all your legal needs'

TRAFFIC & OTHER COURT MATTERS - WILLS -
POWERS OF ATTORNEY - COMMERCIAL MATTERS

Phone for Appointment Monday to Friday
Located at Banks Cottage 5550 Old Northern Road Wisemans Ferry
(Behind the Doctor's Surgery)

Tel: 45 664 911/ Mob 0409 488 914

email: tonysimpson@ozemail.com.au



Anita Nicholas PHYSIOTHERAPIST

167 Pebbly Hill Road Cattai 2756

Tues & Thurs, other times by appointment - Home visits available

0417 022 510

Core stability classes held on Tuesday mornings @ 9.30 am and a
10.30 am class for men only.

Classes are also on Thursdays during the day, plus an evening class.



Commemoration of the Battle

A Commemoration will be held for The Battle of Vinegar Hill and Philip Cunningham at 4pm on 3rd March 2024 in Thompson Square in Windsor.

There will be two talks on the day, one about The Battle of Vinegar Hill which occurred on 5th March 1804 and Philip Cunningham the leader who was executed and buried in Windsor, and the second about the town of Green Hills as Windsor was called in 1804.

As part of the Day, there will be two walks, one to the Convict Grave site on South Creek and the other to investigate some of the curtilage and building sites of the original Green Hills.



...from 'Did You Know' page 1.

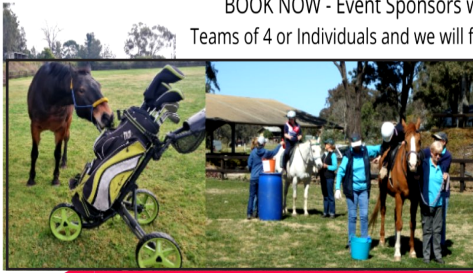
Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T' (Stow, High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day. You probably didn't know the true history of this word.... Neither did I..... John



Charity Golf Day 15th March 24

Support people with disabilities as they develop their abilities through our unique equine programs.

BOOK NOW - Event Sponsors welcomed!
Teams of 4 or Individuals and we will find you a team!



Naming Rights Event Sponsor - \$5,000

Maximise your support by being our Naming Rights Event Sponsor - includes 2 teams of 4 players and promotion to go with it!

01

Only 1 available!



Event Sponsor - \$2,500

Maximise your support by being an Event Sponsor - includes 1 team of 4 players and promotion to go with it!

02

Only 2 available!



Hole Sponsor - \$1,000

Own a Hole on course for a day and network with all the players as they come through to increase your brand awareness. Includes breakfast and lunch for 2!

03

3 sold - Only 15 left!



Support the event in other ways

Event Supporter - \$250
Prize Giver - min \$100
Play Golf - \$155pp
Learn to Golf with Lunch - \$95pp
Lunch only - \$65pp
Spread the word amongst your network - Free

06

Six other ways to support the event!

Christmas Gift Vouchers also available!
Order by Dec 15th 2023



02 9679 1246 | admin@rdanswtalltimbers.org.au

What is Australia Day?

Australia Day is a day of national pride and celebration for Australians.

It reflects on the nation's history, including Indigenous heritage and European settlement, while also highlighting contemporary Australian achievements and multiculturalism. The day encourages unity and a sense of belonging among Australians of all backgrounds.

When is Australia Day in 2024?

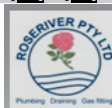
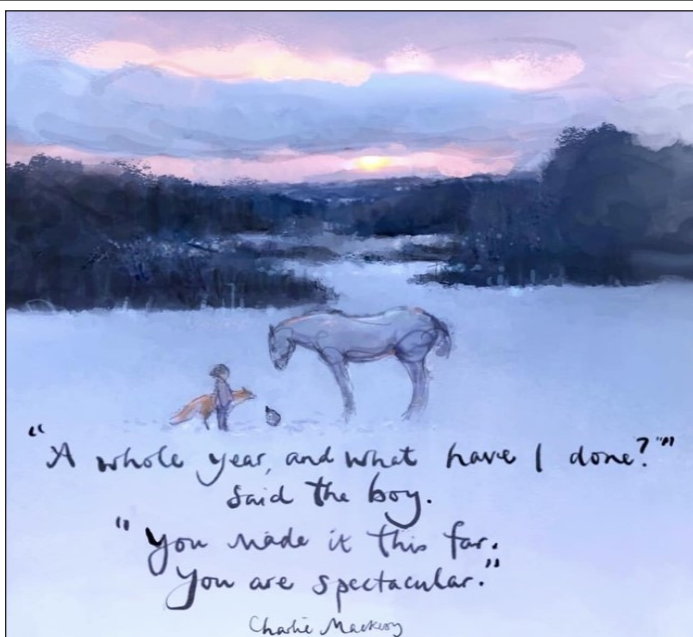
Australia Day is celebrated on January 26th each year. It is a public holiday throughout the country, allowing people to participate in festivities and reflect on what it means to be Australian.

How to Celebrate Australia Day?

- **Attend Local Events:** Many cities and towns across Australia host events such as parades, fireworks displays, live music performances, and community festivals.
- **Barbecues and Picnics:** Australians commonly enjoy barbecues, picnics, and outdoor gatherings with friends and family. It's an ideal time to savor traditional Australian foods like sausages, burgers, and lamingtons.
- **Reflect on Indigenous Culture:** Recognizing and respecting the culture and history of Australia's Indigenous peoples is an important aspect of the day. Some events include Indigenous performances and activities.
- **Water Activities:** Given that January is summer in Australia, many people take to the water, whether it's swimming, surfing, or enjoying water sports.

History of Australia Day

The history of Australia Day dates back to January 26, 1788, when Captain Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet arrived at Port Jackson (now Sydney Harbour). This event marked the beginning of European settlement in Australia. However, it's essential to recognize that for Indigenous Australians, this date also represents the impact of colonization on their communities and cultures. Over the years, Australia Day has evolved from a simple anniversary of British arrival into a broader celebration of Australian identity, culture, and diversity.



Roseriver Pty Ltd

Contractor License: 60047C

**Experienced in all aspects of Plumbing,
Draining and Gasfitting.**

**Blocked Drains-Electric Eel,
Gas & Electric Hot Water Systems,
Gas heater installations, Taps & Toilets,
Sewage Systems,
Absorption Trenches,
Backflow Prevention & TMV's**

**Servicing the Hills Area for 30 years-
No job too large or small!**

**Phone: 4573 6966 – 0418 445 919
0407 409 020**

Beyond The Fence

Welcome to 2024 – The year Interest rates were supposed to rise...

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2024! We do hope you had time to spend with family and friends over the holidays. It is a wonderful time of the year to lose track of the days and with good weather we can enjoy all the great experiences our region has to offer.

2024 was supposed to be the year for rate increases according to the former Reserve Bank Governor. Dr Philip Lowe infamously saying that interest rates would not rise "until 2024 at the earliest". History now tells us just how wrong this prediction was and now a statement that he now no doubt deeply regrets. That said, he amongst many other economists had the challenges of dealing with unforeseen post-Covid inflation driven by supply chain issues, international conflicts and the dramatic increase in energy prices.

So, is the pain coming to an end and why have Sydney (and National) home prices continued to grow despite 13 increases in the cash rate by the RBA? According to

Core Logic Home Value Index 2nd January 2024, National dwelling values rose 8.1% in 2023 and Sydney dwelling values increased by 11.1% (Sydney houses 12.5%). Remarkably Sydney dwelling values are just 2.1% lower than the peak of the post covid boom in January 2022.

Many economists are predicting that the rate hikes have peaked or if not potentially one more with a common view that there may be a modest rate cut in the second half of 2024. With a reduction in interest rates generally means borrowers have greater borrowing capacity and potentially could pay more for a property. Given the significant growth particularly in the first half of 2023, economists are predicting a more subdued growth based around affordability constraints.

Senior AMP economist Dr Shane Oliver commented on a recent article by journalist Kate Burke in the Sydney Morning Herald (Jan 4, 2024). "Oliver believed the cash rate had peaked and would fall in the second

half of the year. However, he thought any rebound in prices off the back of this would be slower, given how high prices had already climbed and expectations for a broader economic slowdown". It is an interesting phenomenon that the property values climbed under the brutal conditions of increasing rates and a high inflation economy.

Will an easing in supply shortages and affordability keep the lid on growth or will the lure of a rate cut continue to drive up prices? During the final quarter of 2023 we had a solid supply of quality homes and we continued to transact properties over the holiday period. Prices are fair for both vendors and buyers and there is a feeling of confidence returning to the market. After the roller coaster ride of the past 3 years, it is anyone's guess as to what 2024 may hold! We can assure you however that Vella Iverson Real Estate will continue to promote the area and represent properties to their highest potential.

Article By Trent Iverson
Licensed Real Estate Agent

VELLAIVERSON



803 River Road, Lower Portland | FOR SALE

RIVERFRONT 26.7 ACRES (approx.) HOME PLUS WEEKENDER
Resort style living on the banks of the Hawkesbury River! This property offers a number of lifestyle & commercial options with a 4 bedroom home set high on the property + 3 bedroom, self-contained riverside weekender.

Contact Agent: Paul Vella | 0418 649 294



663 Cliftonville Road, Lower Portland | FOR SALE Guide \$2.4 mil

SPECTACULAR RETREAT - 80 ACRES - QUALITY FAMILY HOME
Space, privacy and seclusion. Featuring 4 good sized bedrooms with ensuite to the master as well as a potential retreat, home office or oversized 5th bedroom. An 12.2 x 12.2m quality built barn style shed with a mezzanine.

Contact Agent: Trent Iverson | 0409 738 388



38 Manns Road, Wilberforce | FOR SALE

CLASSIC HAWKESBURY RIVER WATERFRONT HOME
Everything you're looking for in a waterfront property plus more! A sought-after location due to its locality, waterfrontage and flood free home. Immaculately presented executive brick and tile home on approx. 1.5 acres.

Contact Agent: Paul Vella | 0418 649 294



Scan to learn more.

vellaiverson.com.au

02 4566 8383

hi@vellaiverson.com.au

The Story of the MV Cartela

This information was obtained from Wikiwand, sent in by Pamela O'Carroll (a Tassie Girl)

The MV Cartela is ingrained in Tasmania's DNA. The ship is the last of her kind, built the same year as the TITANTIC 1912.

The MV Cartela Ferry is an excursion vessel operating on the Derwent River in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. She is now the oldest continuously licensed passenger vessel. The Cartela is a motor vessel of 194 Long Tons (197t) gross. 77 long tons (78t) net register & is 123feet (37m) in overall length (111feet (34m) keel).

HISTORY

The Cartela (the Tasmanian Aboriginal name for a bull seal) was built in 1912 at Battery Point, Hobart, by Purdon & Featherstone for the Huon Channel and Peninsula Steamship Company Pty. Ltd. She was designed to operate as a cargo and passenger vessel in the coastal and riverine trades south and south-east of the city. The Cartela was primarily constructed to replace an earlier vessel the Awittaka, that had recently been sold to the Solomon Islands Government and she was specially designed to be the fastest vessel in the premier excursion trade.

That was achieved by fitting the vessel with a powerful triple-expansion steam engine (500 indicated horsepower (370 kw) and a large-capacity boiler that allowed lengthy periods of operation at maximum speed without losing pressure - a problem faced by both her predecessor and her chief rival the 152-long-ton (154t) SSTogo.

Cartela and Togo regularly competed in an unofficial race held on Christmas Day until 1931 and both won five races each. In 1926 the two vessels collided off Battery Point and the Togo was forced aground. Because the vessels had passed out of the state-controlled harbour waters into federally-controlled coastal waters during the course of the race, a Royal commission was held into whether the Marine Board of Hobart was entitled to hold an inquiry.

At the outbreak of World War 1, Cartela was leased by the Royal Australian Navy for use as an examination vessel. Protecting the port of Hobart. Most of Cartela's Service after World War 2 involved operating passengers and cargo services between Hobart, the Tasman Peninsula and ports on the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, with a proportion of excursions activities up and down the Derwent River. She occasionally performed other duties, including a voyage to Melbourne during a seamen's strike in 1919 and acting as a tug, before dedicated tug-boats were employed in Hobart after World War 2. One significant tow was the rescue of the dismantled barque Inverness-shire, a vessel more than ten times her size, from Storm Bay to Hobart in 1915. A legal case arising from that event is still occasionally cited as a reference regarding the legal distinction between "towage" and "salvage".



Improved road services connecting outlying regions of south-eastern Tasmania brought a end to commercial river steamer services, so by the 1950s, the vessel was almost exclusively engaged in excursion work around Hobart for new owners Roche Brothers Pty. Ltd. In 1958.

Cartela was extensively altered, being converted from a steamship to a motor vessel. In 1975 following the Tasman Bridge disaster, she was fitted with more powerful engines for use as a ferry.

Cartela is now owned by the Steamship Cartel Trust on behalf of the Tasmanian people. In recognition of her being one of the very few timber vessels that has remained in continuous commercial service for a century. In 2016 it was announced that she would undergo a complete renovation and be returned to steam power. That would including the refurbishment of the original Plenty & Sons Steam Engine.



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 MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR **BEROWRA**



Level 11, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2120



9980 1822



julian.leeser.mp@aph.gov.au



julianleeser.com.au



julianleesermp



Authorised by Julian Leeser MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Level 11, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills NSW 2120.

NOTICE BOARD!



Advertise your event, notice or sale on our Noticeboard

The Sunshine Group

I can't believe it's 2024, Happy New Year. Where did 2023 go? Where do I start? We had 3 new members, Jodie, Theresa and David

We had a cake stall at the Mens Shed that was a very good day, looking forward to another one.

We joined the Wisemans Ferry Seniors Club on their bus trips and what a great time we had, the trip to Canberra for Floriade, it was a great day away. The River Postman Boat trip another lovely day out with lunch, the beach trip to Balmoral and many more trips were enjoyed. I'd like to thank the Seniors Group for sharing their bus trips with us.

Also to the children at Wisemans Ferry school we do enjoy your visits to our morning teas and games days and look forward to seeing you all this year. I'm looking forward to seeing all the members when we're open on January 31st. Our times are from 9.00 to 2.30 all welcome please ring Judy if you would

*from Judy Davis and Tracey Davis-Thorne
Judy 4566 4677*



Wisemans Ferry Seniors

There is a great deal to talk about on returning to our Monday morning meetings on the 15th January after the Christmas break. All had a great time with their families.

Our Christmas party was a huge success with a lovely meal and of course a lot of laughs and joy as our Kris Kingle presents were unwrapped.

We all enjoyed our trip on the Riverboat Postman's trip exploring our river and learning much of its history.

At present our only trip being planned is one to Umina on the coast for a beach trip and of course our fish and chips by the sea on 19th January.

We will definitely be planning more trips in the future.

Visitors are always welcome to join us on these trips you do not have to be a senior.



Don't forget our facebook page **Wisemans Ferry Bingo Group** and for any queries contact Jo 0419 413 523 or Noelene 4566 8226

D.O.T.S. AGM

Defenders of Thompson Square Inc. will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 12th February at 7pm in the Stan Stevens Room in the Hawkesbury City Library building in George Street, Windsor.

Free Legal Advice

Tony Simpson Law Firm will be running a free legal aid service from his new office – behind the Doctor's Surgery, next to the Sunshine Club – once a month for people who are financially vulnerable, including people on Centrelink or pensions. Please ring for an appointment or further information

45 664 911



Richmond/Windsor View Club

Meets every second Wednesday of the month at The Richmond Club.

VIEW (voice, interest and education of woman) supports the Smith Family and Learning for Life.

Contact:

Trish Carter **0417 010 619**

Car Rally In Orange...part two

By Liz Wilkinson

On Saturday morning we drove in convoy to Canowindra. This town was established in 1844 and was famous for the fact that in 1863 the whole town was bailed up in a pub for three days by Ben Hall of bushranger fame and his gang.

I love that the town has all its old buildings - a fascinating town to wander in - the museum is home to the Devonian 360 million year old fish fossils which were discovered in 1956.

From here we headed to Milthorpe, passing through Mandurama, Carcoar and Blaney, where the SP's stopped to put their hoods up - just as well - the heavens did open on us. Again the scenery was just stunning - I must be a country girl at heart! At Milthorpe, the SP's lined up for a photo in front of the historic railway station which is still in use.

Lunch and a wander around the historic buildings, a look at an art show, then we returned to Orange through the rain and off to the Ex-Services Club for our formal dinner and quiz night.

Sunday morning we drove to the top of Mt Canobolas (an extinct volcano) where the views were expansive but unfortunately misty, so the photos were poor. Of interest to me and perhaps the orchid buffs who read our L.H. was the National Park Sign showing two orchids that are found nowhere else in the world - a pink Spider orchid and the Conobolas Leek orchid which unfortunately has not been seen since 1982.

Next down to the Lake Conobolas Reserve where we met up with the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club, who took us for a burn through the Gnoo Blas Circuit which was opened in 1953, where Jack Brabham won the South Pacific Championship in a Cooper Climax. It was closed in 1961 due to opposition from Bathurst.

Lunch was at Duntryleague guest house - a stunning mansion built in 1876 for James Dalton who ran the first flour mill in Orange. There is a stained glass window that was a gift to James on his investiture as a Papal Knight for services to the Catholic Church and presented to him by Pope Gregory.

Next activity was a trip to Mortimer's Winery (of Rugby League fame). It is an old school house - March School which was 150 years old.

Our last night was at the Milano Restaurant next to the motel where the food was delicious but the quantity so too much - one serving would feed a whole family.

Next morning we farewelled friends and we set off for home after an enjoyable rally.



Latest News



As we start a new year, we are optimistic for what lies ahead and 2024 holds the promise of many exciting opportunities for our community. Already, our staff are gearing up to continue to deliver many projects and initiatives outlined in Council's 2023-26 Delivery Program.

Gathering as a community is always good for the soul, and Australia Day is of particular importance to me as it's when we reflect upon the history of our country – its First Peoples and rich cultural diversity. So, it is pleasing to know that preparations are underway for this year's Hornsby Shire Australia Day events to be held on Friday 26 January. The Australia Day theme is 'Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.'

and we are encouraged to reflect on our history, respect the stories of others and celebrate our nation, its achievements and our people.

Council will be hosting a culturally inclusive event. And of course, our Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony will take place.

More details of these exciting events will be announced soon – but get ready to help celebrate everything good about Australia and Hornsby Shire. For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Philip Ruddock AO,
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY, 6.30 PM

For more Council information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au

EASTBEND MEETINGS 2024

May 13th

August 12th

**November 11th
AGM**



Sheer Indulgence

BEAUTY & MASSAGE

Shop 6, Wisemans Ferry



www.sheerindulgence.com.au



0404 139 321



FROM THE PASTORS DESK



Start Consulting God

"God Did This So That Men Would Seek Him" (Acts 17:27)

Palm-tops, appointment books, electronic organisers, have become our slave drivers. Ask yourself, : Can God interrupt me? Can He get my attention, short of a catastrophe?" Some of your greatest God experiences will happen when you've something else planned. Pray that you'll be sensitive enough to realise it's God and obey Him rather than your appointment book. If you decide to pursue your agenda instead of His, don't be surprised when you run into a brick wall and end up asking, "What went wrong?" The answer is.....**"you didn't consult God!"**

Look at Mary and Martha when Jesus visited their home in Bethany. Martha's focus was on cooking dinner for Him: Mary's was on soaking up every word. Both are necessary, but when forced to choose between the two, the Lord will always choose the one who sits at His feet in adoration and learns from Him.

Listen to the couple who'd just encountered Christ on the Emmaus Road, following His resurrection: *"Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road?" (Luke 24:32).* God can give you a solution "on the road" that will solve a problem waiting for you at work. He can destress you so that you sail confidently through a test in school. He can even give you direction for your future while you're doing mundane things around the house.

All He requires is that you:

- (1) **Be sensitive to Him;** (2) **Be available to Him;**
- (3) **Be responsive to Him.**

*God Bless!.....PS Peter Goldstien,
JP, Community Chaplain. Midway Christian Centre*

LIVING HERITAGE FOLDING DAYS

Mar.....Mon.....Feb.....26th
Apr.....Mon.....Mar.....25th
May.....Mon.....Apr.....22nd
Jun.....Mon.....May.....24th
Jul.....Mon.....Jun.....25th

We fold from 11.30am and usually it takes about 2-3 hours depending on the number of helpers. If you have any spare time, we can always use some help.

**Ph: 0407 949 899
or 0423 727 826**

*Pastor Peter Goldstien
Community Chaplain*

- *Pastoral Care*
- *Weddings*
- *Funerals*
- *Baby Dedications*
- *Grief Counselling*

email:

petergoldstien12@gmail.com



Mob: 0428 234 228

The Key Influences Of 2024

Uncertainty has reigned over the last few years, but can we expect more consistency as we head into 2024?

Inflation and labour supply

RBA Governor Michelle Bullock stated, "Inflation is past its peak and heading in the right direction, but it is likely to return to target a bit more slowly than we previously thought." While there have been encouraging signs, uncertainty remains. Domestically, inflation is persistent, growth has slowed but the labour market remains tight. And, the Australian economy remains at risk with uncertainty over the Chinese economy and ongoing international conflicts. At this stage, the RBA have not ruled out further interest rate increases.

The unemployment rate remains at 3.7% and the labour market tight. Wages grew 1.3% for the September 2023 quarter and 4.0% over the year, pushing wages to a 14 year high. High-skilled workers are particularly difficult to source, and we appear to have reached a point now where employers are unwilling to pay inflated salaries to acquire those willing to move.

Income tax cuts and the end of some concessions

From 1 July 2024, the **stage 3 tax cuts** that radically simplify the personal income tax brackets come into effect. The tax cuts collapse the 32.5% and 37% tax brackets into a single 30% rate for those earning between \$45,001 and \$200,000 – this is assuming the May Federal Budget does not postpone or scrap them!

The superannuation guarantee rate will rise again on 1 July 2024 to 11.5%.

For small and medium businesses with group turnover of less than \$50m, a series of concessions are set to end or reduce back to conventional levels:

The Skills and Training Boost ends on 30 June 2024. The boost provides a bonus deduction equal to 20% of eligible expenditure for external training provided to your workers for costs incurred between 29 March 2022 and 30 June 2024.

The Small Business Energy Incentive is scheduled to end on 30 June 2024, although legislation to introduce this concession still hasn't passed through Parliament. The incentive is intended to provide an additional 20% deduction on the cost of eligible depreciating assets that support electrification and more efficient use of energy.

'The instant asset write-off for businesses with group turnover of less than \$10m is due to reduce back to \$1,000 from 1 July 2024. The cost threshold is meant to be \$20,000 for the 2024 financial year, but legislation relating to this measure hasn't passed through Parliament yet.

Worker rights and rewards

There have been a myriad of changes and enhancements to workplace laws across 2023 and employers can expect greater scrutiny in 2024:

A 5.75% increase in the minimum wage to \$23.23 per hour from 1 July 2023.

New rules and a 2 year limit to some fixed term employment contracts (no renewing).

A landmark case that defined how to determine whether a worker is a contractor or employee. The ATO has followed through with new rulings to ensure employers are paying the correct entitlements. It's essential that employers have assessed contractors to ensure that they are classified correctly. Greater flexibility for unpaid parental leave.

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

Harry (Brett) Edwards
Managing Director
Bell Partners Norwest
Accountants and Advisors
02 8292 9700
hedwards@bellpartnersnorwest.com

Rainfall for

NOV 23rd To JAN 10th

Week 1. nil
Week 2. 53mm
Week 3. 12mm
Week 4. 6mm
Week 5. 52mm
Week 6. 4.5mm
Week 7. 21mm

Taken at South Maroota

Bush Philosophy

You're never too old to learn something stupid!

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

ST ALBANS RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

St Albans Station:
4568 2013



Captain: Sherri McMahon
sherrimcmahon4@gmail.com

Senior Deputy Captain:
Ian Sawyer
SAWYERIAN23@gmail.com

Permit issuing officers:
Lilly and Warwick:
<https://www.stalbansrfs.org/>



SPENCER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

4778 Wisemans Ferry Rd,
SPENCER NSW 2775



New members always welcome.

Captain Alison Wade
T: 1415 668 953

E: captain.spencer@ccrfs.org.au
Facebook:

Spencer Rural Fire Brigade

- 2nd Monday of Month – Meeting @ 18.30
- 3rd Monday of Month – Maintenance @ 18:30
- 4th Monday of Month – Training @ 18:30

Would you like the Living Heritage delivered?

A 12 months subscription is only \$25

Contact Sheila for details.

livingheritageads@gmail.com or

0410 504 132



CALL US ON 9188 1542

PUREPLUMBINGPROS.COM.AU



BLOCKED DRAINS



GAS FITTING



HOT WATER REPAIR



LEAKING TAPS

24/7 EMERGENCY PLUMBING

IF WE CAN'T FIX IT YOU DON'T PAY*

Google ★★★★★ 4.9 | LICENCE #233302C

\$0 CALL-OUT FEE & LIFETIME WARRANTY



Hills Shire News



THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire

Australia Day celebrations

Australia is the greatest country in the world and we have so much to celebrate as a community on January 26. I am encouraging people to celebrate Australia Day alongside their fellow residents by attending an event in The Hills.

This year, Council is delighted to be running three major events for our residents: a Citizenship Ceremony at the Council Chambers, a poolside barbecue at Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre and the main event at Bella Vista Farm Park.

From 10am to 3pm, join us for a pool party at Waves. There will be an inflatable obstacle course in the 50m pool, a DJ and a free sausage sizzle for the first 2000 members and visitors.

Then join us at Bella Vista Farm from 4:30pm to 9pm for a concert headlined by X-factor winner Samantha Jade, supported by Junkyard Beats, Dorothy

the Dinosaur & Friends and local performance groups. There will also be food trucks, rides and displays, as well as free activities, and face painting. Our celebrations will finish with a spectacular fireworks display.

Council will also be hosting a Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day at 1pm to welcome our newest residents. For our conferees, becoming an Australian Citizen is one of the biggest moments of their lives and having it occur on our national day makes the moment even greater.

I am proud to also support our wonderful community groups, who will also host flag-raising ceremonies and events on the morning of Australia Day. Events will occur at the Centenary of Anzac Reserve in Kellyville, Heritage Park in Castle Hill, John Benyon Park in Kenthurst and Annangrove Park in Annangrove. I encourage everyone to attend one of these ceremonies to reflect on how lucky we are to live in this country that offers great safety, great freedoms and great opportunities.

I hope you can join me and our community at an event to celebrate Australia Day on Friday, 26 January. For more information about these events, please visit **The Hills Shire Council's** website and search for 'Australia Day.'

Lower Portland Ferry maintenance

I want to remind ferry users that the Lower Portland Ferry will undergo mandatory inspection and maintenance starting Monday, 29 January 2024. This maintenance is legally required to keep the ferry running for our community and is anticipated to last approximately 12 weeks, subject to the extent of work needed.

During this time, motorists are encouraged to utilise the Sackville Ferry, located approximately 13 minutes south of the Lower Portland Ferry. Thank you for your understanding during this period, and I look forward to regular ferry services resuming as soon as the maintenance is complete.

**Mayor of The Hills Shire,
Dr Peter Gangemi**



CINDY MOULTON
CLINICAL BIOCHEMIC THERAPIST

Specialising in
Tissue Salts/Biochemic Medicine.
Practicing Facial Diagnostics.
Working in the field of HOMEOPATHY
with ACUTE and CHRONIC illnesses
0406 152 129

www.aboutfacefacialanalysis.com.au

WISEMANS FERRY COMPUTER & GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

We do VAST satellite
Television
We supply and install
in all Black-spot areas



Mobile Computer Service
as well.

Office: **4566 4403**

Turnbull Law Pty Ltd t/a
0414 LAWYER

Conveyancing & Property • Wills & Estates • Family Law
• Small Business & Commercial

For a friendly, reliable service at competitive rates, please call 0414 529 937 or email 0414LAWYER@gmail.com

WISEMANS FERRY HAIR DESIGN



Shop 7/5557 Old Northern Road
Wisemans Ferry NSW 2775

0245 664 300

Business Hours: Monday 9:00 to 3:30
Wednesday to Friday 9:00 to 5:00



**Car
detailing
that
comes
to you**

0488 253 954

St Albans Anglican Church

The St Albans Anglican Church (Saint Alban The Martyr), near the top of Wharf Road is the only church still in use in St Albans. A timber chapel, opened in 1843, was replaced by the current stone building in 1897.^[4]

Another interesting stone church remaining in the village is the old Wesleyan Methodist church in Espie Street. This was built in 1902 and is now in private hands, a reminder of almost 150 years of Wesleyan influence in the Macdonald Valley.

The funerals of those close to town usually progressed by boat to the old St Albans Burial Ground, a few kilometres south of the village beside the river, founded in 1826.

This site had in the past suffered much by neglect, floods and vandalism but is now preserved.



Recipe Corner With Liz

APRICOT BALLS

Ingredients:

450g dried apricots, diced
1 tin condensed milk
2 cups coconut
caster sugar for rolling

Method:

Mix all together and roll into balls about the size of a walnut in shell.

Roll balls in caster sugar and place on a plate to dry.

I place mine in the refrigerator till firm and then keep them in the freezer.

This is a good recipe for kids to make- a great holiday entertainment for budding cooks.



Enjoy a meal with a view at our new BAR!

**Open Wednesday to Sunday for breakfast and lunch
Thursday to Saturday for dinner**

***Don't miss out on our monthly food specials and exciting promotions.
Reserve your table now!***

74 O'Briens Rd Cattai

02 4560 3200

www.riversideoaks.com.au



Community Fire Wise

The Hills District Rural Fire Service

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE!

MARROOTA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Welcome to the New Year 2024! Our brigade is back into training and are ready for whatever the new year holds. We hope our community is recovering from the horrific hail storms some of us experienced on Boxing Day. There was a lot of damage and debris left behind with a big clean-up required.

We are now at the pointy-end of the bush fire season, where we can expect high temperatures and possibly, more erratic weather behaviour, which could increase the fire danger. So, it is imperative to keep on top of the property maintenance by clearing all debris and over-hanging branches from around our homes and buildings. Be sure to also keep on top of the mowing and slashing of our lawns and paddocks to minimise grass fires risk. This time of year, the grass seems to grow at a greater rate.

Be mindful that our end of the shire has not seen a serious bush fire for over 22 years so the potential threat of a big bush fire event is very real. We therefore need you to prepare yourselves and your properties as much as possible to help us to reduce the threat to our community and to your properties. We have so much more housing out this way now and still only the same number of brigades and appliances. Therefore it is most important to have a written "Bush Fire Survival Plan", with practised scenarios for all times of the day or night as well as a good property maintenance schedule.

We must always be living "Bush Fire Ready".

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare.

...Robin Hitchcock

WISEMANS FERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Back in May 2023, our brigade was awarded a Commissioner's Commendation for our work during the floods in the valley.

We are so grateful to be recognised and proud of the efforts of the brigade. Well done guys!



MARROOTA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Happy New year to all.....

Christmas 2023 has been and gone, and Boxing day saw a very big hail storm that impacted most of the brigade area, causing a lot of damage. This also started a fire that burnt for an hour or so, until heavy rain extinguished it.

The main calls this last month have been two serious motor vehicle accidents. While we never want to attend these, it is essential that we do. We believe that some involved possibly had serious injuries.

Might I also remind residents and visitors, that fireworks are illegal unless you have all the permissions and notify all required as per regulations. This year New Years was damp and showery, so any embers did not start fires, this is not the case most years.

Training is about to start again, and there is a large group of new members that are starting their basic firefighter training, which means you will be seeing some new faces among our ranks at calls.

....Garry Chatman



Santa on the Firetruck



PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE
1800 NSW RFS 1800 679 737
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



Maroota: Capt:
Mob: ☎0417 216 306
Sth Maroota: ☎0414 430 959
" ☎4575 0433
Canoelands: ☎0417 216 306

W/Ferry: ☎4566 4244
W/Ferry Capt: ☎0419 448 537
Hillside: ☎9652 2245
Glenorie: ☎9652 2017
Gosford Fire Cont: ☎4340 2911

Hawk Fire Cont: ☎4575 1601
Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai
Fire Control: ☎9883 2000
The Hills
Fire Control: ☎9658 9000

Sackville North: ☎9658 9000
" Mob ☎0419 522 088
Lwr McDonald: ☎4568 2168
St Albans: ☎0409 322 236
Spencer: ☎4566 4640

St Albans Markets



An awesome free event at the end of the school holidays
is just what every exhausted parent and bored kid needs to brighten up your Australia Day weekend!

St Albans is a beautiful daytrip and weekend destination in the northern Hawkesbury that attracts visitors from north west Sydney, the lower Blue Mountains, and the Central Coast.

They come for the 4 minute car ferry ride on the Webbs Creek Ferry, a meandering and sealed country drive to St Albans alongside the Macdonald River, a fabulous kids park by the river, and of course our two licensed institutions – The Pickled Wombat Café and the iconic convict-built Settlers Arms Inn.

Along with our regular local farm producers, you can check out the constantly changing lineup of visiting stallholders. There are also giant, old-fashioned kids game in the shade with dedicated seating, and your fur baby is always welcome – on a lead please.

Remember, the first 20 coffees (tea, chai latte, hot chocolate etc) are always free to visitors, from 10am.

A gold coin donation per adult entry is requested – with proceeds going to a different local community group each month.

**2 Wharf St.
St Albans**

10am – 2pm

**Saturday
Jan 27**

STALBANSVILLAGEMARKET.COM.AU

Feature Creatures Touchable Reptiles

**GIANT KIDS GAMES
IN THE SHADE**

ALL ENTERTAINMENT
KINDLY FUNDED BY

Galston Girl Guides



Galston Guides enjoy being outdoors, especially bush walking, having fun at Treetops Adventure park, camping and cooking on a camp-fire.

We currently have vacancies in our Junior Guide unit, aged 6-9 year olds.

If your daughter is interested in making new friends, taking part in fun activities, community service or learning outdoors, then please contact GalstonDM@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au to find out more.

GIRL GUIDES MEET NEAR YOU

Galston Junior Guides

Thursdays 4.30–6pm

For girls 6–9 years old

Galston Guide Hall
414 Galston Road

CONTACT: 1300 447 548
GalstonDM@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au



LIVING HERITAGE

Maroota and District News

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Note! Copy deadline is 15th month.



Matt Kean MP

Member for Hornsby

Keen to Help you by

- Representing you in the NSW Parliament
- Assisting you to access State services
- Communicating your issues to the relevant Ministers
- Organising Justice of the Peace applications
- Recognising State achievements



Contact
Matt

☎ (02) 9476 3411 @ hornsbym@parliament.nsw.gov.au

✉ PO Box 1687, Hornsby Westfield NSW 1635

Authorised by Matt Kean MP. Funded using parliamentary entitlements.

North Ward News

Happy New Year!

THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire

It is hard to believe that we are in 2024 already. I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year period and hoping you were able to take a short break to be with family and friends.

Council will be celebrating Australia Day with a number of events. Flag raising ceremonies will be held at Castle Hill Heritage Park, Centenary of Anzac Reserve at Kellyville, John Benyon Park at Kenthurst and Annangrove Park. Council will also host a Waves Pool Party at Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre at Baulkham Hills and the main event at Bella Vista Farm. Council will also host a Citizenship Ceremony. For more information, please visit the council website for more information.

There are still a few outstanding items of work to be completed post flood. These are items such as the Michael Duggan Drain, Chapel Hill Rd and River Rd. Council staff are working on these items but as you can appreciate, there is significant work to be undertaken on River Rd and this will take time. I will endeavour to provide an update in next months magazine. Rest assured; I will continue to work on having these resolved.

It is great to see residents out on the Hawkesbury River this summer. It really is a beautiful part of the Shire.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please contact me by email clr.blue@thehills.nsw.gov.au, by phone on 0400 449 324 or on Facebook Councillor Mitchell Blue - The Hills Shire Council



MITCHELL BLUE | NORTH WARD

Councillor Mitchell Blue
Deputy Mayor – The Hills Shire Council
Councillor – North Ward
Mobile 0400 449 324
clr.blue@thehills.nsw.gov.au
Administration Centre, 3 Columbia Court Norwest NSW 2153
PO Box 7064, NORWEST NSW 2153 | DX 9966 Norwest
www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

St Albans Markets

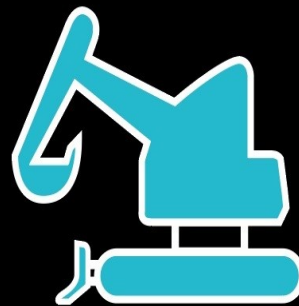


10am - 2pm
2 Wharf St, St Albans
In the Northern Hawkesbury



stalbansvillagemarket.com.au

Saturday Jan 27
Easter Sunday 31 Mar
Saturday 27 April
Mothers Day 12 May
Sunday 9 June
Sunday 14 July
Fathers Day 1 Sept
Sunday 6 Oct
Sunday 17 Nov
Sunday 22 Dec



**WISEMANS FERRY
MINI EXCAVATOR
HIRE**

0438 414 884

Enquiries: jcsvs@outlook.com

ABN: 91 613 373 722

Dry Hire Kobelco 1.7 Tonne Mini Excavator
Day Rate \$250
Longer Period Hire negotiable rate

Dry Hire includes:
900mm, 450mm & 300mm mud bucket
ripper attachment
Optional extra - Skeleton Bucket

GLENORIE VETERINARY CLINIC



Michael Hawkins B.V.Sc
Jenni Taylor B.V.Sc



& ASSOCIATES * VETERINARY SURGEONS
HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8am to 7pm
SATURDAY 8am to 12pm
CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT

1589 OLD NORTHERN ROAD GLENORIE, 2157

TELEPHONE: **9652 1338**



Wisemans Ferry Anglican Church



River Road, Wisemans Ferry
Church Service and Sunday School
Every Sunday at 10:00 am
Morning tea afterwards - All Welcome
For more information call
Phone 4572 3262

Uniting Church at Leetsvale

Off River Rd, Leetsvale Caravan Park turn-off
Please Contact Alan Prosser for more information
Ph 4341 7946



Anglican Parish of St Albans

Next service at St Albans is....
First Sunday of the month -



10am St Albans

Blokes' Coffee: Fridays 10am

Women's Coffee: Tuesdays 10am

Michael Wilkinson,
Lay Assist **0400 735 530**
Guy Cox, Parish
Secretary **4568 2188**

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Spencer

Vigil

2nd Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm
For more information

Phone 4377 1374 4377 1168



Pitt Town Anglican

Sunday Church Services

8.30am - Traditional Services

10am - Family Services with Kids Church



Midway Christian Centre



Services commencing every last Sunday
of the month except July and December 9.30am
Easter Sunday and Christmas Day will also have a service 9.30am
All welcome to the gathering.

Bring A plate for brunch and enjoy the fellowship
Cnr Sackville & Wisemans Ferry Road, South Maroota

Phone 0428 234 228

Old Australian Photos

A suggestion was made that we do a series of the wonderful old photos that we post on our Living Heritage Facebook page. These photos are an historical record of the people, towns and cities of our great country. We hope you like them.



A fantastic photo of George Street Windsor circa 1940's



Bullock team hauling timber in George Street Windsor circa 1900

SEPTIC TANK CLEANOUT SPECIALISTS



Staples Premier Pumpouts

Septic Tank & Envirocycle Cleanouts
For a competitive price and prompt service

CALL 9457 8777

Camhaul

DAVID: 0407 466 244

info@camhaul.com.au

U CALL CAMHAUL



• Recycled Rota Mill
Road base and Sand
Quarry Products

• Screened Rota mill 20mm; 14mm
• Recycled Concrete/ Aggregate
• 10; 20; 30-40mm; 40-70mm

SCHOOL SNIPPETS

WISEMANS FERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL



At Wisemans Ferry PS, Term 4 never disappoints; with activities, celebrations, and lots of fun. This term we will enjoy visits from our new Kindergarten students, swim school, our swimming carnival and many end of year and special events. Two of our year 5 students undertaking the Year 5 Leadership Program have written articles for this edition. Thank you to both of the Jackson's. *Deirdre Dorbis | Principal*

Kindergarten 2024 Transition
Our Kindergarten transition program kicked off with the beginning of the Friday social play program. We welcomed Chloe, Josh, Willow, Ares and Lucy who joined K/1 and their year 4 buddies for some structured play.

During our program students will be involved in classroom activities getting them ready for 'big school' in 2024.



Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Story written by Jackson D.
(as a component of the Year 5 Leadership Program)

Camp was a fun experience, mainly because it had been the first time I had gone on camp before. The bus trip was long and fun! Leaving my family was sad and exciting at the same time. Jackson B. and I were the only students from year five and all of the year six student went.

The cabins were clean-ish and the beds were quite comfortable. Most people would say that the food was disgusting but I think that the food was nice, except for the mac and cheese. Everyday we would get snow cones, but they were just cordial with ice.

We did archery and surprisingly, I won \$10, so did Khloe and Annabel (from MacValley) because we hit the bullseye. I really got pushed out of my comfort zone and so did all my new friends and my friends from Wisemans Ferry. Especially doing things like the power fan and the rock climbing.

When we were leaving, I was happy and sad and so were the rest of the kids. Jackson B. and I were up the back of the bus and surprisingly it was quite luxurious. I was so happy to go home and see my family and so were all my new friends. The Great Aussie Bush Camp was totally awesome and I can't wait for the next camp in Canberra next year.



MMWaC Academic Challenge

Story written by Jackson B. (as a component of the Year 5 Leadership Program)

On Wednesday September 20, Tilly, Kendall, Kiera, Charlotte M., Bree-anna, Nate, Henry, Tenayah, Phoenix, Jaxson, Patrick, Billy and myself headed to Cattai Public School for the MMWaC Academic Challenge. The Academic Challenge involved a spelling and mathematics competition.

As we all gathered waiting for the competition, we were nervous and excited at the same time. The K/1/2 students did really well in spelling and gave the mathematics challenge a red hot go. The 3/4 mathematicians did an



excellent job in trying - well done! A special mention goes out to Kendall in year four who won both her mathematics and spelling competitions - congratulations.

The 5/6 kids did a good job too! Both in maths and spelling.

Let's go Wisemans!!

NSW State Athletics Championships

On Thursday 26th October, I had the pleasure of attending the NSW State Athletics Championships at Homebush to watch our relay team, consisting of Khloe, Kiera, Jackson D. and Mitchell participate in the Nigel Bagley relay. There were 30 other small schools from across NSW in this event. Despite the cold weather and the nerves our students ran an amazing race, finishing 19th overall. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to participate in a state carnival. We are extremely proud of their determination and commitment to succeeding.

The 2024 school term one for Western Division begins on Tuesday 6th February



WISEMANS FERRY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

All mowing All your garden jobs

Total care-taking needs Fully insured

Ring Tony Duval 0408 416 696 or

02 4566 4378

ABN 4810 4311 667

"We do more than care for your lawns"



NOTICE PLAYGROUP



Wisemans Ferry Community Centre
Singleton Road WISEMANS FERRY
Thursdays 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Bring a drink and fruit.

**Contact: Mary Howard Treasurer
0437 131 721**

Mums and their Bubs



SCHOOL SNIPPETS

CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL



What a wonderful end to the school year! Not only were there lots of academic experiences to complete, but also many social and extra-curricular activities to hold.

The whole school, once again, had the chance to attend Swim School. A huge thanks to Miss Dani and Pitt Town Swimming for this fabulous opportunity. A team of dedicated parents drove the students to their lessons which were grouped according to age and ability. All the children improved with a full week of lessons. Not only did they have fun and improve their swimming skills but they also learned about water safety..... very fitting for the time of year.

The future school leaders and Sports Captains had the chance to speak to the entire school body about their ability to fill the positions. All the students listened to the positive attributes of each candidate, prior to the voting process. Each candidate was nervous, anxious and excited and did a wonderful job.

The school Swimming Carnival was held the week after Swim School and allowed every student the opportunity to compete in the various races. Many students did a PB and qualified for Small Schools next year, while others were just pleased to complete a single lap of

the 50m pool. The sportsmanship of the students was wonderful, cheering each other on and applauding those slower swimmers when they completed their race. The small pool was open for those children not racing and they all had a great time with pool noodles, short races and games. The highlight of the day was the staff vs student vs parent race where the parents came out as the victors! Congratulations. It was a wonderful day for competitors and spectators alike.

The end of year celebrations always involve the Celebrations of Learning evening.....a chance for each student to be recognised for their most outstanding achievements. Each year group also identified their best student in English and Math with year 6 also having the Dux of the school. All the children were keen to receive their awards and were very respectful of their peers. The slideshow of the year's events is always fun to watch. The main excitement occurred when the various portfolios for the school's leadership were read out. Each child in year 6, 2024 has a role to play in the school and all those speeches and voting issues were about to come to fruition..... congratulations Cattai!!! You have chosen your leaders wisely, with each student's position being "just right" for that child.



Congratulations to all the candidates but especially to the captain and vice-captain. The new year will be wonderful with leaders such as you.

The Mini-Fair was a great day which helped raise extra money for the out-going year 6's gift to the school.....a reversible set of goals for the basketball/netball court. The children dressed in mufti and had the chance to dance, sing, play, jump, eat, face paint, get scared, guess and many other activities organised by the senior students. A hot lunch was organised and the children had far too much fun.

Year 6 had their farewell with the year 5 students at Riverside Oaks Golf Club. Many students arrived by special vehicle such as spiffy cars, a motorbike or even a Gator! Everyone was dressed beautifully, ready for their special night. Speeches and slideshows were the order of the night along with photos and a dinner with friends. Everyone had a great time and many memories were made during their special evening.

With the jar full of marbles from a term of extra-hardworking children, the award was a Movie Day. The children were bussed to Richmond to watch "Wish". The students loved the movie experience but also the free time in the park! Lunch was great but being able to play on the equipment was excellent. Everyone had a fabulous day.

On the last day at school, the

teachers cook up a storm for the Community breakfast. All parents, grandparents, helpers and community members were invited for bacon and eggs, pancakes, juice, tea and coffee. It was a great way to see each other at the end of the term, talk to teachers and generally help in the wind-down process. Each class had prepared a routine for the parents and again, the children didn't disappoint with their ability to write, perform and sing. It was a fabulous event.

The final activity of the school year is the true farewell to year 6 who each ring the bell for the last time and then leave the school via a tunnel of arms made by the rest of the school. It is such a fabulous way to say goodbye, even if it is a very emotional one. Bye year 6 and may all your travels in high school be showered by the sun. The new year starts for year 1-6 on Thursday February 1. The Kindies have their Best Start in February 1 and 2 and then the whole school are set and ready for another year of fun and learning. Have a great break. See you all in the new term.



Awesome Mailboxes



From Pamela

Do you have an unusual mailbox?

Send us a pic to

livingheritage@bigpond.com

SAME DAY LOCAL PLUMBER

BLOCKED DRAIN?

BURST PIPES?

LEAKING TOILET?

NO HOT WATER?

• NO CALLOUT FEE

• 24/7 EMERGENCY

• LIFETIME WARRANTY

• ON TIME & RELIABLE

PHONE JERRAM 0407 837 729

10% SENIORS DISCOUNT



**NO FIX
NO FEE***

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Advertising on this page or throughout the magazine is \$36 for business card size and small \$18.....
.....ask for our Media Kit which outlines prices for all sizes and includes our agreement form.

GOLIATH PLUMBING PTY LTD

Mob: 0418 647 331

Email: goliathplumbing71@gmail.com

ABN 55 097 973 601
Licence No. 65871C

CCTV INSPECTION - UTILITY LOCATION
PLUMBING - DRAINAGE - GASFITTING -
BACK-HOE HIRE - HIGH-PRESSURE JETTING -
EXCAVATIONS - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Dargle Turf & Soils, Mixes & Mulches

We supply, deliver & lay

- *All types of Turf Lawns
- *Turf Underlay
- *Screened Gully Soil
- *Levelling & Spreading Services Available
- *Fill & Arena Sand
- *Turf Mulch for Large Areas
- *Special Garden Mixes

Enquiries please phone **0413 843 908**



Phone Tom on

0418 200 250



GARY COHEN

gary.cohen@hotmail.com

Mobile: **0424 581 551**
Residential & Commercial work
Over 40 years Experience
All work guaranteed
Stump Splitting

ALL CARPENTRY SERVICES

GLENORIE PHARMACY

Your Friendly
Neighbourhood
Chemist

Pharmacist Advice,
Consumer Medicine
Information, Webster Pack,
Self Care Fact Cards™

☎ 9652 1679

Fax: 9652 1702



M & S PROPERTY MAINTENANCE



Specialising in all types of fencing
General maintenance
Lawn mowing,
Chainsaw work



ME & MY DINGO FOR HIRE

Ph: Steve 0407 582 224

Earthworks & Sandstone Log Walls

Driveways, building sites,
retaining walls, Bogie Tipper
& Dog Trailer, 8T excavator
and hammer, 95hp skidsteer
loader and more...

[www.facebook.com/
ISSRuralServices](http://www.facebook.com/ISSRuralServices)

0417 702 338



MAMMOTH
REFRIGERATION AND
AIR-CONDITIONING

REFRIGERATION &
AIR-CONDITIONING
INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE

Mobile: 0400 617 737

Bobcat & Tipper Hire

All local areas....
Call Ian

Mob: 0408 192 408



Advertise your Business Here!

This size \$18
per issue.

Contact Sheila

livingheritageads@gmail.com

Advertise your Business Here!

This size \$36 per issue.

Contact Sheila

livingheritageads@gmail.com

PF FORMATION CONCRETE

All Types of Concrete

Colour mix ~ Pool Mix ~ Stencil ~ Blockfill

Servicing Maroota & surrounding areas

Maraylya * Oakville * Pitt Town * Kurrajong
McGraths Hill * Glenorie * Cattai * Maroota



4566 8365

**1774 Wisemans Ferry Rd
MAROOTA**



0497 711 127

MEGAPEST CONTROL

Spiders, rodents,
cockroaches,
ants, mice, termites,
bedbugs etc.

Ian
Black

0408 192 408

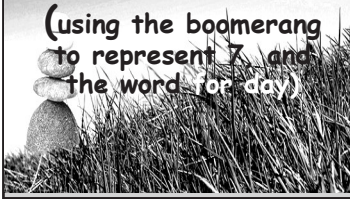
Licensed to Kill Lic no: 5080911



**Dharug word
of the Month**
"Bumarang Darrabarra"

**Means...
This week**

(using the boomerang
to represent 7 and
the word for day)

**ADVERTISEMENT**

Robyn Preston MP
Member for Hawkesbury



Can I help you?

Phone: 02 4578 0300 **Email:** hawkesbury@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 505, Richmond NSW 2753

Website: www.robynpreston.com.au

Authorised by Robyn Preston MP. Funded using parliamentary entitlements.

**Kids
Corner**



- Q. What did the ocean say to the beach?
A. Nothing, it just waved
Q. How do you make the number 7 even?
A. Take away the 's'

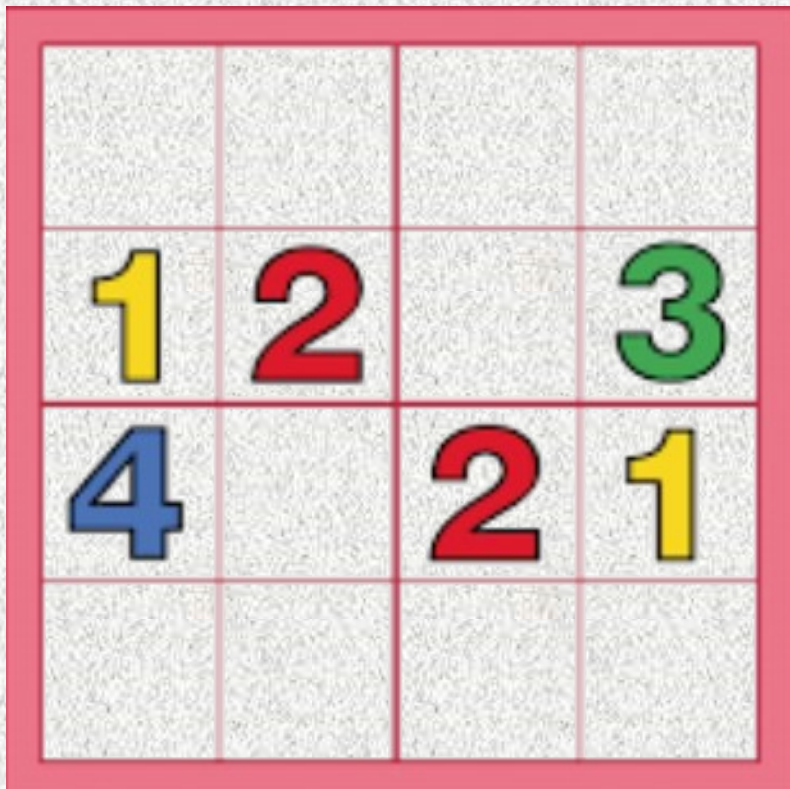
- Q. How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?
A. Ten tickles

- Q. Why did the scarecrow win an award?

- A. Because he was outstanding in his field



- Q. If a child refuses to take a nap, is it called resisting a rest?



BEST PUZZLES, FACTS, JOKES, GAGS ETC...with Gail...

BIRTHDAY CLUB

January 2024..



- 4th - Stella & Sophia Moss will be 14
6th - Alina Graham will be 13
7th - Montanna Lenord will be 16
11th - Gemma Carpinato will be 15
13th - Michelle Kinsela will be 16
15th - Lucy Aylward will be 16
16th - Jack Helwig will be 14
15th - Phoebe Zoernleib will be 16
16th - Cole Zoernleib will be 16
20th - Isaiah Marincic will be 2
20th - Nate Duncan will be 10
26th - Will Duncan will be 8
29th - Ella Hudson will be 16

February 2024..



- 15th - Tarnoo Ramm will be 14
19th - Byran Christie will be 14
26th - Jessica Littman will be 16
27th - Xavier Walker will be 12

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

KIDS! (16 & under)

Would you like your birthday listed here?
Call **0407 949899** and leave your details.....



57 Walmsley Rd, Lower Macdonald

3 4

FOR SALE - CONTACT AGENT

Substantial Waterfront Home with Riverside Entertaining Area

A great opportunity to secure a waterfront home on the Macdonald River.

This property is an ideal renovation project! The home has a great footprint and floor plan with the open plan living, dining and kitchen running the full length of the home, opening onto both front and rear decks. Ideal for family living and entertaining. There are 3 bedrooms, ensuite and walk in robe to the main bedroom, the main bathroom is accessed through the laundry or directly from one bedroom (an ideal area to renovate and modernise to maximum use of this laundry/bathroom space).

Downstairs is an inground pool and spa, ideal for swimming and exercising year round; a bathroom and a 4th bedroom for guests with an ensuite.

The level block has side access the full length of the block and undercover parking at the front of the home. There is a substantial undercover area by the river for out door living, entertaining and enjoying the Macdonald River. Ideal for all types of water sports and recreational activities.

Contact

Paul Vella
02 4566 8383
0418 649 294
paul@vellaiverson.com.au

VELLAIVERSON



We are Vella Iverson.

Big agency results, boutique agency service.

Built around trust, integrity and honesty, our team consists of highly skilled sales professionals who are driven by results and impeccable service.

If you're thinking of selling or renting out your property contact our team today for a free appraisal.

SALES ● RENTALS ● WEEKENDERS



Scan to
learn more

VELLAIVERSON
REAL ESTATE

Contact us today for a free appraisal. 02 4566 8383 | hi@vellaiverson.com.au | vellaiverson.com.au