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Swim Club Relays at Black Head



Five local swim clubs came together for a fun morning of relay racing at the Black Head Surf Club open pool on Sunday 17 August. The event was hosted by the Forster Tuncurry Mudcrabs in honour of former Mudcrab member Dave Quinlivan. Photo by Niko Campbell. More photos on page 30.

Will the proposed Bill to split the Hunter New England Health District help our struggling health services in Manning Great Lakes?

By Mary Yule – Forster Fortnightly
On 5 March 2025, Committee Chair Clayton Bar stated, a “Bill was introduced by the Member for Barwon, Roy Butler [on 18 February 2025], to improve health services in the Hunter New England Health District [HNEH LHD] by splitting the existing district into two separate health districts. The Committee will be looking at how this proposal would operate, including potential benefits and risks, and whether it would improve health services in the Hunter New England area.”

“This is not about our overworked nurses and medical staff. This is about the management structure that should support them,” stated MP Roy Butler.

Manning Base Hospital is within the HNEH LHD which is administered from Newcastle. The HNEH LHD provides essential healthcare services and distributes the budget for the

Hunter, New England, and Lower Mid North Coast regions of NSW, a huge boundary that encompasses 27 hospitals and 11 multipurpose centres.

It is very interesting to read about what is happening to other regional hospitals in the same health district as us and what they are doing about it. But first, here is a summary of key points on our own local health services that the Forster Fortnightly has reported on over several years.

Key background points on local health service issues

The nearest emergency service to Forster/Tuncurry is the Manning Base Hospital (MBH) at Taree. According to the NSW Government, MBH services a population catchment area of an estimated 100,000 people with 180 beds available across the hospital. MBH has not received substantial funding over consecutive

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Pet of the Fortnight



By Margaret Steel - Great Lakes & Manning Branch of Animal Welfare League NSW

- Meet Mielo a very pretty 3 - 5 year old pussy cat. She may give a token hiss to

start with and then loves all the attention she can get. With her lovely long white coat she will probably need to be brushed on a regular basis, even though she does groom herself very well. Her adoption fee is \$100 and of course Mielo comes vet checked, flea and worm treated, desexed, microchipped and vaccinated.

Mielo can be viewed at MidCoast Animal Hospital, Tuncurry. Please call them on 6557 2273 to make an appointment to view her. Rehoming number: R251000222

- We have just received two beautiful tabby kittens approximately 16 weeks old that will be ready for adoption very soon.

- Our AWL NSW mobile animal care vehicle was in Taree last week when they desexed several cats and dogs at no charge and also did a number of vet checks, vaccinations and microchipping, also at no cost. Thank you to Derek and his team for all the wonderful work that you do. Cannot wait to see you again next year.



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MidCoast Council meeting
Summary: 20 August 2025

Housing Barriers review
implementation plan
quarterly update

The Housing Barriers review sought to understand the barriers that unnecessarily complicate the development assessment process and/or impede the delivery of good housing outcomes within the MidCoast.

There are 22 initiatives relating to internal processes and staffing with 69% of these completed. There are 17 initiatives relating to cultural change and understanding with 42% of these completed and 14 initiatives relating to innovation and strategy with 44% of those completed.

The implementation plan for the review is progressing well and will ultimately drive more effective and efficient outcomes. Council will be regularly updated on the project's progress.



Major event sponsorship

Another major event is on its way to the MidCoast after Councillors approved a report for a sponsorship package to go toward attracting the Bowls NSW State Women's Championship from 2026 to 2028.

The event is a five-day festival of bowling and is the largest all female bowls participation event in the country with a long, rich history spanning 60 years.

The three-year sponsorship agreement is likely to inject an additional \$7.67 million into the local economy.

The 2026 Women's State Carnival will take place from Monday 4 - Friday 8 May at multiple clubs across the Region, with Forster Bowling Club the main event host.

Taree levee feasibility study

The feasibility study showed that the capital and ongoing costs are substantially larger than the benefits through reductions in flood damages. The economic assessment resulted in a cost benefit ratio of 0.16 for the permanent levee which indicates costs are six times greater than the economic benefit.

The low-cost benefit ratio, coupled with the fact most benefits would be experienced by commercial properties makes it unlikely State funding would be made available, and Council would be responsible for the ongoing maintenance, which is significant due to the allowance of replacement costs for the pump infrastructure.

Options for a formal early flood warning system are being considered as part of the post-flood review of the Floodplain risk management study and plan, which is currently underway. A draft was completed prior to the May floods, and the review has since expanded to include that event due to its scale and impact. Including the warning system in the review is essential to qualify for State Government funding.

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

Next meeting 2pm on 3 September (today!)

Pelican Boardwalk extension
over the water has begun



Above: Plans for the new 120m suspended walkway over Wallis Lakes shown in red.

Right: Work has begun. Photo by Mary Yule.

MidCoast Council

Works to extend the much-loved Memorial Drive Pelican Boardwalk in Forster began on Thursday 28 August.

The new 120-metre section of suspended boardwalk over Wallis Lake will extend the scenic walk along the Forster foreshore.

The project, awarded to GPM Marine Constructions, is expected to be completed by late November 2025, weather permitting.

Access to parts of John Holland Park, the gravel car park on Point Road at Tuncurry boat ramp and the Memorial Drive foreshore area will be restricted during the works. Some parts of the boardwalk will be closed for water access at times during construction.

As part of the works, a new kayak launching system will be added to the lower platform off the boardwalk.



Permanent interpretive signage with information on the cultural, ecological and historical significance of the site will be installed.

Council has been working on improvements to the walk over the past few years, after consultation with the business community and Chamber.

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Investigation underway following fatal crash - Forster



Above: Around 11:30pm Wednesday 27 August, a Westpac Rescue Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance to a motorcycle accident at Forster. A man in his 20s sustained serious multiple injuries. Image Credit: Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

NSW Police, Thursday 28 August 2025

A man has died, and an investigation is underway after a serious crash at Forster last night.

About 11.25pm on Wednesday 27 August 2025, emergency services were called to Macintosh Street, Forster, following reports of a crash.

At the scene, police were told a motorcycle and van collided, causing the two men on the motorcycle to be thrown from the bike.

Police – assisted by NSW Ambulance paramedics and FRNSW firefighters – rendered assistance to one of the men; however, the 22-year-old was unable to be revived.

The other man, aged 23, was treated at the scene before being airlifted to the John Hunter Hospital in a critical condition. [Despite all efforts, the man later died in hospital.]

The driver of the van, a 22-year-old man, was taken to Port Macquarie Hospital for the treatment of minor injuries and to undergo mandatory testing.

A crime scene was established, with inquiries into the incident underway by the Crash Investigation Unit and Manning/Great Lakes Police.

As inquiries continue, anyone with information or footage of the incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Great Lakes Rescue Helicopter Support Group seeks assistance

Great Lakes Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Support Group

The Great Lakes Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Support Group has been fundraising for this essential community service for around 25 years in the Great Lakes.

The costs in providing this service to the Great Lakes are significant. A mission to attend an accident, search or rescue costs \$4,000 per hour to operate the helicopter, pay the doctor, pilot, co-pilot, and staff.

The group's activities in Tuncurry/Forster revolve around Bunnings BBQ, bucket collections, raffles, 100 clubs, sale of merchandise, bottle and can collection, Race days at Tuncurry/Forster jockey club and any other fundraising event that we can get involved in.

A huge thank you to our community business supporters: Bunnings Warehouse at Forster, Tuncurry/Forster jockey Club, Reflections caravan park at Tuncurry, Stockland Forster, Bakers Delight at Forster, Sporties Men's Bowling Club as well as many local businesses who support our Charity Day. Sincere thanks to the owners and managers for your continued and generous support.

Committee elected at AGM

At the recent A.G.M. the following committee was elected: President/Treasurer - Harold Astle, Secretary Ruth Stocker, Vice President - Ted



Above: Great Lakes Westpac Helicopter Service Support Group Committee. (Back row) – David Stocker, Laraine Stein, Mary Hardery, Mike Walker and Janette Thomson. (Front) – Ted Bickford, Harold Astle and Ruth Stocker. Photo by Mary Yule.

Bickford, Tin Collection Officer - Mike Walker, Caterer - David Stocker, Publicity Officer - Laraine Stein.

The group desperately needs new members to assist in fundraising

Our meetings are held at 3pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Sporties at Tuncurry. If you can't attend, you are more than welcome to participate in our fundraising events. Anyone interested please contact Harold on 0421 087 945 or Ruth on 0434 234 511.

Look forward to welcoming you to our great team!

Housing Support Package for NSW Mid North Coast floods

NSW Government

A \$50 million Housing Support Package opened on 25 August in response to the severe storms and flooding that impacted the Mid North coast and Hunter regions in May.

The package includes:

- a dedicated one-stop concierge and referral service to connect callers with tailored recovery support for their circumstances

- on-site temporary accommodation so eligible homeowners and primary producers can stay on or near their properties while they recover and rebuild

- grants of \$5,500 for eligible renters to secure new rental properties and contribute to relocation expenses

- grants of up to \$25,000 for eligible homeowners and landlords to repair their properties to a safe and habitable standard.

The Housing Recovery Service is a new service designed to help you if your home was made uninhabitable by the recent NSW East



Above: Photo of May floods in Taree region from social media.

Coast severe weather event. They will assess the circumstances of each flood-impacted household and recommend the best housing assistance options. The team will support households through the application process and manage their case until they have a solution that meets their needs.

You can contact the Housing Recovery Service on 1800 695 043.

Wingham recovery update

- Work is well underway on the new water supply pipeline for Wingham, with crews currently drilling under the Manning River at Bootawa. This replaces the original 1960s trenched pipeline that was damaged in the May flood. Since then, water to Wingham has been supplied through the Taree town network.

The new underbore pipeline will provide a flood-resilient water supply for the Wingham community.

Initial drilling is expected to wrap up in the coming weeks, reducing noise impacts for nearby residents. The full project is expected to be finished by December, weather permitting.

Junior Finalist in Spelling Bee

Bungwahl Pubic School

Congratulations to Bungwahl PS student Layla Clayton for her recent success in the Junior regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Layla's achievement is even more remarkable as she is a Stage 1 student who was competing with students in Stage 2. Layla has been dedicated to learning the challenging word lists with her Principal Mrs Farley and mum Bianca Clayton.



Above: Junior Spelling Bee finalist Layla Clayton from Bungwahl Public Primary School with Principal Dianne Farley. Photo supplied.

The Premier's Spelling Bee is an engaging way for NSW public primary school students to expand their vocabularies and improve their spelling. The program promotes improved literacy skills and includes activities that encourage students to become more confident users of language through broadening their vocabulary.

Layla will now compete in the state finals. The state finals are held at Q Theatre, Penrith on Friday 7 November 2025. It's a huge, exciting day in an amazing space, with celebrity announcers and prize bags for all finalists.

- The Wingham Memorial Pool will not be able to open this swim season, following an assessment of damage sustained during the May 2025 flood event.

MidCoast Council has confirmed that an engineering assessment has identified that there is significant damage as result of the flood which cannot be fixed before the start of the 2025-2026 swim season, which traditionally starts in October. According to the assessment the pool floor has severe cracking and slabs

have separated as a result of ground movement during the flood.

Mayor Claire Pontin will be calling for funding to replace the pool as part of her ongoing advocacy to State and Federal Governments for money to repair public spaces damaged during the May flood event. "Not having a pool for this swim season is an enormous blow to the Wingham community and we will be prioritising funding applications to support a new pool as soon as possible," Cr Pontin said.

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\$702,600 Boost for Forster boating facilities

Office of MP Tanya Thompson

Tanya Thompson, Member for Myall Lakes, has welcomed a \$702,600 grant to MidCoast Council to install two new recreational pump-out stations, one at Forster Marina and another along Forster’s Breckenridge Channel.

“These new facilities will make boating safer, more sustainable, and more enjoyable for locals and visitors,” Mrs Thompson said.

“They’re essential for protecting Wallis Lake and keeping our waterways clean.”

Pump-out stations allow boaters to safely dispose of wastewater from their vessels, preventing pollution and protecting marine life.

MidCoast Council’s Executive Manager Public Spaces, Liam Bulley, said the funding announcement was a great outcome for recreational boaters and broader users of our waterways.

“An enhanced boating experience will be delivered for the community by providing new contemporary pump-out facilities at two key locations within Forster” he said.



“The accessible facilities will allow users of Wallis Lake to continue to enjoy their activities in a sustainable way.”

Administered by Transport for NSW, the Boating Infrastructure for Communities Program funds projects that improve access, safety, and environmental outcomes on NSW waterways.

“I commend Mid Coast Council for securing this funding and prioritising projects that benefit both our boating community and our environment,” said Mrs Thompson.

Work on Forster Main Beach fence started



MidCoast Council

Work on the Forster Main Beach fence is underway. Previous work has been completed on the site to ready it for the new installation.

The contract for the replacement was awarded to XINC Engineering with funding coming from Council’s 2024-2025 General Fund surplus.

The fence is approximately 280 metres long. Council has maintained the fence over the years, however, the harsh coastal conditions has resulted in the fence declining so much that it is failing and no longer fit for purpose.

The replacement is expected to be completed by early October and in the meantime pedestrians are asked to exercise caution in the area and observe worksite signage.



Above: Old fencing at Forster Main Beach.

Funding awarded for landfill projects

MidCoast Council

MidCoast Council has been awarded \$600,000 in grants from the NSW Environmental Protection Agency.

The funding will see an equal split of \$300,000 go towards the Taree landfill remediation project which is currently at tender and the Tuncurry landfill remediation project with works now commenced on the site (pictured right).

MidCoast Council’s Director of Liveable Communities, Paul De Szell, said the works will reduce long term risks, protect surrounding waterways and ecosystems and ensure compliance with environmental protection licences.



Bush Fire Danger Period delayed across the state's north-east



Above: Volunteers with Tuncurry RFS back in March 2022.

NSW Rural Fire Service - Mid Coast District

The Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) will commence on 1 October for most of NSW including Mid Coast Council and Port Macquarie Council areas due to the ongoing wet weather. The BFDP Statutory Period will go from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Fire agencies and land managers in these areas agreed to push the BFDP back a month to 1 October 2025, which includes planned burning across many areas of the state where and when possible.

RFS Superintendent Ugo Tolone said recent wet weather has resulted in reduced fire

activity. Although Land Managers should take advantage of the milder conditions by conducting hazard reduction activities and ensuring their properties are well prepared for summer.

"From 1 October 2025, fire permits will be required for the Mid Coast Council and Port Macquarie Council Local Government Areas," Superintendent Ugo Tolone said.

Even though a fire permit is not required currently, residents must still notify their neighbours and the local fire authority 24 hours before burning at: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify

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Local Club recognised for Dementia-Friendly commitment

Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club

Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club is proud to announce its formal recognition by Dementia Australia as an organisation "working towards becoming dementia-friendly" through the national Dementia-Friendly Communities program.

This commendation reflects the Club's deep commitment to creating a more inclusive, respectful, and supportive environment for people living with dementia, as well as their families and care partners. Over the past year, the Club has undertaken a number of meaningful initiatives to ensure its spaces and services are welcoming and accessible for everyone in the community.

As part of the process, the Club consulted with individuals living with dementia and their families to help shape its dementia-friendly action plan. This collaborative approach not only respected but valued their lived experience, ensuring the plan was truly inclusive. In addition, the Club has worked actively to inspire other businesses in the Forster-Tuncurry area to explore how they too can become dementia-friendly.

Educational sessions such as "Dementia Friends" and "It Starts With You" were hosted at the Club to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promotes understanding among members, staff, and the wider community. These efforts have helped lay the foundation for a more compassionate and socially engaged local environment. Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club has also taken proactive steps to review and adapt its physical spaces and operations to create a more welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.



Terry Green, the Club's Community Engagement Manager, expressed the team's pride in the recognition.

"We are honoured to receive this recognition from Dementia Australia. This achievement reflects the genuine commitment of our staff, members, and community to supporting those living with dementia. It's another important milestone in our mission to ensure that our Club remains a safe, inclusive, and compassionate place for everyone. We're not just a Club—we're a community."

The Club's dementia-friendly status is valid for the next 12 months, during which it will continue implementing its action plan and exploring further opportunities to engage with and support those impacted by dementia. The team at Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club remains committed to fostering awareness, education, and accessibility in every aspect of its operations.

This recognition stands as another proud achievement for Clubs in our community and a testament to the positive impact that local organisations can have in building a more understanding and inclusive Australia.

Buy a badge this Legacy Week and support local families of veterans

Forster Tuncurry Legacy

Forster Tuncurry Legacy is calling upon the local community to buy a badge this Legacy Week – Sunday 31 August to Saturday 6 September 2025. There will be stalls at Hallidays Point shopping centre, Tuncurry Pharmacy, Forster Pharmacy, Forster Woolworths, Stocklands, Bunnings and Forster Keys shops.

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Donations made during Legacy Week make a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans' families. Your generosity directly contributes to the ongoing care and wellbeing of the families we proudly support.

Division Chairman, Trevor Jones, said that "Every dollar raised in our area stays in our area to help and support our Beneficiaries".

Forster Tuncurry Legacy currently looks after 200 beneficiaries, providing services like home care visit, financial support, education support,



access and support to attend Youth, Adult and Family Legacy holiday accommodation.

Legacy merchandise, including badges, pens and Legacy bears will be available at our Club during Legacy Week, as well as fund raising areas set up throughout our area, look for the banners and come and have a chat and if you can support our work by either buying some merchandise or giving a donation.

To find out more about Legacy, visit www.legacy.com.au or call Forster Tuncurry Legacy on 0478076774 or email forstertuncurrydivision@tarealegacy.com.au



Mid North Coast Senior Volunteer of the Year: Kristine Simeon from Black Head



Above: Carissa Bentley (third from left), Greg Dodds (second from right) and Brodie Purcell (far right) represented NSW SES Forster Pacific Palms at Port Macquarie to receive recognition.

By Mary Yule – Forster Fortnightly

Kristine Simeon from Black Head has won the 2025 Mid North Coast Senior Volunteer of the Year Award at an Award ceremony at West Port club, Port Macquarie on 23 August. The ceremony was a great opportunity for volunteers to be recognised for the work they do every day.

"Kristine gives her time with the Justice Advocacy Service through the Intellectual Disability Rights Service (IDRS), where she supports people in need to navigate the court and justice system in the Forster and Tuncurry region. She attends court two to three times a week to ensure all people can get support within the justice system."

As a finalist, Kristine will be invited to a Gala State ceremony in December in Sydney

Right: Senior Deputy Captain Stephen Oxley received recognition for his dedication to NSW RFS Green Point Brigade.

where the NSW Volunteer of the Year will be announced. The Awards are run by the Centre for Volunteering in partnership with NSW Government.



Right: Kristine Simeon from Black Head won the 2025 Mid North Coast Senior Volunteer of the Year Award.

At the Mid North Coast Awards in Port Macquarie, Senior Deputy Captain Stephen Oxley received recognition for his dedication to NSW RFS Green Point Brigade. Unit Commander Greg Dodds, Deputy Unit Commander Carissa Bentley and Leading Senior Operator Brodie Purcell represented NSW SES Forster Pacific Palms to receive recognition for their Unit's voluntary work in emergency services. Ross Blowers and Suzanne Gerrish were recognised for their dedication with Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast branch. Ross and Suzanne are also members of SES Forster Pacific Palms.

Right and far right: Ross Blowers and Suzanne Gerrish were recognised for their dedication with Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast branch.



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'Out and About'

Rainy weather didn't stop Holy Name Primary School from celebrating Book Week on 21 August 2025. Photos supplied.



Forster Neighbourhood Centre Positions Vacant! JOIN OUR NEW FINANCIAL WELLBEING HUB TEAM!



Forster Neighbourhood Centre currently has two positions vacant to support the new MidCoast Financial Wellbeing Hub. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged. We pride ourselves on being a good place to work with a great team environment where everyone contributes to service improvements. Job share and flexible working arrangements are available for the right candidate. If you do not meet all the essential criteria but are really keen to be part of our amazing team, please just include in your cover letter how you plan to meet the criteria over time. Both roles are based at our central community hub at 3 Lake Street, Forster.

We are looking for quick commencements as close to 1 October 2025 as possible.

FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND CAPABILITY OFFICER

We are seeking a Financial Resilience and Capability Officer to join our Financial Wellbeing team. The role offered is permanent part-time, 4 days per week (28 hours) under the SCHADS Award Level 3. This is a brand-new role, we are looking for a dynamic self-starter to launch tailored financial assistance for vulnerable community members.

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1. Certificate III in Community Services and/or equivalent
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1. Group facilitation/training skills
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5. Time management and organisational skills
6. Demonstrated ability to work well within a small team
7. Class C Driver's License
8. Willingness to provide a Working with Children's Clearance & Criminal History Clearance.
9. Some knowledge of household budgeting
10. Attention to detail, accuracy and follow through

Desirable Criteria

1. Knowledge of community-based, not-for-profit organisations
2. Knowledge of local referral pathways and service networks
3. Knowledge of local issues and services

So, if you like helping your community, are good with people, and you would like to work with a fantastic group of people who will train and mentor you, we would love to see your application. In your application, please include a current resume and a COVER LETTER which addresses the Selection Criteria for the role you are most interested in.

Address your application to Corinne Stephenson, Manager, FNC via corinne@fnc.org.au. Closing date: Friday 12 September 2025

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Tanya's Community Update

Virtual urgent care services are now being rolled out across NSW, giving people the ability to connect with health professionals over the phone or online. This service can provide support for non-life-threatening health concerns and is particularly helpful for those who may not be able to get an appointment with their GP.



This is a welcome step, but it's no substitute for the hands-on medical treatment many in our community need. With Manning Base Hospital and local GPs under pressure, the proposed Forster Tuncurry Health Facility remains an important project for the Lower Mid North Coast Health Service.

While the redevelopment at Manning Base Hospital is underway, I am continuing to seek a clear timeline for the delivery of the Forster Tuncurry Health Facility. At this stage, information on its progress has not been provided. This project is essential to easing pressure on emergency departments and ensuring residents in Forster Tuncurry and surrounding areas can access timely care closer to home.

In the meantime, those needing health advice can call Healthdirect on 1800 022 222 to access virtual urgent care and speak to a qualified nurse or doctor.

Tanya Thompson
Member for Myall Lakes

Marine Rescue NSW Forster Tuncurry unveils Life Member Honour Board



Above: (L-R) Dennis Travers, Ray Mazurek ESM, John Lynch ESM, Unit Commander Geoff Anderson, Don Wright, Geoffrey Waters, Robyn Bransem, Judy Mangen, Chris Christou and Janet Christou. Photo by Georgie Yule.

Diane Hallam - Marine Rescue NSW Forster Tuncurry

In a heartfelt ceremony held at Marine Rescue Forster Tuncurry on 22 August, the Unit unveiled a newly crafted Honour Board to commemorate its Life Members, individuals whose exceptional service has shaped the Unit's legacy over decades.

Unit Commander Geoff Anderson said, "Life Membership is the highest recognition bestowed upon members who have demonstrated unwavering commitment, loyalty, and outstanding contributions to the Unit. It also ensures that these individuals maintain a lasting association with the Unit, even if they are no longer active."

The idea for the Honour Board was born from a casual conversation between our Unit Commander Geoff Anderson and Ray Mazurek ESM. Thanks to the swift and generous response of Ray, it quickly became reality.

Within two weeks, he had designed and built the board, which now stands as a permanent tribute to those who have given so much.

Collectively, the Life Members being honoured represent over 250 years of service to Marine Rescue, a true testament to their dedication and impact.

Our Stars:

Geoff Walters, who joined Coastal Patrol in 1992, has served for 33 years in both radio operations and as a vessel skipper.

Robyn Bramsen, who began in 1994, maintained overnight radio watches from her home and served as Stores Officer for eight years.

Judy Manganese, an Auxiliary Member, played a vital role in fundraising efforts.

Jutta Chant joined in 1992, served as a Radio Watchkeeper, Watch Officer, and Treasurer.

Dennis Travers, who joined in 2004, has served as Radio Officer, Unit Commander, Deputy Unit Commander, and Operations Officer.

Ray Mazurek ESM (Emergency Service Medal), has served as Boat Crew, Coxswain, Master, and Regional Director.

John Zelockar, gifted 30 years of service, contributed his own vessel and supported fundraising and light duties.

The ceremony concluded with Geoff Walters and Robyn Bramsen, two of the longest serving members, unveiling the Honour Board together, symbolising the enduring spirit of volunteerism and community service.

Marine Rescue Forster Tuncurry extends its deepest gratitude to all Life Members. Their legacy is now etched in wood and memory, inspiring future generations to serve with the same passion and commitment.

Don Wright a Boat Master since 2001, has trained and assessed countless crew members. Fittingly, the ceremony coincided with his 95th birthday.

Chris and Janet Christou, each with 26 years of service, have been active in operations, fundraising, and support roles.

John Lynch ESM, who began in 1995, held multiple leadership roles from Coastal Patrol to Marine Rescue, including Regional Director.

Stunning Concert by Company of Voices at Tuncurry Hall



Photos from the performance by Matilda Yule. Musical Director Leigh Vaughan is in the red hat on far left of main photo.



Company of Voices once again filled the acoustically superb Tuncurry WW1 Memorial Hall with glorious sound in their performance "Stepping Out and Singing Up for Peace" on Sunday 31 August. Profits from this event went to the MidCoast Flood Victims Appeal.

Free virtual health service now available to everyone in NSW

Minister for Health, 26 August 2025

Free virtual health care is now available to every person in NSW for urgent conditions, following the completion of the rollout of NSW Health's virtual urgent care service.

It now means everyone in NSW can access urgent clinical care for injuries and illnesses without needing to visit a hospital or GP.

NSW virtual care services are available by calling Healthdirect on 1800 022 222. A registered nurse will assess your condition over the phone and, if virtual care is appropriate,

arrange a video-call appointment with a clinician — whether that's a doctor, nurse or allied health professional. You'll receive expert advice on treatment options, prescriptions if needed, and referrals to follow-up care.

Currently statewide virtual urgent care services have 80 full-time equivalent clinical and non-clinical staff ensuring the service is running 7 days a week between the hours of 8am and 10pm.

NSW virtual urgent care services are equipped to manage a wide range of health concerns. This includes the management of coughs,

colds, fevers and flu; treatment for vomiting, diarrhoea or mild infections, rashes and skin irritations; or minor injuries such as sprains and small cuts.

Member for Myall Lakes, Tanya Thompson, has welcomed the rollout of virtual urgent care across NSW but says local communities deserve answers on when the promised Forster Tuncurry Health Facility will be delivered under the Lower Mid North Coast Health Service Project.

Mrs Thompson said, "While virtual healthcare can help, it's no substitute when you need

hands-on treatment or don't have access to technology."

She has called on Health Minister Ryan Park to provide a clear timeline for the project and confirm it remains a priority.

"Manning Base Hospital and our local GPs are under extreme pressure; the Forster Tuncurry Health Facility will take the load off emergency departments and assist locals in accessing timely care close to home."

Tanya THOMPSON MP

Member for Myall Lakes

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	11:00am	FORSTER KEYS Shopping Village
Thursday 4th September	10:30am	NERONG Community Hall
	11:45am	BULAHDELAH IRTC & Library
	2:30pm	WOOTTON Community Hall
Friday 5th September	10:00am	BUNYAH Bunyah Hall
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Full house for ‘Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal’

By Roberta Pearce

It was a full house! 88 guests sang along with 24 Forster Jumping Fleas Ukulele Band members on Saturday 30th August at the Forster Christian Life Centre. It was a wonderful Fundraising Concert Afternoon Tea - raising Funds for “Operation Christmas Child”, an arm of the international Christian Aid organisation, Samaritan’s Purse!

About \$1,800 was raised towards gift-filling up to 35-40 shoeboxes with basic educational and health needs, as well as toys and other gifts. They are hand delivered to underprivileged children in third world countries, be it through



war, famine, natural disaster, poverty or disease, helping to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and demonstrating God’s love.

The audience (full of familiar faces) was in joyful voice and sang along heartily with all the songs. The Fleas sang some Rock & Roll, some ‘Spanish’ style songs, a bit of Elvis and other popular songs. Some even got up and danced in the aisle, to Let’s Twist Again and other songs!



A sumptuous afternoon tea was served at the conclusion of the concert and no-one went home, hungry!

Put a reminder on your calendar for August next year, for the next event!

Philippa Murray (who organised the function and is also a member of the Jumping Fleas) was delighted with the outcome and thanked both the audience and the Jumping Fleas for helping in raising the money and providing so much joy in the community.

Right: Betty Baron was turning 90 so the Jumping Fleas Ukulele Band sang her Happy Birthday during the Afternoon Tea Concert and Singalong at the Forster Christian Life Centre. Betty attends all the Day Club Gigs when the Band performs.

Photos supplied.





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The Grin Bin

Doodley Squat

Sudoku

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

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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 Make cheerful

9 African state

10 Domestic animal

11 Dedication

14 Apprehend

17 Motifs

20 Spleen

21 Muslim leader

22 United

23 Sharp curved nails

25 Flower

26 Vestment

27 Wears away

29 Single occasion

31 Lyric poems

32 Quickly (mus)

36 Grain stalk

38 Unit of length

39 Reduce in intensity

41 Greek letter

42 Part of a yacht

43 Coarse file

19 Teeter

48 One granted a lease

50 Given life

51 Have being

52 Representative group

16 Shut in

18 Emotional state

24 Fasting period

25 Duty lists

26 Undermined

28 Repose

30 Sticking together

33 Turned

34 Dash

35 Ship's stabilising material

37 Church recess

40 Qualified

42 Knowledge

44 Jellied garnish

45 Insignificant

47 Effrontery

49 Paradise

Spot the 5 Differences

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SUNDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 10.00 Offsiders. 10.30 World This Week. 11.00 Compass. 11.30 Rage. 12.00 News. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Gardening Aust. 2.30 David Attenborough's Galapagos. 3.30 Grand Designs NZ. 4.20 Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific. 5.05 Antiques Roadshow. 6.05 Growing Up Jewish. 7.00 News. 7.30 Austin. 8.00 The Family Next Door. 8.50 I, Jack Wright. 9.35 MOVIE: Sherpa. (2015) 11.00 Brush With Fame. 11.40 Rage. 3.00 Ask The Doctor. 3.30 The Art Of... 4.00 Gardening Aust. 5.00 Insiders.	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Motorcycling Racing. Australian Superbike Championship. Round 6. 4.00 Going Places. 4.30 Cycling. UCI World Tour. La Vuelta. Stage 14. Highlights. 5.30 Plat Du Tour. 5.35 Hitler: A Life In Pictures. 6.30 News. 7.30 Titanic: Secrets Of The Shipwreck. 8.25 Titanic In Colour. 9.20 Monster: The Mystery Of Loch Ness. 10.00 The U.S. And The Holocaust. 12.40 Women Who Rock. 2.45 Australia With Julia Bradbury. 3.45 Hugh's Wild West. 4.50 Late Programs.	6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. 10.00 Morning Show. 12.00 Behind Behani. 12.30 TBA. 4.00 Better Homes. 5.00 News. 5.30 Weekend. 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 The Voice. (PG) 8.50 7NEWS Spotlight. 9.50 24 Hours In Police Custody: Frequent Flyers. (MA15+) 10.50 Crime Investigation Australia: Most Infamous. (MA15+) 12.00 Jamestown. (MA15+) 2.30 Shopping. 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.45 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 10. Newcastle Knights v Gold Coast Titans. 3.30 Rugby League. NRL. Round 27. Parramatta Eels v Newcastle Knights. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 The Block. 8.35 60 Minutes. 9.35 9News Late. 10.05 A Killer Makes A Call. 11.05 The First 48. 12.00 The Gulf. 1.00 Our State On A Plate. 1.30 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 Fishing Aust. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 8.00 Roads Less Travelled. 8.30 4x4 Adventures. 9.30 Everyday Gourmet. 10.00 GCBC. 10.30 The Brighter Side. 11.00 My Market Kitchen. 11.10 Survivor: Australia V The World. 11.30 Location, Location, Location Australia. 2.30 House Hunters Aust. 3.00 Australia By Design: Architecture. 3.30 Wheel Of Fortune. 4.00 Lingo. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Survivor: Australia V The World. 8.55 Playing Gracie Darling. 9.55 FBI. 10.55 10 News+. 12.00 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.
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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.

September

Sat & Sun until 14 Sept - Winter Exhibition
10am - 4pm and when flags are flying at Forster Gallery, 34 Lake St Forster.



Sat 6 Sept - Real Food Market
8am - 11am Pacific Palms Community Centre. Come meet your local farmers. Enquiries: Sue Williams 0438 433 063.

Sun 7 Sept - Hallidays Point Car Boot Sale
7am to 12pm Hallidays Point Shopping Village. Enquiries: 0403 042 088

Sat 13 Sept - Spring Festival
Join us for a full day of festivities in Wharf Street, Forster, as we celebrate all things local!

Sun 14 Sept - Forster Town Market
8am to 1pm, Town Park, Oyster Pde Forster. Search Forster Town Park Market on Facebook.

Sat 20 Sept - Forster Farmers Market
8am to 12pm Forster Info Centre, Little St. Enquiries: Linda 0421 347 273

Sat 27 Sept - Tuncurry Market 8am to 1pm at John Wright Park, Tuncurry. Enquiries: Anne 0417 400 994

What's on around town & beyond!

Music in the Atrium



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Big plans for Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival

Manning Valley Historical Society

After having to postpone the 2025 festival due to the catastrophic wet weather event in May earlier this year, the Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival is well and truly back on track for 2025. Previously held on Wingham Central Park, this year's Festival will be held at the new location of Wingham Showground on Saturday 27th September, commencing at 9am.

Also at a new location will be the always popular Bonnie Wingham Scottish Concert which will be held in the Wingham Services Club auditorium on Sunday 28th September, commencing at 1pm.

Auspiced by Manning Valley Historical Society Inc. for more than two decades, the Festival has attracted thousands of visitors to Wingham and the beautiful Manning Valley. The Festival has provided a wealth of first class, lively Scottish entertainment as well as attracting many, many, tourists to the area, who in turn, provide associated economic benefits for Wingham and surrounding communities.

"We have a great team of enthusiastic members on our organising Committee who

are working hard to present an outstanding Festival," says Committee Chair Heidi Lyon. "This year the Festival is going to once again be a spectacular event and one which everyone will enjoy, packed with family-friendly entertainment, stalls, massed bands, Highland dancing and Highland Games."

For further information, or to become a sponsor or a volunteer helper please contact the committee via our website or email: www.bonnieingham.com bonnieinghamscottishfestival@gmail.com

(See advertisement below)



Above: Caitlyn Lyon and Kevin Earnshaw from Manning Valley Pipes and Drums in 2024.

Manning Valley Historical Society Inc.

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What's on around town & beyond!

Great Lake GLFM to launch in Bulahdelah



Great Lakes FM

Since 1986 Great Lakes FM has held the community broadcasting licence for the Great Lakes RA1 area on the Mid North Coast. This large geographical region encompasses the towns of Forster-Tuncurry in the north to Tea Gardens-Hawks Nest in the south and west to Stroud.

Broadcasting 24/7 from its Tuncurry studios, the Great Lakes FM 101.5 signal reaches a large audience between Taree and Newcastle and beyond, with many listeners streaming online.

Great Lakes FM has recently acquired the Myall Coast Radio's studio at Bulahdelah and the Myall Coast Radio volunteers have now become part of the Great Lakes FM volunteer team.

With the Myall studio now linked to the main studios at Tuncurry some Great Lakes FM programs are being broadcast from Bulahdelah giving existing volunteer radio presenters from the area an opportunity to continue doing what they love.

A stronger local presence means Great Lakes FM can engage more closely with



Above: Great Lakes FM volunteer, Greg Hayes, presents "Thursday Afternoon Groove" and "Keeping It Country" for Greenie on Sunday mornings from the new Myall Studio in Bulahdelah.

Bulahdelah, Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest and Stroud communities. Better support of local community groups and events in these areas will help to grow the audience, gain station members and encourage new volunteers.

As a community not-for-profit station, Great Lakes FM also hopes to gain further support from local business sponsors by offering greater promotional exposure to more listeners across a wider region.

The Great Lakes FM Myall Studio is located in the Library building at 63 Stroud Street, Bulahdelah and invites the community to join their Open Day Broadcast Launch from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 6th September 2025.

Can't wait to see you dressed up at the Gold Cup!

Melissa Payne - Tuncurry Forster Jockey Club

The Tuncurry Forster Jockey Club are so pleased to see the sun shining in the lead up to the XXXX Gold Cup on Friday 12th September.

We are definitely feeling that it is our time to shine. The XXXX Gold Cup, sponsored by L & B Glass, is gearing up to be a fantastic day with the McQuillan Pavilion and all reserved areas proving to be a hot commodity - having sold out for the day.

This year sees the prize money for the XXXX Gold Cup, our prestigious Marquee race, has increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and will now be a qualifier for The Big Dance run in Sydney on the first Tuesday of November. The Evermore Pearl prize money has also increased from \$32,000 to \$50,000.

We can't wait to see our patrons dressed up for our annual Fashions on the Field with prizes for the Best Dressed Lady, Best Dressed Man, Best Hat/Headwear and Best Dressed Couple.

And who could forget to mention the amazing live entertainment we have on offer - Matty Zarb in The McQuillan Pavilion and The Big Fins playing up a storm in The Paddock.

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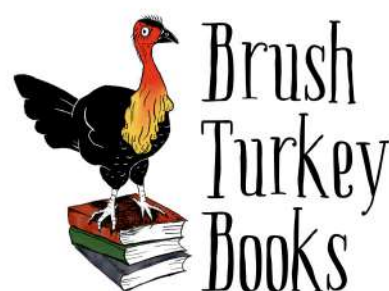
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Letters to the Editor

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Spring has arrived! Ducklings at the Forster Bull Ring by Bob Lee.

Book Review



Book Review by John King - Pacific Palms Librarian

How The World Ran Out Of Everything

We all remember the shortage of toilet paper from the upheaval of Covid 19. How The World Ran Out Of Everything – Inside The Global Supply Chain is Peter S. Goodman’s analysis as it applied to America. He is the global economics correspondent for the New York Times.

In brief, the book is an indictment of greed by financiers at the expense of people working in the supply chain from beef farmers (in Australian terms, think dairy farmers), abattoir workers, truck drivers, waterfront workers. Pay rates had been progressively cut over the years. Deregulation allowed ‘just in time’ call in for piece work, leading to extreme insecurity of income and family life and unattractive jobs. Justification? Low consumer prices.

It is no surprise that with its cheap labour, China had emerged as the world’s factory but therein lay the vulnerability to disruption so demonstrated with Covid lockdowns there. Moreover, surprisingly, America is dependent for its shipping on overseas shipping cartels.

Goodman starts with the attractive policy of Just in Time supply thereby avoiding inventories of parts and goods and the tying up of capital. When added to parts needing to be brought together from disparate factories, however, the risks of disruption are clear. Ford, for example, had thousands of vehicles stockpiled but unsaleable because they lacked a computer chip from Taiwan. Companies had forgotten sustainability against adverse events.

One of the surprising aspects is that a shortage of containers emerged, in part because with lockdown, everyone now wanted home office furniture and equipment, made in China of



course. Containers stacked up in ports partly because of bottlenecks in shore handling and transport, but also because it was not worth the shipping companies to collect them when it was more lucrative to direct what they had to the far more profitable Asia to America trade. Another reason for disruption was that with investment in maintenance of the rail transport system minimized to maximize profits, accidents inevitably occurred.

Nowhere is the power of cartels displayed so clearly as with the major beef producers. Beef production at abattoirs at their insistence was declared by government an essential industry on national security grounds with workers required to attend work even as they were dying of Covid. The cartel crafted a story about meat shortages. Yet there was enough frozen beef to supply every shop in America, and in any event it exported 20% of its production.

Is there a future? Goodman’s answer is maybe, but the almighty dollar may also mean revocation to the cheapest source of supply, namely China, as the lessons of the pandemic fade into insignificance. There is major investment in production in Mexico to limit vulnerability to international shipping. While it may be ten percent more expensive to produce, supply times are much reduced and inventories can be limited. Until Trump 2 came along, under NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, tariffs did not apply to Mexico. And will the re-regulation to control monopolies be sustained?

Has Australia learnt anything? About, for example, our dependence on overseas supply of fuel to say nothing of toilet paper. Or do we still see ourselves as the lucky country?

A few years ago, walking up Boomerang Beach, I fell into step with a guy who transpired to be a senior executive of one of Australia’s big trucking/logistics companies. This was two weeks before Christmas and he said he was about to sack his Australian manager whom he paid \$70,000 a year to keep tabs on the whereabouts of all their goods around Australia in favour of paying \$17,000 for the same job to be done in the Philippines. Some Christmas present for the family!!!! I leave you to supply the epithet. Mine is ‘bastard’.

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Migrants failing to assimilate, 200-Year Study finds

The Shovel

POLITICAL SATIRE: Migrants to Australia have displayed an inability to assimilate with local values and refuse to speak anything but their native tongue, a study covering the last 200 years has found.

The study confirms a popularly-held belief in parts of the country that migrants simply refuse to fit in.

Boat people from as far back as 1788 didn’t bother applying for passports or visas, were set on introducing their own laws, and, in many cases concealed criminal records, according to the damning report.

Chief researcher Marianne Williams said migrants have stubbornly refused to adapt to the local culture. “They haven’t made an effort to fit in, and in a lot of cases they’ve tried to



impose their own laws onto those already here”.

One migrant, a chook thief in his native England, immigrated to Australia in 1803 and despite his past career and skill set, was reduced to working as a local politician to make ends meet.

Image credit: Adam Calaitzis

Screen Reviews



TV Show Review by regular visitor to Blueys Beach - Harriet Kelly



Sold! Who Broke The Australian Dream? (Fox/Binge)

A surprising choice by Fox to back this one-episode documentary special, but I am so glad they did! And as it turns out, this show is creating a lot of conversation.

Presented by comedian (and long-time renter) Mark Humphries this ‘doco’ is both witty and satirical – certainly not the dry one hour messaging you might have expected.

At the end you will be left both wiser and dismayed at how it got to this (with a little chuckle along the way), property investors now doubling first home buyers (per current property purchase rate) in almost every State.

Whilst the public have been sold one message ‘increase supply’, both the cause and the solution lie in the tax breaks that have created this mess for our young folk in the first place.

With owners out numbering renters ‘two to one’, it’s actually hard to see how things can change when it is in so many people’s interest to keep things how they are (a point made by many a wise guest on this show).

In truth, there’s actually nothing funny about any of this.

Terms like ‘forever renters’ and ‘build to rent’ are common phrases used by the various commentators who feature in this piece, and this pretty much says it all for our millennials and beyond – you can have a roof over your head (if you are lucky), but it will be someone else’s roof.

Jane Austen – Rise of A Genius (ABC iView)

Perhaps the most outstanding TV this year! A three-part documentary that coincides with the 250 years since the birth of this literary superstar.

Watching this series, it is not only the individual genius explored in its own right which will leave you spellbound, but the ability of this individual to become the timeless author we all know and love.

Most intriguing is the parallels between her life experiences as a women born to neither ‘money or class’ in 17th Century England – and the relationships that moulded her own life appearing as a variety of characters in her great works such as ‘Pride and Prejudice’ and ‘Emma’.

Jane Austens contempt for the ultra-wealthy and their ignorance for the suffering of others is a central theme both of her life and captured in her many novels. Food for thought and one can’t help but think if society has really changed that much at all!



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Aged 94 years, Loved By All.
Family & friends of Beryl, gathered to celebrate her life on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025, in the Garden Chapel at Castlebrook Memorial Park, Rouse Hill.

‘Tell them you saw it in the Forster Fortnightly!’

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FORSTER LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (FLALC) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the 2024/2025 Annual Meeting of the FLALC

DATE: 24th September 2025
TIME: 10.30am
VENUE: FLALC Building, 10 Breckenridge St, Forster NSW 2428

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Minute Silence;
2. Apologies;
3. Annual report including CLBP implementation report on the activities of the FLALC 24/25;
4. Audited Financial statements for the 24/25 financial year;
5. Management letter for the 24/25 financial year;
6. Meeting Closed.

Authorised: Natalie Ridgeway, Chairperson Forster LALC
All enquiries about this meeting should be directed to the Forster LALC Office during business hours.



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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 Pretwett 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 **Peter Sloan 0419 125 152**

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 Section,

Cnr Lake & McIntosh Sts Forster, Tues 6.30 - 8.30pm for 14 to 18 yrs.
Contact: leanne.richardson@nsw.scouts.com.au

Great Lakes Prostate Cancer Support Group. Fourth Tuesday of every month 7pm Club Forster.
Email: jjpatchwood@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

Women’s Shed Forster & Tuncurry
Meet fortnightly every month 11:30am in Wallambi Room at Forster Library.
Enquiries Cheryl 0448 237 918.

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
Coolongolook 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

“Quilts of Love” Forster Arts & Crafts
Breeze Parade, Forster 10am-12noon.
Last Friday of every month Feb-October.
Contact Christine 6557 5627

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

Dragon Boating

Come paddle with us on Wallis Lake
7.15am for 7.30am start
Contact Janis 0420 235 987

Forster Country Women’s Association
CWA are serving Devonshire teas, 3rd Saturday of month 9:3am - 11:30pm, Coolongolook Rm, Forster Civic Centre. Enquiries: 0411 028 857

Forster parkrun community 5km run/walk
Pebbley Beach Playground off Head St
7:45am for 8am start every Saturday
facebook.com/Forsterparkrun

Great Lakes Orchid Society Meeting
Meets second Saturday of the month
2pm Forster Public School, Head Street.
Enquiries: John 0408 034 633

Great Lakes Rural Australians for Refugees
2pm at St Albans Church Hall, Forster.
Regular monthly meeting on the last Saturday of the month. Enquiries: 0418 650 694

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

Forster Tuncurry Radio Sailing Club

Tuncurry Racecourse Lake – 1pm
Contact Bruce 0466 153 616

National Parks Association

Saturday walks in national reserves and parks between Kempsey and Buladelah.
Contact Sue on 0416 074 026

Over 55s Forster/Tuncurry Social Group
Weekend meals at a local club or restaurant, or a location about an hour’s drive from town.
Contact Heather Yates 0414 507 781

Pickleball Tuncurry

3:30pm at tennis courts behind Sporties.
Enquiries: Sonia Rockley 0427 309 032

Tennis Forster

Every Saturday 12.30pm – 4pm Mixed
Organised Social, Forster Tennis Club, Lake Street. Contact: Jaime 6554 9120

Twin Towns Tennis Club

7.30am Mixed Social every Saturday, Capel St
Tuncurry. Contact Ellise 0411 476 063.

Sundays

Coomba Park Tennis Club

Every Sunday 8 - 10am Mixed Social Tennis
Enquiries: Text Melissa 0403 309 807

Forster Rainbow Pride Social activities for LGBTQIA+ community. FB/Insta/Subscribe for info & dates ForsterRainbowPride@gmail.com or call Jeni 0414 296 859.

Forster Tuncurry Boardriders: Runs on a Sun once a month from Feb to Dec. See forstertuncurryboardriders.com or contact info@forstertuncurryboardriders.com

Forster Tuncurry Dolphin Dancers
Meet every Sunday 2pm to 5pm at Senior Citizens Hall Breeze Parade Forster
Enquiries Warwick on 0409 600 294.

Forster Tuncurry Mudcrabs Winter Swimming Club - 8:30am Forster Bullring every Sunday, May till September. All ages, male & female welcome. Contact Mark Linton 0402 045 718

The ‘Weekly Diary’ 2 is FREE to promote community group info that changes monthly.

July

Manning Great Lakes Birdwatchers

Thurs 4th September - O’Sullivan’s Gap/Myall Lakes Nat. Park.

Sat 20th September - Private property at Killabakh

Enquiries ph. 0431878395

Graffiti Buster Hotline



Help keep our town graffiti free. Call Ted Bickford for any jobs big or small on the Graffiti Buster Hotline – 0408 440 309.

Community Meals & Pantry



Above: Vounteers (L-R) Judy Kirby, Tamara Clarke and Annette Gibbs at the Tuncurry Community Brunch.

Tuncurry Community Brunch

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

Pantry doors are open 9:45 - 11am with pantry essentials, fresh produce and cleaning & hygiene items.

Open during school terms at FORSTER TUNCURRY CHURCH OF CHRIST, 14 Douglas Ave Tuncurry. Donations welcome.

“Bring what you can – take what you need.”

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 ARMY CHURCH at 7 South Street is serving Community Morning Tea & Lunch.

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

Offshore wind company pulls out of \$10 billion Hunter project



Above: An artist's impression shows what wind turbines would look like at sea. (Supplied: Nexsphere)

By Nakita Jager - ABC Newcastle, 22 August 2025

Novocastrian has decided not to proceed with a feasibility licence for an offshore wind farm in the Hunter, awarded by the Australian government.

Australian company Oceanex and Norwegian-based giant Equinor could not agree on the project.

What's next?

Energy Minister Chris Bowen says the government is releasing new guidance for research on offshore renewables.

The future of the offshore wind industry in New South Wales has been dealt a blow after a European energy giant confirmed it was pulling out of the most advanced project in the state.

The federal government had offered a feasibility licence to a consortium involving Norwegian energy company Equinor and Australian partner Oceanex to build the Novocastrian Offshore Wind Farm off Newcastle and Port

Stephen. Equinor said it would not be accepting the licence, and would withdraw its support for the project.

The \$10 billion farm was expected to generate 2,000 megawatts of capacity and be located 20 kilometres

"We will continue to work with all to investigate how we can make offshore wind in the Hunter progress and create huge jobs and investment for the region," the statement read.

The decision came months after the collapse of the only company pursuing a project in the other NSW offshore wind zone, in the Illawarra region.

In a joint statement, the Novocastrian Offshore Wind project said the decision reflected global challenges.

"While we are not progressing with this feasibility licence, we believe Australia continues to have a significant role to play in the global energy transition," the statement read.

Equinor's move came after a decision by the company to pull out of a planned wind farm in Bass Strait earlier this year.

Research continues

Meanwhile, the federal government has continued supporting renewable technology development by releasing new guidance for research licences in declared offshore zones.

"It's a licence to do more research, pilot projects, offshore wind and other renewables in the zone," Mr Bowen said.

Right: Hundreds of Port Stephens residents have protested against the project in recent years. (Supplied: Richard Fabiszewski)

MP for Paterson, Meryl Swanson, said while she was disappointed Equinor declined the licence, more research would be a step in a positive direction.

"We're not shutting the door on more jobs and energy, we're pursuing it," Ms Swanson said.

Call to deregister zone

Port Stephens Offshore Game Fishing Club president Troy Radford led a fight against the proposed wind farm.

"It's great news for tourists, whale watchers and fishermen," Mr Radford said.

"The impact to recreational game fishing would be devastating, the area he chose is a marlin hotspot in Australia.

"All the whales that migrate up and down the coast and the effects of that to tourism would be devastating."

Mr Radford said the federal government should deregister the zone altogether.

"The zone that Mr Bowen picked out off Port Stephens is the worst possible spot," he said.



Right: Hundreds of Port Stephens residents have protested against the project in recent years. (Supplied: Richard Fabiszewski)

Local vistor – Lucy Bloom

Interview by Vanda Gooley

Published author Lucy Bloom drops into Forster Library

Forster had the great privilege of hosting one of Australia's most sought-after speakers – Lucy Bloom. Lucy Bloom is a dynamic Australian leader, a stand-up comedian, humanitarian and international keynote speaker known for her bold approach to leadership, philanthropy and creative communication. Born Lucy Schaffler in Johannesburg, South Africa (in 1973), she now resides in Sydney Australia.

Lucy is a sought-after conference speaker and consultant known for her engaging presentations on leadership, innovation and change management. Her style blends humour with practical insights, making her a favourite among diverse audiences. Lucy is an award-winning leader, international keynote speaker and consultant. 'Lucy Bloom presents from the magic spot between stand-up comedian and motivational speaker.'

Lucy is the author of three bestselling books in three different genres. Her first book, 'Cheers to Childbirth,' she penned when she saw there was a gap in the market when she was working as a doula (she trained in 2004 in childbirth guidance) and could see blokes suffering as they had no idea what to do, and were feeling hopeless. The book was designed to give men the practical knowledge to support their partner through childbirth. The manual is highly recommended by midwives, obstetricians and dads.

Prior to 'Cheers to Childbirth,' Lucy released an e-book, 'Lads and Dads' which is a collection of stories by men. She was also the creator of 'Beer and Bubs' when she realised men were being left out of the conversation when it came to preparing for the birth of their babies. So, she created the world's first birth education program for men run in pubs all over Australia.

Lucy was approached by Harper Collins to write a second book 'Get the Girls Out.' It is a candid and inspiring memoir of her life experiences, from working on a cattle farm to leading international aid organisations. The book encourages readers to embrace courage and joy in everyday life. Lucy said, "My deepest wish is that reading this book makes you want to do cool stuff, make plans, launch that business, pack your bags, shave your head, ride that horse, date that hottie, apply for that job, chuck that party – and most of all, get your girls out, whatever that means for you."

Lucy's third book, 'The Manuscript' was written during lockdown. It is an action-packed story full of purposeful coincidences, romance, sex, and humorous commentary. It explores the sometimes disposable nature of modern relationships, divorce and online dating.

Lucy, her mum and dad and siblings were born in Africa. They lived on a farm on the outskirts of Johannesburg with a hundred peach trees, beehives and a donkey named George. When Lucy was five, family decided to leave in order to skip compulsory army duty for her brothers.

Her dad was offered a job in England, so off they went. After three years, the weather was making them all sad. They missed Africa's sunshine and warm summers. Her dad went looking for a better place for them to live and found Sydney. The family rented a house in Pittwater at Paradise Beach 'we had moved to Paradise, literally.' Lucy said, 'but when I did go to class, I had the wrong accent... my teenage self was a bold reaction to being mercilessly bullied by my next-door neighbour in primary school. At high school, I was outspoken, pushed my limits, talked my legs off, and made lifelong friends.'

After her HSC, Lucy left school and avoided 'schoolies' by working as a jillaroo on a friend's property. She said she had the best fun riding horses, cutting cattle, building fences and 'driving big ass tractors.' She went on to study a Visual Communication Degree at UTS, but 'going back to study after yahooping on the farm was a whiplash of boredom.' After only one month, she walked out never to return. Ironically, on that same day she received an award from the premier of NSW for academic excellence in HSC. Lucy did return to university to study law, then finished a fine art degree. More recently she has studied neuroscience.

After walking away from the arts degree 'I had the most glorious 8 months of my life – to that point.' At 18 years old, Lucy landed a job as a junior creative at an advertising agency. During this time, she learned a huge amount about the advertising industry, while mainly working for charities, such as World Vision and Amnesty International.

Lucy moved into an apartment with a friend and worked in a nightclub to pay for her shiny new black motorcycle. 'We had the best time being proper grownups with our own apartment, jobs and boyfriends. Life was grand.'

Life came crashing down one night in November 1992, when a Mercedes swerved across lanes approaching the Harbour Bridge. Lucy's bike slammed into the side of that car breaking lots of fingers and her right leg. She flew over the car and landed on her stomach sliding across 3 lanes of traffic and stopped when her already busted leg hit the gutter.

That was the start of a very bad year. 14 reconstructive surgeries and in plaster for one year, one week and one day. She had bone and tissue skin grafts and consequently bares 'spectacular scars.' Doctors tried to re-establish

a blood supply to her right leg through 'cross leg surgery.' Her legs were literally sewn together, 'I was a mermaid for a month before my legs were surgically separated.' It took twenty-three years of hiding her scars before an ex-partner told her 'I think your scars are beautiful Lucy. They are part of your story.'



Above: Lucy Bloom is a comedian, humanitarian and international keynote speaker. Photo supplied.

Lucy bought her first pair of shorts since she was eighteen and stopped covering her scars. Later in 2019, Lucy sat for photographer, Brook Elbank. The shoot portrayed Lucy 'No makeup. No undies. No worries.' Her scars were beautifully captured and appeared a few months later in Vogue Magazine.

Lucy dreamed of starting her own advertising business and after leaving hospital, she started freelancing as a graphic designer and photographer and gradually built her business into a boutique creative advertising agency. It operated successfully for 20 years and she earned a reputation for bold creative thinking and fearless strategy.

She transitioned into the nonprofit sector as the founding CEO of a women's health charity - Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia. The foundation's vision is to eradicate obstetric fistula. It focuses on the holistic treatment of women and girls with obstetric fistulas. Lucy led a wildly successful \$7 million funding campaign for a network of hospitals and a midwifery school in Ethiopia.

She was then headhunted to lead a Cambodian children's charity 'Sunrise Cambodia,' transforming it into a fundraising machine and taking it from orphanage model to a modern community first approach. Their mission is to 'love, nurture and empower vulnerable children through holistic support and life-changing educational opportunities that enrich disadvantaged communities.'

Lucy's contributions have earned her accolades including being the first Australian listed among the world's top 30 #socialcos (people using social media platforms to drive change) and receiving the 2015 Women's Agenda Emerging Leader in Not-for Profit Sector Award. She is also known for her distinctive pink mohawk and vibrant personality. She was invited by Angelina Jolie to a film premier in 2014. Lucy wanted to stand out hence asked her hairdresser to 'do her thing.' The result was the distinctive mohawk – she certainly stood out and has worn it ever since.

Beyond her professional endeavours, Lucy is a mother of three and an advocate for social change, using her platform to empower and inspire others.

She is host of her own podcast show and a regular writer for a number of online platforms. She is known for her trailblazing approach to leadership, blending courage, trust and unconventional thinking to drive change and foster creativity. She inspires people and organisations worldwide. She is an exceptional speaker, with 20 years behind the mic, and inspirational presenter and story teller. She also delivers with a fabulous sense of humour.

Despite her amazing achievements' Lucy writes 'We are all ordinary. Every single one of us is an ordinary person who has a set of talents, opportunities, challenges and experiences to work with. Whether we turbocharge those into greatness or lie on the couch is usually entirely up to us. But to start with, we are all ordinary to the core.' She also said 'Life has taught me that kindness is an emotional boomerang. You chuck that love out there and it comes right back to you like a random investment with a ROI (return of investment) of random proportions.'

I love Forster because it has the best dog beach on the Mid North Coast and I just love the village feel. I live right by a big city beach ...so I love the change of pace at Forster.

Some snippets of people's thoughts of Lucy...

"Lucy's energy and enthusiasm are infectious, creating an atmosphere of inspiration and motivation. She leaves her audiences feeling uplifted and ready to take action in tangible ways."

"She's a business dynamo, a leadership trailblazer, a powerhouse philanthropist with a pink mohawk she's worn since 2014." She also had matching pink shiny platform boots the day she presented in Forster."

"Lucy's peers have recognised her for leadership and keynote speaking awards. Including as two-time finalist in the Telstra Business Women of the Year Awards."

"Once she arrived as 'a warrior woman who burst out of the bushes with a sword in each hand."

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Will the proposed Bill to split the Hunter New England Health District help our struggling health services in Manning Great Lakes?

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decades which caters to an ever growing ageing population with a higher percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Manning Base Hospital is located in the Hunter New England Local Health District (LHD) which according to NSW Health services a population of over 970,000 people, covering 25 local government areas and is the only LHD in the state that has a major metropolitan centre, a mix of several large regional centres and numerous rural and remote communities within its catchment area.

That is in comparison to the neighbouring Mid North Coast LHD, where it services a population of just over 230,000 residents. However, Port Macquarie Base Hospital (within MNC LHD) received \$265 million in January 2024 and a further \$5 million was allocated in this year's state budget with MBH missing out on any significant funding from the state government.

The Manning Great Lakes Community Health Action Group (MGLCHAG) have been actively lobbying for better health funding for nearly a decade. President of the MGLCHAG, Eddie Wood on July 9 this year stated, "We have been through 3 disasters in 5 years where we have been isolated. We got nothing in this year's budget which is an absolute disgrace and is really sad for our community. Our Manning Base Hospital services more people than the Port Macquarie Hospital. The \$5 million would have fitted out an urgent care centre in Forster immediately," Mr Wood explained.

It is important to note that in this year's Federal Budget, there was a missed opportunity by the Albanese government to direct funding to an urgent medicare clinic in the Forster/Tuncurry region. As reported in the Forster Fortnightly on April 2, 2025, the Federal government allocated \$644 million to build an additional 50 urgent medicare clinics. However, Forster/Tuncurry missed out, with the next closest urgent medicare clinic located in Charlestown.

In August last year, the Hunter New England Health District (HNEH) confirmed that a total of \$180 million in funding had been allocated to complete the Stage 2 Redevelopment of MBH (\$100 million in 2018 and \$80 million from the May budget 2024). However, \$180 million is not enough to cover the redevelopment with construction costs increasing since the funding was allocated, as reported in the last edition of the Forster Fortnightly by the MGLCHAG after they attended community consultations with NSW Health in Taree on 30 July this year (see photo below left). Lack of beds at MBH



Health Infrastructure, 31 July 2025

Manning and Great Lakes residents took the opportunity to learn more about the second stage of the Manning Hospital Redevelopment at community pop-up sessions in Taree on 30 July 2025. Residents had plenty of questions for the project team on topics that included what will be built, where it will be located and when would begin.

The work of demolishing buildings to create a level site for construction of the new three-storey inpatient building is almost complete. Remaining works include installing and connecting the new bulk oxygen tanks and removing the remaining rubble. This work should be completed by the end of September.

There's plenty of activity behind the scenes as we move closer to starting work on the main construction works. Tenders will be going out shortly to engage a builder under an 'Early Contractor Involvement' agreement. Getting the builder in early will help the project team to finalise the design and ensure clinical priorities are delivered for the local community within budget.

The planning application for the main works is expected to go on public exhibition, with the community invited to comment, early in 2026. Once approval has been secured, the main works construction can get underway.



Above: 2016 Map showing locations of hospitals and multipurpose centres in the large Hunter New England District. Bulahdelah is on this map though its 12 bed hospital was closed in 2013 by HNEH. The red dotted line shows a rough idea of the proposed split into two health districts.

is the number one priority acknowledged by HNEH LHD but only 84 additional beds are now in planning instead of the original 112 beds. At the time of publication there has been no funding allocated to complete Stage 3 of the redevelopment.

Cardiologist at MBH, Dr Sesh Narasimhan on 23 July this year stated, "I helped prepare the Clinical Services Plan (CSP) with consultation for HNEH. [The CSP is the vital document that planned for the future needs and funding of the Manning Great Lakes area.] We addressed a lot of sub-specialties which needed funding specifically aged care and cardiology, two areas that our population has a great need for in this region. Despite providing this comprehensive CSP document, we have been informed that the submission by HNEH to the Ministry of Health was hampered by time delay. This unfortunately has resulted in the funding needs for Stage 2 and Stage 3 not be factored into the latest budget plans. Decision and policy makers do not have a clear understanding of the clinical needs, and this unfortunately prevents progress."

Furthermore, MidCoast Mayor Claire Pontin said on August 6 this year that she was urging the Health Minister to include funding in next year's state budget. "I am urging the Health Minister to include funding for the complete redevelopment of Manning Hospital in next year's budget," she explained. "Not only does the Stage 2 work need additional funding to provide the full suite of services but discussions need to start now on the money required to complete Stage 3 as well...the Manning Hospital is not fit for purpose and in a steady state of decline due to inadequate infrastructure funding from previous state governments and that this has not been adequately addressed by the current state government. The ageing and increasing population of the MidCoast local government area, points to the need for improved and increased levels of service, especially for cardiovascular care, not further under-servicing."

The Health Services Amendment (Splitting of HNEH District) Bill 2025 is introduced

Member for Barwon, Roy Butler, put forward a motion on 18 February this year to the NSW Legislative Assembly to split the Hunter New England Health District (HNEH) into two separate LHD's.

"The bill is "An Act to amend the Health Services Act 1997 to split the Hunter New England Health District into the Hunter Local

Health District and the New England North West Local Health District, and for other purposes," Mr Butler stated.

The proposed split would divide the current regions into 2 health districts (see map on left):

1. Hunter Local Health District: City of Cessnock, Dungog, City of Lake Macquarie, City of Maitland, Mid-Coast (Manning Base Hospital), Muswellbrook, City of Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter Shire

2. New England North West Local Health District: Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn Shire, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield (part), Uralla, Walcha

A Committee on Community Services to inquire and report on the Bill (to split the HNEH LHD) is set up

The House agreed to refer the Bill on 20 February following Mr Butler's decision to put the bill

forward to state parliament on 18 February, to the Committee on Community Services for inquiry and report. The Committee members are Member for Cessnock, Clayton Barr (Chair), Member for Blue Mountains, Trish Doyle (Deputy Chair), Member for the South Coast, Liza Butler, Member for Murray, Helen Dalton, Member for Parramatta, Donna Davis, Member for Myall Lakes, Tanya Thompson and the Member for the North Shore, Felicity Wilson.

The Committee announced the new inquiry into the Health Services Amendment on 5 March this year and gave the public a mere six weeks to return submissions up until 17 April this year.

Committee Chair Clayton Barr invited members of the public on 5 March to put forward a submission to the Committee. "Let us know the potential impacts on the administration of the Local Health District funding and resourcing, staffing, access to health services in rural and regional parts of Hunter New England area. Whether you're a council, a peak body, a union, a health sector worker or a member of the public, head to the committee's webpage and log a submission by the 17th of April.

As per the parliamentary website, 107 submissions have been received by the committee.

Member for Barwon's presentation of the Bill on 18 February 2025 (edited)

When MP Roy Butler (pictured right) put forward this motion in February 2025 he stated, "This bill has been a long time coming. The idea of splitting the Hunter New England Local Health District was most recently the subject of discussion in 2022 when my parliamentary colleague the former member for Northern Tablelands launched a petition to that effect. It garnered over 16,000 signatures and was debated in Parliament, but it goes back even further than that."

"Under the 1997 Health Services Act, there were provisions for the amalgamation for various regional and metropolitan area health services. Up to then, the Hunter Area Health Service and the New England Area Health Service were separate entities, but in 2004 it was announced that they would be combined to form a new, much larger health district. The population within the health district used to be 800,000 in an area covering 131,785 square kilometres and taking in 25 local government areas, but it has since grown to a population of around 970,000 people. It is also the only health district delivering services to rural and remote areas that is administered from a metropolitan base [Newcastle]."

"At the time the merger was announced, there were protests and even a petition tabled in Parliament by the then member for Tamworth,

Mr Peter Draper. In June 2004 the Independent member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Richard Torbay, asked the then Minister for Health, Mr Morris Iemma, the member for Lakemba, whether, given the strong community concern and lack of any detailed information on the reasons for a merger, the Minister would rule out a forced amalgamation between New England and Hunter area health services, to which the Premier replied that several options were being considered but that the concerns of their local communities were being taken into account and the decision would be made with the best interests of all communities and area health services across the State."

The Government intended streamlining and improving the administration of health care in this part of New South Wales. The amalgamation began in 2005 when they began dismantling the head office of the New England Area Health Service, then based in Tamworth. That means the decision making apparatus is no longer based in the area but is concentrated in a large metropolitan area, remote from most of the facilities it administers—an area, I would argue, that is far too large for this administration, particularly given its demonstrated reluctance to engage or directly consult with the rural and remote communities it serves. In the two decades since the amalgamation, the administration of this large, diverse area seems to have mostly been beyond the capability of the administrators."

"During my time in office, I have received numerous complaints from patients about treatment they have received in Hunter New England hospitals [details are given of concerning patient cases and limited health services and opening hours at Narrabri and Wee Waa Hospitals], mostly related to understaffing and poor resourcing. I passed these complaints on to the Minister. The official responses we receive back from Hunter New England are often dismissive of the claims made by patients and, as a result, nothing is ever done to fix those problems. This is not about our overworked nurses and medical staff. This is about the management structure that should support them. The amalgamation was meant to make things better for patients and staff, but the stories from constituents tell another story of understaffing, under resourcing and an unresponsive, uncaring health district administration."

MP Butler goes on to state, "While it is true that many hospitals across New South Wales and Australia are struggling to maintain staffing levels, other health districts have shown it is possible to recruit staff. In October 2022 the Western Local Health District was faced with a comparable situation to Wee Waa, with a reduction in the number of available beds at the Nyngan Multi Purpose Service (MPS) due to staff shortages. After several months of being unable to recruit staff, in August 2023 a Nyngan MPS working group was formed. The Western Local Health District made every effort to collaborate with the working group, and by January 2024 the hospital was back to normal operation. The difference was that Western LHD consulted with the community and kept them informed and worked consistently on recruitment. In my electorate I have four different local health districts, or parts of them — Murrumbidgee, Western, Far Western and Hunter New England. Three of these are good to work with. They are responsive, consult with the communities they serve and are transparent about what they are doing. Hunter New England, in my opinion, is the exception."

"The amalgamation of the Hunter New England area health service was an experiment that has not worked. As I have said, it is the only health district where rural and remote services are administered from a metropolitan base. The metropolitan base is too far removed from the New England region, and it is too large an area for them to adequately look after. Splitting the health district would not be a disruption; it would be a return to how things should be: a country health district looking after its own. I could speak for much longer and provide more stories from constituents about what has happened and how they have been bumped from hospital to hospital seeking care, but the intention and focus of the bill at the moment is to refer it to a committee. The community can then have direct input into the committee's work and have the opportunity to tell their stories. I am certain that, if the bill is referred to committee and comes back to the House

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for debate, those experiences and stories will inform future debate."

Submission from Hunter New England Health District and NSW Health (edited)

• In response to the proposed motion Chief Executive Officer Tracey McCosker (pictured right) stated in the health district's 13-page submission that they are committed to ensuring they continue to provide high quality and accessible patient-centred care to all the communities they serve.

Although they welcome the inquiry, "Forcing a separation between the Hunter and New England regions would fragment our workforce, duplicate systems, and reduce our flexibility to deploy staff and resources where they're needed most. [Recruiting enough medical staff] is a nationwide issue affecting all sectors but is felt most acutely in regional and rural areas."

"A networked district ensures our rural and regional patients have access to specialist services that would be otherwise unavailable and delivers advantages in funding and efficiency. It also ensures financial sustainability. The Hunter region's higher activity and population base effectively subsidises the more complex and costly care required [in regional and rural areas]."

• The NSW Health submission stated, "Splitting the district into two districts would take substantial time, money, and effort. The cost of this change would be high, and likely significantly impact the NSW Health budget over several years."

Submissions from other Councils in the New England Health District

By Tom Plevy – New England Times, 25 March 2025 (edited)

Narrabri, Moree Plains and Tamworth Shires are united in supporting a proposed split-up of the Hunter New England Local Health District.



Councils from the North West made submissions as part of an inquiry conducted for the Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Hunter New England Health District) Bill 2025 tabled in parliament by Member for Barwon Roy Butler. Mr Butler's expansive electorate includes Narrabri Shire on the western edge of the district.

In their submissions, councils voiced concern about the state of local health services and a need for reliable, high quality infrastructure within closer reach.

Moree Plains Shire Mayor Susannah Pearse said in the council's submission, "Currently, the region relies heavily on the John Hunter Hospital as a Level 6 tertiary facility. For serious and complex medical cases, this link provides vital access—patients from Moree can reach John Hunter within approximately six hours, a connection not afforded to many rural areas. However, in practice, this system is increasingly strained."

"Patients are at times first diverted to Tamworth Hospital, only to be redirected again to John Hunter. This double diversion reflects a systemic lack of resourcing and coordination, and adds stress, delay, and risk to critical care pathways."

"The impact on local families and carers is considerable. For example, residents from Mungindi, Boggabilla or Toomelah in our shire's north face a journey of more than 600km to reach John Hunter Hospital—a distance that is not only cost and time prohibitive, but one that significantly impairs access to consistent

support, follow-up care, and family presence during treatment."

Cr Pearse said these factors contribute to poorer health outcomes and compound existing rural and Indigenous disadvantage.

Tamworth Councillor Webb stated, "Council believes the current approach where all of its local residents are diverted to the John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle for specialist care has resulted in the gradual but consistent decline of local hospitals."

Tamworth Regional Council, which would serve as the centre-point of a new North West/New England health district if the split-up did occur, also indicated its support for what has been proposed.

"Council is not confident this bill will in itself solve all of the health care issues in our region, however, council does firmly believe that health care decisions related to our large and diverse region should be made by a body that is connected to, and resides within, the region and not in Newcastle," Mayor Russell Webb wrote in Tamworth Regional Council's submission. "The Hunter New England Health District is an enormous region that stretches from Newcastle to the Queensland border."

Tamworth Cr Webb said council believes the current approach where all of its local residents

are diverted to the John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle for specialist care has resulted in the gradual but consistent decline of local hospitals.

What's next?

The Committee on Community Services held public hearings in Narrabri, Tamworth and two in Sydney in mid to late August this year for its inquiry into the Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Hunter New England Health District) Bill.

Committee Chair, Clayton Barr, said that a high volume of inquiry submissions came from New England residents including in Narrabri and Wee Waa.

"Narrabri and Wee Waa were the highest represented towns among submissions to the inquiry. We welcome the opportunity to hear the views of local community members on the proposal to split the Local Health District," Mr Barr said.

"The Committee will be hearing from a range of local stakeholders, including community groups, health care providers, local councils, and local businesses."

The Committee travelled to the New England region to hear directly from communities in the Hunter New England Local Health District in Narrabri and Tamworth on 12 and 13 August. The Committee also held public hearings at Parliament House in Sydney on 20 and 22 August.

Roy Butler MP also organised a public meeting at Wee Waa on 25 August, to "Hear about the Implementation Plan directly from NSW Health Leadership," in relation to the Emergency Department at Wee Waa Hospital. This meeting was attended by Luke Sloane, NSW Health Deputy-Secretary and Tracey McCosker, Hunter New England Health CEO.

At this stage the Health Services Amendment (to split the HNEH LHD) is still before the committee and no decisions have been made as yet.

The Forster Fortnightly will report further when more information is available.

For more information on this inquiry, search online for "Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Hunter New England Health District) Bill 2025."

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Pioneer Towns: Krambach



Left: Krambach Presbyterian Church. Image credit MidCoast Council

Primarily a farming area, Krambach's main importance lay in its geographical location, being on the road from Raymond Terrace through to the north. In addition, it was the stopping off point for mail and passengers travelling to and from Tuncurry and other settlements near the coast.

Settlers

In 1860 Robert Easton settled at Dry Creek and William Patterson took up land at Larry's Flat. About 1870 many other settlers were arriving in the area. Late 1870's John and Laurence Gallagher arrived in Krambach. The large number of descendants

of these brothers (said to be around 200 at the time) earned Krambach the name "Gallagher Town." John James Gallagher, son of Laurence, was to play an important part in the establishment of the village. In 1878 John Wright established a timber mill and village known as Avalon on the Nabiac side of Krambach.

Mail and Telephone

In 1883 a post office was established at the residence of J.J. Gallagher. Later he built a new post office near the old office and store. In 1891 he was succeeded as Postmaster by William Deer. In 1892 Krambach became a Public Telephone Office and in 1900 a telegraph line was completed from Krambach to Tuncurry. About 1909 a public telephone was installed in the village and the exchange was opened 1916. In March 1980 the telephone service was changed to automatic.

Transport

The main coaching route ran through Krambach, which became one of the stopping

places between Gloucester and the Manning. The changing stables were a little out of town at a spot known as Stable Hill.

Hotels and Boarding Houses

The Krambach Hotel was erected in about 1885 by J.J. Gallagher. The original building was a single storey dwelling and the hotel had a showroom, for the use of commercial travellers who were able to display their samples. The hotel is still owned by a Gallagher family member.

In June 1890 a survey was completed on Krambach and in February 1891, the village was proclaimed.

The Great Lakes Museum is at 1 Capel Street Tuncurry.

Opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-1pm and Sunday 1pm-3pm.

Forster Community Garden renewal morning

Karuah & Great Lakes Landcare

A revival of a Forster Community Garden, led by Worimi Elders and Forster Neighbourhood Centre was held at Pennington Creek near Little Street on Saturday 30 August...

What a fun convivial morning at the Forster Community Garden site, starting its renewal with some community bush regeneration. We all toolled up - even Aunty Janice or Aunty Pam keenly joined the fray. "Cyclone" Sally, one of the original garden volunteers, led the charge with gale force energy.

We got rid of plenty of Madeira Vine, Climbing and Ground Asparagus, Corky Passionfruit, weedy palms, Cassia, Camphor Laurel, plus rubbish, and the site is getting cleaned up and ready to swing back into action.

We agreed over a sunny morning tea that it should become a regular thing, so watch this space.

Right and below: Volunteers at the garden revival morning around Pennington Creek near Little Street Forster.

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Our Local wildlife



By Kym Kilpatrick – FAWNA Hallidays Point

Black-necked Stork

Most Australians are familiar with the common bird name of Jabiru but most (well at least me) associate it with the Top End of Australia. In reality, the Jabiru, also known as the Black Necked Stork, Australia's only stork, was once common across NSW and indeed can sometimes still be seen locally in places like the Cattai Wetlands.

Black-Necked Storks (Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus) are big, standing at 129 to 150 centimetres tall with a wingspan of around 230 centimetres. Their heads and necks are black with iridescent green and purple lustres. Their wings are also black, and the rest of their bodies white. The legs are a coral red. Their bills are massive and black, and their tails short. Males and females differ only in eye-colour – females have a yellow iris, males dark brown.

In flight, Black-Necked Storks do not retract their head like herons and other waterbirds, instead flying with their necks outstretched. They fly with slow heavy wingbeats and short glides or soar on thermals. Once common throughout NSW wetlands, they are now usually only seen singly or in pairs.

Black-necked Storks are creatures of freshwater wetlands including swamps, billabongs, marshes, large dams and the major coastal rivers. At times they may also be found in estuaries or minor floodplains. They are also resident in Southeast Asia where they will hunt in and around flooded rice fields.

They hunt in water 5 to 30 centimetres deep for a wide variety of prey, vertebrates and invertebrates, which they catch by jabbing with their large bills. Eels are a particular favourite and contribute significantly to their diet, but they will also consume other fish, frogs, crustaceans and insects. They require nearly 1kg of food per day.

Right: Photo of Black-necked Stork by BirdLife Australia.



Black-necked Storks or Jabiru are particularly legendary for their courtship dances. A courting pair will face each other, extend and rapidly flutter their wings, especially the tips, and push their heads forward, clattering their bills, sometimes with short hop-flights into the air. This dance can last for a minute and be repeated several times. Black-necked Storks lack a voice box, so apart from beak clattering, they are silent.

Pairs bond for several years and possibly for life. Breeding in NSW is between May and January. Both parents build the nest which is a large platform up to 1.8 metres wide, in tall trees near water, and nests may be used in successive years. They are secretive and isolated in their nesting however, and if disturbed may abandon it.

Two to four white eggs are laid, and both parents are involved in raising the chicks, including carrying water to them in their beaks. The exact incubation period is still unknown but believed to be about 30 days. The chicks are downy white when first hatched but develop darker grey down after a week. Then, as juveniles younger than six months, they are brown, fluffy with dark legs and a white belly. After six months they become mottled brown with the iridescent black beginning to develop. They are believed to leave the nest after 115 days.

Once common throughout the Eastern Seaboard, Black-necked Storks are now listed as Near Threatened by the IUCN Red List. In NSW in 2010 there was estimated to only be 75 breeding pairs.

Collision with powerlines is a recognised threat to Black-necked Storks accounting for 50% of known deaths. Like so much of our wildlife, however, it is the loss of habitat, especially the draining of wetlands, floodplains and destruction of tall trees for human settlements, agriculture and mining that has led to their now Near Threatened Status.

Hallidays Point Skatepark update



Above: Photos from Sunday 30 August showing great progress of the new Hallidays Point Skatepark, by Matilda Yule.

By Mary Yule - Forster Fortnightly

Construction of the long-awaited skatepark at Wylie Breckenridge Park (next to Hallidays Point shopping Centre) is well under way after a season of heavy rain.

VFG Skate Parks Pty Ltd were awarded the contract with MidCoast Council in February 2015.

MidCoast Council consulted with the Hallidays Point Community Skatepark group, other key stakeholders and members of the general public to come up with a design that would cater to the majority of users and skill levels.

Construction of the skatepark is great news for the community, some who have been advocating for their local youth for around

30 years. The push to build at Wylie Park was taken up by the Hallidays Point Community Skatepark group in the mid 2010's.

The Forster Fortnightly will publish a more detailed story on 'how the Hallidays Point Community got their skatepark' in a future edition.

Sydney's Super Sunday Running Festival

By Dave Hughes – Forster Runners

Sydney was recently awarded the status of the "Seventh World Marathon Major". It competed with China and South Africa for this status and now joins the elite six other "majors" (Berlin, Chicago, Tokyo, London, Boston and New York).

In 2022 the marathon attracted 5,300 runners. This year the number was seven fold (35,000). The weather was perfect for the runners. With a brisk 7 degrees the runners were released from their starting shutles. This major event attracted a top quality field from over 100

different countries. The week leading up to the event was full of excitement with the arrival of some of the fastest runners in the world. The GOAT (Elliud Kipchoge) was in the house and his throng of admirers hung of every word during his numerous interviews. Eliud, now 40 years old, is a quietly spoken man but his message is always loud and clear.

The participants congregated at North Sydney Oval and were sent off in several waves starting from 6:30 am. It was a sea of colour with the latest active wear and carbon plated footwear on display.

There were definitely no "Dunlop Volleys" amongst this crowd. The usual dress ups (which I'm sure sounded like a good idea after a few beers) included a man dressed in a business suit. And then there were the dinosaurs, etc. The crowds were much higher and more enthusiastic than previous years and

the cheering at times was deafening.

The leading group of 15 or so Africans was a sight to behold. They were graceful and incredibly fast and it was a wonderful to watch their superb athleticism.

Both the men's and women's course records were broken with Hailemariam Kiros (2h 6m) and Sifan Hassan (2h 18m) taking the honours.

The event was a stunning success and the organisers would be proud of their hard work in bringing this event together.

Forster Runners had a strong contingent with some outstanding results

Mark Fletcher, running his very first marathon cracked the magic 3 hour mark (2h 59m) and was a just reward his commitment to training.

Justine Lea (3h53m) finally broke 4 hours and was a fitting redemption to her recent London marathon where she struggled from the 30km mark. Excellent guidance from her new coach and close friend, Josh Moody had an amazing effect on her times. "Jussie" maintained an even pace throughout the race never varying her km splits by more than a few seconds.

Hayley Moody had an awesome day out and beat 85% of the field home with a stunning time of 3h 41m. She had a personal pacer in husband Josh who sacrificed his own ambitions to ensure Hayley adhered to a specific game plan and reach her goals.



Left: Some of the Forster Runners before their events. Mark Fletcher (on far left) broke the magic 3 hour mark in his first marathon.



Above: Forster Runner's Hayley and Josh Moody heading over the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the marathon. Photos supplied.

Craig Simpson managed a time of 3h 18m and was 17th in his age group (60-64) out of over 1000 runners. That's an outstanding result for someone of his age.

Paul Martin (who is more of a short distance specialist) took on his first marathon and crossed the line in 4h 43m.

"Come and Try Day"



Great Lakes Junior Cricket Club

To kick the start of the cricket season we are offering a FREE "Come and Try Day". It will be held on the 14/9/25 at the Tuncurry soccer fields starting 10am. We will have games and activities for girls and boys of all ages. There will be a BBQ on the day for a gold coin donation as well.

We will provide everything - just register to cover the insurance and bring a hat and drink. To find registration details jump on our Facebook page: Great Lakes Junior Cricket Club.

Hallidays Point Physie Club Shines in Early Competitions



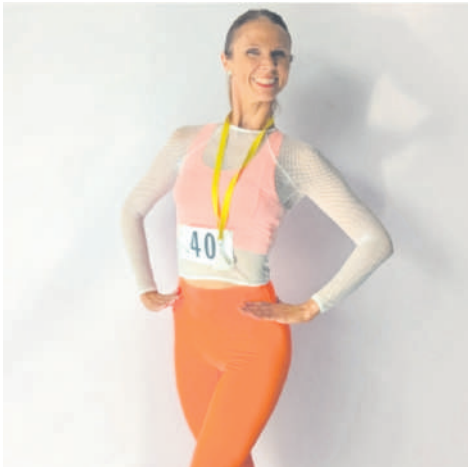
Above: Young Phoebe impressed in her very first competition, taking 1st place in the 5 Years section.



Above: Mia achieved 4th place in the 12 Years section. Photos supplied.



Above: Ashlee secured 2nd place in the Second Year Senior section.



Above: Kate earned 3rd place in the Open Ladies section.

Hallidays Point Physie Club

Hallidays Point Physie Club has started the competition season with fantastic results, achieving success at both events entered so far. The first competition was held at Wallarah Point on 3 August, where four of our members placed. Young Phoebe impressed in her very first competition, taking 1st place in the 5

Years section. Ashlee secured 2nd place in the Second Year Senior section, Kate placed 3rd in the Open Ladies section, and Mia achieved 4th place in the 12 Years section.

Just a week later, the team travelled to Wauchope for the second competition. Steph placed 5th in the Ladies section, Kate earned 3rd place in the Open Ladies section, Ashlee

also took 3rd place in the Second Year Senior section, and Phoebe continued her strong start with 4th place in the 5 Years section.

Hallidays Point Physie Club is proud of all members for their efforts and achievements, and we look forward to more exciting results throughout the season. We would also like to wish all of our competitors the very best

of luck as they prepare for the upcoming Zone Champion Girl and Champion Lady competitions.

If you would like more information about your local Physical Culture Club, please visit our website for more details at: www.hallidayspointphysieclub.com

Major Pairs Championships for Forster Bowling Club

Close Final in Men's Major Pairs

By Allan Hughes – Forster Bowling Club

Everyone knew it was going to be a very close final when spectators turned up to witness the Men's Major Pairs match between Mick Pole and Chris Williams, and Graham Coleman and Jason Preston.

The game started as everyone suspected with neither team having advantage. This continued until the fourteenth end when Mick and Chris pulled ahead with 14 to 10. By the seventeen end the lead had changed with Graham and Jason at 15 to 14. Spectators held on to the last end to see the players draw 15 all. An extra end was needed which saw Mick and Chris successful at winning the final. What a match!

Right: Winners of the Men's Major Pairs (L-R) Mick Pole and Chris Williams.



Too good in the Women's Final

By Allan Hughes – Forster Bowling Club

The ladies Major Pairs Championship was played the same day as the men's so trying to watch both games at the same time was a little hard.

Carol Edwards and Claire Kelly took on Jan Taylor and Carol Watters. Jan and Carol Watter's team scored first. However, Carol and Claire Kelly scored a 4, followed by a 3 and then another 3 by the fourth end. By the tenth end they led 10 to 1. Jan and Carol Watters started to fight back but it was too late, and Carol and Claire Kelly won 20 to 10 to win the Championship.

Right: Winners of the Women's Major Pairs (L-R) Claire Kelly and Carol Edwards. Photos supplied.



Black Head Surf Club Relay Swim Event



By Mary Yule – Forster Fortnightly

Five local swim clubs came together for a fun morning of relay racing at the Black Head Surf Club open pool on Sunday 17 August. The event was hosted by the Forster Tuncurry Mudcrabs in honour of former Mudcrab member Dave Quinlivan.

President of the Mudcrabs, Tim Cusack said, "This year we invited other swim clubs and our sponsors to enter teams. We loved having them along to enjoy the day."

Men, women and mixed relay teams of four swimmers from the Forster Tuncurry Mudcrabs, the Lakeside Tavern, Lakes and Ocean Hotel, the Forster Turtles and the Blackhead Surf Club raced over the 30m pool length in a knockout competition with handicapped starts.

Annie Evans from the Forster Turtles said, "It was really fun. We entered mixed teams and made it through to the third round."

The eventual winner was Team Debbie Glover with her teammates Tim Cusack and young guns Jodie and Adele Fleming from the Mudcrabs. As with the past two years, the



Above: Members of the Mudcrabs at Black Head Pool.

winning team got to choose a local charity to donate a cheque from money raised by the five clubs competing.

"Team Debbie Clover decided to give the \$1,000 cheque to the Great Lakes Women's Shelter this year. We also threw the hat around to raise money for the volunteers who maintain the community run Black Head pool," said Tim. "After the competition the clubs enjoyed breakfast together at the Lakes and Oceans in Forster."

Inter Resort Golf Event



Above: Warren Arnold from Forster Lakes (left) presenting to the winner Terry Hulme from Tea Gardens. Photo supplied.

By Warren Arnold – Forster Lakes

Monday 18 August saw our latest Palm Lake Inter Resort Golf Event played at the Hawks Nest Golf Course. 9 keen golfers from Palm Lake Forster Lakes ventured down and were joined by 16 golfers from Palm Lake Tea Gardens.

Unfortunately, the players from Tea Gardens were far too good for us with 202pts in the team's event compared to our 169pts (from the best 6 scores from each resort). We didn't fare much better in the individual scoring with the first 3 places going to Tea Gardens players - 1st Terry Hulme, 2nd Glen Byrnes, 3rd Sally MacDougal with 4th place going to Warren Arnold from Forster Lakes.

Despite the prospect of rain, everyone enjoyed their golf and the get-together afterwards.

We thank Forster Sales team for their continued support of this event. We look forward to a far better result at our next game on the 15th September at Tuncurry Golf Course where hopefully the home ground advantage will be in our favour.

Finally back on the water!

By Dave Nash – Club Forster Blue Water Fishing Club

August Fishing Competition

After poor weather washed out the July competition, it was good to back on the water for our August comp held Saturday 16th August. With the July 'wash-out' this outing was the first for the club measuring catches by length rather than weight. 8 boats signed in with 14 anglers testing their skills. Whilst the sun did not show up as forecast keeping temperatures cool, sea conditions were good and a total of 71 fish were caught totalling over 28 metres in length.

'Smiling' John Habraken won significant honours collecting 280.33 points from 14 fish at a total length of just over 5.3 metres. This included the longest flathead and runner up teraglin. Newcomer Robert 'Bert' Steel achieved a PB snapper of 635 mm, but old



Bert Steele with his snapper.

hand Jo Bujalski pipped him for the longest snapper prize with a snapper of 666mm. Other first timers did well with James Cassidy landing 5 snapper totalling just over 1.8 metres and Anthony Flicker landing a nice mulloway of just on 700mm. Unfortunately, like many anglers on the day, Anthony found the fishing patchy. Ultimately, Dave Nash won the day with 14 fish measuring a total of just under 6 metres netting him the winning total of 289.88 points. Full comp results can be found on the club website (clubforsterbluewaterfishingclub.org).

August also saw the Club AGM & Yearly Prize Presentation

"The meeting was well attended by our members who enjoyed a pleasant dinner (and a few beverages!)" stated club President Alan Bowden. "I would like to thank the members who have once again volunteered to give their time and effort to keep this fishing club organized and functional. It surely is appreciated."

The fishing club is very appreciative of the support of Club Forster. Club Forster Vice President Neil Stuckey was there on the day to support the club and present awards to the yearly winners. Ever consistent, Martyn Barry won the year with Jo Bujalski running up as well as taking out best flathead for the year. John Habraken won best snapper for the year, and

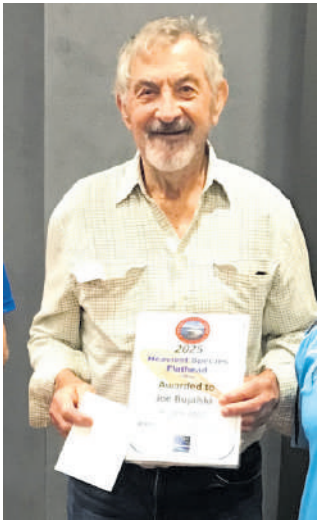


Above: (L-R) Neil Stuckey - VP of Club Forster, Barry Wrench - Club Person of the Year and Alan Bowden - President of CFBWFC. Photos supplied.

Greg Scott best teraglin. 'Tiny but tireless' Barry Wrench was well deserved Club Person of the Year. Always the first to volunteer and last to leave. Thanks Barry for all you do!

For those interested in joining the Club Forster Blue Water Fishing Club, please see the club website.

Right: Jo Bujalski, runner up for the year.



Graham Barclay Tackle World Report

With winter finally nearing its end, the sounds and whistles of local birdlife signal that spring is on the way. The sun is making more regular appearances, and hopefully it sticks around.

The lake has been fishing patchy due to the weather, but it cleaned up quicker than after previous rains, and the bream are hungry. Fishing the top of the tide has been best, though fish remain active on the run-out as well. Structure such as oyster lease edges, jetties, rock walls, or rubble beds is your best bet for Wallis Lake bream. Lightly weighted plastics and unweighted baits work well—add just enough weight to sink naturally without rocketing to the bottom. The Squidgy Wiggler in deadly Wasabi colour has been slaying bream around leases and poles.

Flathead have been slower, but consistent numbers of pan-sized fish are being caught. Bigger models are taking swimbait, plastics, and hardbodies. The new Nomad Live Ops 5-inch Fallout Minnow has been outstanding, while the Squidgy Reef Wiggler rigged weedless and cast around weedbeds remains a top choice for winter flathead.



Noah Bradshaw with a nice Tailor off the beach



Isaiah De Wright with a nice Long Tail Tuna from the rocks

The rocks and breakwall have seen less action thanks to bad weather, but those braving it are still being rewarded. Longtail tuna are mixing with mac tuna and bonito off the ledges, snapper are starting to fire up, and blackfish are schooling in good numbers—some even taking flathead lures!

Beaches have been a sneaky good option when conditions turn. Tailor and salmon are moving quickly along southern beaches, often switching gutters daily. Walking the beach until you locate an active school is the key. The Dr Hook Long Tom has been deadly here.

Offshore has also been limited by weather, but prospects look promising. Snapper are firing from 5 to 80 metres, while boats heading wide are tangling with bar cod and kingfish, some tipping the scales at 22 kg gilled and gutted.

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Dolphins edge out Ratz in a bruising affair - ready for Grand Final this Saturday 6 September

By Chris Simon – Forster Tuncurry Rugby Dolphins

There was nothing squeaky about this clash of Dolphins and Ratz (30 August) — just bruises, hard running, and bone-rattling collisions. From the opening whistle it was clear neither side had come to have their season end; this was full-throttle rugby with a grand final spot on the line.

At full time last week, having suffered an 18-13 loss to minor premiers the Wallamba Bulls, the Forster Tuncurry Dolphins knew that the Manning River Ratz would be a dangerous

opponent despite enduring a tough season. And so it proved — a brutal, physical clash that left nothing in the tank.

The opening stages were exactly as expected: tough, bruising and uncompromising, with both sides trading early penalty goals. The Dolphins then found rhythm, shifting into a period of structured rugby that produced their finest period of the season. Kaleb Trudgett opened the try-scoring before some neat interplay between the forwards sent Maison Wise scampering over for another, giving the home side momentum and the scoreboard pressure they wanted.

The Ratz, however, didn't back down, grabbing two close-range tries after sustained phases of attack. As tempers flared, referee Michael Wooster produced a red card for foul play, reducing both sides to 14 men. The half closed with the Dolphins narrowly ahead, 18-15.

The second half was no less ferocious, with



Sean Hassett delivered the highlight of the day — a dazzling 50 metre solo effort. Photo by Matilda Yule.

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possession and momentum swinging wildly. The Dolphins were forced to repel wave after wave of Ratz raids before Trudgett broke the stalemate. Bursting through the midfield, he stepped the fullback to score under the posts in a game-changing moment. No long later, Sean Hassett delivered the

highlight of the day — a dazzling 50-metre solo effort, finishing after a powerful surge from Memphis McBride.

Still refusing to fold, the Ratz struck again just a minute before the final whistle, but it wasn't enough. The Dolphins held firm for a 30-23 victory, earning themselves the right to face the Bulls once more in the grand final — the second consecutive year these rivals will battle for the title.

After coming through unscathed, the Dolphins now look ahead to a rematch that promises to be another classic - between two evenly matched teams in the Grand Final at Nabiac. Strap in, it's going to be a belter!

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