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Richmond
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Home To Bilo: An Australian Story

.....by
Pat
Schwartz

The enduring campaign to bring Priya and Nades Murugappan and their two children back to Biloela is resonating with Australian's from all sides of politics and now with the world.

The Washington Post (June 11, 2021) ran the following headline regarding the youngest child of the Murugappan family. "SHE WAS BORN IN AUSTRALIA AND TURNS 4 ON SATURDAY. THE GOVERNMENT WANTS HER DEPORTED".

It goes on to say "This weekend, a young girl born in Australia will spend her fourth birthday without freedom, watched over by immigration guards".

The plight of this family has aroused strong feelings through out Australia.

The valiant and sustained campaign led by Angela Fredericks and other family supporters in Biloela to bring the Tamil family back home to safety in Biloela is an Australian story that will never be forgotten.

There is no offence under the migration act for the way Pyiya and Nades arrived in Australia. Australian and International laws give all people the right to seek safety (asylum) from persecution (www.hometobilo.com).

The Minister has powers under the Migration Act 1958 to intervene favourably in a migration case if he feels it is in the public interest to do so.

The Murugappan family have been law abiding, tax paying citizens who have earned and deserved the love and respect of their community. Their legal fees in their quest for asylum over the years have been paid for by the family's supporters in Biloela and around the country.



Thank you Biloela for giving your all for this Tamil family and thank you for giving Australians something to be proud of.

Families, communities and politicians wait in hope for favourable Ministerial intervention. Please, just let this Tamil family go home to Biloela where they can finally live with out fear of persecution and be nurtured by the community that has campaigned so magnificently for their return.

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ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson



Wow what excitement to see the eclipse of the moon on the 26th May and the super blood moon.

Eclipses happen when the earth comes in between the sun and the moon and earth's shadow covers all of the moon.



This can only happen during a full moon.

There are between 2 or 3 lunar eclipse each year but they are not always total - it all depends on the alignment of the moon and earth.

The Super Blood Moon's colour is the result of all the sunrises and sunsets in earth's atmosphere being projected on to the surface of the eclipsed moon.

There won't be another Super Blood Moon eclipse until 2033.



As the moon eclipse reached its final stage all the stars were super bright in the night sky. I was surprised on our recent trip to the Gulf that the stars in the Sackville North night sky were in much greater numbers and much brighter than they were in the sky at Karumba.

This morning, 27th May, I saw the biggest Wedge-tail Eagle land high in our gum tree near the house. I managed to get a photo of him but missed him taking flight - his wing span was colossal. A few days later I saw the remains of a Mud Lark (PeeWee) under the Banksia Rose bush - I wonder if it was the eagle in action.

Today while driving along Pebbly Hill Road Maraylya I saw sooo many Pee Wees on the road in the rain that I



thought it prudent to reduce my speed.

Looking out of the window at my place I have just seen two little Brown Quails (a rare sight) Just wandering along my gravel driveway. By the time I got outside with my camera they took fright and flew away before I had a chance to snap them.



Pamela O'Carroll sent this photo of the Lorikeet feeding- thought you might like to share it.

Many thanks to Peter who identified that strange creature in LH May as being a larvae of a beetle like the Lady Beetle. It is the same shape but about three times larger. The closest I found on Google was the larvae of the Carrion beetle but still not sure.

Quote!

It takes a lot of giving it your best and it takes continuing to learn as long as you live.

Alin Austin

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Editor's Notes

Wow, there is so much gloom and doom around at the moment, Covid has been re-inventing itself and causing more problems for our country And what about the cyber attacks happening around the world, shutting down vital infrastructure and causing havoc? This will become more commonplace we are told as the new 'world wars'.

Thank goodness we publish a 'good news' magazine. We are very careful to scrutinise what we print so that our readers enjoy the experience.

Did you see our exciting news on page three? We will be managing the Wisemans.org.au website, keeping it updated so that locals and visitors can find businesses, cafés, places to go, things to see and do, tradesmen and the

like all in one place. Technology has taken over and a website is the place to go to find these things in this busy world in which we live.

Our advertisers will now have the option on being seen in print, in colour on Facebook and now on the website. This will give them more exposure and hopefully more businesses will come on board and help keep us financial.

And here we..... are back on restrictions for travel, masks, social distancing, and the number of people you can have in your home. The boundaries keep changing, so I am hoping by the time this magazine gets to you, it will be all over and I can visit my family in Queensland as planned.

....Enjoy your read...Carole

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Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society



**The DLHHS invite you to;
"A Reawakening of the Black Duck Songline"
An afternoon with Special Guest Speaker Robert Fuller.**

Please join us at the Chapel on Saturday 31st July where we are pleased to welcome Robert Fuller who is an anthropologist/archaeologist and did a research Masters degree at Macquarie University in indigenous astronomy, and published an article on the cultural astronomy of the Kamilaroi and Euahlayi peoples in New South Wales. Robert has recently completed his PhD on the cultural astronomy and songlines of the saltwater Aboriginal peoples of the Australian East Coast.

Robert will be presenting an analysis of a significant Aboriginal songline in south-eastern Australia that has not been previously recorded. As part of a larger project examining the astronomy and songline connections of the Saltwater Aboriginal people of the New South Wales coast, the Black Duck Songline was identified that may have links to the Pleiades star cluster.

The Pleiades, known by many Aboriginal peoples as the Seven Sisters, is one of the most important elements of Aboriginal cosmologies across Australia, and features in songlines and oral traditions, as well as being a resource calendar identifier.

Aboriginal songlines are a unique development of Aboriginal culture that celebrate the travels and feats of the Creator Ancestors as they created the very landscape. Songlines serve as routes of travel for trade and resources and are renewed through ceremony.

The identification of the Black Duck Songline and its possible connection to the Pleiades, is an example of the potential reawakening of other long-distance songlines in Australia and their connection to the cosmology of their communities.

We will meet at the Chapel at 12.00pm for lunch at 12.30pm. Robert will commence his talk at the Wesleyan Chapel, 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road, Gunderman after lunch.

Cost:- Members \$15; Non-Member \$20. Price includes a ticket in the raffle to be drawn on the day. Contactless payment will be available.

Bookings essential to secretary@dlhhs.org.au or phone/text on 0405 321 478 by Monday, 26th July for Members and by Wednesday, 28th July for Non-Members.

All welcome.

Robyn Downham, Publicity Officer

Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society

nine

Did you know?

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great "on cloud nine"?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

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History and Intrigue

Wisemans Ferry Forgotten Valley

Your five star destination just one hour from Sydney - for the perfect weekend break!

As mentioned last month, we have some exciting news to share with you – Living Heritage (Eastbend Rural Communications Inc) has taken over the management of the wisemans.org.au website. This website has been operating successfully for several years and has been a font of information for local attractions, tourist services and businesses in the Wisemans and surrounding areas. It showcases our area professionally and highlights its diversity. It gets a high level of digital traffic and we are grateful to the previous managers/administrators of the website for their hard work and dedication and for allowing us the opportunity to expand the reach of the Living Heritage magazine in this way.

Our aim is to expand on the great work already achieved in highlighting local businesses that service the tourism sector and events held in the area. The digital traffic figures show that this is a go to website for visitors and tourists and we have exciting plans to expand on this and will be contacting the visitor/tourism businesses to explain our plans to tell the wonderful story to even more potential visitors.

At the same time, our new vision for the website is to also make this a local hub of information where we, as locals, go to find local business and services solutions – 'Live Local, Support Local'. We will be contacting our current advertisers over the coming weeks to explain the opportunity to them and of course we welcome any new local businesses who wish to take advantage of this new local advertising opportunity.

The Living Heritage magazine is already featured on the website and looks great in colour – check it out!

Over the 25 years that Living Heritage has been published we have seen many changes. We will of course, continue to publish and deliver the magazine as we always do and, at the same time, we are very excited to have this opportunity to dip our toes into the digital world. We look forward to taking you with us as we embark on this next chapter.

If you are a local tourist-orientated business or local service business and are interested in more information, we would love to hear from you:

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Business Services: Sheila 0410 50 4132, sheilat@iinet.net.au

We are also looking for a person or persons who would be interested in gathering stories each month about local heroes, enterprises and businesses that would be of interest to our readers. This is a voluntary position and would suit a student studying journalism or a retired person. Come on join our team!

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News From Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed

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Whatever your workshop passion, from woodworking to welding, from electronics to outdoor projects, there are some great ideas to get started on your own project. You have to start somewhere to be a creative Shedder. If you have the ideas we will support and guide you to pursue your passion.

Do not sit at home and be miserable—get down here and fulfil your ambition. Be it a timber dog-house or welded bird cage, we can guide you here.

Both men and women are welcome at our Shed and you get to meet like-minded people.

We are currently in the process of purchasing new tools and machinery after our devastating flood. Another item will be a more up-to-date computer system and this will enable us to view a larger library of project plans and specification.

Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed President, Adrian Acheson states "we are keen to attract more members to our very friendly Shed and our Committee have plans in the pipeline for the long awaited walking and exercise track, community garden and Tafe courses. There are going to be some exciting times ahead".

Activate yourself and get down to our Shed located behind Bowling Club. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays or you can ring Adrian on **0448833781** to get more information. A small membership fee is charged to cover insurances.



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Galston Girl Guides



Galston Girl Guides visit Peak Pursuits, Castle Hill

Galston Girl Guides continue to have fun and stay active. At the end of term, we visited Peak Pursuits in Castle Hill. The girls enjoyed both the high ropes course and the vertical activities and challenges. They particularly enjoyed the spider web. We welcome five new girls this term and they all made their promise at this fun evening.

We thank Bendigo Bank, Galston for their continued support towards our unit.

If your daughter is interested in making new friends, taking part in fun activities, community service or learning outdoors, then please come and visit us at 414 Galston Road, Galston.

Junior Guides (aged 6-9) meet Thursday 4.30-6pm and Guides (aged 10-14) meet 6.15-8pm on Thursday.

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BEYOND THE FENCE

Interest Rates, Unemployment and Property Values.

As we are now learning to live with the constant threat of COVID-19 cluster outbreaks life is starting to return to a "new normal".

As a result of the pandemic, we have experienced a significant increase in property values. The insurgent of buyers wanting to leave the crowded density of highly populated suburbs for a more relaxed semi-rural lifestyle close to the city continues to grow. The million dollar question is how long will this growth cycle continue? Let us take a look at some of the factors driving property prices.

Firstly, economists are predicting that record low interest rates will be with us for some time, albeit perhaps not as long as originally thought. Low Interest rates assist affordability with the ongoing cost of home ownership.

Secondly, we have seen the unemployment rate quickly return to a level close to that of pre-pandemic. Low unemployment is seen as a good economic indicator of business confidence and consumer spending, including property.

Thirdly is economics 101 – supply versus demand. We have more buyers than we have available properties. This is evident by less days on the market and an overall increase in property prices due to higher than normal demand. Add to this to the media commentary around record high auction rates (another indicator of demand) has created a sense of urgency to purchase.

In recent weeks we are starting to experience buyer resistance as vendors test the markets capability. Buyers are now doing greater research around comparable properties and are making more calculated decisions around offers. This is typical of the market testing the limits of the growth cycle.

As we have commented previously, the market continues to shift on a weekly basis. All the indicators point to a continuation of growth over the coming year albeit with less fear of missing out and a more educated approach to price based on previous comparable sales.

Australia is certainly one of the luckier countries when it comes to Covid-19. Stay safe, regards Trent Iverson, Harris Iverson Real Estate

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The Women of Maroota

...compiled by
Ruby Ramm

We are pleased to continue a series of memoirs selected from a booklet titled 'The Women of Maroota'. This is a 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.

* * *

Helen Jones (nee Weaver)

Helen was the daughter of Noel Weaver and Columba (Nip) Weaver. She remembers –

My grandmother, Aileen Charlotte Weaver, nee Sterling, was born in London, England, and came to Tasmania with her family. She was married to a Mr Maum and had a daughter, Marjorie. I do not know more than that, but she must have been widowed.

She met my grandfather, George Edward Callaghan Weaver, a photographer who took pictures with a camera (now in the Kodak Museum) which smoked images onto a glass plate. Aileen (known as Lal) moved to Maroota with him and, to help his orchardist's income, opened a small shop, and later became the postmistress of Weaver's Post office. This area of local

maps is still marked as 'Weavers'. She bore my father while they still lived in Marylands, but my Uncle Denis was (I think) born in Maroota.

At this time, around 1910-1911, Maroota was sparsely settled. Just down the road from the Post office lived Mr and Mrs Bill Whittaker. They had come from Ireland, and Mrs Whittaker suffered severely from arthritis, so Bill was the main orchardist and housekeeper. He took great care of her. I remember his smile and his cheery greeting, "The top of the morning to you!"

Mrs Sales lived nearby. She came from Emu Plains. She bore five children – Laurel, Eddie, Andy, Bessie and Shirley. They had an orchard and kept a stall on the roadside selling fruit and vegetables.

Further along the road lived the one-time mailman and his family. Mrs Ernie Blakers was deeply religious. She had three sons – Graham, Edwin and one other. These boys had beautiful singing voices.

Mrs Lance Barwick had a lovely smile, but also suffered with arthritis. She had two children, Bill and Nell. Their farm was along the Glenorie Road, and I remember they kept their cat on a leash attached to a long line of galvanised wire, so it would not chase the birds.

Mrs Bill Beard lived near the junction of Glenorie Road, where a beautiful black wattle tree grew. The perfume from its blossom could be smelled from a great distance. Her two sons, Bill and Cliff were

very distressed when she (also a very religious woman) was so upset by the rumours of her husband's unfaithfulness, that she hung herself from a nearby tree.

Mrs Lincoln came to Maroota with a young son, married Mr Lincoln and bore another son and daughter. He and the younger son were both killed in the second World War. Mrs Lincoln continued to run the farm and brought up her two grandsons from her eldest boy. Living alone in the bush with three children, all the chooks, ducks, a horse, and a cow must have been daunting.

These women must have had great courage. I don't think they had the benefit of doctors or hospitals. The nearest were in Windsor (about 20 miles away) a long journey by horse and sulky. Dealing with snakes, foxes, limited food and medical assistance, no electricity, having to cut firewood daily, washing clothing by hand in a zinc tub, and carrying all the water from a well or tank must have been a very tiring existence.



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The book sale will commence at 9am on Monday, 28 June and run during Library opening hours until 7pm on Friday 9 July, or until stock runs out. The sale will be held at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor. For more information, please call Hawkesbury Central Library on **4560 4460**.



WISEMANS FERRY SENIORS

This month has been a rather quiet one for our members, but we still have enjoyed our Monday morning meetings and Bingo today was particularly enjoyable as Joy made pumpkin scones and Noelene brought along an apple cake. Both were very delicious.

We finally got to have our lunch in the local park, and it was a lovely sunny day. Those who attended all had fun.

It appears we are finally getting our bus back on the road and we are planning a trip into the city for a boat ride to view the Vivid show. We have missed our bus trips and intend to make up for it the rest of this year.

Once again we remind you that all are welcome to our Monday morning Bingo and meetings commencing at 9.30 at the Bowlo, also to join us on our bus trips.



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Diary of a Trip to the Gulf of Carpentaria

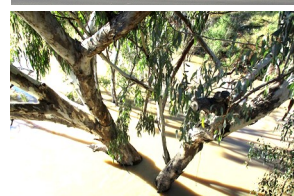
By Liz Wilkinson

At long last we set off on our long awaited trip through Queensland out-back to the Gulf of Carpentaria. It is to be a car club activity with 21 people and 10 cars. Starting slowly as we cleared the Blue Mountains, we were soon passing Lithgow, Bathurst and Orange where the Autumn colours on the trees were quite spectacular. Towards Molong, the rolling hills changed from sheep grazing to cattle then back again, but low in numbers - guess they haven't restocked after the drought. Looking at all the properties along the way fills me with a sense of peace. We saw many, many birds of prey feasting on the mice. Our first night's stop was Dubbo where we met up with the other travellers. Had a few mice in our rooms here.

Anzac Day and we head SW to Narromine where we visit an aviation museum. It has the only replica of the worlds first powered plane flights. After Narromine, we passed cotton and grain silos. Trangie was holding their parade and memorial service as we went through. Nevertire has (re) tired so on to Nyngan for a lunch stop. Paddocks stretching as far as the eye can see were covered with solar panels. At Nyngan, the Anzac Parade marched down the main street to the RSL, led by two horses.

At Bourke, our sleepover stop, the motel was very unusual with rooms all over the place and very old. We were in an old rectory, our friends stayed in the Susie Wong room which was very interesting (also in the rectory) another one was the Mona Lisa suite. The old buildings around Bourke were fascinating. The flood waters were moving down through Bourke but had not yet peaked. Sighted in a chemist shop was a set of false teeth that you could hire for the weekend!! We visited an Aboriginal art gallery while some of the others went to the information centre display which tells the story of the Darling River and the Dreamtime.

On our way again we head towards Cunnamulla for a morning tea stop. This is a huge sheep area,More next time.



Work from Home Deductions

– Not a Free for All!

If you worked from home during lockdown and spent money on work related items that were not reimbursed by your business, you might be able to claim some of these expenses as a deduction – but not everything you purchase can be claimed.

The ATO has stated that it is looking very closely at work related deductions that are being claimed. If you are claiming your expenses, there are three methods you can use:

An 80 cents per hour short cut method (you will need to have evidence of hours worked like a timesheet or diary)

The 52 cents per hour method (which excludes phone, internet, or the decline in value of equipment which are all claimed separately), or

The actual expenses method.

The ATO is particularly interested in those using the 'actual expenses' method. To be able to claim a work related expense, it needs to be directly related to the work you do and how you earn your income. The ATO has highlighted four ineligible expenses that are being claimed:

Personal expenses such as coffee, tea and toilet paper

Expenses related to a child's education, such as online learning courses or laptops

Claiming large expenses upfront (instead of claiming depreciation for assets), and

Occupancy expenses such as rent, mortgage interest, property insurance, and land taxes and rates, that cannot generally be claimed by employees working from home.

A recent case before the AAT shows how determined the ATO

is to crackdown on work related deductions being claimed where there is not a satisfactory nexus between the expense being claimed and the taxpayer's work.

In this case, the taxpayer had claimed car and clothing expenses, and home internet and mobile phone costs. The ATO conceded the car costs but on a reduced deduction. When it came to clothing expenses the ATO conceded that a deduction could be claimed for gloves and a beanie on the basis that the taxpayer worked in cold conditions and that these were protective clothing needed for the job.

However, the AAT refused to allow a deduction for the cost of a pair of socks on the basis that they were not protective in nature in their own right – yes, it really does get this detailed.

The taxpayer had also claimed 100% of his home internet expenses but the ATO reviewed this claim and reduced the deductible amount to \$50 - a record of the family's home internet usage demonstrated the internet was used to browse Facebook amongst other non-work related sites.

One of the other issues to come out of this case was the importance of record keeping. If you are going to claim work related expenses, then ensure you have the records to prove your claim.

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.



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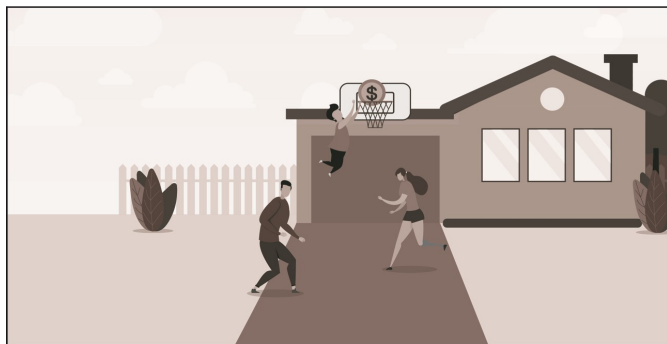
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Mums and their Bubs



Solution to puzzle on page 19

Answer



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Latest News



I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has contributed submissions and participated in Council's engagement activities for Hornsby and Westleigh Parks. Interest in Council's draft master plans for both sites has been extraordinary, with valuable suggestions and questions coming through from all corners of the Shire. Through a series of stakeholder meetings, Swing-By sessions, Hornsby Quarry site tours for nearby residents and online and phone surveys, we have connected directly with an estimated 3,000 people throughout the consultation period. I personally attended many of these events to listen to feedback, which is one of the things I enjoy doing most as Mayor of Hornsby Shire.

Due to the unprecedented interest in the Westleigh Park redevelopment, Council has decided to extend the consultation period. This will now close on 16 June. Have your say on the proposed redevelopment by visiting hornsby.nsw.gov.au/westleighpark.

Once the public consultation process has closed, work will then turn to considering all the formal submissions and surveys received. Final versions of the draft master plans will then be presented to Council once that is completed. Importantly, we will also let the community know what feedback we received and how it has informed the final documents.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK



“Let’s Not Obsess Over The Future”
“Matthew 6:34”

“Don’t be anxious about tomorrow, God will take care of your tomorrow too.”Live one day at a time!

I read a story told of a clock that spent a great deal of time worrying about its future, reasoning that it had to tick twice each second. How much ticking that might be??? So it calculated that it would tick 120 times each minute, 7,200 times each hour. That meant in 24 hrs - 172,800 times, 63,072,200 times every year.

Finally the clock calculated that in 10 years it would have to tick 630,720,000 times. The clock broke its spring and had a nervous breakdown.

Psychologists reckon that 95% of all we worry about never happens. Only 1% of all the bad we think might happen actually..... and of this, it's rarely as bad as we fear. Jesus said *“Don’t be anxious about tomorrow and live one day at a time”*.

1 Peter 5:7

“Cast your cares, anxieties, and worries to Jesus, because He cares for you affectionally and watchfully”.

Let’s not obsess over the future
by always seeking Gods direction and help.

God Bless you as we live one day at a time sweet Jesus.

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

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MAROOKA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

It's been a busy month with training—

The Basic Fire Fighter course is being run from our station. Village Fire fighter is being jointly run with us and other stations. Crew leader—we have two members attending district office and this course is huge now.

First aid is being run most weekends this month from our station, and is for the entire district. The issue with first aid is that no courses ran last year due to Covid, and this year class sizes have been halved. Belinda is getting a lot of practice presenting the course along with a team of helpers. First aid gives every brigade the ability to manage injuries that we encounter in our role with RFS.

On the one weekend there was no training at the station, we had a maintenance day but not surprisingly, not many attended.

Calls were: one Auto Fire alarm call and another to assist ambulance.

It's a great time of the year to get piles burnt as the areas of bush near piles are unlikely to burn with the current weather conditions.

....Garry Chatman

MAROOKA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

There were four incidents attended by our brigade members this month. They were; MVA at Wisemans Ferry 04/05/2021, two call outs to AFA (Automatic Fire Alarm) 06/05/2021 & 07/05/2021 at Riverside Oaks and Assist Ambulance at South Maroota. Meanwhile more members are busy with reaccréditation of First-Aid skills and other certificates.

The Maroota Muster is going ahead this year (so far, fingers crossed), Sunday 15th August. Our members will be working on both the BBQ stall and the Fruit & Vege stall. We will also have our Community Engagement Stall there packed with information for you regarding making Bushfire Survival Plans, Pile Burn Regulations and Preparing Your Properties ahead of the next bushfire season. Please come and speak with us at any of these stalls and let us know if you need any assistance with any of this information.

The AIDER (Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents) program is covered in the Wisemans Brigade news and includes:

- Clearing gutters
- Thinning vegetation around the home
- Removing leaf and tree debris
- Trimming branches from close to the home
- Mowing or slashing long grass

Our brigade is still very focused on completing as much hazard reduction in our area as possible ahead of the next fire season as soon as the weather will allow, however we have not had much luck with this so far. Therefore we are really relying on the community to prepare their properties as much as possible to support us in this task. These above actions need to be carried out by all residents throughout the year to keep your properties maintained and lower your risk of bushfire impact. If you require any assistance with this, please contact us so we can arrange to do so.

....Robin Hitchcock

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

WISEMANS FERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The team assisted with a pile burn at the Wisemans Ferry Community Centre this last month. Two team members attended the RFS Association conference which focused on current research, knowledge and methods to assist us in our roles with the NSW RFS. It was an extremely valuable three days of exceptional speakers imparting a range of knowledge and expertise plus trade displays of new technology and equipment, as well as information desks providing details of upcoming educational packages.

The AIDER (Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents) program is available. This is a free, one-off service which supports some of our most at-risk community members. The program helps people live more safely and confidently in their home in areas where bush fires may start and is designed for people who have limited domestic support available from family, friends or other services. This could include older people, people living with a disability, and people who are already receiving community assistance and services. Property must be on bush fire prone land. AIDER services can include:

- clearing gutters
- thinning vegetation around the home
- removing leaf and tree debris
- trimming branches close to the home
- mowing / slashing long grass

If you would like to know more about the free, one-off AIDER service, call **02 8741 4955** or email

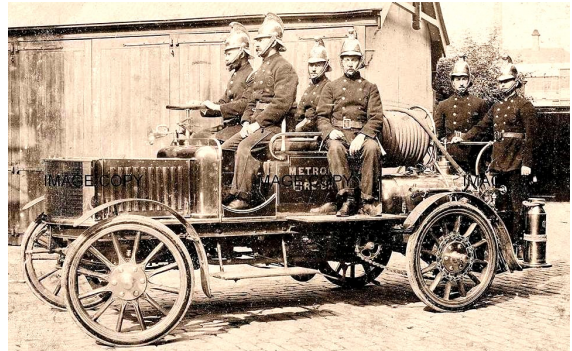
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Hawkesbury Council have established a Community Hub in St Albans to provide exercise and art and craft classes; access support for financial and practical assistance for those recovering from storm, fire or floods; or to access community advice and support services.

If you would like assistance with any pile burns or advice on Asset Protection Zones on your property during this out-of-fire season period, please contact our brigade via email at wfyfrfs@gmail.com or call into the fire station.

...Margaret Cavanagh Assistant Community Engagement Officer

SACKVILLE NORTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



We don't have any news from Sackville North Brigade this month, but I found this old photo from the 1800's showing what brigades looked like back then.

Compared to what is in place now, I think we have come a long way in having up to date equipment to keep our community safe. ...editor

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With more research focused on mental health than ever before, it is becoming apparent that a simple gesture of kindness has huge benefits.

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It may be a simple gesture, lending a hand to someone, letting a stranger go in front of you in a line or while driving, or giving someone a phone call to check "how are you going?". Without kindness our habitual thought patterns, perhaps based on past disappointments, often lead down unwanted paths of frustration. Try this experiment today: be kind to yourself, and one other person! Notice the changes...

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Hawkesbury Fest Is Back!



Council's annual Local Government Week event, Hawkesbury Fest, is going ahead this year and we couldn't be more excited! It will be held at Governor Phillip Park, Windsor on Sunday, 8 August from 10am to 3pm.

In the lead up to the event, Council is calling for Expressions of Interest* for local market stallholders. Local community services stallholders, food vendors, a local organisation to run a BBQ and local musicians. The Expression of Interest forms can be found on Council's website at hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/.../hawkesbury-fest-2021

With this year's Local Government Week theme being, 'Locally led', Council will showcase a range of services that are important to help build a stronger, more resilient community.

The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Patrick Conolly is encouraging local residents to save the date for the fun event which will include a special celebration for the opening of Stage Two of the playground and an official thank you to the SES Units that assisted during the recent Hawkesbury flood.

"Following the huge success of the Hawkesbury Fest in 2018 and 2019, we will be showcasing the many ways that Hawkesbury City Council is engaging with our community and how we are leading the way in building a strong, resilient community," Mayor Conolly said.

"Hawkesbury Fest returns as a free event with rides, craft activities, face painting, roving entertainment, workshops, food, giveaways, community groups and market stalls and more.

"We will also be celebrating the completion of Stage Two of the wonderful playground at Governor Phillip Park," he said.

"The accessible playground has been a popular playspace for locals and visitors and, with this new addition of \$177,000 in new equipment that includes a double flying fox, a new climbing structure for older children, a new picnic shelter with tables and chairs, families are sure to enjoy the new experience.

"Council staff have worked hard over the last couple of months to repair Governor Phillip Park and our other parks that were damaged during the floods.

"This will be an extra special event for all of us; we have been through so much as a community, the latest being the one in 50 years flood, and yes, we are so proud that, while we are still in recovery, we are stronger than ever through adversity.

"I warmly invite you to come along and celebrate with us."

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Cost: Free



Tai Chi in the Park

Facilitator: Mackie Aye (Max)

Time: 9am weekly to end of July

Location: St Albans Park

Cost: Free



Safe Talk

Facilitator: Lifeline

Date: Friday 23rd July 10.30 to 2.30

Location: St Albans School of Arts

Cost: Free

Bookings Essential 0403 360 026
to register.



Outdoor Cardio Classes

Time: 9.30am Fridays

Location: Outside St Albans Fire Shed

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SUNSET DOLPHINS - WATERCOLOUR ART

Wednesday, 30 June 10am – midday

@ Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Create a scenic sunset with silhouettes of dolphins using watercolours.



KEEPSAKE JOURNAL

Wednesday, 30 June 2pm – 3:30pm @ Hawkesbury Central Library

RE-purpose an old book into a journal to fill with treasures, artwork, and other memories. For 8 years+.

HORSEHAIR DAYS - PASTELS ART

Thursday, 1 July 10am – midday @

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Use chalk pastels to create a colourful horse portrait with a wild flowing mane of hair.



CLASSIC MOVIES

Friday, 2 July 2pm – 3:30pm @ Hawkesbury Central Library

Relax and RE-watch some classic animated movies. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Check Eventbrite or call the library for the titles that will be screening.

RECYCLED CREATIONS

Tuesday, 6 July 10am – midday @ Hawkesbury Central Library

RE-use old boxes, containers, lids, paper, and other material with a little imagination to construct fantastic creations that move. For 5 years+.

GOLDEN STILL-LIFE - PAINT & GOLD FOIL

Thursday, 8 July 10am – midday @ Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Use acrylic paints and gold foil to create stunning shimmery still-life of pears.



PAPER PLANES

Thursday, 8 July 2pm – 3:30pm @ Hawkesbury Central Library

RE-cycle A4 paper into flying machines. Learn how to make different designs then launch them to test which one flies best. For 8 years+.

HAPPY FEET - 3D PENGUIN SCULPTURE

Friday, 9 July 10am – midday @ Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Learn the art of 3D paper sculpting as you create your own 3D penguins. For 8years+



CLASSIC MOVIES

Friday, 9 July 2pm – 3:30pm @ Hawkesbury Central Library

Relax and re-watch some classic animated movies. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Check Eventbrite or call the library for the titles that will be screening.

Bookings are essential for the school holiday workshops. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Hawkesbury Central Library

Bookings: <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>

Location: Hawkesbury Central Library, Ground Floor, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor

Phone: (02) 4560 4460

Email: library@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Website: hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Bookings: <http://hawkesburygallery.eventbrite.com/>

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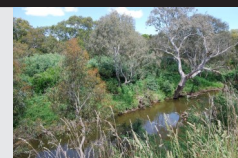
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Hello Hawkesbury friends and colleagues,
I'm writing to you because I know you share my desire to move the Hawkesbury towards 100% renewable energy. Encouraging residents to switch to solar is one of the best ways to do this, so I have been helping to organise two solar information sessions for Hawkesbury residents.

We have only had a handful of registrations for the information sessions so far. There could be many reasons for this. I am hoping it's because people feel they already have access to all the information they need! I would love your help to promote the sessions, just in case it is because they haven't heard that they are on. Would you please help spread the word?

1. Forwarding an email to your Hawkesbury friends.
2. Posting this on your Facebook page and any social media pages you have access to (as appropriate of course). Your help is hugely appreciated. Thanks a million...*Michelle*

At the end of last year, we had an idea for a new project. The project is called SoDa - short for Social & Dance events. Since that time, we have applied for funding and been successful.

We connected with various community members to explore the idea, and Michelle Fitz is one of the clinicians involved in the project, as am I, so you have two 'old friends' at the ready. I write to give you an update about the project and to ask if your community would like a conversation about the project before we start. Very much looking forward to seeing you soon, *Michelle*

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Galston CWA News



Winter Warmers

CWA Galston sewers and crafters work throughout the year making everything from neonatal humidicrib blankets to joey pouches (for orphaned or abandoned marsupials) and anything in between, meeting the community where it's needed in small but meaningful ways. This year the Galston ladies have been sewing dog coats for the Rescue Resource Winter Warmers Appeal.



Rescue Resource-NSW provides support to animal rescue organisations and pounds across NSW by sourcing essential pet-related items and distributing them at no cost. The annual Winter Warmers Tour runs from March – June each year. A dedicated team of volunteers work tirelessly before and during the Winter Warmers Tour to ensure they can help as many of our furry friends as possible. CWA Galston was only too glad to help by donating hand-made dog coats towards the appeal.

As we are smack bang in the middle of what seems to be a particularly cold winter, there is no better time to rethink the needs of our fur babies. It is so important to make sure pets have warm bedding and sufficient shelter to protect them from the elements.

And spare a thought for those poor pound puppies too. Please visit <http://www.rescueresourcensw.com.au/> to make a donation or help towards their wish list. A big thank you to Rescue Resource for all the amazing work they do. Keep up to date with all their efforts at <https://www.facebook.com/RescueResourceNSW/>.

If you are interested in learning more about the ways in which CWA is helping to make a difference, please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 14th July and see what we're all about.

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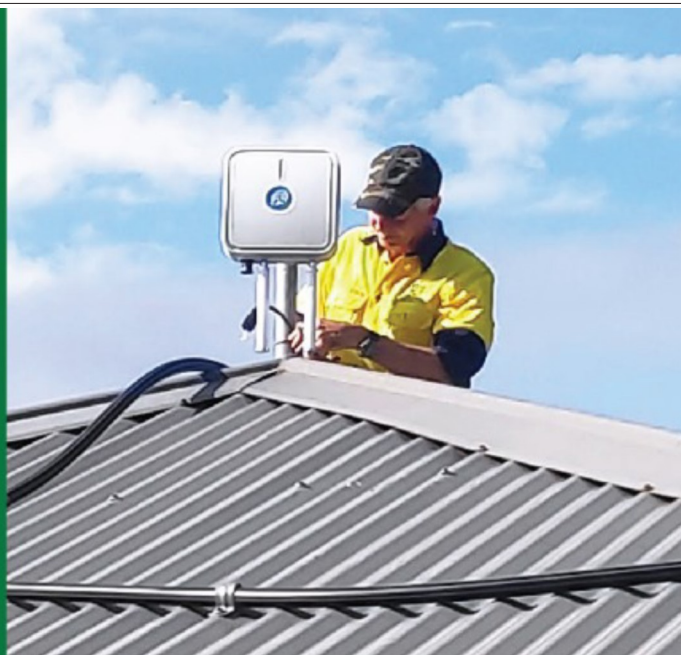
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SCHOOL SNIPPETS

CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL



Another busy month! It is amazing how many wonderful activities the children experience within the school and its programmes.

The Hawkesbury Leadership Camp allowed our current and future school leaders the chance to work with their peers. The students were given the chance to formulate new strategies they could undertake once returning to the school. Our leaders have chosen to lead the school in an environmental custodian role. Due to the location of the school and the background of the students, this is a wonderful incentive. Sounds very exciting!



The Zone Cross Country was again a fabulous success for our select pupils. They were keen and eager and, as usual, displayed great school spirit and sportsmanship. Many of the students produced a personal best. They should all be proud of their efforts, and we thank them for representing the school in such a fine manner.

Maths, how it is taught to each child and how it is assessed was the theme of the Visible Learning Parent information evening. It is incredible to think that each student is working at their own level, irrespective of that level. The teachers explained their assessment strategies and how to read the assessment chart. A chance to partake of several mini lessons allowed each parent to (hopefully) fully grasp the ideas set out by each teacher. It was a great night with lots of information given. The evening to showcase the English assessment model will be held next term.

We were lucky enough to send several students to the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. They all received a Certificate of Participation. Well done and thank you for your great efforts.

Excursion. Yay!!!

Finally, the school was able to go "out in public" and so an excursion to Sydney Zoo was arranged. The children had a wonderful day. They had a chance to see all the animal exhibits and showed great respect to them as they moved around the zoo. The behaviour of the students was exemplary.



Our final Learning with Leaders session saw the students take an active role in this experience. Their leadership ability really showed.



MAROOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Education Week

Education Week 2021 will be honoured by Maroota Public School's Open Day, Book Fair and Grandparents' Day on Friday, 23rd July. We have a lovely day planned and details for this special day will be sent home early next term. We can't WAIT!

Environmental FUN

Maroota Public School was so very fortunate to have a visit from 'Hooked on Nature' in conjunction with the Cattai Hills Environment Network. We learnt all about the platypus, its diet and the habitat that it needs to thrive in our area. We saw yabbies, water insects, enormous native earthworms, native cockroaches and a very sizable huntsman spider. We also went out to dip some insect netting, swishing our nets through the long grass. We found SO many insects in a really short amount of time. This is all good news. It means that our ecosystem is healthy, because it's full of all of the things that the platypus likes to eat and that provides the perfect habitat for platypuses (it's the plural, we checked!) to thrive. The next time you're near a creek or river, keep your eyes open... you never know WHAT you might see!

Maroota Muster

The Maroota Muster is fast approaching. The committee is working tirelessly and plans are shaping up. We are in desperate need of volunteers to help us make this event the huge success it deserves to be. If you have a special skill... can donate some goods... or can spare some time to man a stall, please call the school and let us know. Looking forward to that!

Farewell and Thank you!

The time has come for us to farewell one of our long-term employees. Miss Leanne says goodbye to Maroota Public School on Friday, 25th June. Having been at our school as an SLSO and as MOOSH coordinator for more than 10 years, Miss Leanne has worked tirelessly in every aspect of our school to help us to ensure that Maroota Public School runs like the well-oiled machine that it is. Miss Leanne, we can't thank you enough for all that you've done – both within the realm of your employment and beyond. You will be greatly missed.

WISEMANS FERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL



Mother's Day

Early this term we enjoyed a high tea with some of our fabulous mums. It was lovely to chat over a cuppa and some morning tea. We were entertained with chants and poems from some of our students.



The students also made a special gift with their class teachers. We would like to thank Bunnings Dural for donating items for the students to make their mother this special gift.

Tour de Cure

On Monday May 17, our students were visited by bike riders participating in the Can4Cancer Tour de Cure. Tour de Cure raises vital funds to support researchers working towards curing and preventing cancer. The riders stopped by to talk to our students about the importance of 'Being Healthy', 'Being Fit' and 'Being Happy'. They talked about how we can work on these aspects to improve our everyday. Students enjoyed challenging the riders to different quests like doing burpees and flossing. On behalf of our students and community our school donated \$100 to the cause.

Year 6 Leadership Camp

In week 5 our year 6 students and the school leaders from the MMWaC schools. The camp took place at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. I am extremely proud of the way our students tackled the challenges of camp – they demonstrated true leadership skills. We enjoyed two days of camp activities including kayaking, the mission code break challenge, team work and trust exercises, bush walking and putting together a leadership video of tasks that they will embark on throughout year 6. It was a delight to spend time with our responsible school leaders along with the school leaders of our MMWaC schools.

Crazy Hair & Sock Day

On the 3rd of June we held Crazy Hair & Sock Day and raised some money towards the Kids Cancer Project.



MACDONALD VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL



Tennis Intensive

Our full day tennis intensive was the perfect way to break up NAPLAN assessment time and the children had a wonderful time developing their skills and having a bit of fun. Thank you to Gavin Yip from Inside the Lines who did a wonderful job of managing our K-6 groups by ensuring that they all had activities to suit their needs.



Leadership Camp

Students in Years 5 & 6 participated in an overnight Leadership Camp with the MMWaC group of schools at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre this Term. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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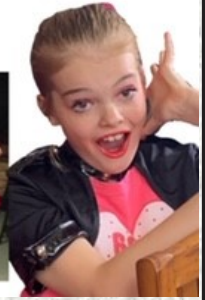
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11th - Duke Millward will be 13
12th - Matilda Johnson will be 16
12th - Imogen Turnbull will be 9
18th - Darcy Bell will be 16
19th - Sophie-Rose Chapman will be 15
19th - Arabella Tov will be 16
19th - Aria Camish will be 10
21st - Grace McHenry will be 12
21st - Cailin McHenry will be 12
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