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Road to recovery



Mid Coast Community Flood Response and NSW SES organised a 'MidCoast Mud Muster' on Saturday 31 May. Photo credit: NSW SES Mid North Coast. More on page 5.

MidCoast Council

Council staff have been out inspecting the damage to the road network in the aftermath of last month's devastating floods; however, high water levels in certain areas are still preventing repair work.

Mayor Claire Pontin said this was the reason some residents remained isolated.

"We know we have residents in rural areas like Cundle Flat and along sections of Thunderbolts

Way who are still cut off from the rest of the community," said Mayor Pontin.

"Emergency Services have been flying provisions into them so they're not at risk of running out of food or medical supplies, but unfortunately we can't re-establish access until the floodwaters recede and we're able to get machinery into these areas to rebuild roads."

Mayor Pontin said the flooding and intense rainfall caused extensive damage to the

network, with staff encountering everything from destroyed bridges and dangerous landslips to widespread damage of road surfaces.

With so many areas affected, she called on the community to remain patient.

"We know there are a lot of potholes out there and we will get to them, but please understand that the roads in your area are not

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Reconciliation Week Community Event



Forster Neighbourhood Centre

The Reconciliation Week Community Event held in Forster on Tuesday 27 May 2025 was a huge success due to support of community partners including the Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council's Deadly Tradie program, bringing cultural artifacts and artworks to share with attendees, Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service hosting event planning meetings, Enterprise & Training Company (ETC) providing the community BBQ and children's activities, Margaret Jurd College (MJC) providing the cultural weaving activity, Home in Place providing the tea and coffee service and much needed extra hands on the BBQ, Homebase Youth Services for coordinating the schools and providing the chillout space and Tuncurry Memorial Hall for providing the wet weather venue.

Over 100 local community members walked across the bridge to show support for our Reconciliation journey, greeted by Uncle Rob Yettica on the Tuncurry side for a generous Welcome to Country and Smoking ceremony. There were community members from primary school aged, through to retired, walking together.

Corinne Stephenson, Manager of Forster Neighbourhood Centre spoke to the crowd about the importance of Reconciliation Week.

"Thank you, Uncle Rob, for the smoking ceremony and generous Welcome to country,

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First priorities on road...



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the only ones that have been damaged and it's important that we prioritise access and safety first," she said.

Council has received a welcome boost to repair efforts with Newcastle City Council sending up a road crew to help tackle potholes and other surface damage across the region. This will allow MidCoast crews to focus on the most impacted parts of the road network.

Mayor Pontin said the flood was obviously going to have an impact on Council's planned roads program, but updates would be provided to the community in the weeks and months ahead.

The Bight Bridge will be rebuilt to restore the vital connection between Tinonee and Wingham, but the process will take time.

To report road issues in your area, please visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/report

To get the latest updates about roadwork across the region, visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads-hub

Rapid Damage Assessments

Rapid Damage Assessments are now complete, (as of 3 June) with Fire and Rescue teams inspecting 3,800 homes over the past 10 days. Sadly, 600 houses have been deemed uninhabitable in the short term.

Council teams are now on the ground,

conducting detailed inspections of the worst-affected homes and businesses to provide specific advice and support to property owners as they plan their next steps.

Kerbside waste collection only targeting flood-impacted area

As the enormous clean-up effort from the flood continues, MidCoast Council is asking people outside of the flood-impacted areas not to put their waste on the kerbside.

Over 15,000 tonnes of waste have already been picked up from kerbsides in areas impacted by flooding and that volume is expected to climb considerably as affected residents and business-owners continue sorting through the damage.

Council's Director of Liveable Communities Paul De Szell said some properties had been completely inundated in the rising floodwaters and as a result people have lost all their possessions.

"It's absolutely tragic to see the contents of people's homes and businesses piled out on the kerb, waiting to be taken away," said Mr De Szell.

"We've got a huge job on our hands to try and get all this waste off the streets as soon as possible, and what we don't need is people in areas that weren't impacted by flooding to try and add their waste to the load."

Mr De Szell said Council was seeing waste piles pop up outside of the flood-impacted areas, including some of the higher parts of Taree and even as far afield as Forster and Tuncurry.

Kerbside flood waste is currently being collected and disposed of outside the MidCoast. This allows space in the region's landfills to be preserved for the waste from Council's weekly red bin collection.

Mr De Szell said this arrangement was critical for ensuring Council didn't have to spend money on creating more landfill space which

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would ultimately cost local ratepayers.

However, he stressed that Council was only allowed to get rid of waste from flood-impacted areas.

"While I appreciate that a lot of properties were impacted by the intense rainfall that led to the flooding, there are clear distinctions between flood damage and stormwater damage and Council is obliged to stick to these distinctions," said Mr De Szell.

"The areas that flooded have been clearly mapped – those are areas where rising floodwater inundated properties – and these are the areas that our kerbside collections will focus on."

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Mr De Szell said Council would work to get the Bulky Waste service up and running again as soon as possible. But he asked the community to remain patient.

"We've just experienced the highest level of flooding on record and the amount of waste it generated is extraordinary. At the moment all our resources are being directed to the clean-up effort, but we'll do our absolute best to get to you as soon as possible."

Some financial relief for flood affected ratepayers

At Wednesday's Extraordinary Council meeting the impact of the recent floods was high on the agenda. Councillors agreed to provide some financial relief for the hardest hit.

Some of the initial measures include:

- writing off any interest accrued on outstanding rates and other charges for the period between 19 May and 30 June
- deferring debt recovery actions for six



months, and

- flexibility in applying concealed leak allowance policy to allow for water losses incurred during the flood event.

MidCoast Council Mayor, Claire Pontin said it was a good starting point.

"There is more that can be done especially at a State and Federal level, and I will keep advocating to ministers and representatives for more for our area," she said.

"However, these measures are things we have been able to do quickly and provide some breathing room for residents who need it to fully focus on recovery activities."

Flood-affected ratepayers will receive some financial relief from Council. If you're a flood-affected ratepayer, please contact our Customer Call Centre on 7955 7777 to discuss your options. For more information, please visit

midcoast.nsw.gov.au/floodrecovery

Barrington tops remains closed

The Barrington Tops National Park and the surrounding State Forests all remain closed due to several land slips, fallen trees and damaged bridges impacting access roads. People are strongly advised not to travel to the area.

Beaches reopened

All beaches in our region have now reopened. However, be aware that flood debris may continue to wash ashore over the coming weeks. Please be mindful of your safety. If you spot an animal carcass on the beach, please report it to Council on (02) 7955 7777.

(See page 27 for more important flood response information and a summary of MidCoast Council Meeting from 4 June.)

Tanya's Community Update

SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED RESIDENTS

Recent flooding has left many in our region facing serious hardship. I want to make sure you know what assistance is available to help get back on your feet.



Personal Hardship Assistance is now available through Service NSW, with a one-off \$180 payment per person (up to \$900 per family) to help with essential costs such as food, clothing and medicine. While several areas, initially excluded have now been added following reassessment, there are still more localities that need to be reviewed and included.

Services Australia is offering the *Disaster Recovery Payment* (\$1,000 per eligible adult and \$400 per child) and the *Disaster Recovery Allowance* for those who have lost income due to the floods.

Support for small businesses, farmers and rural landholders includes clean-up and recovery grants of up to \$25,000, as well as \$10,000 grants for damaged fences, infrastructure or equipment.

This funding is a start, but I know it's not enough. I am fighting for more support to ensure our community can recover and rebuild properly.

You can apply online or in person at Service NSW or Services Australia offices.

For help, visit:
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If I can help in any way, please reach out to my office on 6555 4099
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Tanya Thompson
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Meet our beautiful older girl Puss Puss. She was reluctantly surrendered to us due to illness of her previous owner who had to go into care.

Puss Puss is 10 years old and up to date with all her vet work. The staff at Mid Coast Vet say she is adorable, loves attention and is always ready for snuggles. Please call them on 65572273 if you would like to meet Puss Puss.

The little ginger & white kitten featured in the last edition of Forster Fortnightly is still looking for his new home. (The rest of the litter have found their forever loving homes.)

We still have two gorgeous calico (ginger, black & white) kittens about 12 weeks old at Windan Sea Vets looking for their forever homes, so please give them a call on 6555 2275 if you would like to meet Cally and Coey.

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Mid Coast Community Flood Response

By Mary Yule

Tess Kerans is one of seven organisers from the Mid Coast Community Flood Response organisation that was set up in Taree after the May flood.

On Friday 23 May, Holly Rankin created a volunteer register and over the next few days the group reached out to all levels of government and all agencies on the ground. Every day volunteers arrived at 10am for a 'tasking brief' to find out where they were needed.

Tess said, "Today (Wednesday 4 June) is our last 'tasking' day where we brief volunteers on locations that need help. We've had 1000 volunteers out in the field in the last few weeks."

The group originally set up two locations (one at Arkwright Street) but have since condensed their efforts to the one designated donation and response hub at Go Vita, Taree, where volunteers can restock during the day, and the public can come in and take what they need.

On the first day the group talked to NSW SES to make sure they were coordinated with everyone on the ground.

"We coordinated with Katie Moulton who is a Region Community Engagement Officer with NSW SES. She came up from Sydney to work on the flood response. She's had plenty of experience working with communities during floods. She said, "Let's do this," said Tess.

On Saturday 31 May, the group organised a 'MidCoast Mud Muster' with NSW SES to encourage people to help with the big jobs on a weekend.

"We had hundreds of people turn up - it was like a 'sea of orange vests' heading out. We had food trucks ready to feed them when they went out to clear the mud. This really broke the back of the big clean up needed in Wingham," said Tess.

Anne Curtis has been volunteering for 5 days at the Mid North Coast Community Response Hub in Taree.

"Every couple of hours people come with boxes of donated food. On this last volunteer 'tasking' day, 30 people came to lend a hand. They will be taken to an area needing help. We have lunch packs ready. It's been very rewarding. You realise what people have been through when they come in to get some stuff."

One of the organisers at the hub, Cade White, said "We were getting out to places and finding people and sending them to help. It's been good to have extra feet on the ground. We are now talking to people and finding out where help is needed."

Organiser, Georgia Chandler, said, "The collaboration here between NSW SES and community and First Nations has just been incredible. Natural disasters will keep happening so a model like this needs to work for everybody. It's super

important. Tanika Perry is leading the First Nations response together with Uncle Will, to make sure people feel represented and to help their needs specifically."

"Since 23 May, volunteers have been coming from all over the state, and the country. From Dubbo to far North Queensland and to the south of Sydney. Many came from Lismore as they've experienced flooding. It's been incredible to hear people's stories and learn how far they have travelled to volunteer."

"The volunteers have been doing everything from driving 10 hours to donate supplies, bringing food trucks to supply free food, shovelling mud from homes and driveways, clearing furniture, cleaning everything, mould treating, gutting homes and milking cows to avoid mastitis! Many took supplies to animals, especially horses. Some farmers came from 40 minutes away every day for a week, driving in their tractors to remove mud, volunteering

their machinery and time. We have a lot of older women using their skills to organise the resource hub and provide a listening ear and some comfort to those affected. Really anyone of any age and background has come to help in any way they can. The community has been absolutely incredible."

Tess said they were now assessing what was needed next.

"There are still so many people badly impacted. The clean up and recovery will take months if not years."

For more information, head to: www.communityfloodresponse.com

The Community Flood Response Facebook page has been providing critical updates and logging on help needed/help offered throughout the Mid Coast flood event.



Above: (L-R) Holly Rankin, Georgina Chandler, Cooper Smeaten and Tess Kerans at the Mid Coast Community Hub at Go Vita in Taree. Photos by Mary Yule.



Left: The last 'tasking' day on 4 June.

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Recovery continues for Mid North Coast as NSW SES hand over to NSW Reconstruction Authority

NSW SES Mid North Coast

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) has concluded its operational response after heavy rainfall and severe flooding caused extensive damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure on the Mid North Coast and in the Hunter.

Floods in some areas were the highest ever recorded, including in Taree, where the Manning River exceeded a century-old record.

The SES led an extensive emergency response with volunteers and partner agencies – including NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, Surf Life Saving NSW, Marine Rescue NSW, and VRA Rescue NSW – working tirelessly to protect and support impacted communities.

During the response the SES carried out resupply operations to isolated communities, delivering essential supplies including food, water and medicine, as well as conducting hundreds of flood rescues.

Hundreds more emergency service partners and community members have tirelessly assisted with damage assessments, as well as undertaking cleanout and washout of damaged properties.

Since Wednesday 14 May, in response to the heavy rainfall and severe flooding, the NSW SES has:

- Received 17,679 calls for assistance
- Responded to 8,895 incidents
- Completed 806 flood rescues
- Issued 1,206 warnings
- Completed 416 resupply missions to isolated communities
- Conducted more than 12,020 damage assessments
- Mobilised more than 2,200 NSW SES volunteers to assist communities, alongside:
- 836 emergency service partner personnel from NSW and across the country
- 70 emergency service personnel from Australian Defence
- 6 emergency service personnel from New Zealand.

The NSW Reconstruction Authority will now assume responsibility for managing clean-up and repair efforts in the impacted communities as part of the recovery process.



Above: NSW SES Singleton Unit in Cundletown.

Recovery Access Points are up and running in Taree, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Macksville and Maitland.

to this event live in impacted areas, leaving their families and loved ones to help their communities, and I'm certain they'll rebuild stronger than before."

NSW SES Commissioner Mike Wassing said:

"I want to thank SES volunteers, and our emergency service colleagues from across Australia and New Zealand for their dedication and commitment during this crisis."

"As we transition into the recovery phase of this operation, our priority remains delivering essential supplies to residents who remain isolated."

"I thank the thousands of community members who mobilised to support and assist with the clean-up. Many SES volunteers responding

Insurance claims exceed 6,000 for Mid North Coast & Hunter floods

Insurance Council Australia

Insurers have received more than 6,000 claims (by 28 May) relating to the Mid-North Coast and Hunter region floods, with 80% cent relating to damage to homes.

The latest uptick in claims numbers and feedback from on-the-ground shows that clean-up and recovery is expected to be long-term and that impacted communities will require ongoing support.

The ICA and insurers have deployed significant resources to support communities:

• **An Insurance Hub has been set up at Taree Leagues Sport Centre and will run to 13 June offering claims support**

• Insurer representatives also are present in Recovery Centers to provide a one-stop-shop for recovery support

• The ICA has deployed a designated catastrophe operations team to coordinate

insurer response and support

• The event has been upgraded to an Insurance Catastrophe, meaning additional resources are being deployed and insurers are prioritising claims from this event.

Andrew Hall, CEO, Insurance Council of Australia said, "It is confronting to see the extent of the damage across the region and it is clear the recovery is going to take some time and that means support must be ongoing."

The Insurance Hub and recovery centres have seen a steady flow of people coming through getting advice on claims and next steps for the clean-up.

Insurers will continue to have a presence on the ground in impacted communities, and we urge anyone who needs help with their claim to come down to the Hub and have a chat with the dedicated support staff.

Manning - Great Lakes Police District Update

Manning Great Lakes Police District

Dear Readers,

The recent major flood event – from which we are now recovering – was certainly devastating for large sections of our community and extremely busy for local emergency services.

During the event, an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated at Taree under the leadership of local Police Superintendent Chris Schilt, in his role as the Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCN), to support NSW SES – the 'combat agency' for floods. Present at the EOC were liaison officers (LO's) from many agencies – including NSW SES, NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, MidCoast Council, Local Land Services, Department of Communities and Justice, Volunteer Rescue Association, Fire & Rescue NSW and the Rural Fire Service. LO's were for the most part required 24/7 at the EOC, which saw many people work long, long hours due to their commitment to our community. Also, a number of Evacuation Centre's were activated, and a big thank you to those venues who opened their doors 24/7 to assist community members at a time of great need.

In addition to local police – many of whom were marooned for days (away from their homes and families) at Taree, resulting in them sleeping on the floor at Taree Police Station between shifts – the community was supported by officers from the Police Rescue Squad and POLAIR (the Police Airwing) – with many rescues conducted by those teams – along with the many, many rescues conducted by the SES



Above: Local Police Superintendent Chris Schilt talking to the community from the EOC in Taree on 27 May. Image credit: www.facebook.com/ManningGreatLakesPD

and other emergency services, as well as the brave community members who conducted rescues.

Disappointingly, five individuals were charged with offences relating to looting (e.g. stealing and having 'goods in custody'), however, in the main the community spirit and generosity was extremely high.

A massive thank you to the many volunteers and emergency services workers who assisted during the flood and who continue to assist now we have moved onto recovery.

Remember to be kind to each other and don't forget to say "G'day!" to your local police!

**Chief Inspector Timothy Bayly
OIC Forster Police Station**

Recovery Centre

Mid North Coast

Taree

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Wednesday 11 June: 10am - 5pm
Thursday 12 June: 10am - 6pm
Friday 13 June: 10am - 5pm
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If you're in the area and would like support preparing your application, drop in and speak with Rob at the Manning Uniting Church, Taree:

- Wednesday 11 June – 10am to 5pm
- Thursday 12 June – 10am to 6pm
- Friday 13 June – 10am to 5pm

A range of agencies and services will also be available through the NSW Government Flood Recovery Centre, offering assistance with housing support, mental health and wellbeing support as well as insurance and legal advice.

No appointment needed – just drop in.



Above: NSW Premier Chris Minns and MidCoast Mayor Claire Pontin. Photo credit: MidCoast Council.

Local community rallies together for flood relief

By Rebecca Collins – WSD

In true community spirit, Wallis Spirit Dragon Boat Club (WSB) of Coomba Park hosted a successful flood relief raffle on Friday 30th May, raising an impressive \$755 in just 24 hours. The funds will go directly to GIVIT (see below), a trusted organisation partnering with the NSW Government to provide essential goods and services to those impacted by the recent devastating floods across the region.

Club member and treasurer Kim Peace said, "We live in this beautiful part of the country. Seeing the devastation of the May Mid North Coast floods has touched our hearts. Everyone wants to help but is sometimes unsure how to assist. The simple answer is this: give what you can give. We have so much, and some people have lost everything."

The fundraiser was made possible thanks to the generosity of local businesses and community groups. FoodWorks at Charlotte Bay kindly donated a \$70 grazing platter as the first prize. Thanks to Tamara Kendall of AMARA Skin and Beauty in Coomba Park, a second prize was added, offering a \$50 pamper voucher.

A special thank you also goes to the Coomba Aquatic Club, who welcomed Wallis Spirit to use their regular Friday night BBQ to host the raffle and connect with locals.

It was a heartwarming show of support and a reminder that even in tough times, small communities have big hearts. All proceeds will support those who need it most, helping flood-affected families rebuild and recover.

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Quarry proposal: Shallow Bay

By Mary Yule

On 14 May, the Forster Fortnightly published 3 Letters to the Editor expressing concern for a proposed quarry in Shallow Bay, Coomba Park. The proposal is being made by Shallow Bay resident Jamon Forster who contacted our newspaper to address potential concerns and misinformation in the community.

“People may be assuming this is going to be a big open cut mine. I’m proposing a small hard rock quarry as a reasonable and practical solution for the needs of the local area, and on an appropriate scale,” said Jason Foster. “If and when I get to maximum capacity, the quarry would take up less than 1% of the area covered by my property.”

Jamon grew up in the Midcoast area and bought a 500 acre property on Shallow Bay Rd about 4 years ago. The property consists of stock paddocks surrounded by natural bush sloping up on three sides. When excavating his site, he found big rock boulders suitable for crushing and using as road base to repair his 600m gravel driveway and the many fire trails that crisscross his property.

Jamon runs a small earthmoving business and orders materials from the closest quarry to finish jobs around the local area. The closest quarry is on the way to Taree along the Pacific Highway. A few months ago, he found that one of his jobs made him no money as his original quote did not factor in the cost of materials and delivery to Coomba going up to around \$2000 for a truck and dog load (trailer) of 32 tonnes. With the costs of materials rising, he thought it would make good business sense to develop his own quarry for his needs, and to sell locally as a part of his business. He said he could provide the same truckload of materials for around \$800 to \$900 which would be more affordable for locals who also need to maintain their large Coomba properties. He said a lot of residents are not overly wealthy and he is trying to price jobs for earthworks that are going to cost \$6,000 to \$12,000 for the materials alone for their gravel driveways. Older and long-term

residents are finding this too expensive and he can’t help them.

Jamon has had a Statement of Environment Effects prepared for his DA (Development Application) with MidCoast Council, which is a requirement when selling material.

“I will be limited to about 150 tonnes a day for 5 days a week. This means four and a half trucks (4 trucks with dog loads/trailer and one single truck) leaving the property each day - which is 8 movements a day to include getting back again, if at maximum capacity. This should cover most of the little jobs out this way. I’ll only be producing general quarry material (road base, crusher dust and drainage aggregate), primarily just for road base, and not construction grade aggregate that is used for concrete, etc. There would be no more trucks than are already coming out this way but there could be less trucks having to come from a lot further away. This puts a lot less strain on already struggling infrastructure and is better for the environment,” said Jamon.

“This would be on a supply and demand basis and would be accessible to the local community. Simply, if there is no material needed, there will be no trucks for that time period.”

Jamon said he had already individually contacted in person his neighbours who he said for the most part have been supportive, including his closest neighbour on one side (approximately 500m distance to the proposed quarry) who would potentially hear the most noise, based on a noise impact assessment. The assessment was prepared using noise modelling based on a “worst case” scenario to comply with State Government guidelines, with all quarry equipment operating at the same time (which Jamon said is unrealistic).

Jamon believes a local quarry makes good sense for two main reasons.

Firstly, it removes some of the need for trucks carrying heavy loads all the way from near Taree - which is where the closest quarries are located - to Coomba and the surrounding area,



A pile of crushed rock on Jamon Foster's property at Shallow Bay. Photo by Mary Yule.

via Tuncurry, Forster and the Palms, and then all the way back again.

Another reason is that his proposed quarry is a better solution than many of the quarry pits Coomba residents have in their own backyards – used to keep costs down to maintain their driveways, particularly after the rain, as it is regulated and has had all the appropriate environmental, traffic and heritage studies done.

Jamon said his proposed quarry could also help other small earthmoving businesses in the region as they could pick up material locally with their smaller machines and trucks at a viable price and in smaller amounts.

“If the material is closer – it is viable for them to come here on a needs basis.”

Jamon said he has offered MidCoast Council 1,000 tonnes of road base a year as part of the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for using Council infrastructure (local roads). He said it doesn’t matter if this offer is not accepted (Council already has a set contribution scheme) but he said it makes sense to use material from his proposed quarry to maintain Shallow Bay and surrounding roads (which are not sealed and currently have many potholes) rather

than get it in from far away. Jamon also said the allowance could be implemented with the Council’s current maintenance schedule where the machinery and manpower have already been allocated. This could make it a zero cost increase to ratepayers and Council’s budget. Jamon said this would need to be signed off and done officially. The people affected most by his proposed quarry live on Shallow Bay Road which Jamon said would be fixed first.

Jamon said he will be lodging his DA with MidCoast Council.

MidCoast Statement

The Forster Fortnightly published MidCoast Council’s statement on 14 May. It read, “MidCoast Council has not received a formal development application for this proposal.

If a Development Application is lodged with Council, it will be exhibited in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Strategy.

This will provide concerned community members the opportunity to raise concerns for consideration by Council in the assessment of the application.”

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New Councillor elected to MidCoast Council

MidCoast Council

In May, MidCoast Council welcomed a new face to its elected body following the resignation of Councillor Dheera Smith in April 2025. The newly elected councillor, Janeece Irving, has officially joined the Council, stepping into the role left vacant by Cr Smith.

The departure triggered a countback process managed by the NSW Electoral Commission to determine the next eligible candidate.

Cr Irving will serve the remainder of the current Council term, which runs until the next local government elections in September 2028.

Her addition ensures the Council continues to operate at full capacity as it works to deliver on its key priorities of roads, financial sustainability and customer experience.

Right: Janeece Irving from the Manning-Great Lakes Greens Party, is a small business owner and hospitality entrepreneur. She lives in Tinonee and is a part time resident of Coomba and Tallwood with her daughters and grandchildren.



Our Local wildlife



By Kym Kilpatrick – FAWNA Hallidays Point

After the Flood

It's been a tough time for our region, and sadly recovery is going to take a very long time.

Of course, along with the destruction visited on people, their homes, livestock and pets, there is also the impact on our wildlife.

Many animals have been swept down the rivers, many have been displaced from their home territories, many are facing starvation and hyperthermia, and many more are getting trapped in the mud. And then there is the potential for water and mud borne diseases.

There are several things we can do to help. Checking piles of flood debris for wildlife that may have survived is time critical—several blue-tongues for example, have managed to be rescued, checked, revived and released into safe environments who would have otherwise perished.

Fresh water turtles have also been swept out to sea and onto our beaches. It is vitally important that people do not confuse them with marine turtles and try to release them back into the oceans. A telling difference – marine turtles have flippers, freshwater turtles have toes and claws. It is also important that survivors are released, after being checked, back into their appropriate habitat. For example, the Manning River Helmeted Turtle is found only in certain areas of the Manning and its tributaries and introducing non-local freshwater turtles can have dire consequences for this endangered population.

Some of the fallen trees and tree-limbs will have been home hollows for wildlife including gliders, microbats, possums, antechinus, brush-tailed phascogales, owls and other bird species such as kookaburras. If it is safe to do so, checking for injured or displaced wildlife can make a real difference, and if you have the space to do so, putting up nestboxes as alternative homes can ensure the ongoing survival of these populations (an excellent resource site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nestboxtales>).

Providing fresh clean water for birds and other wildlife to drink and maybe bathe in can be vital to their recovery (ensure escape rocks or sticks and remove handles from buckets). Although in general FAWNA does not recommend feeding wildlife, similarly to after the bushfires, short term emergency supplementary feeding can help those survivors to recover. It is essential though to provide the right food sources. Bread and grains can give macropods a condition known as 'lumpy jaw'



Above: Photo of a Blue-Tongue Lizard found washed up on the beach in debris by Jenny Edwards.

which inevitably leads to death. Uncooked sweet potato (not carrots) can be provided for many species whilst cut up fruit such as pears can provide sustenance for some of our feathered friends. However, it is also extremely important that any feeding and water stations are cleaned daily to avoid the transmission of contagions.

With so much mud and flood, many of our wildlife have been displaced and are more likely to seek whatever higher ground is available to them including road verges and our yards. They are likely to be distressed and agitated so giving them space and slowing down on the roads is important. We are also moving into echidna mating season, so these slow little Aussies are going to be about on our roads and vulnerable to car strikes.

Any wildlife rescuer can tell horror stories about animals from gliders, bats and birds being entangled in barbed wire. FAWNA recognises the need for it to keep cattle enclosed, but would urge wherever possible that property owners looking to replace fencing avoid barbed wire, or at least the top strand. Tying strips of something on the top strand can also make it visible for night animals.

Finally, a big shout out to all those volunteers cleaning up the plastic and other debris that will otherwise impact our wildlife. Thank You.



Pesky the Swamp Wallaby
rescued by FAWNA
by Tyson Thorpe.

Are you passionate about our wildlife?
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FAWNA, the entirely volunteer wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organization in the Mid North Coast, is recruiting.

Even if you don't have a lot of spare time for 5 hours a week you could become a volunteer phone operator, working from home with your own reliable phone, internet and computer, keeping our vital 24 hour hotline operating.

Or you could train up and register to be a wildlife rescuer and carer (and a PS, FAWNA may be able to sign off on those with Centrelink commitments.).

For more information please go to our webpage fawna.org.au



Vale Dheera Smith



Message from Mayor Claire Pontin

It's with a heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of former Councillor Dheera Smith.

Dheera served on MidCoast Council from 2021 until earlier this year. She gave so much of herself during her time with us—always guided by her caring nature and her deep love for the environment.

She was particularly passionate about sustainability and making sure our community's most vulnerable voices weren't forgotten. Whether it was advocating for environmental and sustainability initiatives or broader social

issues Dheera brought compassion and determination to everything she did.

Many of us not only respected her as a councillor—we genuinely enjoyed her as a person and friend. She had a quiet strength, a thoughtful presence, and she never sought the spotlight, even though her work made a real difference.

On behalf of Council and our wider community, I want to thank Dheera for everything she gave to MidCoast. We're thinking of her family and loved ones at this time, and we won't forget the legacy she leaves behind.

During her time on Council, Cr Smith contributed to a number of Council Committees and Reference Groups, including as:

- Chair of the Koala Reference Group
- Chair of the Community Inclusion and Wellbeing Reference Group
- Member of the Heritage Reference Group
- Member of the Aboriginal Reference Group
- Member of the Hunter Regional Weeds Committee
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Your work in progress

Reconciliation Community Event



Uncle Rob and Corinne Stephenson.

and shone the light on the long journey and continued determination of First Nations people to work towards a reconciled Australia and justice for their people.

Secondly, the theme 'Bridging Now to Next' comes at a time when Australia faces uncertainty in its reconciliation journey, calling on all Australians to step forward together. The theme urges us to look ahead and continue to push forward as past lessons guide us.

As a non-Indigenous Australian, to me, Reconciliation Week is about challenging what I got taught at school and taking myself out of my comfort zone to learn about the true history of Australia. For the past 15 years, I have been on a continuous journey to re-educate myself about our First Nations people and the strength and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

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to this Worimi land where we meet today. I would also like to acknowledge this beautiful land that we meet on today and thank our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, colleagues and friends that we continue to learn from to strengthen our understanding of the oldest surviving culture in history.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme this year, 'Bridging now to next' is two-fold.

Firstly, a recognition of 'Corroboree 2000' - the historical walk over the Harbour Bridge 25 years ago in support of Reconciliation. 250,000 Australians came out in unity to walk forward together. Listening to one of the organisers yesterday, on May 26 2000, an incredibly cold front came across where they thought it might snow in Sydney. They started discussing about postponing and calling it off however the community support was so strong that the response was a resounding 'we are going to walk anyway!'. This significant demonstration of Reconciliation made international news



Above: Local Worimi artists (L-R) Clay Dooker, Charlie Freeman (paintings), Thomas Dooker, Tanya Simon and Andy Snelgar (Teacher at Great Lakes TAFE) with artifacts. Photos by Mary Yule.

Thomas said, "Andy is teaching us culture, and we have been making artifacts. We started as a small group in Forster and meet once a week."

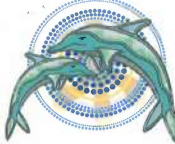
Andy said, "It's an important for people to make these things because in NSW a lot of the traditional knowledge has been lost. It's been a big part of our dreaming forever."

Islander people to fight for justice, in the past, now and into the future. I continue to learn through reading, watching, listening every day and always come back to how proud all Australians can be that we live on this sacred land alongside the oldest surviving culture in the world, what an absolute privilege!

At Forster Neighbourhood Centre, we strive to be an ally towards reconciliation for all Australians. Our programs and activities aim to create meaningful opportunities for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members of the community to come together to learn together, build

mutual respect and more often than not form lifelong friendships.

We can all be an ally by being open to listening and learning. If you do not know where to start, join one of our cultural programs. The Reconciliation Australia website also has a fantastic recommended reading list, ABC iview has a range of Indigenous programs to build understanding and knowledge, our beautiful Forster library, we now have as a resource, has a collection of books that can take you on a journey of understanding. Marrangbu! (thank you)"



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Trip to see the Governor

By Mary Yule

On 29 May, a small group of locals made the trip down to meet the NSW Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, at Government House in Sydney to receive their Australian Honours.

Julie Brady

Julie Brady received her Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for 'Service to the community through social welfare organisations', an acknowledgement for her 9 years as President of the Great Lakes Women's Shelter (GLWS) Board which she founded in 2015 to provide emergency accommodation and services to women and children experiencing domestic violence. At the same time, Julie took on the role of Team Leader for Project 2020 which saw the construction of a new purpose built women's shelter that opened on 19 July 2022.



Above: NSW Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley with Auntie Janice Paulson.



Above: (L-R) Julie Brady OAM and Jan Lynch.

Roger Lynch

Jan Lynch received a posthumous award for her husband Roger Lynch who was awarded an OAM for 'Service to the community of Great Lakes'. At the presentation, Roger's many years on the Cape Hawke Community Hospital Committee (now known as Forster Private Hospital) was acknowledged, as well as his book 'Built on Roast Beef & Apple Pie' that records the colourful and sometimes frustrating history of the committee's journey in securing the next site, funding or service for the town's growing needs, his involvement with Apex, Legacy and Rotary, and his support as a treasurer for many local service organisations.

Jan was accompanied their son Stephen Lynch, his wife Megan Alston and their 7 year old daughter (Jan's granddaughter) Matilda.

"We all wished Roger could have been there as he would have enjoyed this special experience, but we were really proud to have received it on his behalf," said Jan. "The Governor and her husband Kevin were amazing. She spoke personally with everybody there and remembered all about their visit to Forster and Taree earlier this year. The Governor loves children and she gave Matilda and her new little friends special medallions on the day."

Auntie Janice Paulson

During the Governor's visit to the Forster Neighbourhood Centre in March this year, she met and invited Auntie Janice Paulson to afternoon tea in Sydney, which was later postponed due to the severe weather. Auntie Janice took the opportunity to catch up with the Governor during

Julie Brady's investiture trip to Sydney. Auntie Janice brought a gift that she had especially chosen to present to the Governor. The handmade quilt was made by the Nabiac Quilters using the colours from International Women's Day – green, purple and white. The two ladies had a lovely discussion as friends.

Julie Wilcox

Julie Wilcox received her Emergency Service Medal (ESM) 'In recognition for distinguished service as a volunteer of an Australian Emergency Service,' on the 28 May. Julie has dedicated three decades to Surf Life Saving and was thanked for her "exceptional

leadership, commitment to lifesaving, and contributions to critical incident response have made a lasting impact on their communities and the organisation." She was accompanied by her husband Brian Wilcox (who received the same award in 2024) and their daughter Georgia.

"Surf Life Saving is always a team effort, and it is embarrassing to be singled out but it's nice to see recognition for women who have been a major part of emergency services for all these years," said Julie. "It was a lovely morning and inspiring to hear stories from community members across NSW."



Above: Micheal Wasley - Sydney Northern Beaches Branch and Julie Wilcox - Lower North Coast Branch.

Tuncurry Service NSW Centre reopens after refurb

Service NSW

The Tuncurry community can now complete NSW Government transactions in a modern and welcoming space at Tuncurry Service NSW Centre following a recent refurbishment.

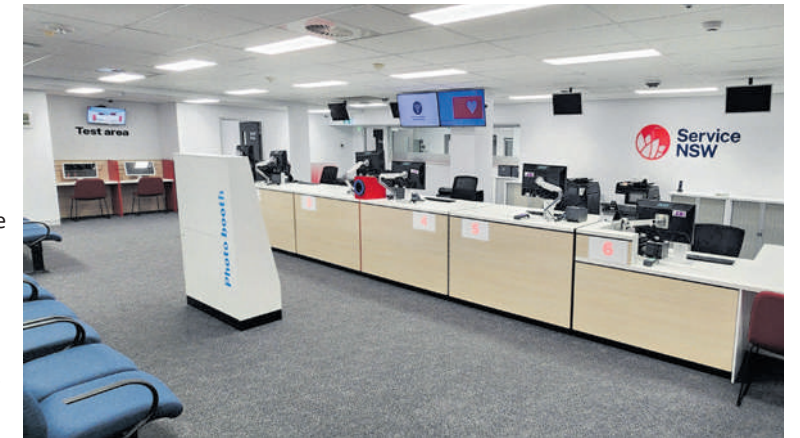
Around 80% of the centre has been transformed, with a new layout designed to enhance the customer experience and improve comfort, convenience and accessibility.

Doors have reopened with people able to receive dedicated support on 1,300 NSW Government transactions and services in the one spot.

New features include more customer seating, a dedicated meeting room for appointments, a concierge counter for Service NSW team members to guide visitors on arrival and upgraded lighting with a dimming option to ensure a lower-sensory experience during Quiet Hour.

The upgrade is part of Service NSW's state-wide refresh program which is focused on delivering better access to government services by improving the spaces where customers interact with frontline teams.

For people impacted by the recent East Coast Severe Weather events, disaster services are best accessed at Recovery Centres and Recovery Assistance Points with Service NSW team members able to assist with applying for the Personal Hardship Assistance payment and providing advice on other support.



Applications have opened for the East Coast Severe Weather Personal Hardship Assistance payment and the quickest way for eligible customers to apply is via www.service.nsw.gov.au or the Service NSW app.

Eligible individuals will receive a one-off payment of \$180 or up to \$900 per household to help cover costs such as food, clothing, medicines and emergency accommodation.

To receive in-person support on government services, Tuncurry Service NSW Centre operates Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

Service NSW Managing Director Greg Wells said, "We thank the community for their patience and understanding during the closure while the Tuncurry Service NSW Centre refurb was being completed."

"We appreciate the timing of the pre-planned work and closure may have caused some inconvenience for people particularly those impacted by the recent natural disaster but we look forward to welcoming customers back to a modern and accessible space when completing government transactions and services."

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Now in its second year, the program has already helped fund gardening education programs, rainwater reuse systems and more. Creating long-term benefits for the whole community, like at Tinonee Public School, where the P&C received a Water Wiser Grant in 2024 to install a new rainwater tank and expand the school garden (pictured).

Check the guidelines and apply before 30 June at: <https://haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/water-wiser-hub>



Refugee Week June 15-21

Great Lakes Rural Australians for Refugees

From June 15-21 Great Lakes Rural Australians for Refugees (GLRAR) will promote this year's theme for Refugee Week which is Finding Freedom; diversity in community. GLRAR will be distributing posters and sharing information about the value of refugees to our community and how by gaining employment they share vital skills from their professions and trade training.

Just one refugee story is that of Hedayat Oryan who at the age of 17 fled Afghanistan to escape the Taliban. He was smuggled across various countries before arriving in Australia by boat. After detention on Christmas Island, in 2016 Melbourne he eventually obtained permanent residency, and secured a part-time position in the construction industry.

Knowing the difficulties of refugees finding employment, he founded Community Construction, a social enterprise dedicated to employing refugees and asylum seekers. The organisation has since successfully completed over 300 projects and employees over 100 individuals.

"I receive at least five applications daily from refugees wanting employment. They are eager to work, and support their families. They do not wish to rely on Centrelink assistance, but they face unequal opportunities" stated Mr Oryan.

Community is where people find the strength to solve problems together, where their aspirations find direction and support. The challenging journey towards freedom is the only option that many refugees have



Above: Tim Prescott, Treasurer of GLRAR, at fundraising event in Tuncurry. Photo supplied.

in escaping oppression and uncertainty for safety in a new place. Every day millions of people across the world embark on dangerous journeys for the sole purpose of finding safety and freedom.

To live without the fear of war, to have your basic human rights upheld, to live in equality and without the fear of persecution are just some of the examples of what freedom can entail.

Refugee Week (June15-21) seeks to celebrate the inclusive communities across Australia that open their arms to those seeking refuge, providing forms for connection and a sense of belonging. We hope the Great Lakes community is seen as one of those inclusive communities.

Further information about GLRAR look for the Facebook page or join us at the GLRAR meetings 2pm the last Saturday of each month at St Albans Church Hall Forster.

High Tea for Rescue Helicopter

By Judi Wilkinson - GLWHS

Great Lakes Westpac Helicopter Service (GLWHS) held a very enjoyable High Tea at the Forster Arts & Craft Centre in Breese Parade on 24 May. Everyone enjoyed a delightful High Tea of lovely home cooked cakes made by the ladies of the Art & Craft Centre. Thank you ladies.

Great Raffles were on offer for the day. A beautiful painting donated by local Artist Julie Hamilton was won by Petra Ralston. Thank you to Julie. Second prize was a lovely hamper donated by Sienna from Priceline Pharmacy from Menai and won by Jess Boltitude. Thank you to Sienna.

There were 5 Lucky Door prizes on offer as well. Thank you to the ladies at the Arts & Craft Centre for a great afternoon enjoyed by all.



Above: GLWHS President Harold Astle with Petra Ralston, winner of the painting.



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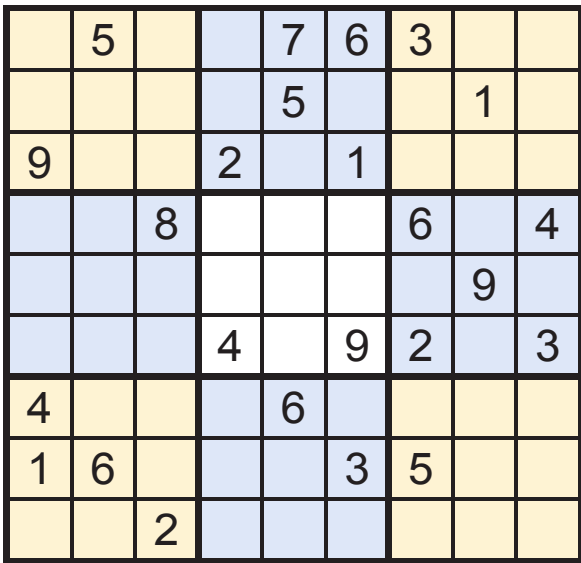


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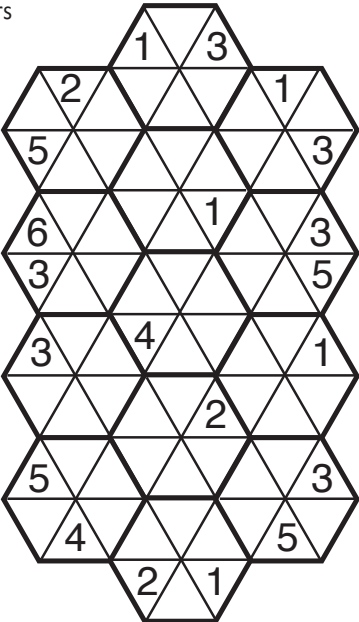
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers from 1 to 9. Each number can only appear once in each row, column and 3x3 block.

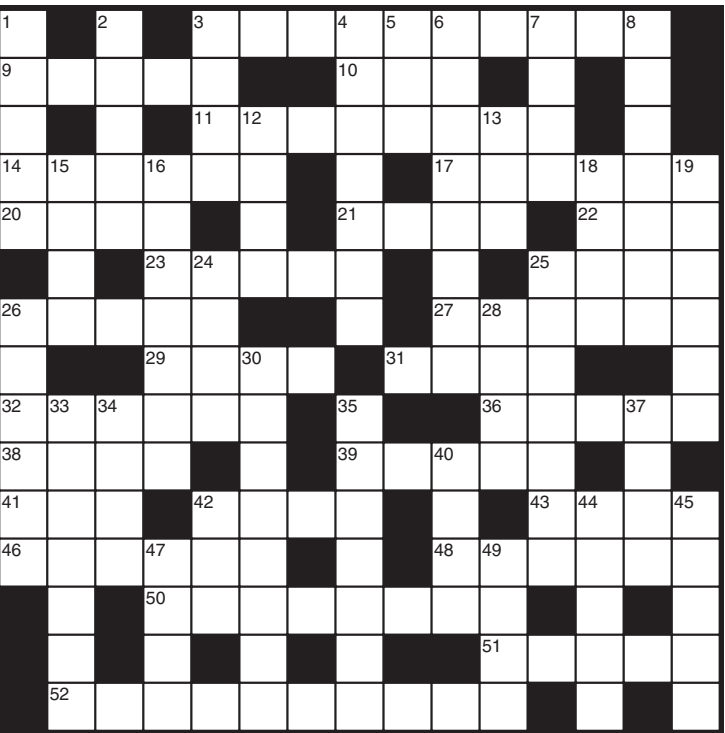


Quick Workout

Fit the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 into the hexagons so that where the hexagons touch, the numbers will be the same. No number is repeated in any hexagon.



Crossword



- ACROSS**

3 Underwater craft

9 Farewell

10 Period of time

11 Discussing

14 Apprehend

17 Oriental seaman

20 Form an opinion

21 Standard meat cut

22 United

23 Dodge

25 Fall in drops

26 Worship

27 Country

29 Minute particle

31 Former Russian ruler

32 Wanness

36 Essential

38 Greedy

39 Performed

41 Scoop up with tongue
- DOWN**

1 Summer meal

2 Bishop's headdress

3 Soapy lather

4 Rubella

5 Craft

6 Barriers

7 Finds fault constantly

8 Of the devil

12 Sicilian volcano

13 Grandmother (coll)

15 Tear

16 Gem
- ACROSS**

42 Eager

43 Dash

46 Sibling

48 Catholic prayer

50 Stirred violently

51 As before

52 Appoints
- DOWN**

11 Innermost part

19 Revoke

24 Power of rejecting

25 Mocks

26 Shocks

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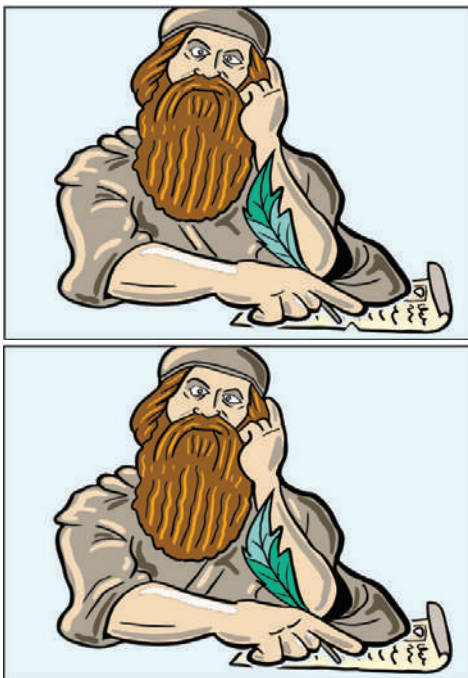
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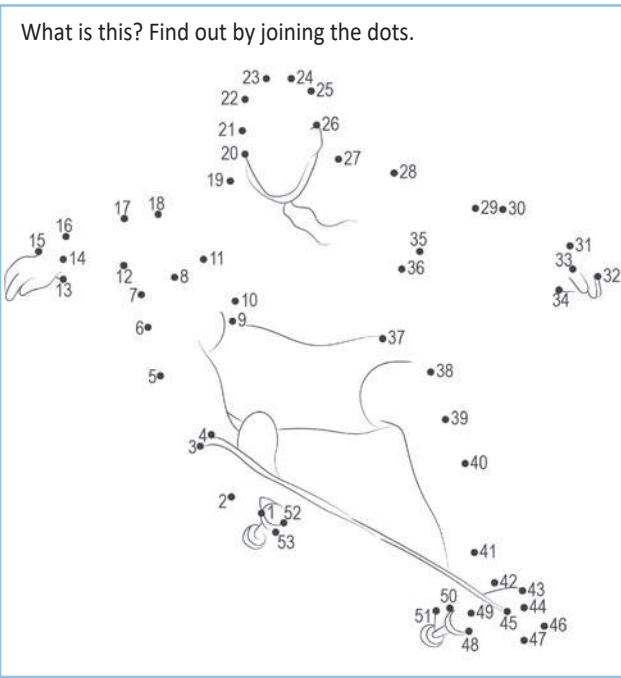
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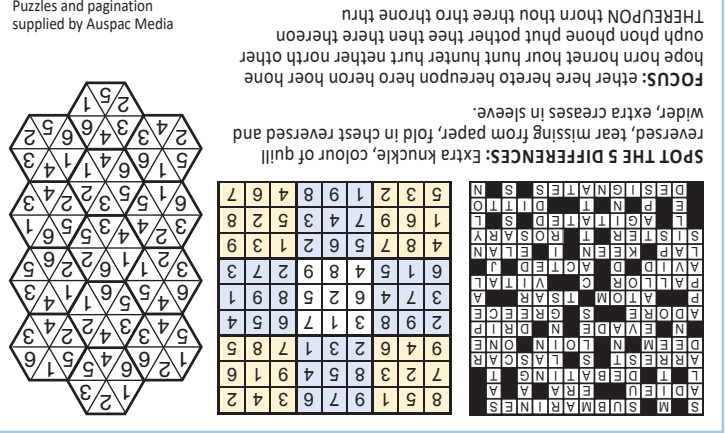
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Local Calendar

Your 'Local Calendar' lists free events. Max 4 lines. It is the responsibility of the organisation to update their information.

June

Fri 13 June - Vibe & Thrive for Youth
6 to 9pm at Forster Civic Centre. Bring your mates for a night of fun, connection, and creativity. Booking essential - see opposite pg.

Sat 21 June - Forster Farmers Market
8am to 12pm Forster Info Centre, Little St. Enquiries: Linda 0421 347 273

Sat 28 June - Tuncurry Market
8am to 1pm at John Wright Park, Tuncurry. Enquiries: Anne 0417 400 994

TUNCURRY MARKETS
John Wright Park
Saturday 28 June
8am - 1pm
Bookings Essential
Enquiries
0417 400 994

Devonshire
Tea & Crafts
21st June
Forster Civic Centre
Lake Street Forster
9:30 - 12pm

Watercolour reimagined with Julie Simmons
2 Day Workshop - 2 & 3 August 2025 - Forster Gallery

34 Lake Street, Forster
Members \$220 — non-Members \$250
Bookings: classesandworkshops
@forstergallery.org
or phone 0401 761 812

Join this well renowned watercolour artist and participate in a workshop that will be invigorating and a fun experience. Suitable for all, from beginners to more proficient painters. Just bring along your enthusiasm and preparedness to have a go!

What's on around town & beyond!

The Addams Family musical is coming!



Above: Performance of "We will Rock You" in 2023. Photo by Mary Yule.

Great Lakes College music teacher Vincent Jensen has been involved with the production of many musicals including "Back to the Future" in 2009, "Pippin" in 2011, "Disco Inferno" in 2013, "The Great Australian Rock Musical" in 2015, "Grease" in 2017 and "We Will Rock You" in 2023.

a talented cast and crew, this production promises to be an unforgettable experience for all who attend.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy The Addams Family at Great Lakes College. For more

information, please contact the college administration on 6555 0500.

(See advertisement below)

Great Lakes College Proudly Presents

The ADDAMS Family The Musical Comedy

THU 26, FRI 27 & SAT 28 JUNE
7pm Forster Campus MPH

Ticket are on sale at each Campus or can be purchased at the door each night

ADULTS \$18 **STUDENTS \$12** **FAMILY \$48**
2 Adults / 2 Children

Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice. Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa
Based on characters created by Charles Addams
By arrangement with ORIGIN Theatrical on behalf of Theatrical Rights Worldwide, New York

What's on around town & beyond!

Deadline approaching for writing competition

The deadline is approaching for the Country Press NSW 125th Anniversary Writing Awards, with entries closing on 4 July.

Short stories are free to enter in this historic competition, which commemorates a significant milestone for Australia's first and oldest print media organisation, and is being generously sponsored by national agribusiness company, Manildra Group.

Remember, if you live anywhere in country New South Wales, you are eligible to take part in this creative writing challenge.

Competition categories

- Primary school age, fictional short story up to 300 words.
- Secondary school age, fictional short story up to 750 words.
- Open adult writers, fictional short story up to 3,000 words.

Entry information & prizes!

Prizes include awards and book vouchers from 1st to 5th in all categories, and finalists will also be offered publication in their local participating Country Press NSW newspaper. Entries can be on any topic or theme, and set



in any time period, but there is one special condition: your entry must include the words, "local newspaper," as part of your story.

Judging will be carried out independently by country-based judges from the Fellowship of Australian Writers (NSW).

Download your entry form from the website and start writing today at: www.cpnsw.org.au/events



Above: The Forster Fortnightly newspaper is on the Council of Country Press NSW.

Free youth activities at Forster Civic Centre

Book your free tickets at: <https://library.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Whats-on>



Vibe & Thrive

Forster Civic Centre | Fri 13 Jun | 6:00 - 9:00pm

Get ready for an epic night made just for youth! Come hang out at the Forster Civic Centre and enjoy:

- Atrium Maker Space – unleash your creativity.
- Large Games – challenge your friends.
- Movie Rooms – chill with a film.
- Karaoke & Music Lounge – sing or vibe along.
- Open Access to Forster Library – explore, read, relax.
- Catering Kitchen Experience – help create (and eat!) delicious food.



Introduction Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Forster Civic Centre | Sat 14 Jun | 2:00 - 4:00pm

Southside Brazilian JJ Wallaby Pt | Sat 28 Jun | 2:00 - 4:00pm

Join us for a fun, active, and empowering two-hour workshop introducing young people to the fundamentals of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu!

Tattoo Illustration Workshop

Taree Library | Sat 21 Jun | 12:30 - 1:30pm

Forster Civic Centre | Sat 28 Jun | 12:30 - 1:30pm

Join us for 'Ink It Out!' A 1-hour workshop led by a talented local tattoo artist, designed especially for youth interested in exploring the art of tattoo illustration.



Baby Boomers LIVE COMEDY TRIBUTE OF MUSIC LEGENDS & MORE!

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT THE CLUB FORSTER WEBSITE

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SATURDAY, 14 JUNE 2025

Open Garden & Art Show
14th June 9.30am - 2.30 by appointment only.
12 Anne Marie Place Tuncurry

This is your last opportunity to view these beautiful art works by Ces Rodgers (dec).

Entry fee for garden and art \$5.00.
Morning tea included.

All money raised will go to assist the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

Phone Val on 0409 663 518
Ps say hello to Jack the Border Collie.

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Scott Morrison receives King’s Birthday Honours for Services to Hairdressing, Truck Driving, Welding, Cooking, Cricket, Building & Not Shooting Women

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POLITICAL SATIRE: Former Prime Minister Scott Morrison has received Australia’s highest honour, singled out for his dedication to dressing up and pretending to work.

While most award recipients specialised in a particular field or industry, Morrison stood out for his ability to play-act in any conceivable role.

“We’ve awarded honours to scientists before, but never someone who dresses up as a scientist. Cricketers, but never someone who runs on a field dressed up as a cricketer. People who help clean up after natural disasters, but never someone who flees the country during one,” a spokesperson for the awards explained.

While many recipients were recognised for their services to the community, Morrison

was the only one recognised for pretending to be of service to the community. “He really is a jackarse of all trades, master of none,” the spokesperson said.

All in all, Morrison was recognised for services to hairdressing, truck driving, welding, cooking, cricket, building, ballet, briefly sweeping basketball courts, shaking hands with people who don’t want to have their hands shaken, escaping bushfires, barrelling into young children, and not shooting women.

He was not recognised in the category of ‘hose holding’ or being Prime Minister.



Photo of Burgess Beach, Forster, after the May flood event. Photo supplied.

Letters to the Editor

‘Letter to the Editor’ is the place for our community to share their thoughts and feedback. Maximum 250 words unless prior arrangement. Material that is offensive, defamatory or overtly political will not be published. This newspaper intends to provide an opportunity of reply for any person/organisation involved before publication. The author’s name and town are required, unless specifically requested otherwise. Send your letters to info@forsterfortnightly.com.au

Urgent call for stronger action on Gaza humanitarian crisis

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where tens of thousands of innocent Palestinian civilians-women and children among them-have lost their lives due to relentless military actions. The continuous bombings, destruction of infrastructure, and restrictions on essential supplies have created an unbearable situation that demands immediate intervention from the international community.

Australia prides itself on standing for human rights, fairness, and justice, yet our government’s response to this crisis has been noticeably restrained. The Australian government must not be directed solely by external political influences, particularly when such alliances result in the continued suffering of vulnerable populations. As an independent nation with a history of advocating for global peace, we should take a firm stance against indiscriminate violence, forced displacement, and systemic oppression.

While new laws have been introduced to protect Israelis from antisemitic behaviour in

Australia, Palestinians remain unprotected against similar forms of hate speech and discrimination. This imbalance raises critical ethical concerns. Our commitment to human dignity must apply universally, not selectively.

I urge the Australian government to:

- Demand an immediate ceasefire and actively support peace negotiations.
- Increase humanitarian aid to affected Palestinian communities.
- Reevaluate our diplomatic stance and ensure our nation advocates for genuine justice rather than aligning with unchecked aggression.
- Uphold equal protections for all individuals affected by conflict, including Palestinians who face discrimination in Australia.
- Join other nations around the world in applying sanctions to Israel.

If Australia claims to stand for human rights, we must act with conviction. Looking the other way is no longer acceptable. Demand accountability and work towards an equitable resolution that prioritises lives over political interests.

Graeme Glossop - Forster

Public Hospital for Forster

The May 2025 disastrous Mid North Coast floods highlight the very serious need for a Public Hospital and Urgent Medical Clinic in Forster.

People of Forster/Tuncurry and surrounding townships were completely cut off from the Manning Base Public Hospital during the flood. This isolation is often experienced, especially in an emergency, as the Forster Tuncurry Bridge is only one lane each way. Trying to get across the bridge to the hospital can be a life or death situation.

Also, from past personal experience, when an ambulance is required in the Forster area, it is often dispatched from the Manning Base Hospital, incurring a round trip from Taree to Forster and back of approximately seventy kilometres. This is not acceptable.

The rapidly increasing population in the Forster region necessitates a public hospital.

The residents of the Forster, Pacific Palms, Seals Rock, Smith Lakes, Coomba Park, and little communities in between have been lobbying for a hospital for ten years.

Why do “the powers that be” completely ignore us? Funds can be allocated for sporting facilities, bicycle paths, walking tracks and many other amenities, but nothing for the all important health of our population.

We need a hospital now, not in another ten years. The residents have lobbied long enough - we need action now not just more conversation.

Marjorie Morgan – Forster.

Screen Reviews



TV Show Review by Georgie Yule

Andor: Disney - 2 seasons

A precursor to the well-received movie Rogue One, the must-watch TV series Andor Season 1 marks the very beginning of the Rebellion from the classic Star Wars movies. It’s a departure from the themes of chosen ones and prophecy, instead shifting to a more grounded aspect of the Star Wars universe. It bridges the gap between the end of Episode III: Revenge of the Sith and Episode IV: A New Hope.

To its strength—and occasionally its detriment—Andor is a slow burn, making the major events feel impactful, though it takes several episodes to build up to them. A particular highlight are episodes 9-10 dealing with one of the best dystopian and oppressive prisons put on film.

As one of many recent Star Wars TV shows in an arguably bloated lineup from Disney, Andor stands out due to its close ties to George Lucas’s original vision—featuring



strong political undertones and a richly lived-in universe.

Season 2 builds upon the first, expanding on already well-developed characters of all ranks on both sides of the conflict, now facing the consequences of their actions.

Andor moves beyond the traditional good-versus-evil narrative. In particular, Season 2 explores the moral grey areas—doing the wrong thing for the right reason. Is it better to help a whole planet burn to ignite the spark of a galaxy-wide rebellion, or to slowly suffocate under a tyrannical empire?

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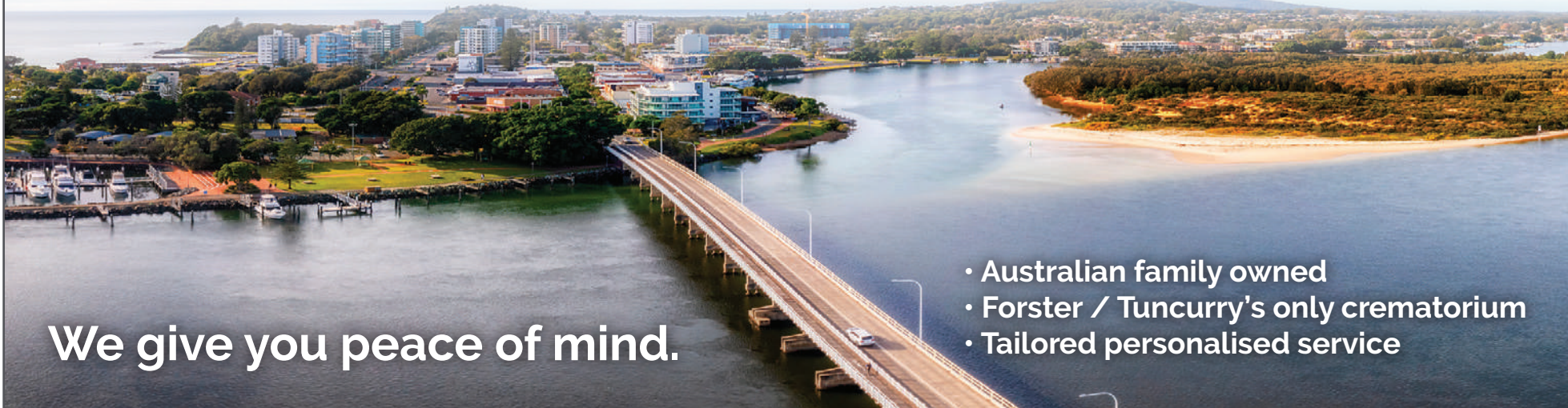
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Weekly Diary

The 'Weekly Diary' is FREE to promote community group information. Max 4 lines. It is the responsibility of the organisation to keep their information current.

Mondays

Alcoholics Anonymous

12pm Women's Meeting, Daily Reflections Uniting Church Hall - Cnr Macintosh & Lake St, Forster 1300 222 222

Al-Anon Family Groups

Does someone you love drink too much? 7.30pm Salvation Army Hall, South St, Tuncurry. Contact: 1300 252 666

Boomerang Bags Forster Tuncurry

9:30am -12:30pm every second Monday Tuncurry Memorial Hall
Ring Leonie Dowell 0430 623 332

Club Forster Travel Club

Meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month 2pm Wallis Lake room, Club Forster
Contact Mal Prewett 0455 157 785

Coomba Fitness Group: Meets at Coomba Aquatic Club, Summer 8 to 9am, Autumn & Spring 8:30 to 9:30am, and Winter 9 to 10am. All levels welcome. Contact Lindy 0415392554

Family History Advisory Group Volunteers

available Mon, Wed & Fri 2pm - 4pm and Tues & Thurs 10am - 12 pm, Family History room at Forster Library. Email: familyhistory@gmail.com

Forster Hospital Pink Ladies

Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month Forster Palms Motel at 1.30 pm. Afternoon tea afterwards. Contact Cathy Cook 0429 265 656.

Forster Tuncurry Lions Club

Meetings held 3rd Monday each month. Club Forster 6:30 for 7pm Dinner.
Contact President Sue Newton 0418 607 292

Forster Tuncurry Men's Shed Inc.

48 Midge Orchid Rd Darrawank
Open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
Contact Richard 6515 2249

1st Forster Tuncurry Scout Group Cub Section

Scout Hall Cnr Lake & McIntosh Sts Forster, Mondays 5 - 6.30pm for 8 - 11 years. Enquiries: leanne.richardson@nsw.scouts.com.au

Forster Tuncurry Seniors

Breeze Parade Forster
Carpet Bowls 12.45 – 3:45pm
Contact 6505 2686

Girl Guides Forster Tuncurry

Mondays 5:15pm - 7pm school terms. Ages 7yrs+. Fun, friends, adventure. 2 free visits. 34A Lake St Forster. Enquiries 0403 131 810

Great Lakes Evening VIEW Club Meetings held 4th Monday of the month with 6:30pm dinner at Sporties. Phone Pat 6554 5466

Great Lakes Ladies Probus Club 4th Monday of the Month 10am Forster Bowling Club Contact Sandra 0478 609 258

Great Lakes Vietnam Veterans Association

Email: vvagiforster@gmail.com

Manning Great Lakes Parkinson's Support Group

Last Monday of the month 1.30pm Club Forster.
Contact Ken, 0427 021 877, Phil 0439 418 478

Mixed Social Tennis

Monday 9 - 11am at Tuncurry Sporties courts, Beach St. Contact Danny 0409 549 799

Quota Club of Forster Tuncurry

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday each month Club Forster. Lunch 12.30pm
Meeting 1.30pm, Enquiries 6555 7219

Tennis Forster

Every Monday 8.30am - 11.30am Mixed Organised Social Forster Tennis Club, Lake Street. Enquiries: Jaime 6554 9120

The Man Walk

- walk, talk and support Meet 7am Mondays at the Rock Pool, Tuncurry. BBQ/soup once a month.
Contact Steve Rogers 0407 200 615

Tuesdays

Alcoholics Anonymous

8pm I.D. Meeting at Community Centre Hall, behind Reccy car park, 3957 The Lakes Way, Pacific Palms 1300 222 222

Club Forster Social Dance Club

Every Tuesday we have Learn to Dance 6-7pm then Social Dance 7-9pm.
Contact Mark 0412 384 077

Coomba Park Tennis Club

Every Tuesday 4 - 6pm Mixed Social Tennis
Enquiries: Text Melissa 0403 309 807

Forster Shores Combined Probus Meeting

Held 3rd Tuesday of the month, 2pm Sporties Club, Tuncurry. To attend contact Col Jay on 0448 918 645 and Linda Lovell 0447 473 510.

Forster Tuncurry Radio Sailing Club

Tuncurry Racecourse Lake – 1pm
Contact Bruce 0466 153 616

1st Forster Tuncurry Scout Group Venturer

Meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club at 4pm.
Contact Lorraine 0410 588 736

Great Lakes Prostate Cancer Support Group.

Fourth Tuesday of every month 7pm Club Forster.
Email: jipatchwood@gmail.com

Hallidays Point Combined Probus Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month 10.00am at Black Head Surf Life Saving Club
To attend contact Ian Campbell 0417 928 791

Hallidays Point Surfing Mums

Meet every Tuesday 10:30am at Black Head Beach near surf club.
Enquiries: Vanessa on 0452 247 440

Pacific Palms Probus Club

Meets second Tuesday each month at Pacific Palms Recreation Club, 9.30 for 10.00am start, Feb to Nov. Ring Jim on 0418 201 167

Pickleball Tuncurry

9:30am at tennis courts behind Sporties.
Enquiries: Sonia 0427 309 032.

Rotary Club of Lower Midcoast

Meet 6pm on first and third Tuesday of each month at Sporties, Tuncurry.
Call Lance Fletcher 0409 850 671.

The Coomba Mens Shed

Open Every Tuesday 8.30am - 12pm 86 Moorrooba Rd, Coomba Park.
Contact Warren Arnold 0407 721 604

Wallis Lake Dining Group

We dine out on the 1st Tuesday of the Month at various restaurants.
Please call Jim Peters on 0418 201 167

Wallis Lake Tourers Travel Club Inc.

Meet 10am 2nd Tuesday of the month Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club
Enquiries Kayleen 0416 184 684.

Wednesdays

Alcoholics Anonymous

9am, As Bill Sees It Meeting Girl Guides Hall - Opp Council Playing Fields Lake St, Forster 1300 222 222

Alcoholics Anonymous

8pm, I.D. Meeting at Salvation Army Hall 7 South Street, Tuncurry 1300 222 222

Club Forster Table Tennis

Each week new players welcomed. 6 - 9pm. Contact Harold 5591 7133 or Bruce 0414 532 496

Coomba Fitness Group:

Meets at Coomba Aquatic Club, Summer 8 to 9am, Autumn & Spring 8:30 to 9:30am, and Winter 9 to 10am. All levels welcome. Contact Lindy 0415392554

Dementia Information drop in at Forster Library

4th Wed of the month 9.30 - 11.30am. Speak with local Dementia Alliance representative on local services.

Forster Digital Photographic Club (FDPC)

Meets third Wednesday each month, 7pm in the Wallis Lake Room at Club Forster, Strand Street, Forster. Enquiries: Keith 0468 351 107

Forster Tuncurry Evening View Club

Meet Second Wednesday of each month 6.00pm for 6.30pm Club Forster
Contact Lorraine Tilley 0408 055 109

Forster Tuncurry Men's Shed Inc.

48 Midge Orchid Rd Darrawank
Open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
Contact Richard 6515 2249

Great Lakes Breast Cancer Support Group

Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club at 4pm.
Contact Lorraine 0410 588 736

Great Lakes Historic Automobile Club Inc.

Meets first Wednesday every month at 7pm Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club
Visitors are welcome. Laurie 0402 315 215

Great Lakes Knit and Spin

Every Wednesday 10am – 12pm, Forster Civic Centre, Wallamba room. Enquiries Kayleen 0416 184 684.

Great Lakes Suicide Prevention Network

Meet third Wednesday of every month at 6pm Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club & on zoom. Email greatlakesspn2428@gmail.com for details.

Green Bikes Community Workshop

Open 12 - 3pm. Supplying parts & free help with bike problems. Tuncurry transfer station. Budding mechanics welcome. 0458 809 975

Hallidays Point Men's Shed

Meet 9am to 2pm in premises behind Community Church, 27 Diamond Beach Rd. Enquiries: Stephen Cox 0418 146 067

One Mile Beach Dunecare

Every Wednesday, 8:30am Carpark at Collendina Park, Beach end of Strand Street
Contact Mark Linton 0402 045 718

Seaside Heritage Quilters meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10am – 2pm at the Masonic Hall, Lake St, Forster. New members welcome.

Social Tenpin Bowling

Forster Entertainment centre
Wednesdays 10am
Contact Jamie 0431766582

The Sunrise Club

Meet 6am every Wednesday at South One Mile for men to connect, talk and support.
Enquiries: Heath on 0410 519 825.Twin Towns Tennis Club

8am Mixed Social and 7pm Night Comp

every Wednesday. Capel St Tuncurry.
Contact Ellise 0411 476 063.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Forster Tuncurry Group
First Wednesday of the month, 3pm Sporties Tuncurry. Enquiries: Ruth 0434 234 511

Thursdays

Al-Anon Family Groups

Does someone you love drink too much? Help is available! 12.30pm Uniting Church, Cnr South & Bent St, Tuncurry. Contact: 1300 252 666

Codependents Anonymous

Difficulty maintaining relationships? 5.30 - 7pm Uniting Church, Tuncurry. www.codependentsanonymous.org.au

Coomba Mens Shed

Open every Thursday 8.30am-12pm. 86 Moorrooba Rd, Coomba Park.
Contact Warren Arnold 0407 721 604

Forster District Combined Probus Club

9.45am First Thursday of every month (except January) Club Forster. Contact Jacqui Costello 0410 662 671

Forster Keys Progress Association

Dad's Army/Navy volunteer clean-up Every Thursday 7am - 9am, Community Hall 36A Elizabeth Pde. Contact: Brian 6555 5076

1st Forster Tuncurry Scout Group Joey Section

Scout Hall Cnr Lake & McIntosh Sts Forster, Thursdays 5 - 6 pm for 5 to 8 years.
Contact: leanne.richardson@nsw.scouts.com.au

1st Forster Tuncurry Scout Group Scout Section

Scout Hall Cnr Lake & McIntosh Sts Forster, Thurs 6.30 - 8.30pm for 11 - 14 years.
Contact: leanne.richardson@nsw.scouts.com.au

Great Lakes Concert Band

Rehearses Thursdays 5-7pm at Club Forster in Cape Hawke Room. New players very welcome. Enquiries: Lynne 0488 146 915

Great Lakes & Manning Stroke Recovery Club

We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday of month. New members and visitors are most welcome. Contact can be made by ringing 1300 650 594.

Great Lakes Vietnam Veterans Association

Email: vvagiforster@gmail.com

Lodge Forster Great Lakes United

Meets third Thursday of the month 7pm at the Lodge Hall, 27 Lake Street
Enquiries: Bob Mackinnon on 0437 854 466

Knit and Knatter

1st Thursday of the month 1-3pm, Tuncurry Community of Christ, 4 Manning Street
Tuncurry. Contact Wendy Ballard 0411 036 171

Mens Social Tennis

Thursday 9 - 11am at Tuncurry Sporties courts, Beach St. Contact Danny 0409 549 799

Tennis Forster

Every Thursday 12.30pm – 4pm Men's Organised Social Forster Tennis Club, Lake Street. Enquiries: Jaime 6554 9120

Twin Towns Tennis Club

8am Mixed Social every Thursday, Capel St
Tuncurry. Contact Ellise 0411 476 063.

Fridays

Alcoholics Anonymous

1pm, I.D. Meeting at Masonic Lodge Hall - 27 Lake Street, Forster 1300 222 222

Coomba Fitness Group: Meets at Coomba Aquatic Club, Summer 8 to 9am, Autumn & Spring 8:30 to 9:30am, and Winter 9 to 10am. All levels welcome. Contact Lindy 0415392554

Forster Country Women's Association (CWA)

3rd Friday of the Month, 10am to 11:30am Coolonglook Room at Forster Civic Centre, Lake Street. Contact: Annette 0411 028 857

Forster Tuncurry Men's Shed Inc.

48 Midge Orchid Rd Darrawank
Open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
Contact Richard 6515 2249

Forster Tuncurry Red Cross

1st Friday of the month at 10:30am. Please contact Janet on 0413 799 543 to find out new venue.

Forster Tuncurry Seniors

Breeze Parade Forster
Carpet Bowls 9:15 - 12pm & Games 1pm - 4pm
Contact 6505 2686

Ladies Social Tennis

Fridays 9 -11am at Sporties Tennis Club, Beach St Tuncurry.
Enquiries: Yvonne on 0418 422 392

Pickleball Tuncurry

9:30am at tennis courts behind Sporties.
Enquiries: Sonia Rockley 0427 309 032

Tuncurry Beach Dunecare

Every Friday, 8:30am Barry Stonham Park, Rockpool Road, adjacent to new playground
Contact Mark Linton 0402 045 718

Twin Towns Tennis Club

8.30am Mixed Social every Friday, Capel St
Tuncurry. Contact Ellise 0411 476 063.

Wallis Lake History Group

1st Friday of the Month, 1.30pm Great Lakes Room, Club Forster, Strand St. World History by Members. Call Jim Peters on 0418 201 167

Saturdays

Alcoholics Anonymous

9.30am, Steps and Traditions Girl Guides Hall - Opp Council Playing Fields Lake St, Forster 1300 222 222

Club Forster Table Tennis

Each week new players welcomed. 12:45 - 3pm. Contact Harold 5591 7133 or Bruce 0414 532 496

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Community Meals & Pantry



Above: (L-R) Volunteers Jenny Medland and Cathy Footit at Tuncurry Community Brunch.

Tuncurry Community Brunch

All are welcome to our sit-down Community 'Brunch' Mondays 9:15 - 9:45am.

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Enquiries: Tamara Clarke 0412 962 144 or Bret Clarke 0407 483 070 or see our Facebook.

Tuncurry Community Morning Tea & Lunch

Every Friday the TUNCURRY SALVATION CHURCH at 7 South Street is serving Community Morning Tea & Lunch.

10:30am - Doors open for cake & coffee, place names for produce market.

11am - Produce Market, \$5 bag of staples & meal ingredients are available.

11:30am to 1pm - Lunch served

Enquiries: Pastors Nicole & Tony Bezzina on 6554 6101. www.facebook.com/Forstersalvos

Forster Community Lunches

The Forster Community Kitchen is serving lunches to the community Monday to Thursday 12 - 1pm.

All are welcome. Lunches are served in the CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL located behind the Catholic Parish at 33 Lake Street, Forster.

People can also bring a bag and choose which food items they would like to take home from the produce tables.

Enquiries: Volunteer Coordinator Meg Norling on 0409 840 054 or the CatholicCare Office on 6539 5900.

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Local Identity – Georg Fiebig

Interview by Vanda Gooley

Georg Fiebig is an architect living in Forster who has been involved in community infrastructure projects overseas for more than 20 years. He is a humanitarian, humble, kind and compassionate and mixes his overseas projects with his passion for travel and adventure. Personally, I think Georg is a bit of an adrenalin junkie.

Georg was born on in 1966 in Singen am Hohentwiel to parents Almut and Jochen Fiebig. They had moved from the industrial area of western Germany to beautiful Lake Constance, situated close to the Swiss border in southern Germany.

Georg's father was a maths and physics teacher at a local boarding school, while his mother was running the creche at the same school. Georg was number four of five children born close together with three older sisters and one younger brother spaced over 5 and a half years.

Growing up with four siblings, Georg was apparently the knight always looking out for his sisters, "much to their consternation!" Georg's wife, Suzanne, and his sisters say that he was typically the spoilt son in the family "as I was such a charmer!" The family moved to Cairo for 8 years when Georg was 9 years old for his father to take up a teaching position at the German school there. It was a cultural experience that bonded and cemented the Fiebig family together. Georg loved building things and playing tennis and hanging out with his Egyptian and expat friends. As a family they would immerse themselves in Egypt's ancient history, go on camping trips into the desert and loved singing and playing classical music. Georg and his brother competed in athletics and would represent their school in sports in Greece, among other places. Their parents ran dancing classes for the local school and they had fun and were always busy. Georg finished school back at Lake Constance in Germany before doing an apprenticeship as a cabinet maker.

Living in other cultures and travelling has always been part of Georg's life. As such, it is probably not surprising that on one fine morning in February 1993, Georg ran into this colourful marine biologist from Australia in Zanzibar's historic stone town in Tanzania, while on a 6 weeks study tour there! Suzanne, who was working in a marine park on the uninhabited island of Chumbe 10km off the shore of Zanzibar, fascinated Georg with her endless energy and passion for nature conservation and probably also her exotic homeplace Australia. It was not long before they got married in Melbourne in April 1994, returning to Chumbe Island shortly after as a married couple, where Georg was in charge of building the eco-tourism resort. Georg had designed it as a student project, while Suzanne was looking after the marine park-side of things. Chumbe Island has received numerous international tourist awards and was twice finalist of the prestigious Aga Khan Award for Architecture.

The first time Georg came to Australia was just two weeks before his and Suzanne's wedding, in Melbourne, travelling from Germany on



Above: Georg (on left) with wife Suzanne (far right) on a project field visit in the Waghan Corridor in northern Afghanistan in 2019.

Olympic Airways via Athens, Bangkok and Sydney. Georg's first impression of Australia was an airport worker dressed in long white socks, King Gees, and black shoes. The 8 weeks which followed were filled with meeting new relatives and friends, grasping the vastness of Australia, getting married and taking off on a honeymoon to Western Australia.

After completing the Chumbe Island project, Suzanne worked as project manager for WWF (World Wildlife Fund) in a marine conservation project on a remote island archipelago in Mozambique in southern Africa. Georg was continuing his architectural studies in Germany, travelling back and forth from Germany to Mozambique. Their oldest son, Kaspar, was born in 1997 in Durban in South Africa, which was a 2.5 days drive away from where they lived in Mozambique, but it had the closest hospital Suzanne felt comfortable giving birth at.

In 1998 they moved back to Germany for Georg to finish his degree and where their second son, Kristian was born in late 1998 and then Alexander, on the last day of the year 2000. With three young boys in tow they relocated to Jakarta, Indonesia in 2001 from where Georg managed a health project in West Timor for a German consulting firm. As a young architect it was a very formative time, travelling regularly to hospital construction sites on several small islands.

As the next project which Georg was meant to manage in Malawi in southern Africa, did not come to fruition in time, Suzanne decided in mid 2002 to spend some time in Australia, especially as Kaspar had reached school age and was eager to start schooling. What better place to come to than Forster, especially as Suzanne's parents had retired here from Melbourne a few years earlier? At that time, Georg was not 'ready' to settle in Australia, especially as he had a permanent job at the consulting firm. It was not long though, before

Suzanne called Georg from Forster to let him know that she had found a design job for him in Taree! It took a bit of convincing, but once he had decided, he rerouted their container, which was meant to go to Malawi, to Sydney. The final destination was Underwood Road in Forster! "In hindsight this move was probably one of the best things we did as

a young family, considering the amazing community we became part of so quickly through kindergarten, school, nippers, church, canoeing, soccer and springboard diving, to name a few."

It was 26th of December 2004, when the Fiebigs were having afternoon tea at Georg's brother-in-law's farm near Warren, when they heard the news about the devastating tsunami in South and Southeast Asia. At the time, Georg had no idea how significant this event would become in shaping his career. Just weeks later, Georg received an email from the German Development Bank asking if he was available to travel to Banda Aceh, Indonesia, to help set up a German housing reconstruction program in response to the disaster (Banda Aceh suffered waves of up to 20-30m which swept through the city destroying more than 60% of its buildings and killing an estimated 61,000 – around 25% of the population.) This visit to Banda Aceh marked the beginning of a new chapter: over the next year or so, Georg regularly travelled between Australia and Banda Aceh, supporting the initial planning and community outreach for the housing initiative.

Georg had the opportunity to work alongside former colleagues from the West Timor hospital project, and together they spent long days—often 12 to 14 hours—visiting affected villages and speaking to community members, designing houses and coordinating efforts with more than 100 other organizations involved in the rebuilding effort.

Right: Karachi, Pakistan 2011.



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A very challenging time in Georg's professional career was the change of Government in Afghanistan in 2021, when suddenly the Taliban took over, considering the uncertainty surrounding the new de facto Government. At that time, Georg worked together with 10 Afghan colleagues on an urban redevelopment project in Kabul and in community projects the northern provinces. Close to four years later, especially the situation of women continues to be extremely challenging. "We are thankful that we can continue to support communities in need".

In the past 20 years Georg's international work has taken him to over 30 countries and many amazing places, some of which he would have probably never visited otherwise, including Mauritania (Northwest Africa), Iraq, Burkina Faso (West Africa), South Sudan, the Congo and some countries in Central Asia.

Most memorable moments were probably things we take for granted in Australia, but which mean the world for some of the community members: "when a woman approached us after the opening of a small primary school in southern Pakistan saying that she never thought that her children would go to school to learn, and the desperation the lady must have gone through wanting the best for her children, or the communities in the Wakhan corridor in northern Afghanistan who knew that giving their children water to drink from the water scheme built would not make their children sick, as was usually the case, when the snow melt started in spring, turning the water brown."

What keeps Georg going? "I guess it is the humanity shown by the many people of different cultures, religions and ethnicities, which I have met working and travelling." Georg is inspired by the hard-working rural

communities. In most cases they just require some initial capital investment to build a rural farm-to-market, road or an irrigation channel but then take over knowing, that these infrastructures mean life to them. "No matter what the media reports and what we are exposed to on a daily basis, I still believe that the outmost majority of people are positive."

Lately, Georg's international work and travel has not left him with much time for local architectural work, though over the years he has designed some residences and other facilities in the Forster area such as Cape Hawke Surf Club on One Mile Beach. "Once I hang up my travel boots, I might get back to it."

Besides tennis and sailing Georg always liked cycling. "I remember extended cycling tours through Corsica and Ireland on my granddad's 3-speed steel bike." It was the Forster Adventure Race however, which infected Georg with the cycling bug and led him to explore nearly every off-road cycling track or pathway possible in the local area. The Tuesday and Thursday mountain bike rides around Forster and Tuncurry, with an enthusiastic group (called The Missing Links) started more than 20 years ago, still attract riders every week and Georg is certainly part of it, when home.

Whenever possible, Georg takes a bicycle on his overseas trips. Over the years he has had many amazing encounters with local communities and formed long-term friendships with other riders. "Riding a bicycle through a misty forest in Rwanda, navigating the chaotic morning traffic in Kathmandu or descending a high-altitude remote mountain pass in Tajikistan are experiences which I would not want to miss." In the past years Georg has participated in a few cycling events including the Peaks Challenge in the Victorian Alps, (one of the world's toughest rides – 235km with 4000m of climbing and a deadline of 13 hours) the 1000km Race around Rwanda and last year's Cape Epic in South Africa, which is known as the Tour de France of mountain biking. While he never makes the podium, it is the camaraderie amongst the riders, completing the challenge ahead and just being out there, which makes Georg keep attacking new adventures.

Exploring the world continues to be Suzanne's and Georg's passion, especially as their sons have now left home. During COVID George and

Suzanne bought a camper van in Germany and shipped it to South Africa. Last year they travelled with the 'mobile office' from Cape Town in South Africa to Nairobi in Kenya. They stopped for a few days here and there, when reports needed to be written or online workshops attended. Their ultimate goal is to take the mobile office to Pakistan, where most of their colleagues are based, with the exact route yet to be decided.

"Despite all the excitement of travelling, there is nothing better than stepping off a plane at Sydney airport smelling the eucalyptus and inhaling the salt spray once back at One Mile Beach, and being home." The regular coming and going also had the 'downside' that it was hard to participate in regular events such as tennis comp, book club or orchestra not to mention missing some of the kids' performances and sport events at school. Over the years Georg has learned to deal with the question 'How long are you home for?' Whilst it initially irritated him, he now understands that it only shows the caring of our amazing community.

Testimony about Georg, from longtime friend Rob Marlow.

"I am fortunate to know Georg, a kind and compassionate guy working to improve the lives of others in countries where aid is desperately needed. Georg's work often takes him to remote areas where he provides support in the form of education, healthcare, and sustainable resources. His dedication to improving the lives of people he encounters is truly inspiring.

In addition to his work in humanitarian aid, Georg is an avid and very capable cyclist. He has travelled across the world cycling through



Above: During a project visit in northern Benin with colleague Linda in 2023.

diverse landscapes - from rugged mountains to bustling city streets. I recall riding the Stelvio Pass in Italy with Georg in 2023. Whilst I was touring on an e-bike, Georg joined me for the day and only had his wife Suzanne's e-bike available to ride. Undaunted, he removed the battery and climbed to the summit at 2,757m on this rather heavy bike, a true testament to his endurance and strength, and all with a smile on his face.

Georg sees each new country as an opportunity to explore and connect with local communities, whether by teaching them about sustainable living or simply lending a hand in times of need, leaving a lasting positive impact wherever he goes."

Testimony from Gerard Tuckerman, longtime friend.

"Long before I met Georg about 20 years ago, I had heard much about this enthusiastic guy from Green Point, such was the influence and reputation of this man. People would ask if I knew him, as they thought that we would get along. There were stories of this chirpy chap riding around with the cycling group with a baby seat on the back and easily keeping up and breaking hearts of seasoned riders. I had also heard about this adventurous globetrotting architect who ventured into developing countries to help them rebuild and establish sustainable development outcomes.

Sometime later when I was introduced to Georg, we connected very quickly through his many interesting and adventurous stories and sense of humour. We were soon catching up on a regular basis, joining him on mountain bike rides through the forests of Wallingat or having lunches and dinners together to discuss his latest work missions to places like Tajikistan, Madagascar, Mozambique and Kenya. When he is away, we travel vicariously with him around the globe through his regular messages and photos. A few years back we met up at Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe whilst we were traveling as he was working across the river in Zambia. We got absolutely soaked walking around the falls and then enjoyed a meal at the Victoria Falls Hotel.

The international nature of Georg's work means he is a part time resident of Forster. You don't see him for months sometimes, then a few hours after landing back in Forster he would turn up at Beach Bums after his morning mountain bike ride, full of energy and good humour."



Above: The Fiebig family in Lamu Kenya in 2024 with (L-R) Suzanne, Ella (Alexander's wife), son Alexander, Georg, son Kaspar, Sara (Kaspar's wife) and son Kristian.

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The beautiful camping reserve with grassy flats, shaded by palms and gum trees is situated at the foot of Pilot Hill, adjoining the ocean beach and alongside the shores of Wallis Lake. From this reserve were outstanding views of the lake, ocean and distant hills and the glorious sunset views being a lifetime memory. This reserve was controlled by the Forster Urban Area Committee and a caretaker was in attendance.

The business houses in the town centre included the Colony, picture theatre, dance casino and cafes. Housie was conducted by the Manning District Ambulance with the Forster RSL also offering good prizes with dawn dances

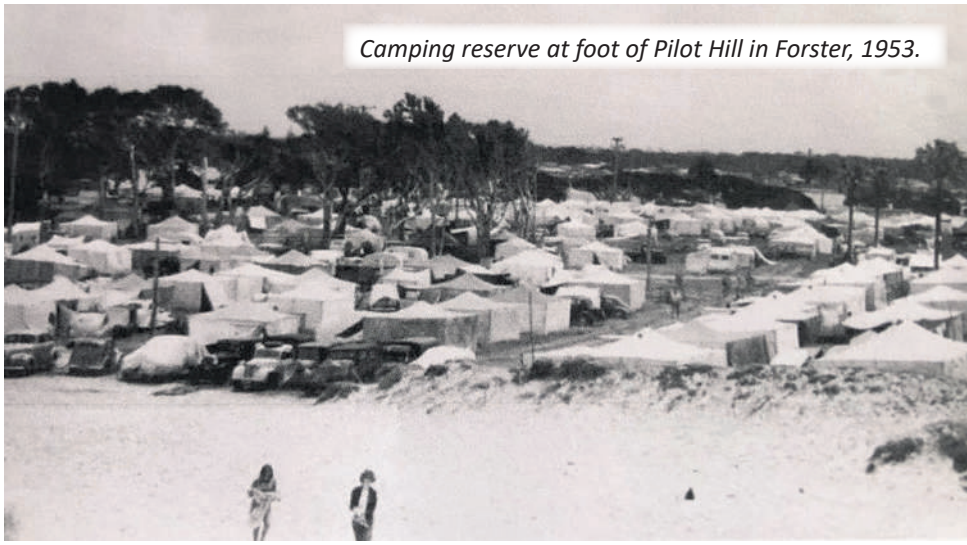
being held at the School of Arts attracting a large attendance.

The attractions operated late into the night with swift trade due to the camping area having 2,500 people under canvas and caravans. The caretaker Mr Myers stated that the crowd was orderly and at night by 10pm silence had fallen over the area.

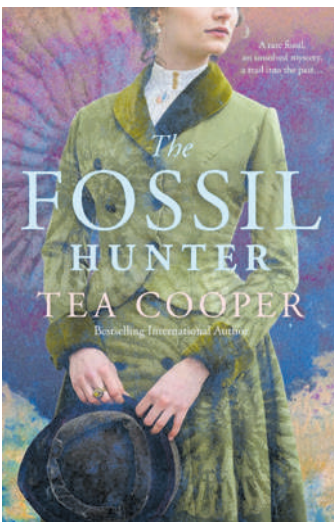
Two ferries were bought into use to handle the vehicular traffic, operating as a shuttle alleviating queues on both sides of the crossing. The Alma G 11, also ferried passengers across the lake for a small fee and a lot of fun.

Forster Tuncurry with its fishing, swimming and boating was the complete holiday package for the tourists.

Great Lakes Museum - 1 Capel St, Tuncurry. Opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-1pm, Sunday 1pm-3pm



1919. Penelope Jane (PJ) Martindale has been an ambulance driver in WW1. Her two brothers have died in the war. She seeks to uncover a mystery about her brothers' fascination with fossils from the Gorge. She returns with her American boyfriend, also an ambulance driver, to Wollombi where



her father is the area's doctor. Why, being underage, did they join up without their father's permission and her father blames her? Why is the old house near the gorge seemingly unoccupied except for a small part of it? What happened to the original occupants who suddenly disappeared in 1847 leaving the house as if they were to return the next day? Rumours continue to swirl around the local community about bunyips and disappearing girls and young ladies. Yet she knows that Anthea Winstanley is buried in Lyme Regis in England.

She fossicks. Not all bones, however, are fossils as PJ finds out. It is a further mystery to unravel.

Pacific Palms Community Library is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to noon, and at the Pacific Palms Market Sundays (last Sunday of month) 9am to 1pm.

Book Review

John King - Pacific Palms Community Library

The Fossil Hunter

Bow Wow Gorge really exists - in the Kurri Kurri, Wollombi, Mt Vincent area. It is a haven for marine fossils dating from the Permian Age when the area was underwater and is on the Register of the National Estate. Photographs on Google Earth show the gorge is indeed a fascination place with Bow Wow creek running through it and the eroded sandstone layers showing the sand and silt build-up over millennia. Visitors are not encouraged. Tea Cooper, however, got special permission to go there; it is the centrepiece of her novel The Fossil Hunter. Cooper is an Australian author setting this and other historical novels in this area. The book moves back and forward between 1847 and 1919.

1847. Anthea Winstanley and her husband have established a property near the gorge well known for its fossils. It is her ambition to find a fossilised ichthyosaur. After her husband's death, she now looks forward to the annual visits from the Wollombi doctor's daughters and their friends for fossicking in the gorge. The doctor's wife sends with them, Mellie, a young girl in her care whose father has disappeared. Where is he? When will he return?

The daughters torment Mellie calling her bawk bawk and flapping their arms as wings. Rumours abound of a bunyip that snatches girls and young women adding to her terror. Mellie soon finds a rapport with Anthea and a fascination with fossils not least as a respite from the daughters' sniping. The daughters return home to Wollombi but Anthea and Mellie disappear adding to the rumours in the area.

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Let's continue standing strong for our farming community.



Council meeting - 4 June 2025

MidCoast Council

Authorisation of emergency expenditure: May 2025 flood event

Council will redirect funds from the general, water, waste and sewer funds to help with the extensive clean up and restoration works following the recent flood event.

\$2.5 million will come from the general fund, \$7.5 million from the waste management fund and \$1 million each from the water and sewer funds.

Councillors also provided the General Manager the delegation to authorise expenditure up to \$2 million for flood related procurement for the period up to 28 February 2026, with any use of this extra delegation to be reported to a council meeting.

Much of the expenditure will be reimbursed through approved natural disaster funding and insurance policies, however it will take some time for that to occur.

Emergency works – Wingham water supply

Urgent work will take place to restore the damaged section of the water pipeline that crosses the Manning River between Bootawa Dam and Wingham reservoirs.

This pipeline was damaged during the May flood and resulted in parts of the Wingham community being without water for up to six

days while alternative arrangements were made to get water supplied to the Wingham reservoirs.

Funding of \$4.1 million will be allocated to the project from the water fund and approval provided to proceed without going to open tender based on the urgency of the work and the risk to the ongoing water supply if the pipeline is not replaced. The General Manager was delegated authority to negotiate and enter into contracts with contractors and subcontractors to complete the work as quickly as possible.

Tender for Forster Pelican Boardwalk extension

The tender for the boardwalk extension work has been awarded to GPM Marine Constructions.

The boardwalk will be extended by 130 metres to the east and aims to enhance accessibility, improve safety and minimise environmental impact while supporting non-motorised watercraft access through the inclusion of a kayak launching system.

Events & Festivals Sponsorship: Round 1, 2025

A total of 23 applicants will receive a combined \$51,750 to go towards running events within the local government area.

Need for Feed Australia

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Farmers going through this May flood event are going to be in desperate need for feed for their animals. We are in Winter so farmers can't grow feed to have to graze for the animals until October at the earliest. We need Australia's support to help the farmers get on their feet to do what they do best.

If you have good quality fodder to donate, we will go virtually anywhere to pick it up, just let us know at: www.needforfeed.org/fodder-donations.html

If you would like support our efforts financially you can make a tax deductible donation at: www.needforfeed.org/donate.html

And of course if you're a flood affected farmer on the NSW east coast you can register for help at: www.needforfeed.org/apply-for-assistance.html



From experience with the 2021 floods in the same area, the need was great and the relief effort was prolonged. We ended up sending around 250 loads over a 3 to 4 month period while people got back on their feet.

It was a different situation back then in that the rest of the country was in pretty good shape and there was the donated feed to go around.

This time much of south east Australia is in drought and our resources are already stretched keeping up with that and the previous floods.

Need for Feed Australia is a project of Lions Clubs. Supporting our Farmers and Rural Communities in Times of Need since 2006. 100% of all donations go to assist those

Sikh Volunteers Australia

Sikh Volunteers Australia

On 30 May, Sikh Volunteers Australia stated:

"We are heading back to Melbourne tomorrow.

As we prepare for Day 8 - our final day of service in Taree, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. Over the past seven days, Sikh Volunteers Australia has had the honour of serving warm meals to the flood-affected communities across the Mid Coast.

To the beautiful people of Taree and the wider Mid Coast community—thank you. Your resilience and kindness have inspired us deeply."



Above: Urgent work will take place to restore the damaged section of the water pipeline that crosses the Manning River between Bootawa Dam and Wingham reservoirs.

Community donations program

Ten MidCoast organisations will receive combined total donation of \$33,059.50 under Council's community donations program.

FAWNA will be provided with \$10,000 to go toward modular transportable aviaries for rehabilitation of threatened and endangered species.

Mid North Coast Community College will receive almost \$9,500 for a project to provide safe, accessible space for young people and the broader community to develop skills, connections and wellbeing. A free technology

hub will also enable attendees to participate in online learning and career preparation.

Detailed design of Harrington sewer treatment plant upgrade

The project tender was awarded to BECAH20. This project is considered to be a critical step in catering for the future growth in the Harrington area and is necessary to allow future development.

For full details of all reports please visit: www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Your-Council/Council-meetings/Agendas-and-minutes

'Out and About'

Motorfest at John Wright Park Tuncurry on Sunday 8 June 2025. Hosted by the Great Lakes Historic Automobile Club.



Left: Rocket Cover Car Racing (racing cars made from car parts).

Right: (L-R) Winner of the Rocket Car Racing, Barry Maclean, with Ron Pulling from the Great Lakes Historic Automobile Club.

Photos by Georgie Yule.



Awards were presented by Derek Hinde.



Members of the NSW SES Forster Pacific Palms Unit.



The best swimmers of the North Coast gather together to swim it out at Forster

By Jodie Fleming - FASC

The Forster Aquatic Swimming Club (FASC) hosted the first short course (25m) swimming carnival for the lower north coast of the year on Sunday, 1st of June at the Great Lakes Aquatic and Leisure Centre. This was a qualifying carnival, meaning the times that were swum would qualify as official times. If swimmers get said official times, this allows swimmers to go forth to swim at bigger and more exclusive swim events.

This carnival brought over 300 people, 157 being competitors, from all over the north coast with 25 clubs represented. Swimmers from Macksville, Port Macquarie, Newcastle, Taree, Tamworth and many more were in attendance. The event catered for all ages with 74 events all varying length and strokes.

Due to the many events the day was split into 2 sessions. During the 60 minute lunch break, Forster Aquatic Swimming Club held arguably the most important race of all, the dash for cash. To compete in the dash for cash you must be among the top 8 fastest swimmers from

two age groups in boys and girls, the 13 and over and the 12 and under. The race is a 50m freestyle sprint and if you win, the prize is \$50. For the 12 and under boys the winner was Forster Aquatic Swimming Club's own Toby Westaway and for the girls it was Milla Lynch representing Nuswim who took home the \$50. For the 13 and over boys the winner was Braden Clark representing Macksville Marlins and for the girls it was Kaitlin Jean from Wauchope.

The Forster Aquatic Swimming Club hosted a raffle of which a portion of the proceeds were donated to a family from Taree who was displaced by the recent floods.



Forster Aquatic Swim Club Team at the Great Lakes Aquatic and Leisure Centre.



The Forster Aquatic Swimming Club coaches Peter Sanders and Adel Gregory stated approximately 85% of the Forster Aquatic Swimming Club athletes swum personal best times. In total from the

Left: Dash for Cash Winners (L-R) Milla, Toby, Brayden and Kaitlin.

Forster Aquatic Swimming Club there were 75 personal best times swum throughout the day. The event was full of cheering, laughing and swimming, of course.

Right: Taree Swim Team. Photos supplied.



Black Head Surf Life Saving Club

CENTENARY

17,18,19 October 2025

Friday, Oct 17th

11.30 am – 2 pm Life Members, Honour Blazers and VIP Luncheon

3 pm – 7 pm Club bar opens for refreshments, chats and browsing of memorabilia

Saturday, Oct 18th

2 pm Arrival, chats and refreshments

2.30 pm Official welcome of members, VIP's and sponsors

3 pm A toast to the past, present and future of BHSLSC

3.15 pm – 8 pm Refreshments, food (canapes) and reminiscing

Sunday, Oct 19th

10 am onwards

- Recovery catch-up and browsing of photos and memorabilia
- Nippers and Seniors rescue display events
- Nippers fundraising BBQ
- Commemorative merchandise for purchase
- Time capsule burial

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Graham Barclay Tackle World Report

Well, what a year so far, with nothing but the worst weather we could imagine! Rain, rain and more rain, with lots of wind thrown into the mix as well. Fishing has been slow, but don't write the season off just yet! There is still some great fishing to be done around the town.

Bream have definitely moved from up the lakes down towards the mouth of the system, ready for their annual spawn, and already some great bream have been landed even in this dirty water! The key to fishing the brown, river-like water is fresh bait, and burley always helps if you're soaking a bait. Lure-wise, soft plastics are a winter go-to, but for those big schooling, spawning fish, a little metal vibe worked along a deep run always turns a good result for bream. Finding the schools of travelling baitfish is vital when fishing for schooling bream in the colder months.

Flathead have very much so patched out over the last week. Early mornings, you'll find fish up in super shallow water, sunning themselves, trying to extract as much energy from the sun as they can, gradually moving out into some deeper water ranging from 1m to 4 or 5m, just depending on the location. Bait-wise, you can't beat a live bait—flathead just love a free feed! But prawns, pilchards and strips of mullet or bonito will work as well. Lure-wise, these big girls don't like to exert too much energy this time of year, so slow-sinking soft plastics or slow-floating jerkbaits are a perfect presentation for colder month flathead.

Offshore/ledges/Breakwall have been bruised and battered with all the weather, but good signs are there—once the seas calm down and clear up, the snapper fishing should fire right up, and we are hoping the odd cobia and tuna are still hanging around in the mix. Mulloway off the Breakwall have been thick also prior to the weather, so we can only hope they make their way back once things clear up as well.

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“What she is doing for Taekwondo in the region is fantastic.”



Above: Ninja Nannies at the Forster Taekwondo State Invitational Development Championships.

By Mary Yule

Five school clubs competed in the 18th Forster Taekwondo (TKD) State Invitational Development Championships on Saturday 31 May, at the Great Lakes Forster Campus Hall. The clubs including Master Fay Shacklock's Forster and Pacific Palms TKD, Hills District Taekwondo, Master Greg Franks (Singleton) and Tierney's Taekwondo Academy (Campbelltown), as well as a display from local group Ninja Nannies.

Special guest Melhim Badreddine (known as Mel), from the Paralympic Committee and Australian TKD National Board, was in Forster to support Grand Master Fay and TKD in the region.

Mel said, "What she is doing for TKD in the region is fantastic. I'm here today to help time keep and hand out medals – whatever I can do."

Mel has been involved with TKD for 40 years. He started competing in 1986 and worked

his way up through to a black belt and competitions at state and national levels. He represented Australia in 1998 at the UAE (United Arab Emirates) where he won a gold and a silver.

"These grassroot competitions are the most important. It gives youngsters a chance to gain experience if they have never been exposed to a competition before. Grand Master Fay is providing them with a safe platform and a great atmosphere to compete in. We might be seeing a future Australian representative here."

100 year old Jacqui Jennings was there as a spectator. She has been participating in Fay's weekly exercise classes for 9 years at Golden Ponds in Forster.

"It keeps us and our muscles going," said Jacqui. "When you have someone coming you have to be there and get on with it and not put it off. Fay's very good and it's fun too. I'm ready for a cup of coffee afterwards!"

Right: (L-R) Grand Master Bilal Jamil Elmowy (known as BJ), Master Melhim Badreddine and Grand Master Fay Shacklock.

Grand Master Fay wants to thank all the help behind the scenes on the day including Wilma for catering, Dennis Buxton and crew from St Johns Ambulance, Mick Summers - Manager & Technical Support, Master Greg and Tracey Franks for the competition mats, and all officials, judges, referees and coaches from each club.



Above: Captains and Vice Captains of Fay's TKD groups (L-R) Harrison, Noah, Dhyana and Jarley. Photos by Mary Yule.



Above: (L-R) Jesse Gowing, Grand Master Fay and Preston Gowing. (Father & son receiving black belt certificates together.)



Above: (L-R) Pat Maunsell and Jacqui Jennings do exercises with Fay at Golden Ponds.



Left: Local organisers and supporters of Master Fay's TKD (L-R) Mick Summers (Manager), Noeleen Lever and Lee Cotterell.



Below left & below: "Before and after" photos of Matt Hockett power board breaking cement tiles.



Ladies President Pairs Competition 2025



Above: (L-R) Presenter Barbara Cofteros, Carolyn Olliffe and Dot McElroy. Photo supplied.

By Allan Hughes - Forster Bowling Club

This President Pairs Competition brings the top players to play with other graded players. The final was between Linda Locking and Gina Pain against Dot McElroy and Carolyn Olliffe.

After four ends, Gina lead four to one until things started to change with Carolyn leading

by the eighth end five to four. Spectators knew it was going to be a battle to the end and by the sixteenth end, Gina's team took the lead again thirteen to twelve. By the end, Carolyn's team finished strongly to finally win with twenty-three to seventeen.



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Not for the faint-hearted

By Mary Yule

"The South Head Roughwater from Bondi to Watson's Bay is an epic 10km swim and is not for the faint-hearted," reads the introduction on the website.

Forster resident Susan Gonzalez was one of 28 solo swimmers to get to the start of the South Head Roughwater Swim on the 1st of June after the date was postponed with the stormy weather in May. 28 teams of up to six people also entered the event.

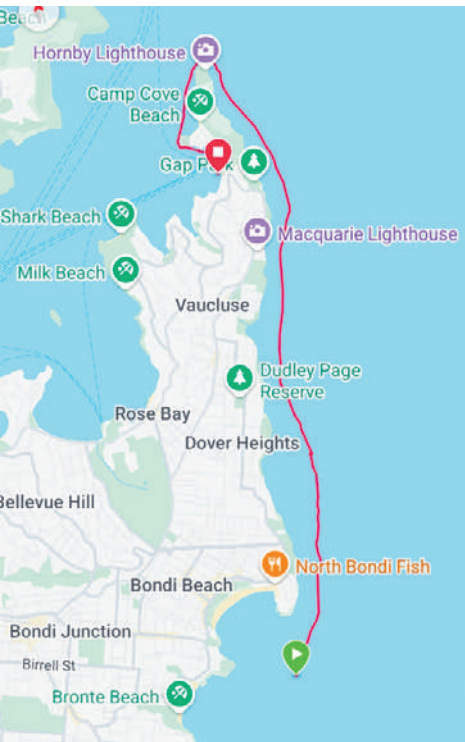
"It was so hard. I was prepared for the distance. I knew I could do 10km, but I was not prepared for how difficult and challenging it was," said Susan.

"The first 8km was along the cliffs in a 3 to 4 foot swell with choppy water and strong currents. For up to 15 minutes at a time I was swimming as hard as I could but not going anywhere. The last 2km was beautiful to swim but I was pretty much stuffed by then and crawled in with not much left in the tank."

Susan said her paddler Jordan Stewart was magnificent. He steered her close to the cliffs to avoid the worst of the currents and encouraged her when she was struggling.



Susan Gonzalez after finishing the 10km ocean swim with husband Roberto and son Sebastian who were part of the support crew.



Above: Swim route for the 10km Roughwater.

On her required support boat, Susan had husband Roberto and son Sebastian take the 'spotter' roles and helped guide the boat safely near her and avoided the other swimmers.

Susan said, "I could see the other support boats, but I only saw glimpses of other swimmers as we were so spread out over a huge distance."

A delayed race date meant the water temperatures had dropped from 22 to 19 degrees which allowed for the use of wetsuits. (Wetsuits are used to keep body temperatures warm and can also aid swimmers as they use less energy to stay buoyant.) Susan chose not to wear one which made her 10km rough water effort even more commendable.

"I swim with the Forster Turtles and unofficially we are not supposed to wear one, so I'm not used to them. I was okay but the cold was definitely an issue. I used a lot of vaseline, a double swim cap and swam fast – that was my strategy against the cold," Susan said with a laugh.

Right: Jordan Stewart was Sue's support paddler. He grew up in Forster and was part of the Great Lakes Canoe Club while at Great Lakes College.



By Mary Yule

In the week after the flood, Peter Ragno from the Tuncurry Forster Football Club (TFFC) contacted the friendly Hallidays Point Sports Club (HPSC) to see if they would like to combine forces to thank emergency services and raise some funds for those affected.

Peter said, "Our soccer fields had just been opened and we kinda had an idea! It took less than a second for the Barracudas to say "We're in!"

In less than two days the two club committees organised an Open Day for emergency services personnel at the South Street Sporting Complex in Tuncurry on Friday night and Saturday, the 30th and 31st of May with "Free tea, coffee, hot food and snacks for our heroes that are working so hard. All other funds raised from canteen purchased will be donated."

Matches were played between over 500 junior and senior players from the TFFC (Tigers) and HPSC (Barracudas). There was a little bit of light rain on the Saturday, but they were able to get through the whole day as planned.

Peter gave, "A special shoutout to the NSW Ambulance and NSW SES Forster Pacific Palms Unit crews who came with their vehicles and made our kids' day! You're the true heroes."



Matches were played between over 500 junior and senior players from the TFFC (Tigers) and HPSC (Barracudas) to thank emergency services and raise flood funds.



The original goal was to raise \$2,000 but Peter said people freely gave donations and goods for the raffle and an amazing \$9,000 was raised.

"We didn't know how many would attend or what it would look like, but it seems to work very well," said Peter. "We are truly humbled by the way our players, coaches and volunteers from both clubs worked together as one to make this such a special event. A heart felt thankyou to everyone involved."

Peter said they are planning a presentation of the \$9,000 cheque to the Manning River Lions Club.

Kevin Thornton, President of the Manning River Lions Club in Taree, said, "The money will go towards purchasing supermarket vouchers and animal fodder (see Need for Feed on page 27) for those impacted by the floods. We are working with other organisations and know that many people are needing help with food and cleaning products first."



The canteen provided free food for emergency services all day and all other funds raised are going to the Manning River Lions Club.

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