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In response to the evolving situation with Coronavirus (COVID—19), most events will not be running for the foreseeable future in the Hills, Hornsby and Hawkesbury areas.

We look forward to giving you a full calendar of regional events when it is safe to do so.



We are not sure, at this moment, what events are likely to be cancelled. There is no certainty that Greater Sydney will be out of lockdown before the end of October, so please keep checking what restrictions are in place and above all **Stay Safe Stay home!**



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Sand Mining the Flood Plain

..by
Pat
Schwartz

A major sanding mining operation adjacent to the Hawkesbury River has been approved at Freeman's Reach, Windsor.

The Proposed Sand Mine was strongly opposed by Hawkesbury Council. However, because the proposal was Designated Development, The Western Sydney Planning Panel became the consent authority. This panel approved the proposal on 14th September 2021.

The site of the mine is between the Hawkesbury River and Freeman's Reach Road and near the Gorricks Lane roundabout. The quarry will be run by Greener Valley Sands and will operate on lots 374, 395 and 415 Freeman's Reach Rd.

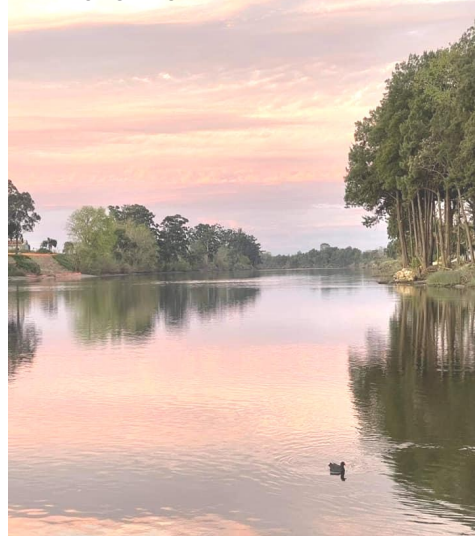
The approval is for 70,000 tonnes to be extracted per year for the next 10 years and there will be a buffer of between 40 and 45 metres between the River and the extraction site.

The operation will mine to a depth of 10 to 12 metres of sand in a staggered development so that the whole area will not be disturbed at the same time. This site was flooded during the recent flood and there are fears about what will happen to the site in another flood once extraction has begun.

The sand mine has been given the go ahead by the Planning Panel, despite all the Hawkesbury Councillors being in agreement that there should be no more approvals for sand mining in the Hawkesbury Local Government Area. The Council opposes sand mining in the Hawkesbury River locality because of the fragile nature of the riverine environment, the scenic and environmental significance of the Hawkesbury area and its importance for agriculture.

The Planning Panel approval was not unanimous but the decision was 3 to 2 in favour of the mine.

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The main reasons given for approval of the sand mine were that good building sand is in short supply in Sydney, and that there will be no long term adverse environmental impacts as a result of the mine. The new sand mine will generate between 6 to 8 sand truck movements per day on roads that already have large numbers of truck movements.

A fear that is resounding through the Community, is that the approval of this sand mine will create a precedent for the approval of more sand mining in the scenic, heritage rich and environmentally significant landscape of the Hawkesbury.

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ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson



Oh joy! The Fairy Wrens have returned after an absence of three years when a storm took out their favourite bush. It's lovely to hear their chattery call again.

Joyful news followed by such a sad event in the bird world. One of the Brown Fruit Doves flew into our window when it took fright and broke its neck. We didn't find it until the following morning when my husband went outside only to find its mate sitting on top of it trying to keep it warm. When my husband picked up the dead bird to dispose of it, the mate hopped along behind him. Since then the mate has managed to come into our house twice and keeps trying to sit on my head or follow me around.

I was watching a Friarbird and a Brush Wattlebird fighting each other (the Friarbird was the aggressor) in the Grevillea bush. They would chase each other then they would both stop and have some nectar from the blossoms, then resume their combat. The Wattlebird who resides here all year must dread the Spring/Summer time when the Friarbirds come here to breed.

I have found several other beetle larvae - one was bright green and also a white one that I think was a citrus stink bug so it was fed to Jacky Winter who has been helping me restore my neglected gardens. He sits on my feet or hips and watches what I turn up as I dig.

Spring has definitely sprung. The Bearded Dragon was sunning himself on our rocks. There have been a few reports of snakes on the move, so be aware if you are exercising by bush-walking.

The Caladenia orchids are nearly finished and the little Sun orchid (blue) and the Bearded orchid are just starting.

As I was pulling out weeds in my vegetable patch and loosening up the soil, a fluttering moth/butterfly (maybe a Skipper?) caught my eye - about the size of ten cents, with a black and sienna pattern on top of the wings but underneath were orange. The body was bright orange on the top and underneath was black and sienna. It was laying eggs one at a time separately in the loose earth. I've no idea what it was.

While delivering the L H, I had a chuckle at this unused mailbox - birds had built a nest in it.

When working on my front garden I spotted the fungus - Arching Earth Stars. I had only seen it up near my compost heap but now it seems to be more widespread.



Quote!

Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts!

Nikki Giovanni

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Editor's Notes

I just don't know where to start this month. My thoughts are jumbled.

There is so much uncertainty surrounding us, and a country divided like I have never seen before. State against state, countrymen against each other, businesses going bust and people everywhere losing their jobs. What have we become? This is not the Australia that I grew up in. We need to unite as one again and be at peace with each other. Never mind what other countries are doing, let us return to the 'lucky country' we have always been.

Ok, rant over....it just saddens me to hear the youth of this great nation in despair at their future...our kids future.

But oh how wonderful our readers are!

I have received so many lovely

compliments about the content of the stories we publish; now that gives me joy!

Just look at the delightful story by Gary Nesbit on page 3. He responded to my call for 'good news stories', thank you Gary. And the lovely person from Mac Valley, who took the time to email us with a thank you for our story on the Biloela family struggles.

I'm so glad this magazine reaches 'like minded' communities, and they know what we are trying to achieve by getting it published each month.

It's school holiday time again, although the kids have spent so much of this year 'at home', that I think they would gladly return to school for their holidays. Lol. Blessings to all.....

....Enjoy your read...Carole

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Riverbank Repairs

Council calls on State Government to fulfill its flood streamlined approval promises

Delays in State Government assistance in establishing a streamlined approval process to repair riverbanks damaged by the March 2021 floods is leading to hardship among affected residents and unauthorised works being carried out to properties and the river, said Hawkesbury City Mayor Patrick Conolly.

The March 2021 caused significant damage to riverbanks which affects hundreds of properties along the Hawkesbury River in Hawkesbury City, and hundreds more again in the neighbouring Hills Shire. This damage has led to unstable riverbanks close to homes and rural buildings, putting them at risk of further damage and making them vulnerable to future flood events.

In the aftermath of the floods, the State Government undertook substantial studies of the damage to the riverbanks to assist in the creation of a streamlined design and approval process for landowners to undertake necessary repairs on their properties.

However, more than five months since the floods this system hasn't been put in place. The existing process could see landowners tens of thousands of dollars out of pocket to obtain the necessary approvals.

The State Government has also budgeted \$18 million to employ case managers across affected NSW LGAs to help speed up the application process and assist in the recovery and restoration, but this has also not yet taken place.

Mayor Conolly said the delays were unfair on residents and were putting properties, livelihoods and lives at risk. "Council feels this is fundamentally unfair and not what we were led to believe would eventuate. Residents along the river have already suffered enough and shouldn't be left in limbo facing further financial hardship while the state government dithers.

"Council is calling on the State Government to hurry up and deliver what has been promised to these long-suffering residents, and I will be seeking a meeting with [Minister] to draw attention to the matter."

Flood Information - Hawkesbury 2021

For Flood Information - Hawkesbury 2021 and Recovery Support information go to Council's website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au (click on the yellow flood information banner) or Council's community engagement page, Your Hawkesbury Your Say www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/fih2021



A Good News Story ...by Gary Nisbet

By the sounds of your Editor's note in the latest Living Heritage, it seems you're doing better than those in the locked down LGA's...

I was disappointed to hear that you hadn't had any 'Good News' stories to report, so I thought I'd provide at least a glimmer of hope.

Although lockdown is hard on people, from what I can see, the benefits are that people are able to get up and about in their local communities, which is not something we've seen a lot of in recent years.

So a good news story is how people are dusting off those old tennis rackets, bicycles and walking shoes and getting out there to exercise and explore their local neighbourhoods in droves.

As a cyclist, I've noticed a huge change in the number of people of all shapes and sizes getting onto bicycles. Whether young or old, in the bush or on the road, electric and mechanical versions, there's been a huge uptake worldwide since Covid began a year or so ago. This is a good news story indeed.

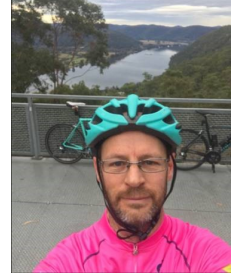
The added benefit during lockdowns is that there is very little traffic on the roads, thus making it far safer for bicycles to share the roads with other traffic.

During the 2 week Sydney construction lockdown, it was actually pleasurable to ride a bicycle up Old Northern Road and Wisemans Ferry Road, not sure I'd ever say that!

Over the past 5 weeks, our cycling group has made a conscious effort to enjoy this safe haven in our beautiful Hills LGA, which we're restricted to riding in. I use the word restricted very loosely as we have a massive LGA and it's a beautiful area to explore each weekend. This includes being able to ride through the urban suburbs of Castle Hill, Kellyville, Baulkham Hills and into the rural suburbs Dural, Kenthurst, Annangrove, Glenorie, Maroota, Cattai and Wisemans Ferry.

With so many beautiful routes to choose from, we have not really noticed a change other than having to ride in twos and not in large groups.

I've included photos of the awesome country we live in and our beautiful LGA. We do indeed live in a lovely part of the world ☺



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Galston CWA News



Nora is 62 and has dodged homelessness by living with friends and family, including her children. She was a stay-at-home mum and has no super or savings. Her husband recently passed away. She has not been able to afford to pay rent since.

In recent years, older women have caught the public's attention as the 'new face of homelessness'. Coupled with the fact that housing affordability is an issue of real urgency for communities right across NSW, with tough COVID-19 restrictions pushing housing prices up while simultaneously increasing unemployment.

Last month The Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW launched its annual Awareness Week campaign around a collective effort for greater awareness and action on affordable housing in NSW with the intention to influence legislative change at a state level.

While Nora's story may be fictional, her circumstances are an unfortunate reality for a growing number of women. Statistics show that there are an estimated 116,000+ homeless people in Australia at any given time, with women over 55 years of age the fastest growing cohort. Unequal pay rates, uneven accumulation of assets, and superannuation gaps are seen as the biggest drivers for the rising rates of homelessness for these women, compounded by situations of family violence, where women without adequate financial means are often forced to choose between homelessness and returning to an unsafe place.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics:

6,866 OLDER WOMEN WERE HOMELESS,

A 31% INCREASE
FROM 2011

5,820 OLDER WOMEN

LIVED IN MARGINAL
HOUSING AND WERE
AT RISK OF
HOMELESSNESS

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FROM HOMELESSNESS
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INCREASED BY 55% IN
THE LAST DECADE

NORA, 1959



CWA of NSW is using its traditional 'tea and scones' reputation to tackle the state's affordable housing crisis and advocate for those vulnerable to homelessness during this unbelievably difficult time. It's going to take a whole lot of people to fight this systemic issue. There's no quick fix to the challenges that people experiencing homelessness face.

You can stand with people in need until they can stand for themselves:

<https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/>

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For more details on any of our Awareness Week or COVID-19 initiatives please contact Jann 0439 222 217 or Pam 02 9653 1036. www.facebook.com/CWAGalston | galston.cwa@gmail.com

Peats Bite Restaurant Destroyed



"renowned local institution" – Mayor

Hornsby Shire Mayor, Philip Ruddock, has expressed his sadness on hearing news of the fire which destroyed the popular local restaurant business, Peats Bite.

Emergency crews attended the restaurant fire at Sunny Corner on the Hawkesbury River at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 7 September.

A family business in operation since 1982, Peats Bite was a popular water-access only restaurant situated on the Hawkesbury River approximately one hour north of Sydney. "Thankfully, nobody was injured in the fire," said Mayor Ruddock.

"However, my heart goes out to the restaurant's owners, Geoff Milner and Tanya Miljoen, and their staff already having to cope with Sydney's COVID restrictions.

"We wish them all the best for the future.

"I want to thank the emergency service crews who responded to the blaze, especially the Fire Service crews whose prompt actions prevented the fire from spreading to adjacent residences and into nearby bushland."

"The Peats Bite restaurant was a renowned local institution, famous for its hospitality, excellent food and entertainment," said Mayor Ruddock.



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Realestate.com.au predicts a delayed start to the Spring selling season due to lockdowns impacting vendors willingness and ability to bring properties to the market.

Locally, on the outskirts of Sydney, the "season" does not dominate as heavily on the bringing of properties to the market. We are currently seeing well presented properties achieving solid prices within a short time on the market. A great reward for those Vendors who have put time and money into their properties to present them for sale.

The River Valley, Maroota and surrounding suburbs currently have limited properties available, if you have been considering selling now could be the time. The market is active, interest rates are low and buyers are still wanting to escape the city to a more relaxed rural environment.

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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.

Marjorie Eva Ramm

Marjorie or Marj (as she was known), was the wife of Eric Ramm. She lived in Castle Hill at the time she first met Eric. They married in April, 1967 and made their home on Eric's property on Old Northern Road, opposite Maroota Public School. They had two children, Kerrie and Barry.

Kerrie has worked for over 20 years as a pharmacy assistant at Galston. She married John McGrath, a plumber by trade.

Barry first worked in a lattice making business at South Maroota. Of recent years he has been working for Stephenson's Cranes. He married Donna Bushell and they have two daughters,

Brittney and Kiera.

In 1983, Eric died and Marj was left to struggle on her own as a lone parent. It was fortunate that her children found work straight after leaving school.

Marj was involved in the school P & C when the children were going to Maroota School and became an office bearer.

In the late 1980's she became involved in the Eastbend Rural Communications Group who took an interest in local history.

Marj, being a lover of preserving history, collected all she could find about historic places in the Hawkesbury. When Maroota's first paper the Living Heritage was first printed, she volunteered her assistance and became a reporter as well as an office worker.

Marj enjoyed going to garage sales around the local areas and she was involved in helping at the Maroota School Fetes. At one time, she went to euchre card nights around the surrounding areas.

She was a lover of antiques and collected ornamental shoes, irons and other old memorabilia.

Marj loved Christmas, and she spent many Christmases over the years at our place on Old Telegraph Road,

sometimes going over old family photographs and watching Christmas movies on the television. She especially loved the Queen's Christmas Message as she was a big Royal Family fan.



Eds notes: Marj was a valuable member of the Living Heritage Team. She would sit with us for hours, searching for stories of historical value for us to publish.

She made us scones and cups of tea to keep us going. She went on many trips with us, interviewing local residents to get their stories down for posterity. She is very much missed by all at Living Heritage.



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Something New

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Free Legal Advice

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Wisemans Ferry Seniors

Still in lockdown so there is nothing to report only that members have been keeping in touch by phone.

Hopefully things will ease up in October and maybe those who are double vaccinated will be able to enjoy our Monday meetings again and even be able to plan some bus trips.

Once we are able to make some definite plans it will be on our Facebook page.



Don't forget our Facebook page **Wisemans Ferry Bingo Group** and for any queries contact Jo 0419 413 523

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Community Feedback!

My heartfelt thanks go to the editor and those that are responsible for the frontpage story of the July 2021 issue of Living Heritage: Home to Bilo: An Australian Story.

You speak of the enduring campaign by the Biloela community to bring back the Tamil family that the government has banished to Christmas Island and that this story resonates strongly with Australians from all sides of politics. There are many of us, in our little piece of paradise, in the Macdonald Valley, that have followed this family's plight and we are deeply troubled by how they and other asylum seekers are treated by our government. While I enjoy receiving and reading LH it was not until I read this story that I felt it reflected many of the interests and concerns of my community.

Yes, we wait in hope - and thank you for sending our support and thanks to Biloela for their incredible effort to bring the Murugappan family back. They do make us proud and I am proud of your top story!

V. Zaccari.....Macdonald Valley

Diary of a Trip to the Gulf Of Carpentaria.

By Liz Wilkinson

Before going to our motel at Karumba we drove around the town and then visited the Barramundi Discovery Centre. Did you know that barramundi can switch sex from male to female and their age can be determined by counting the age rings on their ear bones!

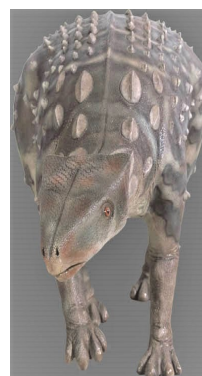
We saw beautiful little wallabies along the road verge that were a delight to watch. They were very tiny and were called Agile or Sandy Wallabies.

The first night we dined at the motel outside under the stars looking at the gulf. There were heaps of cane toads hopping around.

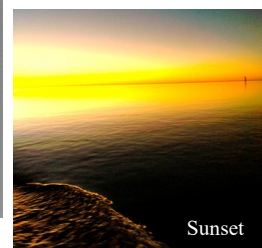
The highlight of our stay here was the river and gulf cruise for the history of the area, crocodiles (we saw three) and the sunset over the water of the gulf. The birds were spectacular- we passed an Egret rookery and the Kites would swoop down to the boat to be fed. The crew saved a baby Egret that was being attacked by the Kites - it was released in the mangroves. The sunset was mind blowing. We were given prawns to eat as we sailed along. Karumba is the prawn capital of Australia.

On Monday after two glorious days at Karumba we start on our journey back towards home, heading through Julia Creek and staying at Richmond- our longest travelling day. Near Karumba and Normanton the land is salt marsh- the largest area in Australia. It is hard to imagine it covering 427000 hectares and all this land is covered in water in the wet season (Nov-April). Next we pass savannah land - grassy plains moving to heavier tree scrubby vegetation (Eucalypts and Melaleucas) In the Savannah area we saw two Brolgas right on the edge of the road.

The road back to the Bourke and Wills Roadhouse has great stretches of termite nests -it looked like a graveyard. These mounds were lighter in colour than the ones further south. We lunched at Julia Creek in the park then drove on to Richmond passed lots of stations. At Richmond we went through the museum Kronasurus korner filled with fossils from when QLD was underwater 100million years ago. It has an armoured dinosaur- Minmi about 100millionyears old, which is Australia's best preserved dinosaur. So much to see - I feel overloaded!!



Replica of Minmi



Sunset



Feeding Kites from the boat

Staff Members and Vaccinations

Emerging from lockdown is centring around vaccinations. An area that will develop rapidly is around the responsibilities of employers and the vaccination status of their staff.

In general, vaccination will remain voluntary and free in Australia but there are some sectors where vaccinations are mandatory. Common sectors include aged care and hotel quarantine. In these sectors, the employer is generally responsible for enforcing the Health Orders.

Outside of a public health order an employer can mandate that employees are vaccinated but only if the direction to be vaccinated is "lawful and reasonable". In addition to being able to mandate vaccinations under the relevant Award or agreement, employers need to ensure that mandating vaccinations is reasonable for example, because the staff member's duties put them at increased risk of being infected or they have close contact with vulnerable people (see *Can an employer require an employee to be vaccinated?* on the FairWork website).

Qantas for example will require all frontline employees to be fully vaccinated by 15 November 2021 and all other employees to be vaccinated by 31 March 2022. The announcement followed a company wide survey of staff that revealed 89% planned to be fully vaccinated and only 4% were unwilling or unable to be vaccinated. Qantas is yet to release details of how medical exemptions will be applied.

In workplaces where vaccinations are not mandated, an employer can only collect information on an employee's vaccination status where it is reasonably necessary for the

organisation's functions or activities or where it is required by law. In these cases, it may be possible for the employer to ask to see evidence of an employee's vaccination status without breaching privacy laws (see the *FairWork website* and the *Office of the Australian Information Commissioner* for further information).

Another question is whether an employee can refuse to come to work because their co-workers are not vaccinated. On this, FairWork says "If an employee refuses to attend the workplace because a co-worker isn't vaccinated, their employer can direct them to attend the workplace if the direction is lawful and reasonable." But, the Australian Human Rights Commission states that where someone is particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, a "blanket rule requiring all employees to attend a particular workplace may constitute indirect discrimination." Whether it's reasonable for an employee to attend their workplace is highly dependent on the facts and you should seek legal advice.

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.



Rainfall for

AUG 18th To SEP 23rd

Week 1. 75mm
Week 2. nil
Week 3. 3.5mm
Week 4. 4mm
Week 5. 1mm

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South Maroota

Bush Philosophy

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safe from the
intrusion of the
world - is memory!*

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Mums and their Bubs



Solution to puzzle on page 19

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Get prepared for summer

While we are enjoying Sydney's spring weather, we should be mindful this is also the start of our bushfire and storm seasons. We can't stop bushfires, summer storms and the COVID-19 pandemic from happening, but we can reduce their impact by being prepared.

20 – 27 September is Emergency Preparedness Week, a timely reminder that being prepared can make an emergency less stressful, give you more control and reduce the impact on you and those you love.

Red Cross Australia has developed a range of easy-to-use tools to help us get prepared ahead of an emergency, including their 'Get Prepared' phone app, available for iOS and Android. A ready-to-go emergency plan at your fingertips, the 'Get Prepared' app helps you locate local emergency services contacts, create your list of key contacts, identify safe meeting places and create checklists of what to pack.

Visit redcross.org.au/prepare for advice on how to prepare yourself and your family!

Community Strategic Plan – Have Your Say

Council is now reviewing Hornsby Shire's Community Strategic Plan and is in the process of developing a new vision – looking forward to 2032. The Community Strategic Plan identifies our main priorities and aspirations for the future of Hornsby Shire, and acts as Council's ten-year plan to deliver the best possible services and amenities.

As the Community Strategic Plan is developed collaboratively between our community and Council, it is vital that you have your say on its vision for the future Hornsby Shire.

Go to hornsby.nsw.gov.au/your-say

Philip Ruddock AO

Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK



“Persevere To Be Joyful”

Nehemiah 8:10

“For the Joy of The Lord is Your Strength”

POn the board at Midway it says **“No Matter What, Maintain Your Joy”**. One of the best ways to maintain your joy is to encourage others..... a call, a gift, an errand, a listening ear. A phone call can bring joy to others so much. Prize fighter James Corbett was once asked, “What’s the most important thing for a man to do to become a champion”? He replied, **“Fight one more round”**.

Successful people have different talents but they all have these qualities:

Perseverance – Tenacity – and... Stick-to-it-iviness.

If your dream doesn't come true immediately, don't get discouraged. Continue to **pursue your joy** and share it around. Victory goes to those who are willing to **“fight one more round”**. When you quit, God can do no more for you. But when you persevere, He will come to your aid.” **Nehemiah** said *‘he knew the Lord God will help me, I will not be disgraced, therefore I have set my face like a flint, and know my joy will be maintained’*.

Friends, restore your joy and you are a champion, win or lose. Ash Barty said when asked about her defeat, *“I’m either winning or learning”*. Lets all **fight one more round** and I pray for you, your friends and families to maintain your joy.

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

LIVING HERITAGE FOLDING DAYS

Nov....Mon....Oct....25th
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Jan/Feb....Mon....Jan....17th
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The Hills District Rural Fire Service

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE!

MAROOKA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

October heralds the beginning of "Daylight Savings" when we spring our clocks forward one hour on **Sunday 3rd October** and check our smoke alarms are in good working order, changing batteries in those that require it.

October is also the start of "**The Bushfire Danger Period**" running from the 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022. **You now require a "Fire Permit"** by NSW Rural Fire Service - The Hills District (02 9654-1244) or Hornsby Council (9847 6853) before you do any burning during this fire season. **Failure to comply with this approval may result in a penalty notice or court attendance.**

This month our brigade finally conducted The Echidna Hazard Reduction that was on our books to do for several years but due to many unforeseen circumstances could not be achieved until now. This was a huge HR and could not have been done without the help of many neighbouring brigades from The Hills District who did an amazing job and we thank each and every one of them. This was such important work to get done ahead of this fire season and has made our community a lot safer for now.

However, there is still a lot of the Maroota area that has still not seen fire since 2002 so we can not get complacent. We need you all to prepare your properties to be able to be defended in a bushfire, regardless of whether you are leaving early or staying to defend. This way brigades have a chance of saving yours or your neighbours property should a bushfire threaten.

Do you know "**The Fire Alert Levels**" and when to put your bush fire plan into action?

ADVICE level means a fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

WATCH AND ACT means there is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action to protect you and your family.

EMERGENCY WARNING is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

Improve or make a plan that will give your property, your family and yourself the best chance of survival at www.myfireplan.com.au.

....Robin Hitchcock

The 2021-2022 Fire Season is 1st October to 1st March

PREPARE.

ACT.

SURVIVE.

SACKVILLE NORTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Greetings from Sackville North Brigade.

August saw Sackville North Brigade assist other brigades conduct a successful hazard reduction at Maroota. It was great to put the uniform on and get out and get dirty.

This year's Get Ready Weekend was different to years gone by. We had to rely on social media to get the message across - "prepare now for the upcoming fire season and also discuss your fire evacuation plans with family and friends". We will be updating the sign out the front of our station over the next couple of days - keep an eye out for that.

Karen Karberis/Judith Barr

MAROOKA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Once again Covid restrictions have led to restrictions for the entire community including us. We have attended a couple of calls, but all have been simple jobs.

Restrictions Start October 1st and this means exactly what this says.

I thought I might put together a list of ways you can join the RFS, for us, and any brigade in the area. We have a great group, but in busy times, there are never enough.

Contact a senior brigade member, and talk about any concerns you may have. This will give you the best advice and current requirements as some change.

A membership form is required, and involves a police check of your credentials. A passport or Birth Certificate is needed to complete that form. There is also an informal interview, so we are all on the same page.

A new member can assist at station and with logistics from the submission of a membership form without and completion of courses. Membership is usually approved or declined about 1 month later by RFS.

Basic fire safety training can be started once there is a group of fellow trainees (some delays can occur in this process). This takes from 6 to 12 months, depending on available training, and time able to be given by participants. This has been a difficult since Covid, but soon we hope to get some normality back. Basic fire fighters need to be fit enough to attend a fire, and will also need to gain a basic medical.

Many members only stay as Basic fire-fighter, but over time, members can do all sorts of training. For example, two of our members are currently doing training as helicopter crew.

Some members just want to assist with simple things - like catering. This group recently provided meals for crews at floods and Maroota hazard reduction. Some of these members also restocked the trucks on their return from the 2019 fires.

Come and join a great organisation and help your local community.

My number is: **0414 430 959.**

....Garry Chatman

WISEMANS FERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

This month has been a reasonably quiet one again due to the Covid lockdown which also meant that we were not able to hold our usual Get Ready Weekend sessions during September. However, you should have received some relevant information in your letterbox. Please contact us if you have any concerns, questions or feedback regarding Get Ready Weekend.

We are now in fire season (as of 1st October) so if you're thinking of conducting a pile burn you must also obtain a permit from your local Rural Fire Service in addition to complying with your local Council requirements, and notifying Fire Control at least 24 hours prior to lighting up. Remember to check the weather and weather forecasts before lighting up!

For residents wanting to conduct pile burns there are now options to make it easier for you to advise when you are planning to light up. New QR code provided in the letterbox mail we sent you or can be seen on Wisemans Ferry RFS Facebook page www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify

For those who do not have access to the internet or would prefer, you are still able to phone Fire Control at a minimum of 24 hour before lighting up.

During the 2019-20 fire season, huge parts of NSW were impacted by fire and while parts of the valley were burnt, large areas remain untouched which means our risk remains. Don't forget to establish and maintain asset protection zones around your property as fuel loads can build up quickly.

....Margaret Cavanagh Assistant Community Engagement Officer

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ST ALBANS RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



& Valley Happenings with Sherri

We all had the opportunity to learn and gain greater understanding of how RFS (and all brigades) manage during fires. Some of the items that our crews identified as part of their feedback to the community include the following; and if you have questions on these we are happy for you to raise them so we can follow up with you:

- **Polypipes** - Clear leaf litter away from pipes minimum 600mm / 2 ft either side or bury the pipe
- **Water tanks** - Clear leaf litter away from sides (at least 600mm / 2 ft) and for the top, turn tanks valves off at the tank unless they are critical to feeding other firefighting tanks.
- **Fences** - at some fences our crew cleared the fence-line to use this as a control line, do your bit by keeping up the maintenance and clearing these fences.
- **Instructions and mud maps** - put a copy on your gate / letterbox with clear large label RFS.
- **Pump instructions** - ideally turn off pumps and supply lines so that you do not risk emptying your tanks / pool etc in if fire impacts. Leave a copy of instructions for pool and house pump if there are important to your proper and specific instructions to follow.
- **Piles & Clearing** - if you are clearing control lines / breaks, make sure the piles are separate and manageable size. During the fires we had to bypass some control lines / breaks that residents had created as the fuel load of dead trees and branches was too large for us to safely manage during our operations.
- **Property numbers** - make sure your numbers are clearly visible in large numbers at your entrance.
- **Gates** - we try to leave gates as we find them, but if your gate can be safely left open then do so, to make movement of vehicles easier.

- **Locked gates** - we'd rather not cut chains / locks, during fires, It's a good idea to leave them unlocked.
- **Preparation** - get rid of rubbish near your structures, clear your gutters.
- **Fire breaks** - a number of locations had control lines / breaks created by bulldozer. Do your bit, keep these areas clear and help future fire management.
- **Water sources** - we rarely use tank water or dams, however if you have a water source that you are happy to identify for firefighting purposes then SWS (Static Water Source) labels are available and can be installed.
- **River access points** - if you have river access, that can be utilised by our trucks, please identify this. We do have a number of locations in the valley where we did install pumps, however it is beneficial for us to know all access points.
- **Gas cylinders** - make are gas cylinder expansion valves face away from your house.
- **Flammable liquids** - store away from your structures and make sure they are identifiable.
- **Blowers** - blowers are a quick and convenient way to clear areas of loose leaf material fuel
- **Hazards** - if you know of a hazard at your property (e.g. asbestos, flammable products, chemicals) let us know or put a sign. It makes it a bit safer for us too.
- **Wi-fi calling** - if you have interned, make sure you can use wi-fi calling on a smart phone too. We had instances of people using Facebook messenger and text messaging to alert us to situations.

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Fill Your Own Cup First

Sydney has been experiencing the longest lockdown in its history and we are all feeling the stresses, strains, fears and uncertainties that it creates in our lives. World Mental Health Week, which happens every October (this year 9th – 17th) is an opportunity to think deeply about caring for ourselves, and our mental health and well-being.

This month, what can we do to alleviate our stresses and support ourselves? It all starts with "Filling Our Own Cup First". Everyone can do something small for themselves every day to boost their mood and help them get through the day, whether its a walk or cycle in the park to connect with nature, doing your own exercises at home using many free exercise videos available online, meditation and breathing exercises, catching up with family and friends on Facetime/zoom, a bit of gardening, starting a new hobby such as knitting and painting or a course we always wanted to do and never had time for. (Watching hours of Netflix a day does not count as a hobby as our own creativity is not involved). For those of us working from home and homeschooling, who feel we don't have time to do anything for ourselves... we need it the most. Even if it's only a few minutes here and there. When we do "Fill Our Own Cup First" and start to do something for ourselves, we find that we become more present and productive in all aspects of our lives. Once we feel the difference that caring for our well-being creates, we often want to share with our family and friends and help them fill their own cups too.

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 - NEVER THOUGHT MY HANDS WOULD ONE DAY CONSUME MORE ALCOHOL THAN MY LIVER... EVER! 😊
 - LOCK DOWN SEEMS LIKE A NETFLIX SERIES: JUST WHEN YOU THINK IT'S OVER, THEY RELEASE THE NEXT SEASON. 😊
 - I'M STARTING TO LIKE THIS MASK THING. I WENT TO THE SUPERMARKET YESTERDAY AND TWO PEOPLE THAT I DON'T LIKE DIDN'T RECOGNISE ME. 😊
 - THOSE COMPLAINING THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH HOLIDAYS. WHAT NOW? 😊
 - I NEED TO SOCIAL DISTANCE MYSELF FROM MY FRIDGE: I TESTED POSITIVE FOR EXCESS WEIGHT! 😊
 - I'M NOT PLANNING ON ADDING 2020 TO MY AGE. I DIDN'T EVEN USE IT! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT 2021. DOES IT EXIST? 😊
 - WE WANT TO PUBLICLY APOLOGISE TO THE YEAR 2019 FOR ALL THE BAD THINGS WE SAID ABOUT IT. 😊
 - TO ALL THE LADIES WHO WERE PRAYING FOR THEIR HUSBANDS TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEM — HOW ARE YOU DOING? 😊
 - MY WASHING MACHINE ONLY ACCEPTS PYJAMAS THESE DAYS. I PUT IN A PAIR OF JEANS AND A MESSAGE POPPED UP: "STAY HOME" 😊
- 2019: AVOID NEGATIVE PEOPLE
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Random Acts of Kindness

Sometimes, troubling times brings out the best in people. People in the Hawkesbury, (and I'm sure there are many other places) have gone 'crafty' and are putting smiles on faces of kids and adults alike.

A Facebook page called **Hawkesbury Local Lockdown Inspiration** has shown people placing painted rocks, gift bags, crafty things, money, books, and all manner of things throughout the district to give joy to our community. They usually have accompanying messages of hope attached.

I have included some more of them here (stolen from Facebook), They're spreading joy and happiness, and I hope you get some pleasure from them as well.



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Spring School Holidays Fun Online

Outdoor Pools Set to Reopen from 27 September



Hawkesbury Library Service, Hawkesbury Regional Gallery and Hawkesbury Regional Museum have a huge line up of school holiday fun for all ages. With activities ranging from art and craft to sustainability and reading, there is something for everyone!

HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE CREATE A BUZZ

Wednesday, 29 September 2pm to 3pm

This online workshop presented by FIZZICS EDUCATION investigates concepts of electrical circuits and magnetic fields with some hair-raising results. They will also walk you through a hands on experiment that you will conduct at home.

Online via Zoom

Free – bookings essential

ZOOMTIME STORIES

Thursday, 30 September 11am to 11:30am

Themed stories for pre-school aged kids. Accompanying craft activity will also be available to download. This will be occurring weekly during lockdown.

Online via Zoom

Free – bookings essential

HAWKESBURY REGIONAL GALLERY FOXY FUN

Wednesday, 29 September 10am to 11:30am

Follow simple step by step instructions to design and paint this colourful fox design.

Online via Zoom

\$10 – bookings essential

HAWKESBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

STORYTELLING AND CRAFT WITH JILL WEBSTER- THERE'S A MOUSE IN MY HOUSE!

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Community swimming pools are set to reopen on Monday, 27 September following the NSW Government's approval. The reopening of all outdoor public swimming pools will be subject to having COVIDSafe plans approved by NSW Health.

All pools at Richmond Swimming Centre and the outdoor pool at Hawkesbury Oasis Aquatic and Leisure Centre will be open, see hours below. QR codes will be in place. The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Patrick Conolly has welcomed the move to open the pools to Hawkesbury residents.

"It's great news that our community members will be able to come along to our pools again," Mayor Conolly said.

"Our pools provide important services to our community for sport and recreation, health and mental wellbeing, water safety, swimming training, and local employment. Please remember to check in and out using the QR codes and to be patient and kind with each other and our staff when sharing the facilities.

"Along with the re-opening of our outdoor pools, we are working with the NSW Government to ensure that aquatic venues are provided with clear guidance around re-opening and support during the post lockdown phase."

Council does not have any further advice from the NSW Government as to when outdoor spaces associated with swimming and fitness clubs will be permitted to be operational. Council is waiting on advice from NSW Health about conditions of entry and, once these are confirmed, updates will be provided to the community. COVID-19 restrictions continue to be updated by the NSW Government. For the latest updates please visit nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/greater-sydney

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SCHOOL SNIPPETS

CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL



The students, and parents, have been working very hard over the last month to ensure the learning journey of every child is maintained. The teachers are still setting work at the various levels suitable for each student and the parents are becoming very good at delivering explanations when needed. We have been lucky to have a Zoom meeting each week for each class. This enables the students to learn new technology as well as approach the teacher with any issues. The parents are also supported through this medium. The best part of the meetings is that it allows the children to maintain friendships with the other students. Even the teachers have been missing the students, and so thoroughly enjoy their Zoom time. Everyone who attends the meetings says it is great and is helping with their mental stability. All school work is "handed in" either virtually or as a hard copy and so the teachers are able to keep up-to-date with the current level of ability of each child in each subject. Appropriate new work can then be set for the following week. I'm sure the teachers will be very grateful when face-to-face learning is given the go ahead.

The school has invested in "decodable readers" which will help the younger students learn new words and become better able to read for meaning. Hopefully this will aid the C1 class in particular and boost them along in their reading and literacy journey.

The SASS Staff are to be greatly thanked, especially during last week which was SASS Week, for all their efforts above and beyond their normal duties. The students are getting hard copies of their work made, work is being collected and collated, teachers are being supported, the grounds are looking wonderful and the community is being updated and informed, just to name a few things carried out this term. This is on top of their general duties which they normally carry out every day of the school year. To all the SASS Staff a big thank you.

Well, with the end of the term in sight many of us are looking towards the holidays! A time for no school lessons carried out at home. Parents can have a rest and now that some restrictions have been lifted, hopefully parents and children can get out and about and enjoy more of the environment, and re-charge, ready for a fabulous Term 4.



MAROOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Here at Maroota PS, it was hard to believe that term 3 was almost over. And what a term it was! A whole term of home learning! Not easy. We did make it a little bit fun, though... Firstly, Miss Bennett hosted Baking with Miss Bennett. Via ZOOM! Crazy? Maybe. Fun? Definitely!



Students were presented with a bundle of ingredients and we gathered for a Wednesday Zoom like no other. Our students were AMAZING! They melted butter, sifted, mixed, and scooped that cookie batter, popped them into the oven and the results? Well, let's let them speak for themselves!



We followed the biscuit baking with something else that was a little special. This time, again via zoom, we made sushi with Mrs Smith! The students gathered their ingredients at the same time that they grabbed their working form home packs. We were all set for our second crazy adventure in as many weeks! Our little chefs sliced and chopped their veggies, added some protein (if they wanted to), squished the rice onto the nori and rolled, rolled, rolled! Sushi isn't the easiest thing to roll. It's messy and difficult to keep all the bits



where they should be. We can all agree, though... It. Is. Delicious!

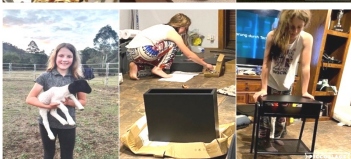
WISEMANS FERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL



Thank you to all our families, we appreciate you continuing to support the learning from home with enthusiasm and positivity. Your ongoing co-operation is enabling a safer environment for our students, staff and community. We are extremely proud of our students who have risen to the challenge of home learning this term and we love seeing evidence of the fantastic learning you are completing. Keep up the great work.

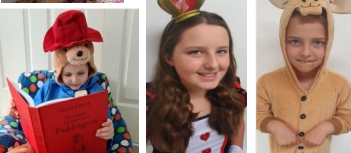
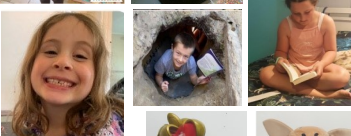
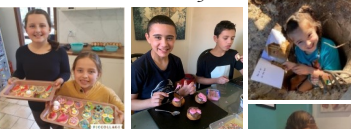
Father's Day

We hope that all our dads had a great Father's Day and were a little bit spoilt. Hopefully you liked your handmade gifts and enjoyed challenging your children in a game. It was great to see some of the finished creations.



Term three is ending and I am pretty sure that we are all happy about this. I commented to someone this morning that it has certainly been a long term – I think the longest I've experienced in my teaching career. If I am feeling this way, I know that all our parents must be feeling this way too. For many of you the learning from home journey has been for nine weeks and it is certainly hard to keep our children motivated to continue with the work provided. Can I say take a break and recharge over the school holiday period (I know we cannot go anywhere but it is extremely important that we focus on taking time out to look after ourselves).

Mrs Dorbis - Principal



MACDONALD VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Remote online learning

Well done Macdonald Valley Public school community, pulling together and embracing change for the greater good.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging the children's learning through this time of lock down. Great to see the children logging into Google Classroom and participating in the videos, research and activities we have provided. Fabulous learning from fabulous learners!



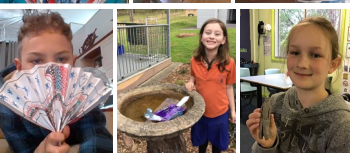
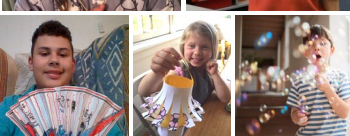
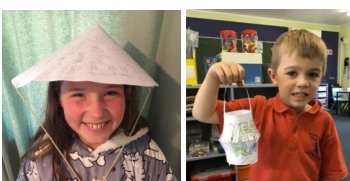
Outstanding NAPLAN results once again!

We are so very proud of our Year 3 and Year 5 students this year for their achievements in 2021 NAPLAN. Their results were outstanding! 100% of our students earned scores in the top two bands for reading and writing. This is a very impressive outcome at any time, but considering the impact of floods, fires and covid restrictions, our students have shown great commitment and dedication to their learning.

As a school we have exceeded State averages across all learning domains again this year, which is an upward trend we have continued to see over several years now. Congratulations to the clever kids of Mac Valley.

Remote online learning from home to China!

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