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Above: Asha Brereton and Molly Lynch gave the Welcome to Country.

Hallidays Point Skatepark opens

The new skatepark was a sea of skateboards, scooters and bikes when hundreds of people turned up to help celebrate the official opening on Sunday 16 October at Wylie Breckenridge Park. The event was organised by the Hallidays Point Community Skatepark Committee and the Lions Club of Hallidays Point.

Photos by Matilda Yule. More photos on p28.

Manning - Great Lakes Police District Update

Chief Inspector Timothy Bayly - OIC Forster Police Station

Dear Readers,

In this article I will detail two recent crimes – with a request for anyone with information or dashcam footage to contact Forster Police Station (Ph 6555 1299) or Crime Stoppers (Ph 1800 333 000) – and extend an invitation to anyone who may wish to attend the upcoming Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting at Forster.

A man faced court on 17 November 2025, after two men were seriously injured after allegedly being run over near Forster. Police have been told two men and a teenage boy were driving north in a sedan along the Lakes Way at Darawank, 10 km from Forster, about 5pm (Sunday 16 November 2025), when they've become involved with an argument with the driver of a ute, also travelling north. Police will allege that when the ute driver deliberately rammed the sedan, the two men in the sedan got out and were then run over by the ute. As the boy ran to help, police will allege the ute driver punched him in the face before driving from the scene.

A 56-year-old man has since undergone surgery at John Hunter Hospital, suffering pelvic fractures and head injuries. A 39-year-old man is also being treated at John Hunter Hospital for spinal and facial injuries; both are reported to be in a serious but stable condition. The 15-year-old boy was treated at Port Macquarie Base Hospital for facial injuries, before being discharged.

Officers from Manning/Great Lakes Police District arrested a 50-year-old man and took him to Forster Police Station. He was charged with two counts of cause grievous bodily harm with intent, one count of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The man was refused bail

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Above: Inspector Timothy Bayly.

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to appear in Bail Division Court 1 on Monday 17 November 2025. Further charges were laid against the 50-year-old, including two counts of dangerous driving causing grievous bodily harm. He was formally refused bail in court, to appear at Taree Local Court Monday 12 January 2025.

About 5.10am on Thursday 20 November 2025, local police were called to a business on Boundary Street, Forster, following reports a vehicle had crashed into a tobacconist.

Above: A stolen vehicle was allegedly used to crash into a tobacconist shop on Boundary Street, Forster, to steal cash and cigarettes on Thursday 20 November. Photo by Geordie Yule.

On arrival, officers attached to Manning/Great Lakes Police District were told a red Nissan SUV - believed to have been stolen from Old Bar overnight - had crashed into the front door of the business. The driver and passenger allegedly took cash and cigarettes before leaving the scene in the stolen vehicle, prior to police arrival.

There were no reports of injuries.

Police established a crime scene and commenced an investigation into the incident.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage is urged to contact Manning/Great Lakes police, or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Invitation: Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) Meeting Forster 28 November 2025

Community Safety Precinct Committees (CSPCs) provide an opportunity for local Councils and community members to meet with local Police District Commanders and share their perspectives on local crime and safety issues.

It provides the opportunity for community members and business owners to get involved in strategies designed to address local crime concerns.

It also provides an opportunity for District Commanders to promote accurate local crime information and raise awareness of crime prevention approaches.

In some instances, CSPC's will participate in other local crime prevention initiatives.

Community safety is everyone's business.

To hear about local crime trends and to share your concerns, interested community members are invited to attend:

Location: Cape Hawke Surf Life Saving Club, 8 Palmgrove Place, Forster

When: 11am - Friday 28 November 2025

Hope to see you there.

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

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NRL stars attract numbers and bring simple health message

Representatives from NRL Roadshow, Ready.Quit.Solid and Tobwabba Medical Service put on a fun afternoon. Photo supplied.

By Mary Yule – Forster Fortnightly

Indigenous NRL stars were a hit with the local community on a recent visit to Forster. They came with a simple health message to Ready. Quit…Solid! with vaping and smoking.

South Sydney Rabbitohs' Cody Walker and Jack Wighton, Gold Coast Titans' Brian Kelly and Phoenix-Raine Hippi, and Parramatta Eels' Nakia Davis-Welsh were on hand to chat, sign autographs, pose for photos and throw the ball around with students and plenty of excited onlookers outside the Tobwabba Medical Centre on 12 November.

Rod Smith, a representative of the Ready.Quit. Solid.NRL Roadshow, said, "Ready.Quit.Solid. is a part of TIS, which is Tackling Indigenous Smoking. It's a federally funded program that's right across the country. We're about promoting the awareness of the dangers and effects of tobacco and vapes on our Elders, pregnant mums and young people. We want to make a positive impact on all our mob by educating communities to make healthy choices. Our crew are based in Newcastle and covers a large region that extends from the Central Coast all the way up to Tweed Heads."

Rod said having the NRL players are a great draw card to bring out a lot of community people.

"Rugby League is probably the biggest sport for our people and South Sydney are probably the main NRL team that most of our people go for because they have a lot of indigenous players. With these players we can then promote the awareness about the effects of tobacco and vaping."

"You've got to give them (the visiting players) a big hand. They're fantastic, as you can see over there. They're all sitting down to sign autographs, and we've got a big lineup. Then we're going to see them shine a bit when they go to run. They're passionate about helping and happy to spend hours with these groups we visit."

Nineteen year old Phoenix is on her first three day tour with the road show and has never visited Forster before. This is her first interview during the tour (the other players told her it was her turn) and she is very nice and quite tall to meet!

"It's been pretty fun. We go around to a lot of communities and chat with the kids and hang out with them playing."

"I'm loving Forster so far, it's a hidden gem and the beaches are amazing. We got to see the Tuncurry Rockpool earlier."

Phoenix has recently signed with the Gold Coast Titans for the next two years.

"It's been awesome, you know, being able to like, live out my dreams from when I was a little kid."

"In the off season I train a bit to keep up my fitness but not so I'm too gassed for the preseason. Since the ladies are only part-time at the moment, we train four days a week in preseason and then three days a week in season for about four hours a day. The ladies will be fulltime in 2028."

Local students have a go. Photos by Mary Yule.

(L-R) Cody Walker, Jack Wighton, Brian Kelly and Phoenix-Raine Hippi signing autographs in Forster.

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Vale Ossie Selwood

Above: Photo of Ossie Selwood by Mary Yule.

Forster Tennis Club

It's with great sadness that Forster Tennis Club announces the passing of Life Member and former Club Captain of 28 years, Ossie Selwood.

Ossie was a true club man — a tireless volunteer who ran some of our night competitions and the Thursday afternoon men's social group for many years. His commitment extended beyond the courts, also running the Joker Surprise Raffle at the Forster Bowling Club every Wednesday night, with proceeds generously supporting our Junior Development Fund.

Ossie's dedication, good humour and love for the game left a lasting mark on our club community.

We extend our sincere condolences to Ossie's family and friends at this difficult time.

Second safety trial for Little Street Forster boat ramp

MidCoast Council

Local boaties are reminded that Forster's Little Street boat ramp safety trial begins on Monday 1 December.

This is the second of a two-year trial designed to improve safety during busy summer months.

During December and January only non-motorised watercraft may use the boat ramp during daylight hours.

This year, a bollard will be in place on the ramp during daylight hours. It will be lowered so that motorised watercraft can access the ramp after sunset.

This is to provide a safer launching facility for non-motorised craft. It will also improve safety near the swimming baths, amenities and boat shed cafe nearby.

Local boat shed operators and businesses have been consulted on the trial.

During summer, the area is very busy with foot traffic crossing the boat ramp. The boat ramp is often congested with vehicles launching boats and people using the ramp with kayaks and paddle boards. There is also limited parking in the nearby area for boats with trailers.

MidCoast Council rangers will track boat ramp operations during the trial.

The trial is a recommendation in the MidCoast Recreational Boating Infrastructure Plan. The Plan identifies that this area has inadequate access for motorised watercraft during peak times.

Motorised craft users can access Wallis Lake boat ramps with larger parking facilities at:

- Forster Marina
- Tuncurry (Point Road)
- Elizabeth Reserve (Forster Keys)
- Pacific Palms (Recreation Club) and
- Coomba Park foreshore.

Users of the facility will be able to provide feedback after the second trial finishes on 31 January 2026.

A review of both trials will take place in 2026. Council will consider community feedback from both trials and operational matters.

For more information about the safety trial, visit https://haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/little-street-boat-ramp

Senior's safety workshop

MidCoast Council

Above: Grandmaster Fay Shacklock.

Do you want to become more aware and safe at home? Join Taekwondo Grandmaster Fay Shacklock for a free, practical self-defence session designed to help you build awareness and learn simple moves to stay safe in everyday situations.

After morning tea, local police will share tips on keeping your home secure and staying safe online.

When: Monday 8 December

Time: 10am – 12pm

Where: Forster Civic Centre

Bookings required. To book or find out more, contact Jane O'Dwyer on 7955 7679 or 0418 769 494.

Remembrance Day Service

Forster Tuncurry RSL sub-Branch

The Forster Tuncurry RSL sub-Branch have co-ordinated another successful Remembrance Day Service for 2025 at the Lone Pine Memorial Park in Tuncurry. It was pleasing to see the many faces in the crowd of 300 with some new people proudly wearing Service Medals.

The official Service commenced at 10:45am to have the Last Post played close to 11:00am, followed by The Ode, which was the official time that hostilities ceased in Europe ending the First World War.

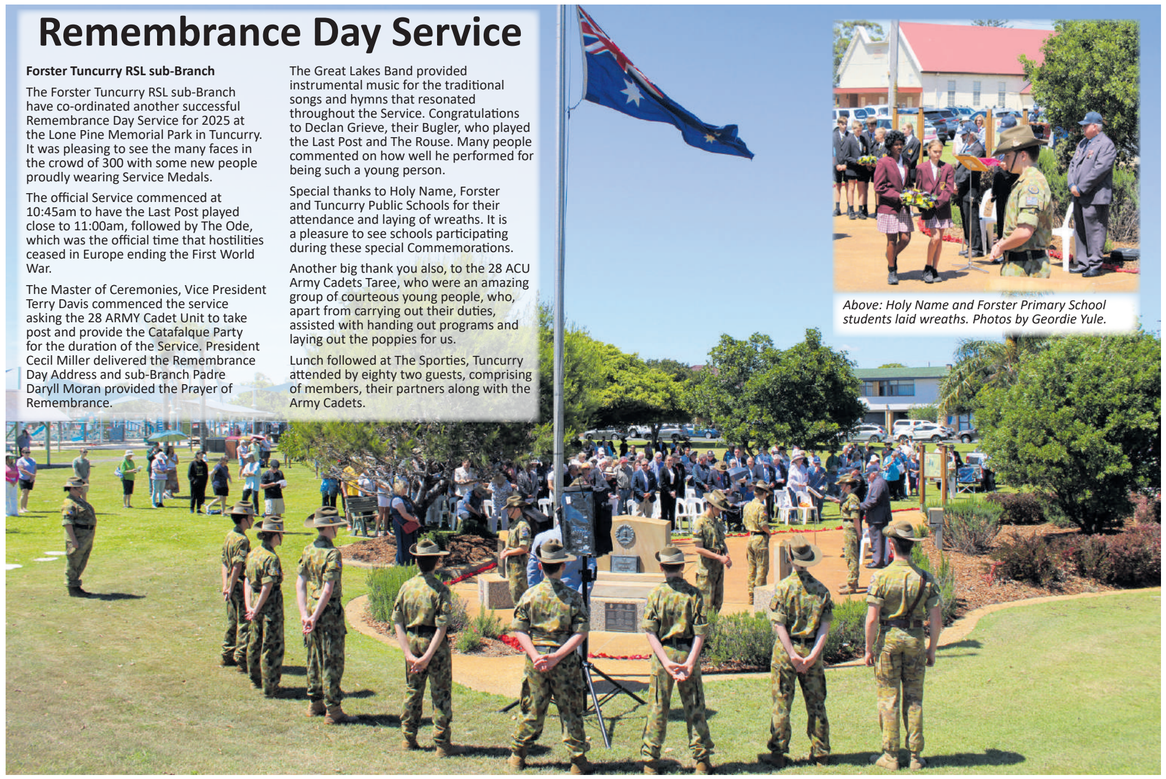
The Master of Ceremonies, Vice President Terry Davis commenced the service asking the 28 ARMY Cadet Unit to take post and provide the Catafalque Party for the duration of the Service. President Cecil Miller delivered the Remembrance Day Address and sub-Branch Padre Daryll Moran provided the Prayer of Remembrance.

The Great Lakes Band provided instrumental music for the traditional songs and hymns that resonated throughout the Service. Congratulations to Declan Grieve, their Bugler, who played the Last Post and The Rouse. Many people commented on how well he performed for being such a young person.

Special thanks to Holy Name, Forster and Tuncurry Public Schools for their attendance and laying of wreaths. It is a pleasure to see schools participating during these special Commemorations.

Another big thank you also, to the 28 ACU Army Cadets Taree, who were an amazing group of courteous young people, who, apart from carrying out their duties, assisted with handing out programs and laying out the poppies for us.

Lunch followed at The Sporties, Tuncurry attended by eighty two guests, comprising of members, their partners along with the Army Cadets.



Above: Holy Name and Forster Primary School students laid wreaths. Photos by Geordie Yule.

Year 12s graduate: Work, study or travel for 2026?

Interviews and photos of Year 12 Graduates by Mary Yule at John Holland Park in Forster on 12 November 2025.

Above: (L-R) Harrison Class – Joining a GAP Apprenticeship Program in Forster, Peyton Perry – Probably working in logistics or solar, and Justin Curac – Probably working or studying Pathology.

Left (L-R) Holly Anderson – Study nursing at Newcastle University, and Emma Barlow - Study Primary Education at Newcastle Uni.

Above: (L-R) Ryan Brown – Has a Mechanic Apprenticeship, and Jess Stark – Just finished Cert 3 in Childcare with a school based traineeship.

Above: (L-R) Eric Mooney – Work and then study Environmental Science & Management at Newcastle Uni halfway through next year, and Jaydon Condie – Wanting to do a Mechanical Apprenticeship in town.

Above: (L-R) Chrisha Harris – Study Secondary Education at Macquarie Uni in Sydney, Keira Gonzalez – Wants to travel everywhere, Evie O'Neil – Going to a College for Tennis in Florida, America, Iesha Latjeno – Moving to Sydney with Chrisha and will study Design & Animation at Torrens Uni, Indigo Titow – Study Law and Biomedical Science at Newcastle Uni, and Charlie Myors – Have a gap year and probably work and travel.

Above: (L-R) Kianne Lindsell – Is in this year's new Year 12, and Kacper Berry – Will study Environmental Science at Newcastle Uni.

Above: (L-R) Allegra Caldwell – Maybe work as a Ranger, and Shaiye Leon.

Above: (L-R) Harry Smith – Study Pharmacy at Newcastle Uni, and Cooper Brady – Study Pharmacy at Newcastle Uni.

Above: (L-R) Layla Pajalniskis – Is in this year's new Year 12, Jailyn King – Study Business at Newcastle Uni, and Amity Parsons.

Above: (L-R) Jack Orchard – Probably work as a bartender and become a Fitness Trainer, Cassius Hourn – Study Science at NSW Uni in Sydney, Sonny Cougle – Work as bartender at Hallidays Point, and Jack Eschback –- Study Psychology at Newy.

Grant Writing Assistance

MidCoast Council

Each year we release a range of funding opportunities for the community. Our next round of funding will be opening in early 2026 and to help ensure you are as prepared as possible to submit your application we are hosting a range of drop-in and workshop sessions.

Drop-ins

- 9am to 10.30am Tuesday 2 December at MidCoast Council Taree Yalawanyi Ganya building in the Café area
- 1pm to 3.30pm Wednesday 3 December at Wingham Library
- 1.30pm to 3pm Monday 8 December at Forster Civic Centre
- 9.30am to 11am Monday 15 December at Tea Gardens Library
- 1pm to 3.30pm Monday 15 December at Gloucester Library

Bookings not required

Grant Writing Workshops

- 9.30am to 11am Tuesday 3 February MidCoast Council Taree Chambers
- 9.30am to 11am Thursday 5 February Forster Civic Centre Wang Wauk Room

Bookings essential. Please contact Jane O'Dwyer on 7955 7679 or email

Great Lakes Pearl Dragons & Breast Cancer Awareness

By Janis Radford - Great Lakes Pearl Dragon Boat Club

The Great Lakes Pearlers did their best in October to raise awareness of Breast Cancer. Some Pearlers and family members have been affected by breast cancer and they felt this was a worthy cause to support. In Australia, one in 7 women (and around 1 in 700 men) will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

Every Wednesday morning when paddling on Wallis Lake, the Pearlers swap their usual "Red and Green " uniform and wear different paddling shirts. We call this "Wacky Wednesday". However, for October, we wore PINK.

Awareness of Breast Cancer can save your life. Breast Cancer awareness, particularly in October focuses on encouraging regular screening like mammograms, promoting self-awareness of changes in the breasts and supporting research.

Early detection is crucial as it significantly increases survival rates and treatment options. Pearlers have been encouraged to talk to their friends and family by reminding them about the importance of screening.

BreastScreen NSW in Taree

At present, we have BreastScreen NSW located at Taree. This program offers free mammograms every 2 years for women over 40 years old.

Women aged 50 to 74 are actively invited to participate. You can book an appointment by calling 132050.

We had a lot of fun wearing PINK. However, we do hope we can shine a light on the impact of Breast Cancer. We also sent a donation to Australian Breast Cancer Research.

Information from the Australian Breast Cancer Research Centre was sent to all members.

Please see https://www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au/breast-cancer-and-screening/eligibility/

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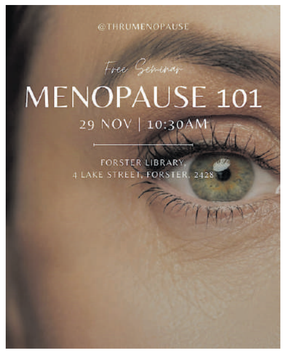

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Annual Concert helps Tuncurry RFS

Golden Ponds Retirement Village Choir.

By Robyn Stace - Golden Ponds Retirement Village Choir

The Golden Ponds Retirement Village Choir held their annual concert on Sunday 2 November entertaining the residents, families and friends with a wonderful array of Show Tunes. A gold coin donation was offered upon entry with monies raised going to the NSW Rural Fire Service located at Tuncurry.

At their end of year gathering, David Moore from the NSW Rural Fire Service attended and was given a card signed by the Golden Ponds residents with heartfelt thanks for all the work they do, along with the sum of $350.00 which was raised through the Choir's concert gold coin donation box.

Above: (L-R) Alf and Jan Irvine - Choir Organisers, Samantha Campbell - Choirmaster presenting a cheque to David Moore from NSW Rural Fire Service. Photos supplied.

With summer fast approaching, the Choir wished to give thanks to all those people within the NSW Rural Fire Service who help keep us safe.

Coffee for a Cause - Be Her Freedom

By Julie Dowse - AusCam Freedom Project

Beach Brew Cafe on Wharf Street Forster have partnered with local charity - AusCam Freedom Project to run a fundraising and awareness campaign during the month of December.

The launch of the campaign "Coffee for a Cause – Be Her Freedom" will be on Saturday 29th November. The team will be setting up a real party atmosphere and encouraging people to learn more about the issue of trafficking and exploitation of young girls in Cambodia and (hopefully) donate while enjoying their coffee.

Come on down and be inspired!

Tanya's Community Update

It's been a full few weeks in Parliament and I wanted to share a little of what's been happening and what I've been working on for the region.

The final two sitting weeks were busy and productive. I took a delegation from the Manning region down to Parliament and together we met with eight Ministers, the Treasurer, and the Premier. We weren't there just to make noise, we were there to speak plainly, share real stories, and push for practical follow-through on support measures. My focus was making sure the flood recovery doesn't fade from government attention just because the media cycle moves on.

During that time, I also met with the Minister for Roads to continue pressing for critical funding for our local road network and waterways. I spoke with both the Education Minister and the Minister for Agriculture about the real need for adequate resources for our schools and to ensure the strength and sustainability of our farming sector. Just as importantly, I raised the need for greater mental health support across our region with the Minister for Mental Health, ensuring that wellbeing and access to services stay firmly on the agenda. These conversations don't always make headlines, but they matter and they build momentum.

It's wonderful to be home for the rest of the year now and I can't wait to continue to get out and about to catch up with our communities. Thank you to everyone who has stopped to chat, shared their story, raised a concern, or simply had a laugh with me along the way. Please always feel free to reach out. I represent you, and that's a privilege I never take lightly.

Tanya Thompson - MP for Myall Lakes

Wishing Tree Appeal

Above (L-R) Mikaela Blows (green top), Debbie Hutton, Tony Bazzina, Nicole Bazzina, Mel Finlayson, Clary Foster and Mel Howard with all the staff who each donated a gift under the Wishing Tree.

By Mary Yule – Forster Fortnightly

Kmart Forster have launched their annual Wishing Tree Appeal at Stockland Forster. People are encouraged to buy a Christmas present or a gift card or make a donation that will go towards local children at Christmas time.

Debbie Hutton, Operations Manager Kmart Forster, said, "We are proud to promote the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal to assist our local community for people doing it tough."

Nicole Bezzina, Officer at the Forster Tuncurry Salvation, said, "Kmart Forster directly supports local families at Christmas time though our Salvation Army in Tuncurry. Last year we were able to help around 80 families with Christmas gifts, and with hampers too. We are hoping to do the same this year."

Nicole encourages the community to think about donating gifts for older children as well as the younger ones.

"Our age group from about 12 to 16 often have limited gifts. Please think of things that are fun for those ages. Makeup, hair products, face masks, anything that the girls are really into. For the boys, boogie boards, skateboards, fishing rods, or tackle things."

Nicole said the collection day will be in the second week of December so families who want to register can ring her at the church on Wednesdays and Friday mornings from 9:30am to 12pm on their new number 6516 1600.

Tuncurry's Festive line-up set to spark Holiday Cheer this December

Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club

As the festive season approaches, Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club is preparing to usher in December with a lively program of Christmas events designed to bring together families, friends and the local community. With raffles, parties and plenty of holiday nostalgia, the club's end-of-year calendar promises something for everyone.

The celebrations begin on Sunday 7 December with one of the club's most anticipated annual traditions: the Massive Toy Raffle, offering $3,000 worth of toys. Tickets will be available from 1pm, ahead of the 2:30pm draw, providing families with an opportunity to secure gifts in the lead-up to Christmas without the usual retail rush.

Attention then turns to festive feasting on Sunday 14 December, when the club hosts its popular 100 Ham Raffle. With 100 half legs of ham to be won, the promotion has become a staple of the coastal town's December calendar, for those eager to secure an impressive centrepiece for their Christmas table. Tickets for this event go on sale at 3:30pm, with winners announced from 5:30pm.

On Friday 19 December, Troppo Jack's turns up the volume with its inaugural Christmas Party

— a big night of festive fun featuring a live DJ, cocktails and zero entry fee.

Adding to the Christmas cheer, Santa will be making several stops at the club for Selfies with Santa, scheduled for 17, 19 and 23 December between 5:30pm and 7:30pm.

For those seeking a simpler Christmas gathering, the club's Shucks Bistro is offering a set-menu at $30 per person, an option suited to smaller groups and workplace celebrations. Bookings can be made by contacting reception on 6554 6477.

With a varied program blending community tradition and coastal Christmas charm, Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club is positioning itself as a key hub for local festivities this December.

(See advert opposite page)

Summary: 19 November 2025 Council meeting

MidCoast Council

Councillors call on pause for State planning reform

Mayor Claire Pontin put forward an urgent Mayoral Minute for endorsement to submit a motion to the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

The motion calls on the NSW Government to halt implementation on of their Planning System Reform Bills (passed in NSW Parliament last week) and undertake genuine consultation with councils before progressing reforms to establish and operate local planning panels, as they could reduce local control over development decisions.

DA approvals signal strong investment in the region

MidCoast Council has assessed the most applications (255) of any regional NSW Council during the July to September 2025 period, approving $263 million worth of development for the region.

DA and modification timeframes continue to trend downwards. In 2023/24 the average timeframe was 88 days followed by 86 days in 2024/25 and 80 for 2025/26 so far.

The development activity and assessment performance report is provided for the information of Council on a quarterly basis.

Solar panels for aquatic centres

Council will enter into negotiations for the supply of solar panels for both the Manning and Great Lakes Aquatic Centres.

The solar panels will provide alternative energy to two of Council's largest community facility energy users.

The project is funded by developer funds set aside for investment in the facilities.

Following a tender process, Council will now have further conversations with the two strongest tenderers and then enter into a contract with the preferred option.

Tender awarded for Taree Albert Street amenities

The tender for the construction of a new amenities block for Albert Street, Taree has been awarded.

The works are expected to begin early January 2026 and expected to be complete by May, weather depending.

Kiwarrak off river water storage project – preferred site

Councillors endorsed the construction method and the dam site and volume for the proposed off-river water storage at Kiwarrak (previously known as Peg Leg Creek dam) to allow the concept design phase to progress.

The water storage will provide additional water security to the Manning water scheme, which provides water to a large region from Johns River in the north to Tarbuck Bay in the south.

The storage will be of a rock fill concrete lined design and will be 15 gigalitres in size.

Early-stage cost estimates for the dam site options range from $160 million to $260 million. This includes the infrastructure required to transfer water to and from the site.

The maximum contribution that MidCoast Council can realistically finance and contribute to this project is $60 million and the State and Federal Government funding will need to be sought.

Financial statements and auditors report

Members of the NSW Audit Office presented to Councillors at the beginning of the meeting and highlighted that Council will again receive an unqualified audit report, which means we have met all statutory requirements and no issues were identified.

Councillors congratulated the organisation on the result and the progress made in this area over previous years.

At the completion of the 2024-2025 audit there were no monetary or disclosure changes required and the NSW Audit Office advised they did not require the Financial Reports to be re-represented to Council.

Gloucester Holiday Park – operation of and declaration as business activity

MidCoast Council will take on the operations of the Gloucester Holiday from early next month.

Council intends to operate the park in 2026 as per the existing arrangements. In 2026, Council will undertake a review of the park's assets and operations. to ensure the park is brought up to the standard required by Council and the community.

General Manager contract

The General Manager will be reappointed for another five years commencing at the end of his current contract which ends in March 2026.

Reestablishment of Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas

Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Zones will be re-established for a period of four years at Forster, Tuncurry, One Mile Beach, Taree Wingham, Gloucester, Tea Gardens and Hawkes Nest.

An annual review will be conducted by Council and the alcohol free zones in Forster, Tuncurry and Taree will be extended for 24 hours for New Year's and Australia Day celebrations.

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

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 10 December.

Who are you becoming?

Soaring into the Wilderness

A Leadership program, based in Forster Tuncurry, is offering young people a chance to discover who they are becoming and how they can make a meaningful difference in the world around them.

Participants in the Echo Leadership Program come from a wide range of backgrounds including schools, homes, community groups and sporting teams. This program is an initiative of Soaring into the Wilderness Inc, a registered charity led by volunteers and supported by Into the Wild Adventures.

Stage Three of the Echo Leadership Journey took place recently at Camden River and Diamond Waters over the first weekend of November. Nature became the classroom as the group spent the weekend immersed in outdoor experiences to learn about their own courage and growth. They paddle boarded, fished, played soccer and frisbee, explored four-wheel drive trails, crawled into hidden caves, navigated canyons, swam in rapids, and braved wild storms with winds reaching one hundred kilometres an hour.

Early in 2025 the group of young people met at Middle Brother to begin stage one of the program where their own values were explored. Discovering what leadership can look like was told through their stories at Stage two, held at Green Point and Forster Tuncurry in mid 2025.

Next year this group will reach the final stage which will be an initiation into what they call Red Leadership, a journey that focuses on stepping forward, giving back, and leading with heart.

"Baraya Djukal Garuwaga" Big Sing by the Sea 2025

By Felicity Carter – Forster Neighbourhood Centre

What a privilege to be part of Baraya Djukal Garuwaga/Big Sing by the Sea (BSBTS) for its seventh year in Forster, held 8th and 9th of November. Jed Siver, Sound Designer for BSBTS, commented "the singing was fantastic as always, but the calming and healing energy that I experienced was profound. I am honoured to have been able to take part in BSBTS 2025. To spend time with local Elders to share stories with such a diverse range of people was truly inspiring"

Still focussed on a weekend of singing, BSBTS has built on Rachel Hore's original Big Sing concept and taken it to a new level to make it Great Lakes' own First Nations event. This year, we were joined by 3 incredible singing groups. Girrawaa Duguula, based in Toormina near Coffs Harbour, like Baraya Wakulda, is a "mixed" choir, with both First Nations and non-First Nations singers. Aunty Rhonda Radley's group from Port Macquarie, is part of Djiyagan Dhanbaan and Mudjingaal Jangamba from Nowra, both First Nations singers. Importantly, every group had a strong emphasis on teaching us all songs in language so there was a mixture of Gathang, Gambaynggirr, Yuin, Dhurga and Yorta Yorta languages - language being such an integral part of maintaining culture.

The weekend began with Welcome to Country and a Smoking Ceremony conducted by Aunty Lynette Davis, then treated the 83 adults and 16 children to an immersive experience of First Nations language and culture, through singing. It was the first time in seven Big Sings where there were equal numbers of First Nations and non-First Nations singers. It wasn't "just" singing but beautiful, exuberant 4-part harmonies led by Sandra Kwa and Tash Rusterholtz (Baraya Wakulda), Marie Anderson (Djiyagan Dhanbaan), Nicole Smede (Mudjingaal Jangamba) and Ruth Kennedy (Girrawa Duguulaa). To emphasise this, one of the bass singers, returning to BSBTS for the second time, reflected "having the new groups involved this year enriched the whole experience even more for me than last time."

Our kitchen volunteers Helen Easton and Amy Guider did a magnificent job keeping singers fuelled and hydrated. If the kids weren't singing, they were entertained with an art workshop run by Liahna Paulson, the GLWS Shelter Manager, weaving with Elder Aunty Pauline Groth-Kopp and other activities run by Sophia Romano, Forster Neighbourhood Centre (FNC) Board Member.

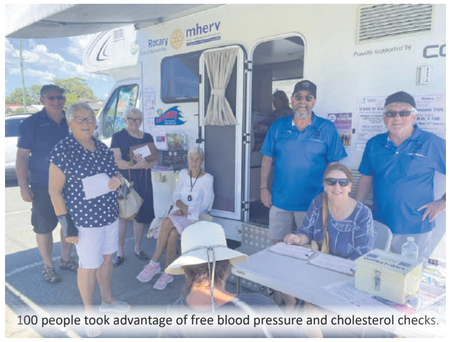
Adults joined in during lunchtime and sampled delicious bush tucker treats prepared by Bev Fitzpatrick, Coomba's own bushtucker guru. Needless to say, there wasn't a skerrick left. Finally, Kitana Paulson, FNC Program Co-ordinator, managed the whole weekend with calm competence that ensured most of us had no idea we were being managed!

Above (L-R) Jamani Davis and Remi Groom (made friends last year and re-connected).

Above: Aunty Lyn gave the Welcome to Country.

Right: With permission from 3 Wise Aunts, (L-R) Aunty Janice, Debbie Morris and Aunty Noelene. Photos supplied.

Mherv Van success in Tuncurry



100 people took advantage of free blood pressure and cholesterol checks.

By Mark Davies – Rotary Club Lower Mid Coast

The Mherv van (Men's Health educational Rural Van) visited TBBC on Tues 11th and Wed 12th of November and 100 people took advantage of Free Blood pressure, Cholesterol and Blood Sugar checks by a registered Nurse. This was almost triple the 36 people who took part last time the van was in Tuncurry previously.

The nurse informed a number of people of the need to see their GP straight away regarding high blood pressure levels.

Rotary would like to especially thank Terry Green and the Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club (TBBC) for providing accommodation for the nurse at no cost and also featured the visit on the electronic signs and brochures at the TBBC and on Facebook. Thanks also to The Forster Tuncurry Man Walk people who turned out in great numbers to volunteer alongside Rotarians greeting and signing people in. A special thank you to all the people who invited friends and family or came along themselves to be checked out. A number of people were happily surprised with their results. (For more info go to mherv.com.au.)

Rotary Update

Last Sunday, Rotary provided a BBQ for the Dragon Boat Regatta at Forster Keys which was enjoyed by many competitors and fans. They raised funds for local, regional and international projects we support including the Ronald McDonald Family Retreat Forster.

The 50th Local Rotary Carols by Candlelight are coming up on Monday the 15th of December at Harry Elliot Oval Tuncurry. (See advert on page 18) Entry is Free. The Great Lakes Band and Local School Choirs will perform, as well as Lyn Lelean compering the Carols for an amazing 30th time. Santa will also make an appearance. The next twice yearly Rotary Book Fair will be from Friday 9th to Monday the 12th of January 2026 at the Tuncurry Memorial Hall.

Taree builders call for action as housing pressures mount across regional NSW

Housing Industry Association

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) warns that housing pressures across regional New South Wales are reaching critical levels, as builders and industry leaders gather in Taree for a Regional Housing Roundtable hosted with Nationals Senator Bridget McKenzie and Member for Lyne Alison Penfold.

"The discussions in Taree reflect the growing challenges faced by builders in regional centres, with workforce shortages, planning delays and a lack of enabling infrastructure holding back new housing supply," HIA Hunter Executive Director Hunter region, Craig Jennion said today (17 November).

"Housing affordability and supply are no longer just city problems they're biting hard across regional Australia," Mr Jennion said.

"In Taree and across the Mid North Coast, the demand for housing continues to rise, yet local builders are struggling to find land, workers and approvals fast enough to keep up.

"According to HIA's Housing the Regions report, regional NSW accounted for 42% of all net migration inflows in 2024, showing a strong shift of people leaving the cities for regional life. Yet many towns such as Taree face worsening shortages in both skilled trades and affordable homes."

"Local builders report that project approvals can take many months, material costs remain high and finding qualified trades is a constant challenge particularly for carpentry, bricklaying and electrical work."

"Regional communities like Taree are ready to grow, but they need the right support from government," Mr Jennion said.

"The Housing the Regions report calls for national and state governments to focus on planning reform, land release and training initiatives to support regional growth."

"Regional NSW has a major role to play in meeting the nation's housing targets. "With the right policy focus, towns like Taree can be at the forefront of Australia's housing recovery," concluded Mr Jennion.

Right: (L-R) Craig Jennion from HIA Hunter Executive Director, Nationals Senator Bridget McKenzie and Member for Lyne Alison Penfold. Photo supplied.

Walk Against Violence

By Mary Yule – Forster Fortnightly

People of all ages came together and wore purple in a Walk Against Violence across the Forster Tuncurry Bridge and into John Wright Park on Friday 21 November.

Speeches were made by representatives from the Mid Coast Domestic Violence Monitoring Committee in front of empty shoes on the ground, representing the 62 women and 23 children who have lost their lives to family and domestic violence in 2025. Education and awareness were the main themes with everyone encouraged to play a part as "domestic violence is a solvable problem."

People were then invited to tie purple ribbons on a tree to help create awareness over the next week. Rotary of Lower Midcoast provided a BBQ while the local Baraya Walkulda Choir entertained the crowd.

A similar Walk Against Domestic Violence will be held at Fotheringham Park, Taree at 10am on 28th November.

Above: Representatives from the Mid Coast Domestic Violence Monitoring Committee (L-R) Kate Everingham, Natalie Antaw, Tanya Simon, Ebony Vanarey, Kylie Brehend, Nycolle Clayton, Linley Jones, Tracey Nyatsanza, Juliana Hoy, Nic Smith and Suzi Rowe.

Photos by Geordie Yule.

FDPC October Results

Above: This is my Favourite (also Judges Choice) by Cozette Leonard.

Keith Pascoe – Forster Digital Photographic Club

For the month of October our set subject was "Street Photography." This is a great subject and we saw some wonderful images from members.

Set Subject: Street Photography

Merits - This is my Favourite (Also Judges Choice) by Cozette Leonard, Supporting Our Mum by Wanda Amos, On Duty by Janice Amato, Dancing in the Park by Lyn Wilson,

Credits - Friendly just Don't Touch My Car by Keith Pascoe, Washday by Wanda Amos, The Minstrels and Touching Up My Lipstick by Janice Amato, Girly Discussions by Lesley Walter

Open Subject

Merits - Into the Maelstrom (Also Judges Choice) by Wanda Amos, Hahn's Macaws by Cozette Leonard, Misty Morn by Yvonne Moule, Young Barrel Rider by Michelle Alcorn

Credits - Fallen Petals by Janice Amato, Storm Clouds by Kathy Majewski, Falls in The Catlins and A Beautiful Morning by Lesley Walter, Hard Yakka by Helen Walker

Right: Young Barrel Rider by Michelle Alcorn.

Our Local wildlife

By Kym Kilpatrick – FAWNA Hallidays Point

Bogong Moth

Above: Photo of Bogong Moth by David Mules.

There is a small, brown, non-descript, moth which plays a huge role in the survival of many Australian bird and animal species, including historically, humans who would gather in multiple tribe groups to feast. The Bogong Moth (Agrotis infusa) is an insect so important that it has had a town, a mountain and an area of high plains named in its honour.

Bogong moths are epic migrators, travelling some 965 kilometres twice a year. In early September they migrate from their breeding grounds in southern Australia lowlands up above 1800 metres to the high country of the Snowy Mountains where they find caves, crevices and other hidden areas to rest in. Here they enter aestivation, a state of torpor similar to hibernation, except in the heat of summer. The dark caves and crevices provide stable cool temperatures and high humidity which allow the moths to stay hydrated and avoid direct sunlight while their metabolic rates lower whilst aestivating.

In the cooler Autumn they migrate back to breed in grasslands in Southern Queensland, NSW, Western Victoria and even South and Western Australia.

Bogong moths are brown with a dark stripe with two light-coloured spots on the wings. Their bodies are between 25 to 35 mm and their wingspans are between 40 to 50 mm. The average adult weight is 0.336 grams.

They do not reach sexual maturity until their return migration back to their breeding rounds. Each female will lay up to 2000 eggs in self-mulching soils and crop pastures and then die. The eggs are dome-shaped eggs, 0.7 mm in diameter, and 0.4 mm long. Hatching occurs in 7 days but can take longer if temperatures are too cool.

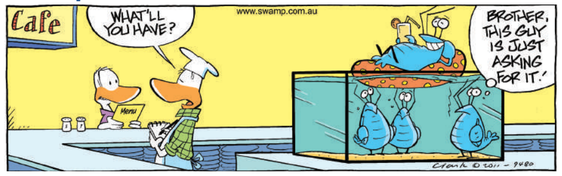
The larvae go through six instars, or developmental phases, and are active at night when they feed on local plants. Their growth is slow over winter but accelerates once the warmer weather occurs in early Spring. They pupate at a soil depth of between 20 to 150 mm and pupation can last between 3 to 11 weeks, again dependent on temperature. Pupae are shiny brown and about 20 mm in length.

Bogong Moths are vitally important because these high fat, high protein insects are important food sources for so many birds and animals including antechinus, insectivore bats and most especially, the endangered mountain pygmy possum. The mountain pygmy-possum is so dependent on Bogong moths that, since 2020, when their populations have begun crashing, it was feared that Mountain Pygmy Possums were on the verge of extinction with the result that a major 'Save Our Species' project which included the development of an alternative food, the 'bogong biscuits'.

Once numbering billions, Bogong Moths themselves are now rated an Endangered Species on the IUCN Red List. There many threats including: disruption to their breeding grounds; rising summer temperatures; droughts and bushfires; and feral species. They can be blown off course during their spring migrations, instead ending up in our cities in their millions, where they are confused and lost because of our night lighting. Concerns have also been raised recently that they have become bio-accumulators of poisonous chemicals, including arsenic, as these poisons are now being found in Mountain Pygmy Possum faeces.

The Grin Bin

Swamp



Doodley Squat

Bushy Tales

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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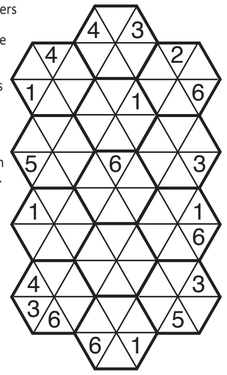
Quick Workout

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.



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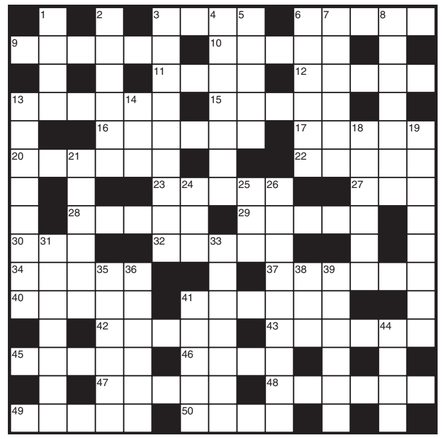

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3 Corrosion
6 Gap
9 Stick together
10 Jury
11 Source of energy
12 Arched structure
13 Affectedly modest
15 Gathering of witches
16 Border
17 Force back
20 Exhausted
22 Raised platform
23 Cosy retreats
27 Soak
28 Food dressing
29 Relating to morals
30 Perform
32 Tree
34 Small secluded valleys
37 Fisher
40 Weird
41 Spruce
42 Go in
43 Like a pearl
45 Genus of palm
46 Quote
47 Character
48 Dried grape
49 Non-verse
50 Trees

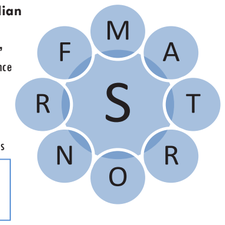
DOWN
1 Fashion
2 Begin again
3 Allusion
4 Distinct kind
5 Hooked claw
6 Cleaves
7 Heavenly body
8 Place of learning
13 Horse training
14 Rodent
18 Package
19 Sluggish inactivity
21 Encourage
24 Slippery catch
25 Golf mound
26 Racehorse stable attendants
31 Less obscure
33 Enter in a daybook
35 Family members
36 Governing body
38 Born
39 Free
41 Lure
44 Den

Focus

An All Australian Word Game

* Each word must contain the centre **'Focus'** letter and each letter may be used only once
* Each word must be four letters or more
* Find at least one nine letter word
* No swear words
* No verb forms or plurals ending in 's'
* No proper nouns and no hyphenated words

TODAY'S FOCUS Good: 13 words Very good: 18 words Excellent: 27 words



Reference: Macquarie Concise Dictionary
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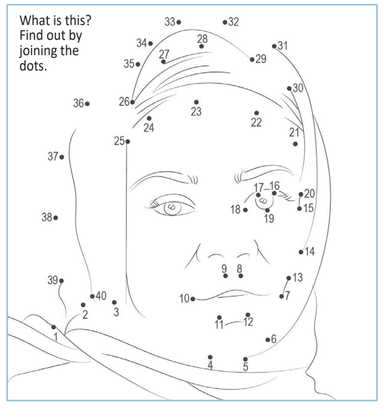
Spot the 5 Differences

Join the Dots

What is this? Find out by joining the dots.



Solutions

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SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES: Hat has extra dot, left dimple changed, hair missing, bottom lip smaller, tie smaller.

FOCUS: arson fast frost mason mast most coast ransom ransom roast rosta smart snort snot soar sofa soft soma sonar sort star stoma storm strona TRANSFORM transom tsar

YOUR FORTNIGHTLY TV GUIDE November 26 – December 2

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THURSDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Silent Witness. 2.00 Parliament. 3.00 QI. 3.30 Forever Summer With Nigella. 3.55 Grand Designs. 4.40 Long Lost Family. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Grand Designs Aust. 9.00 Long Lost Family. 9.45 Portrait Artist Of The Year. 10.35 News. 10.50 The Business. 11.05 The Art Of. 11.35 Grand Designs. 12.25 Parliament. 1.25 Long Lost Family. 2.15 Rage. 3.25 Parkinson In Australia. 4.30 Gardening Aust. 5.30 7.30.	6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 Royal Autopsy. 2.55 History Of The Amalfi Coast. 3.45 The Cook Up. 4.15 London: 2,000 Years Of History. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.35 Searching For Spain. 8.25 Britain's Railway Empire In Colour. 9.20 Vigil. 10.30 SBS News. 11.00 Vienna Blood. 11.55 Vienna Blood. 12.50 Willie Nelson: Life & Songs Of An American Outlaw. 2.50 The Story Of Sugar. 3.50 Travelling In The 1970s. 4.45 Late Programs.	6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 12.00 MOVIE: An Organized Killer. (2021) 2.00 Bridge Of Lies. 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Aust. 6.00 7News Local. 6.30 News. 7.00 Border Patrol. (PG) 7.30 Highway Patrol. (PG) 8.30 MOVIE: Uncharted. (2022) (M) Tom Holland, Mark Wahlberg, Sophia Ali. 10.50 The Amazing Race. (PG) 12.20 The Front Bar. (M) 1.20 Life. (M) 2.30 Shopping. 3.00 Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 Budget Battlers. 1.00 Space Invaders. 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 5.00 Tipping Point Australia. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 RBT. (M) 8.30 Topknotz. (M) 9.30 To Be Advised. 10.40 9News Late. 11.10 Chicago Med. (MA15+) 11.55 Tipping Point. (PG) 12.45 Pointless. (PG) 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 ACA. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.20 Jamie Cooks The Mediterranean. 11.30 Judge Judy. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. 7.30 Big Brother Australia. 8.30 The Graham Norton Show. 9.40 Law & Order: SVU. 10.40 News. 11.05 10 News+. 12.00 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.
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SATURDAY	6.00 Rage Charts. 7.00 Wknd Brekky. 9.00 Rage. 12.00 News. 12.30 Return To Paradise. 1.25 Maigret. 2.20 All Creatures Great And Small. (PG) 3.10 Queensland Symphony Orchestra. 4.45 Mamirnikuwi. (PG) 4.55 Spicks And Specks. (PG) 5.30 Landline. 6.00 Australian Story. 6.30 Stateline. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Return To Paradise. (PG) 8.30 Vera. (M) 10.00 The Forsytes. (PG) 10.55 Bergerac. (M) 11.40 Rage. (MA15+) 5.00 Rage. (PG)	6.00 Morning Programs. 11.00 Shepherdess. 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 Soccer. Australian Championship. Semi-final 1. 3.30 Soccer. Australian Championship. Semi-final 2. 6.30 News. 7.30 A Royal Guide To Christmas. 8.25 Christmas In The Cotswolds. 9.20 Christmas At Longleat. 10.20 Reckless. 11.15 Homicide. 2.35 The Story Of Chocolate. 3.35 Being Beethoven. 4.40 Bamay. 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 13. Adelaide Grand Final. Day 1. Qualifying and support races. 3.00 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 13. Adelaide Grand Final. Day 1. Pre-race and race 33. 6.00 News. 7.00 MOVIE: Sister Act. (1992) 9.10 MOVIE: Sister Act 2: Back In The Habit. (1993) 11.25 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 13. Adelaide Grand Final. Day 1. Highlights. 12.25 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. 1.25 Late Programs.	6.00 Getaway. 6.30 ACA. 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra: Saturday. 12.00 Golf. PGA Tour of Australasia. Australian PGA Championship. Third round. 5.00 News. 5.30 Getaway. (PG) 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 MOVIE: Barbie. (2023) (PG) 9.50 MOVIE: Hairspray. (2007) (PG) 12.00 MOVIE: Suburbicon. (2017) (MA15+) 2.00 The Incredible Journey. (PG) 2.30 TV Shop. 4.30 Global Shop. 5.00 TV Shop. 5.30 Helping Hands. (PG)	6.00 Morning Programs. 10.00 Mission Melanoma: On The Road Together. 11.00 Airport 24/7. 12.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. 1.00 Silvia's Italian Masterclass. 1.30 The Yes Experiment. 2.00 4x4 Adventures. 3.00 Planet Shapers. 3.30 Well Traveller. 4.00 All 4 Adventure. 5.00 News. 6.30 Dog House Aust. 7.30 Selling Houses Aust. 8.40 Location, Location, Location Australia. 9.50 Harry And Meghan: The Rise And Fall. 10.50 FBI: Most Wanted. 1.00 Shopping. 5.00 Hour Of Power.
SUNDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 12.00 News. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Gardening Aust. 2.30 Nigella's Christmas Bites. 3.20 Long Lost Family. 4.10 Extraordinary Escapes. 5.00 Antiques Roadshow. 6.00 Grand Designs Aust. 7.00 News. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Portrait Artist Of The Year. 8.50 The Forsytes. 9.45 Return To Paradise. 10.45 When The War Is Over. 11.15 Brush With Fame. 11.40 Nigella's Christmas Bites. 12.30 Rage. 3.00 Dream Gardens. 3.30 The Art Of. 4.00 Gardening Aust. 5.00 Insiders.	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 When The World Watched. 4.00 My Rembetika Blues. 5.35 Blood Money: Inside The Nazi Economy. 6.30 News. 7.30 Pearl Harbor: Battle In The Pacific. 8.30 Troy Story. 10.15 Bronze Age Apocalypse. 11.55 Peter O'Toole: Along Sky Roads To Aqaba. 1.35 Franklin. 3.15 Tutankhamun. 4.20 Home Of The Year: Scotland. 4.55 Destination Flavour. 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 APAC Weekly.	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 13. Adelaide 500. Day 2. Qualifying and support races. 3.00 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 13. Adelaide 500. Day 2. Pre-race and race 34. 6.00 News. 7.00 7NEWS Spotlight. 8.00 Ultimate Crash Test. 10.00 MOVIE: Green Book. (2018) 12.40 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 13. Adelaide 500. Day 2. Highlights. 2.00 Shopping. 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Late Programs.	6.00 Morning Programs. 11.00 Explore TV. 11.30 Drive TV: Launch Pad. 12.00 Golf. PGA Tour of Australasia. Australian PGA Championship. Final round. 5.00 News. 5.30 RBT. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 60 Minutes. 8.00 Live Aid: When Rock 'n' Roll Took On The World. 10.00 Essex Millionaire Murders. 11.00 Mobsters. 11.50 World's Most Dangerous Prisoners. 12.40 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. 1.30 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 Garden Gurus. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 8.00 Intrepid Adventures. 8.30 What's Up Down Under. 9.00 Australia By Design: Architecture. 9.30 Key Ingredient. 10.00 Farm To Fork. 10.30 10 Minute Kitchen. 11.00 Charming China. 11.30 Pooches At Play. 12.00 The Dog Academy. 1.00 4x4 Adventures. 2.00 Food Trail: South Africa. 2.30 House Hunters Aust. 3.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 4.00 Lingo. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Big Brother Australia. 8.10 Ghosts Australia. 8.40 FBI. 10.40 10 News+. 11.30 NCIS. 12.30 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.
MONDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 10.00 Take 5. 10.30 Vera. 12.00 News. 1.00 Landline. 2.00 Death In Paradise. 3.00 QI. 3.30 Forever Summer With Nigella. 3.55 Grand Designs NZ. 4.45 Long Lost Family. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Aust Story. 8.40 MOVIE: Songs Inside. (2024) 10.05 I Was Actually There. 10.40 News. 10.55 The Business. 11.10 Creative Types. 11.35 Grand Designs NZ. 12.30 Long Lost Family. 1.15 Rage. 3.25 Parkinson In Australia. 4.30 Gardening Aust. 5.30 7.30.	6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 Imagined Touch. 2.35 Larapinta: End To End. 3.40 The Cook Up. 4.10 We Hear You. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.35 Bill Bailey's Vietnam Adventure. 8.30 Never Mind The Buzzcocks Christmas. 9.25 Jimmy Carr's I Literally Just Told You. 10.20 SBS News. 10.50 The Man Who Died. 11.40 A Criminal Affair. 1.20 Bowled Over: Untold Australia. 2.25 Looking For Rembrandt. 3.30 Late Programs.	6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 12.00 MOVIE: Sweet Navidad. (2021) 2.00 Bridge Of Lies. 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Aust. 6.00 7News Local. 6.30 News. 7.00 Border Patrol. (PG) 7.30 Queen: In Their Own Words. (M) 8.30 The Rookie. (M) 9.30 Alert: Missing Persons Unit. (M) 11.30 Autopsy USA. (M) 12.30 Girlfriends' Guide To Divorce. (MA15+) 1.30 Harry's Practice. 2.00 Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 MOVIE: A Royal Proposal: A Royal In Paradise II. (2024) 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 5.00 Tipping Point Australia. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 Travel Guides. (PG) 8.40 MOVIE: The Castle. (1997) (M) 10.35 The Equalizer. (M) 11.25 Transplant. (MA15+) 12.10 Tipping Point. 1.05 Hello SA. 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 ACA. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.20 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. 11.30 My Market Kitchen. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. 7.30 Big Brother Australia. 8.40 Sam Pang Tonight. 9.40 Just For Laughs Australia. 10.40 News. 11.05 10 News+. 12.05 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.
TUESDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 The Forsytes. 2.00 Death In Paradise. 3.00 QI. 3.30 Forever Summer With Nigella. 3.55 Grand Designs NZ. 4.40 Long Lost Family. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 When The War Is Over. 8.30 The Piano UK. 9.20 The Art Of. 9.50 The Assembly. 10.35 News. 10.50 The Business. 11.10 MOVIE: Songs Inside. (2024) 12.35 Grand Designs NZ. 1.25 Long Lost Family. 2.15 Rage. 3.40 Parkinson In Australia. 4.30 Gardening Aust. 5.30 7.30.	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.55 Changing Channels. 3.35 The Cook Up. 4.05 Stutter School: Untold Australia. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.30 Railway Journeys UK. 8.00 Railway Journeys UK. 8.30 Who Do You Think You Are? 9.35 Australia: An Unofficial History. 10.40 SBS News. 11.10 Families Like Ours. 12.10 Carmen Curlers. 2.30 Looking For Rembrandt. 3.35 Boswell And Johnson's Scottish Road Trip. 4.25 Late Programs.	6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 12.00 MOVIE: A Christmas Mission. (2020) 2.00 Bridge Of Lies. 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Aust. 6.00 7News Local. 6.30 News. 7.00 Border Patrol. (PG) 7.30 Highway Patrol. (PG) 8.30 Murder In A Small Town. (M) 9.30 Homicide: With Ron Iddles. (PG) 10.30 MOVIE: The Social Network. (2010) (M) 1.00 Travel Oz. (PG) 2.00 Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 MOVIE: Forever Christmas. (2018) 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 5.00 Tipping Point Australia. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PG) 8.30 Jamie Durie's Future House. (PG) 9.35 Beyond The Build. (PG) 10.35 Wild Cards. 11.30 La Brea. 12.15 Tipping Point. 1.05 Cross Court. 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Skippy. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 ACA. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.20 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. 11.30 My Market Kitchen. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. 7.30 Big Brother Australia. 8.30 Soccer. Women's International Friendly. Australia v New Zealand. 11.00 News. 11.30 10 News+. 12.30 Stephen Colbert. 1.30 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.

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WEDNESDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.35 You Can't Ask That. 2.00 Death In Paradise. 3.00 QI. 3.30 Forever Summer With Nigella. 3.55 Grand Designs NZ. 4.45 Long Lost Family. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 Crime Night! 9.00 Spicks And Specks. 9.30 Utopia. 10.25 If You're Listening. 10.50 News. 11.05 The Business. 11.20 You Can't Ask That. 11.55 You Can't Ask That. 12.25 Grand Designs NZ. 1.10 Long Lost Family. 1.55 Rage. 3.30 Late Programs.	6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 MOVIE: When Love Is In Your Eyes. (2024) 2.50 I Am Not A Number. 3.10 Rehabilitating. 3.30 The Cook Up. 4.00 Focus On Ability Film Festival 2025. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.35 Michael Palin In North Korea. 8.30 Reckless. 9.35 Scotland's Poshest Train: Alan Cumming. 10.30 SBS News. 11.00 Crime. 1.55 Looking For Rembrandt. 3.00 Boswell And Johnson's Scottish Road Trip. 3.55 Late Programs.	6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 12.00 MOVIE: A Furry Little Christmas. (2021) 2.00 Bridge Of Lies. 3.00 Beat The Chasers UK. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Aust. 6.00 7News Local. 6.30 News. 7.00 Border Patrol. (PG) 7.30 The 1% Club UK. (PG) 8.30 MOVIE: 1917. (2019) (MA15+) 11.00 Chicago Fire. (M) 12.00 MOVIE: Secrets On Campus. (2022) (M) 2.00 Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. 1.00 Getaway. 1.30 My Way. 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 5.00 Tipping Point Australia. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 RBT. (M) 8.30 Paramedics. (M) 9.30 Parole. (MA15+) 10.50 American Crime Story. (M) 11.45 Resident Alien. 12.35 Tipping Point. 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 ACA. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.20 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. 11.30 My Market Kitchen. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. 7.30 Big Brother Australia. 8.30 FBI: Most Wanted. 9.30 FBI: Most Wanted. 10.30 News. 10.55 10 News+. 11.55 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.
THURSDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Silent Witness. 2.00 Death In Paradise. 3.00 QI. 3.30 Forever Summer With Nigella. 3.55 Grand Designs NZ. 4.40 Long Lost Family. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Grand Designs Aust. 9.00 Long Lost Family. 9.45 Portrait Artist Of The Year. 10.35 News. 10.50 The Business. 11.10 The Art Of. 11.40 Grand Designs NZ. 12.25 Long Lost Family. 1.10 Rage. 3.20 Parkinson In Australia. 4.30 Gardening Aust. 5.30 7.30.	6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 Chef Antonio's Recipes For Revolution. 3.00 Sugar Bird Lady. 3.05 Deus Ex Machina. 3.10 Hindsight. 3.15 Standard Drink. 3.20 Return To Lullumb. 3.25 Imposter. 3.30 La Echolalia. 3.35 Theatricality. 3.45 The Cook Up. 4.15 Everywhere. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.35 Searching For Spain. 8.25 Britain's Railway Empire In Colour. 9.20 Vigil. 10.25 SBS News. 10.55 Vienna Blood. 12.50 Late Programs.	6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Afternoon session. 5.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 5.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Evening session. 6.00 7News Local. 6.30 News. 7.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Evening session. 7.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 8.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Late evening session. 10.30 Late Programs.	6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 Golf. PGA Tour of Australasia. Australian Open. First round. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 5.00 Tipping Point Australia. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 Holidays In The Sun. (PG) 8.30 Topknotz. (M) 9.30 TBA. 10.40 Chicago Med. (MA15+) 11.30 Next Stop. 12.00 Tipping Point. 1.00 Drive TV: Launch Pad. 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 ACA. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.20 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. 11.30 My Market Kitchen. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. 7.30 Big Brother Australia. 8.30 The Graham Norton Show. 9.40 Law & Order: SVU. 10.40 News. 11.05 10 News+. 12.00 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.
FRIDAY	6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 News. 10.00 Portrait Artist Of The Year. 11.05 The Forsytes. 12.00 News. 1.00 The Newsreader. 2.00 Grand Designs Aust. 3.00 QI. 3.30 Forever Summer With Nigella. 3.55 Grand Designs NZ. 4.45 Long Lost Family. 5.25 Antiques Roadshow. 6.25 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 Gardening Aust. 8.30 Maigret. (M) 9.25 Hard Quiz. (PG) 9.55 Crime Night! (PG) 10.25 Spicks And Specks. 10.55 News. 11.10 Silent Witness. 12.15 Rage New Music. 5.00 Rage.	6.00 Morning Programs. 12.30 France 24. 1.00 PBS News. 2.00 MOVIE: Rewards For The Tribe. (2023) 3.35 The Cook Up. 4.05 Unwheel Adventures. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.30 MOVIE: Strange Journey: Story Of Rocky Horror. (2025) 9.05 Discovering Film: Diane Keaton. 10.00 Rock Legends. 10.30 SBS News. 11.00 Sisi. 12.00 Tokyo Vice. 2.15 Soldiers. 3.00 Going Places. 4.00 FIFA World Cup 2026 Final Draw. 5.40 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. 5.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 5.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Evening session. 6.00 7News Local. 6.30 News. 7.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Evening session. 7.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 8.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Late evening session. 10.30 Late Programs.	6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 Golf. PGA Tour of Australasia. Australian Open. Second round. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 5.00 Tipping Point Australia. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 Find My Beach House Australia. 8.30 MOVIE: Aquaman And The Lost Kingdom. (2023) (M) 11.00 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (MA15+) 11.50 MOVIE: Sons Of Summer. (2023) 1.30 TV Shop. 4.00 Skippy. 4.30 Global Shop. 5.00 TV Shop. 5.30 Postcards Summer.	6.00 Morning Programs. 7.30 Farm To Fork. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.20 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. 11.30 My Market Kitchen. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 House Hunters Aust. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. 7.30 Big Brother Australia. 8.30 Ambulance UK. 9.40 The Graham Norton Show. 10.50 News. 11.15 10 News+. 12.10 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Shopping.
SATURDAY	6.00 Rage Charts. 7.00 Wknd Brekky. 9.00 Rage. 12.00 News. 12.30 Return To Paradise. 1.25 Maigret. (M) 2.40 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. 4.50 Spicks And Specks. (PG) 5.20 Landline. 5.50 Australian Story. 6.30 When The War Is Over. (PG) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Return To Paradise. (M) 8.30 Vera. (M) Vera investigates the death of a fisherman. 10.00 The Forsytes. (PG) 10.55 Bergerac. (M) 11.40 Rage. (MA15+) 5.00 Rage. (PG)	6.00 Morning Programs. 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 FIFA World Cup 2026 Final Draw. 2.30 Soccer. Australian Championship. Final. 6.30 News. 7.30 Alpine Train At Christmas. 8.25 Christmas At Graceland. 9.15 Rock Legends. 9.45 Living Black. 10.15 Reckless. 11.20 Homicide. 2.40 Being Beethoven. 3.45 Home Of The Year: Scotland. 4.55 Destination Flavour. 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Motorbike Cops. 1.30 Border Security: Int. 2.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. 5.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 5.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Evening session. 6.00 News. 7.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Evening session. 7.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 8.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Late evening session. 10.30 Late Programs.	6.00 Getaway. 6.30 ACA. 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra Summer. 12.00 Golf. PGA Tour of Australasia. Australian Open. Third round. 5.00 News. 5.30 TBA. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 MOVIE: Mrs Doubtfire. (1993) (PG) 10.00 MOVIE: Bad Moms. (2016) (MA15+) 11.55 MOVIE: The Founder. (2016) (M) 2.00 The Incredible Journey. (PG) 2.30 TV Shop. 4.30 Global Shop. 5.00 TV Shop. 5.30 Helping Hands. (PG)	6.00 Morning Programs. 9.00 4x4 Adventures. 10.00 My Market Kitchen. 10.30 GCBC. 11.00 Airport 24/7. 12.00 Everyday Gourmet. 12.30 Farm To Fork. 1.00 Silvia's Italian Masterclass. 1.30 The Yes Experiment. 2.00 4x4 Adventures. 3.00 Planet Shapers. 3.30 Well Traveller. 4.00 All 4 Adventure. 5.00 News. 6.30 Dog House Aust. 7.30 Selling Houses Aust. 8.30 Location, Location, Location Australia. 9.45 FBI: Most Wanted. 10.45 FBI: Most Wanted. 11.40 FBI. 12.30 Shopping. 5.00 Hour Of Power.
SUNDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 11.30 Praise. 12.00 News. 12.30 A Dog's World With Tony Armstrong. 1.25 Gardening Aust. 2.25 Simply Nigella. 3.25 Long Lost Family. 4.10 Extraordinary Escapes. 5.00 Antiques Roadshow. 6.00 Grand Designs Aust. 7.00 News. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Portrait Artist Of The Year. 8.50 The Forsytes. 9.45 Return To Paradise. 10.45 When The War Is Over. 11.15 Brush With Fame. 11.45 Simply Nigella. 12.45 Rage. 2.30 Dream Gardens. 3.00 The Art Of. 3.30 Gardening Aust. 5.00 Insiders.	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Sailing. Sail Grand Prix. Round 12. Abu Dhabi. Highlights. 4.00 When The World Watched. 5.25 The Granny Grommets. 5.35 Blood Money: Inside The Nazi Economy. 6.30 News. 7.30 Cleopatra: Cracking The Enigma. 8.30 Ken Burns' The American Revolution. 10.35 Mayhem: Secret Lives Of Georgian Kings. 11.30 Australian Fashion Past, Present, Future. 12.45 Sue Perkins: Along the US-Mexico Border. 1.50 Late Programs.	6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. (Please note: alternative schedule may be shown due to changes to cricket coverage). 5.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 5.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. 6.00 News. 7.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. 7.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 8.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. 10.30 Late Programs.	6.00 Hello SA. 6.30 ACA. 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Cross Court. 10.30 GolfBarons. 11.00 Drive TV: Launch Pad. 11.30 Explore TV. 12.00 Golf. PGA Tour of Australasia. Australian Open. Final round. 5.00 News. 5.30 RBT. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 TBA. 8.30 The Events That Changed Australia. (MA15+) 9.40 TBA. 10.55 World's Most Dangerous Prisoners. (M) 11.45 Wild Cards. 12.35 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. 1.30 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 Garden Gurus. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 9.00 Australia By Design: Architecture. 9.30 Key Ingredient. 10.00 Farm To Fork. 10.30 10 Minute Kitchen. 11.00 Charming China. 11.30 Pooches At Play. 12.00 The Dog Academy. 1.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 1.30 Lingo. 2.30 Basketball. NBL. Round 11. South East Melbourne Phoenix v Melbourne United. 4.30 Deal Or No Deal. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Big Brother Australia. 8.30 Ghosts Australia. 9.30 FBI. 11.30 10 News+. 12.30 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.
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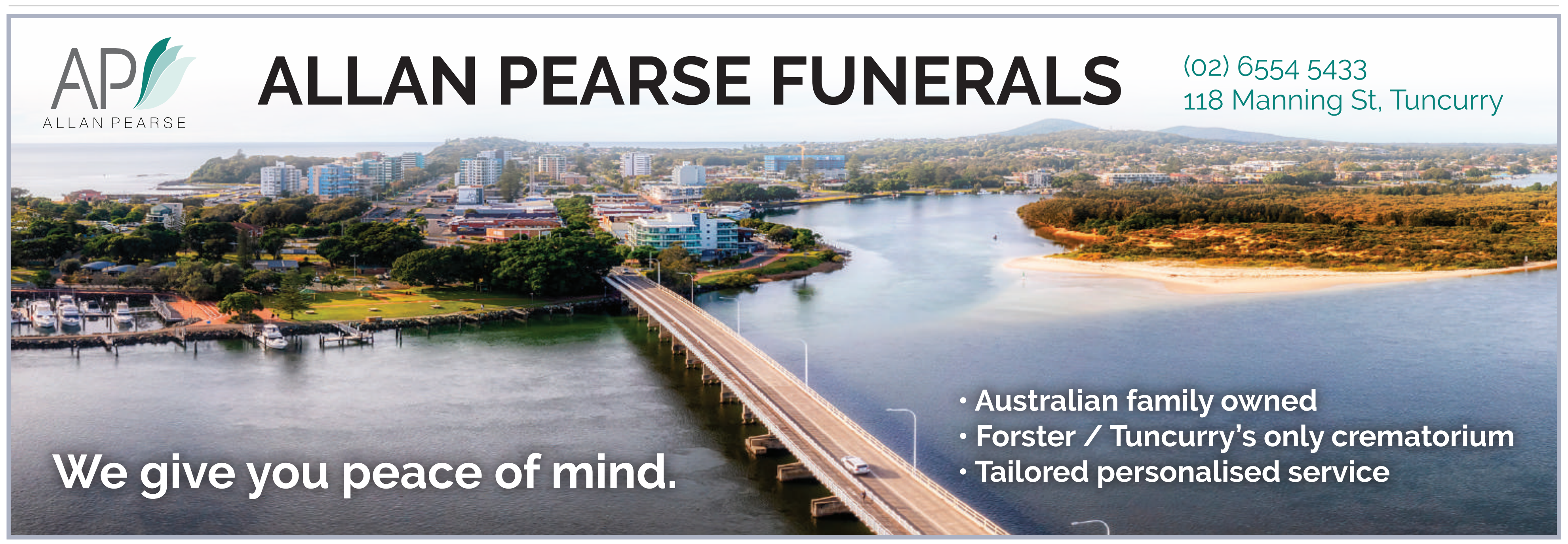
TUESDAY	6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 The Forsytes. 2.00 Death In Paradise. 3.00 QI. 3.30 Nigella Bites. 3.55 Grand Designs NZ. 4.40 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.25 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 When The War Is Over. 8.30 The Piano UK. 9.25 The Art Of. 10.00 The Assembly. 10.45 News. 11.00 The Business. 11.15 Louis Theroux: The Settlers. 12.15 A Country Road: The Nationals. 1.15 Grand Designs NZ. 2.00 Late Programs.	6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 South America With Simon Reeve. 3.10 Going Places. 3.40 The Cook Up. 4.10 Britain By Beach. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.30 Railway Journeys UK. 8.00 Railway Journeys UK. 8.30 Who Do You Think You Are? 9.35 Australia In Colour. 10.35 SBS News. 11.05 Families Like Ours. 12.05 De Gaulle. 2.00 Charles I: Downfall Of A King. 3.05 Home Of The Year: Scotland. 4.50 Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. 4.55 Late Programs.	6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 12.00 MOVIE: Steppin' Into The Holiday. (2022) 2.00 Bridge Of Lies. 3.00 Beat The Chasers UK. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Aust. 6.00 7News Local. 6.30 News. 7.00 Border Patrol. (PG) 7.30 Highway Patrol. (PG) 8.30 Murder In A Small Town. (M) 9.30 Homicide: With Ron Iddles. (M) 10.30 Inside Cyprus. (PG) 12.00 Miniseries: London Spy. 1.30 Harry's Practice. 2.00 Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Morning Programs. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 MOVIE: Christmas At The Chalet. (2023) 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 5.00 Tipping Point Australia. 6.00 NBN News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. 8.30 Jamie Durie's Future House. 9.35 Beyond The Build. 10.35 Wild Cards. 11.30 La Brea. 12.20 Tipping Point. 1.10 Cross Court. 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Skippy. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice. 4.30 ACA. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.	6.00 Morning Programs. 7.30 Farm To Fork. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.30 Jamie's 5 Ingredient Mediterranean. 11.30 My Market Kitchen. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 10 News+. 7.00 Deal Or No Deal. 7.30 Jamie's Cook Ahead Christmas. 8.30 FBI: Most Wanted. 10.30 News. 10.55 10 News+. 11.55 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.



What's on around town & beyond!

Local Calendar

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

November

Sat 29 Nov - Holy Petals
10am to 3pm St Albans Anglican Church. Quilts, wedding dresses, artwork, stalls, BBQ and free children's activities. (see advert opposite page)

Sun 30 Nov - Pacific Palms Market
9am to 1pm Pacific Palms Community Centre. Community Library Stall open in hall.
Enquiries: Jennifer Doyle 0401 968 516

December

Sat 6 Dec - Christmas Spirit Festival
4 - 8pm at John Wright Park, Tuncurry. Lighting of Christmas Tree & live music. Bring a chair or blanket. (see advert below)

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

Sun 7 Dec - Black Head Bazaar Market
8am to 1pm Wylie Breckenridge Park, Black Head Rd. Check website for ground closures.
www.facebook.com/blackheadbazaar

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

Sat 13 Dec - Tuncurry Market 8am to 1pm at John Wright Park, Tuncurry.
Enquiries: Anne 0417 400 994

Sun 14 Dec - Carols in the Park
5:30 - 8pm Wylie Breckenridge Park, Black Head. Enjoy entertainment and community singing lead by local talent. Bring a chair or rug.

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

Mon 15 Dec - Rotary Carols by Candlelight
6 - 8:45pm at Harry Elliot Oval, Tuncurry. Great Lakes Band & school choir. Bring a chair or picnic rug. (see advert below)

Sat 20 Dec - Forster Farmers Market
8am to 12pm Forster Info Centre, 4 Little St.
Enquiries: Linda 0421 347 273

Sat 27 Dec - Tuncurry Market (see above)
8am to 1pm at John Wright Park, Tuncurry.
Enquiries: Anne 0417 400 994

Christmas is coming!

Local Markets are a fantastic place to grab a coffee and some yummy food while looking for a whole variety of great Christmas gift ideas.

Top right: Come visit the Breakwall Belles at the Tuncurry Market for your perfect Christmas gift.

Right: The next Tuncurry Market is on Saturday 13 December. This market is run by volunteers and raises funds for Forster Tuncurry Marine Rescue. Photos supplied.

What's on around town & beyond!

Dress up and enjoy Christmas Raceday and entertainment at the Tuncurry Forster Jockey Club!

'Holy Petals' Free Community Event

By Mark Davies - St Albans Anglican Church, Forster

Holy Petals is a Free Entry Community Event from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 29 November at St Albans Anglican Church Forster (opposite Club Forster).

Featuring dozens of Quilts in a Magnificent display and also a variety of Floral Arrangements and a Wedding Dress display.

Over 15 Stall Holders are also taking part featuring an eclectic range of items including Aboriginal Artwork, Arts and Crafts, Plants, Trash and Treasure and quite a few others. (All sites are fully booked)

The St Albans Friendship Group are providing Morning Tea as well as the Rotary Club of Lower Mid Coast a BBQ Lunch and Quota Forster/Tuncurry a seasonal Afternoon Tea which will all be available at terrific prices.

There are free Children's Activities on from 10:30-11:30am and the budget friendly Anglican Op Shop Forster Free Fashion Parade at 1pm. The Something Special Christian bookstore will also be open with a boutique range of books, cards and gifts available to buy.

We hope you can take the time to visit and enjoy.

Right: One of many quilts by Diana Woodward (and others) which will be on display.

Mixed bag and Feedback

Letters to the Editor

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

A National Superannuation Fund

June 2025, Australia's International debt is at 1.2 trillion (University of NSW).

June 2025, Australia's Superannuation assets are $4.3 trillion (Australian Prudential Regulation Authority).

Sadly, many employees see their funds deteriorating yearly.

A simple solution to both - A National Superannuation Fund totally government controlled and paid into the Reserve Bank. No other business entity can be involved.

The percentage investment by employee and employer as well as Government interest added, is set by Reserve Bank. The figures will vary to suit the economic conditions, the same as others are now.

The employee can only withdraw funds on retirement or in case of a personal emergency.

The Funds will be utilised to pay for government works - Housing, Health, Transport, etc.

The results will be:

1. Every employee will retire with a good pension.

2. They will never lose their hard-earned money.

3. There will be no Government overseas debt.

This system is operational in Singapore, one of the world's richest countries. Singapore has no international debts.

Kevin Hulton-Smith - Forster

Manning Base Hospital bypassed

On reading the story (on ABC News website, 17 November) about the road rage incident yesterday on the Lakes Way at Darrawank near Forster I believe that it is an indication that we should not be part of Hunter New England Health but should be in Mid North Coast Health District.

One person was taken to John Hunter Hospital but the other two were taken to Port Macquarie Hospital, obviously bypassing Manning Base Hospital.

The funding for Manning Base Hospital is a debacle and the attention given to other hospitals (e.g. The new Maitland Hospital) to the detriment of our local area is a sure indication that we do not belong in the Hunter New England Health District. We are closer to the Mid North Coast Health District than we are to Hunter New England Health and are referred to as a town on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales.

Patsi Sladen - Forster

Attention required by Council

Having just walked into the Forster Town Centre I am appalled by the state of some areas which would fall under council management.

1 At the corner of Short and South Streets, Forster in the middle of the road, there is a large Silky Oak tree with Camphor Laurel and Callistemon saplings growing beneath it, not to mention the weeds. The area has just been attended to (following the failure of the main water pipe) and the road has been resurfaced adjacent to this eyesore.

2 The stairs into the Little Street baths have been placed back in position but on the northern side at the last step there is a gaping hole! Just right to step into and cause serious injury for anyone let alone a small child.

3. The Bus Depot and former Visitors Centre gardens on the footpath are a disgrace. Dead plants and weeds flourishing both sides of the footpath.

4. The water pit on the footpath at the old Amaroo site is overgrown with weeds, the rocks in it are covered. Amaroo is no longer here but the signs and booking A Frame are still there.

5. The town clock garden is a flourishing weed patch, great for the entrance to Forster!

The Forster Fortnightly published a police report regarding E bikes and scooters, the regulations governing them and the fines applicable. The council could raise immeasurable income if they had a ranger policing these rules as listed and perhaps would have the finances from these fines to fund the ranger and make the area safer for all.

If it is a police jurisdiction, then perhaps we could have enough revenue from E bikes and scooter infringements to increase the number of police in the area.

Patsi Sladen - Forster

Council response

MidCoast Council appreciates hearing from residents about local maintenance issues, and we're committed to addressing them as promptly as possible.

To help us respond quickly and track requests effectively, we encourage community members to use Council's Report and Request feature on our website. This system sends the information straight to the relevant team, ensuring the issue is logged, assessed and actioned without delay.

Using the online reporting tool means we can resolve the concern sooner and keep residents updated throughout the process.

Photo from "Show & Shine" at Club Forster by Matilda Yule. More photos on p26.

www.moir.com.au

Liberals launch new campaign promoting benefits of climate change

The Shovel

POLITICAL SATIRE: Left without a climate policy following its decision to dump net zero, the Liberal Party has decided instead to focus on the benefits of global warming, with an exciting new campaign launching next month.

Leader Sussan Ley said the new awareness campaign will highlight the often-overlooked upsides of climate change, under the tagline "Hotter, Drier, Better".

Ley said the campaign will aim to shift the national conversation away from 'doom-and-gloom narratives' like rising seas, collapsing ecosystems and an inoperative insurance market, and toward what the Party calls 'a more entrepreneurial framing of our nation slowly boiling'.

"Longer summers, increased activity for the construction industry and a magnificent new red wine district in southern Tasmania. These are just some of the benefits," Ley said.

Liberal Party strategists say the shift reflects a modern, upbeat approach to environmental communication, and definitely not an attempt to avoid announcing a climate policy.

"Australians have to stop dwelling on the negatives, like emissions and survival. We're not denying the science. We're just reframing it in a way that voters will find more palatable. Like how we talk about tax cuts, but for weather," one insider said.

Screen Reviews

TV Show Review by Leon Batman - Tuncurry

Talamasca: Apple, released October 2025, 6 Episodes

This is an American horror series set in the Immortal Universe, a shared universe from Anne Rice novels which began in 2022 with "Interview with the Vampire".

Fresh out of law school, Guy is recruited by the Talamasca, a secretive organisation devoted to surveillance of the supernatural world, and finds a leak in the London office that threatens the mortal world. With episodes only being released weekly, the first few episodes has me anxiously waiting to find out more.

Harry Price, Ghost Hunter: Prime TV Movie released 2015

This British TV drama is set at the end of WW1 and is based on the life of real life ghost hunter/sceptic Harry Price who is contacted by a high profile MP to investigate his wife's claims that their new home is haunted before he sends her off to a sanatorium. A very interesting movie to watch with an excellent storyline and good acting. Well worth watching.

The Diplomat: Nextflix Season 3, released October 2025, 8 episodes

Firstly, if you haven't already watched seasons 1 & 2 please watch first!

This excellent American drama starring Keri Russell (The Americans and Felicity) continues to excel in season 3 with plenty of political intrigue and drama. So good is The Diplomat that I binged watched this series over two nights.

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Mondays

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

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

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

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

Forster Family History Research Service
Available Mon, Wed & Fri 2 - 4pm and Tues & Thurs 10am - 12pm at Forster Library. Closed 29 Nov-2 Feb. Email: library@midcoast.nsw.gov.au

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

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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: vvaglforster@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 Rhys 0402 636 895

Mid North Coast Bootscooters
Beginner lessons 6 - 7pm every Monday at Club Forster. Check our Facebook for venue changes or call Lorraine 0400 708 511.

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 Moorooba 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 Gail 0421 965 885

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

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

Get Active Coomba Park exercise
at Coomba Park Aquatic Club
Dec to Mar 8-9am Mon, Weds & Fri
Contact Lindy 0415 392 554

Great Lakes Breast Cancer Support Group
Thank you to everyone who has supported the Group this year. Our next meeting will be 4th Feb. 2026. Contact Lorraine 0410 588 736

Great Lakes Historic Automobile Club
First Wednesday monthly (not January)
at Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club
Talk to Laurie Curtin 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 11:30am in Wallambi Room at Forster Library. Closed during school holidays. 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 Moorooba 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: vvaglforster@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 Rhys 0402 636 895

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

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

Get Active Coomba Park exercise
at Coomba Park Aquatic Club
Dec to Mar 8-9am Mon, Weds & Fri
Contact Lindy 0415 392 554

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
Breese 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
Pebbly 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

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 Brett on 0428 961 470

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.

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: Volunteers Sue and Bob Parry 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.

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

Forster Community Lunches

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

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

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

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

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.

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

11:30am to 1pm - Lunch served

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

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How do I know John Laws? I was actually there!

(L-R) John Laws, Robert Haskins and John Warren at the start of the "AMCO 1000 Desert Rally" at Broken Hill showground.

Story & photo by Derek Hinde - Forster

My name is Derek Hinde, I was born in Darlinghurst, Sydney in March 1947. After living in Sydney and Tweed Heads I moved to Forster in 2018.

I first met John Laws on Saturday 14th June 1975 at the Broken Hill Showground. This was the starting place for a dirt bike race that was only held once, but attracted the very best...

In 1975 I was a member of the Willoughby District Motorcycle Club in Sydney and had ridden at Amaroo Park in C grade motorcross on a Bultaco.

Terry Boom approached our club with the idea to arrange a motorcycle desert race in Australia after he witnessed the Californian Baja Desert Race.

The race we came up with was called the "AMCO 1000 Desert Rally '75" which went from Broken Hill on Saturday 14th June 1975 to Renmark, SA. Then the next day from Renmark back to Broken Hill. All on sand and dirt trails along the rabbit proof fence.

We contacted many motorcycle clubs across Australia and sent out invitations to compete. The returned forms were absolutely amazing - we had more than 110 applicants to attend our Desert Race. Wow!

Our club committee being Myles Stivano, Dave Robards, Len Searle, John Hiscox and Paul Kennedy were gobsmacked... we had to do this!

Terry Boom's family had some serious connections in the early Sydney club scene, namely The Latin Quarter. He organised sponsers for the Rally including AMCO Jeans, Frank Matich Honda, Scott's Motorcycles, Shell Co and Theiss Toyota.

At the time I was employed by Precision Watches as an area Omega representative and asked if they would sponsor us. Without Omega's support in providing the Olympic Timing machine to actually record all competitors times we would not have had a desert race. I became the Official Timekeeper.

The list of competitors read a "who's who" of the Australian dirt bike brigade. The likes of Bert Flood (naturally on a Bultaco 360), son Gary Flood (on a Bultaco 250) and John Atkinson (Husqvarna 400). Also Rod Tingate (Yamaha 400), Laurie Alderton (Montesa 250) and Dennis Gellert (Yamaha 360).

Also entered were Jim Airey, Wayne Sheridan, Chris Cater, Miss Janet Arnell No 57 (she won the ladies Omega watch prize), Hans Applegren, Jim Dowsett, John Warren, Tom Goddard, Paul Edwards and many more.

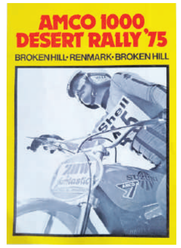
Now this is where John Laws, "Lawsie" as he said to address him, enters the fray. John Laws CBE OBE entered the AMCO Desert Race riding No 7 on his Husqvarna 247, alongside with his mate Robert Haskins on his Montesa 250 riding No 4.

Lawsie arrived at the Renmark finish on the Saturday with a riding time of 4hrs 49mins 51secs. An amazing feat for a 40 year old who didn't even race motorbikes! He was the 33rd Rider to cross that finish line on the first day of the race out of nearly 100 competitors. Wow!

On the Sunday return race, back to Broken Hill, Lawsie's Husky suffered a mechanical issue around 3kms off the finish line. The committee decided, however, to award John with the average time of all the finishers to make his overall time for the 2 days of riding as 7hrs 19mins 51secs, making Lawsie 8th overall in the 250 Class and 22nd outright. What a guy!

After the finish of the race, we went back to "The Old Royal Hotel" and celebrated with many cold ales and told lots of stories, especially about the riders in each class.

The 125cc Class was won by No 7 Bruce Smith, 2nd place was No 6 Nipper Crabb (really!) and 3rd place was a tie...both on equal times, Peter Bryant and Bob O'Brien. The 250 Class was won by Laurie Alderton, 2nd Grahame Dickson and 3rd place was Peter Condon. The Open Class was won by John Atkinson, 2nd place Rod Tingate and 3rd place was Dennis Gellert.



However, to this day I do not know whatever happened to rider No 49 Wrongway Rogan. I hope he is still not out there in the desert. Maybe he went the wrong way!

The logistics of running a desert race in the centre of Australia with limited funds and resources proved a challenge. However, we did it ... just.

I asked a mate who had a private pilot's licence would he like to fly the Omega timing team from Bankstown to Broken Hill for the rally.

"Of course," said Ian Mac "I'm trying to get more hours up!"

To set up the timing machine at the start on Saturday, then dismantle it after the last competitor departed the showground, was a big task. We then had to load it into the Cessna and fly the 20 minutes to Renmark before the first "crazie" got to the finish line.

Sunday, repeat yesterday, at Renmark, record all competitors start times, and then fly back to Broken Hill, to set up again and record the total finish times.

I have many photos of Lawsie on his beloved Husky 250 and Robert Haskins together. An amazing time in my life and the life of John Laws.

I wanted to write this story many years ago. It was only when I learnt of Lawsie passing, that I have recalled these moments having known and listened on the radio over decades to the 'great man'. I appreciate how amazing this man was, and his ability to take on challenges both on radio and in life.

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- In 2022 it was estimated that a person had a 1 in 17 risk of being diagnosed with melanoma of the skin by the aged of 85.
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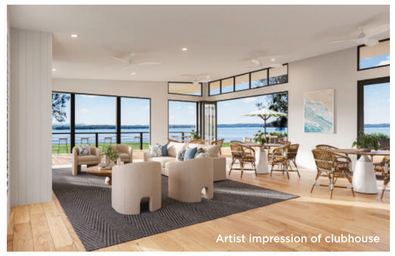

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A 3 day "Brand Spankin' Rockin' by the Beach Festival" was held at Club Forster on 21 -23 November, bringing big numbers to town with a "Show n Shine" car display outside and plenty of stalls, live music and dancing inside.

Photos by Matilda and Mary Yule.

Dyers Crossing

Great Lakes Museum

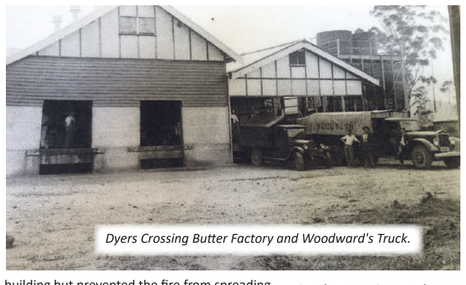
Dyers Crossing Co-Op

In the early 1900's milk production on the farms around the areas had risen rapidly, and in 1904 The Upper Wallamba River Dairy Co-operative was floated. The factory was situated at Dyers Crossing, considered the centre of the Wallamba farming district. The factory commenced in 1905 and averaged one ton of butter per week. By 1919 butter production rose to 4 tons per week with cream being supplied by 220 farmers. The company was one of the first of the Mid North Coast to install a pasteurising plant, and the butter, after being transferred by boat to the loading wharfs at Tuncurry or Forster was sent by ship to Sydney.

So rapidly had the industry expanded on the Wallamba that a new factory was built at Tuncurry.

Big Fire at Dyers Crossing

As reported in The Northern Champion Taree on January 27 1945, the most disastrous fire in the history of Dyers Crossing occurred early hours of Wednesday morning when the general store conducted by the Upper Wallamba River Co-operative Dairy Society was completely destroyed by fire. Mr A L Steven, the butter packer employed at the factory, whose cottage was next door, blew the whistle to alert the townspeople of the fire. The Taree and Wingham Fire Brigades were summoned. They arrived too late to save the building but prevented the fire from spreading to the general office and adjoining cottages. The factory carried a heavy stock of groceries, produce and hardware causing a serious blow for the district, since the store supplied all the needs of the many farmers living around the Upper Wallamba.



Dyers Crossing Butter Factory and Woodward's Truck.

The Great Lakes Museum is at 1 Capel Street, Tuncurry. Opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-1pm and Sunday 1pm-3pm. Volunteers welcome.

Book Review

Book Review by John King - Pacific Palms Librarian

Oliphant - A biography of a great Australian scientist

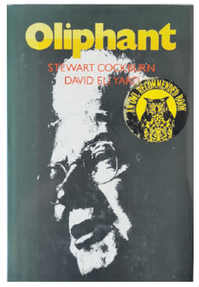
A radar small enough to go into an aircraft and good enough to see a submarine periscope; a contribution to ensuring that the allies had the atomic bomb before the Nazis; the establishment of the ANU; and finally, Governor of South Australia. Sir Mark Oliphant, dedicated, brilliant, outspoken, always looking for solutions and impatient of bureaucracy and naysayers: that is what comes through so clearly in Oliphant, Cockburn and Ellyard's biography of this great Australian scientist born in South Australia in 1901.

It is doubtful that the Premier of South Australia, Don Dunstan, realised what an independent thinker he had appointed as Governor on I December 1971. Politically naïve Oliphant may have been but the people of South Australia loved him for his outspokenness to tell the Premier or the Government collectively "where they got off" even if they disagreed with what he said. (p 327).

Oliphant's ability to make scientific equipment – voltameter, calorimeter etc is seen as a student at high school. It served him well in his early years at Oxford and the Cavendish laboratory working with Ernest Rutherford investigating the nature of the atom when funds were very limited and before the era of high-powered "atom smashes".

WW2 intervened, however. Britain had radar but it was far too large to fit into fighter aircraft. Oliphant and his team solved that problem. Indeed, it has been described as the critical development that stopped the U-boats strangling Britain.

Research by Oliphant's team proved the feasibility of the atomic bomb. Yet the US was dismissive of the threat and more interested in the commercial application of nuclear energy. Oliphant persisted with Ernest Lawrence of Berkeley's Radiation Laboratory. Finally, Churchill, Roosvelt and Mackenzie King (the Canadian Prime Minister), agreed to its development with Britain suppling the knowhow, and the US the resources to give it effect, in particular separating out the fissile U-235 on the one hand and creating plutonium on the other. Oliphant saw the necessity but was appalled at the consequences of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The dismantling of the US nuclear weapons (that he and others sought) foundered in 1946; it was 'Doc" Evatt who said that no one knew when they might be needed against the Soviet Union. (p.132). The Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb in 1949.



In 1948, Sir Howard Florey, Hancock, Oliphant and Firth were formally constituted in the UK as an advisory committee on the establishment of the ANU. Only Oliphant, however, returned to Australia to drive the founding of the new university to Australia's long-term benefit. In so doing he cruelled his own further work on fundamental physics.

Perhaps a final message is the importance of personal interactions. It is one measure of the man that Oliphant inspired others and drew together highly capable teams. That is a message that our own Defence scientists found: the Services having sought their secondment from the Defence research establishments to work on problems in "the field", our scientists found they were losing expertise and inspiration of colleagues: they needed to be in the research establishments. Maybe the same is taking people back into offices.

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

Local Identity – Chris Jones

Interview by Vanda Gooley - Forster

Chris is a retired manager of MidCoast Libraries who has been instrumental in shaping library services in the Great Lakes MidCoast region. His work reflected a strong emphasis on community engagement, literacy for all and positioning the library as a vibrant, inclusive communal space rather than just a book lending facility. "Libraries are about people, not books…. they are about a safe, social inclusive space where people can interact."

Christopher (Chris) Jones (Jonesy), 62, was born in Royal Newcastle Hospital. Both his parents grew up in Newcastle and were married there. Chris's father had studied French at the University of Newcastle and the family ended up moving to Valence, France (via a couple of years in Melbourne). Chris's father did his PhD in the city of Grenoble. Chris's brother was born in Valence.

The family moved to Perth when Chris was four, his father taking up the Associate Professor role in the French Department at the University of Western Australia. It was in Perth that Chris's sister joined the family.

They moved to Armidale when Chris was eight and his father took up the role of Professor of French at the University of New England, a role he stayed in until he died, tragically, at the young age of 49.

Chris said, "My father was an amazing man and a truly great academic, being awarded the title of 'Officer of the Palmes Academiques' by the French Government for his services to French culture (the equivalent of a knighthood of the highest order)."

Chris's mother "remains an incredible woman," who raised two children in a regional French city at a time when English simply wasn't spoke there. She went on to make her own important contributions to aged cared in Armidale before retiring to a rural property with her new husband.

As a young boy Chris remembers life being a bit strange for the first few years because they'd moved around, so, French was one of Chris's first languages. Chris's boyhood really took shape in Armidale, "I guess you'd say I had a fairly idyllic time growing up in a beautiful regional city which benefitted from having a university to drive its culture, the arts, its economy and great eating options."

Chris did have some rather different and special times overseas, courtesy of his father working in French-speaking academic institutions. Chris spent the better part of a year in France when he was 11, then four months in Ontario Canada when he was 17. The family also did a lot of travel around other countries at that time.

Chris feels he has been blessed in so many ways through every stage of his life and reflects with deep fondness. "Highlights, of course, are being married to my wonderful wife, having sons of whom I am hugely proud of. (Michael is married to Bruna, lives in Sydney and works in HR, and Tim, lives in Prague and is an English teacher). I loved my time spent working in public libraries, living in paradise, having the most generous and loving family and extended family and friends, and travelling."

Chris's wife, Kate – now retired, was previously a head teacher and educational expert at TAFE. "She has to be built of sterner stuff to stick with me for nearly 40 years of marriage. She's an inspirational woman, and is now very engaged with U3A."

Chris attended Nedlands Primary School (Perth), then Ben Venue PS (Armidale) and Duval HS (Armidale). He earned a Bachelor of Science (Honours in Physics) at the University of New England.

Chris also gained a Graduate Diploma in Library Science and Graduate Diploma in Business Management and is a Certified and accredited Level 2 Leadership and Organisational Coach.

Chris trained as a physicist at UNE and then worked for the Department of Science as a solar physicist – he worked at Narrabri for a while where "I was 'paid to look at the sun.' I have plenty of stories I could tell about that." He then tried secondary teaching at Kings School and decided it was not for him.

Chris retrained as a Librarian and worked in many different roles for Parramatta City Council, Baulkham Hills Shire Council and Armidale Dumaresq Council. The Jones' moved to Forster in 1998 when Chris was appointed as the library manager at Great Lakes Council, and stayed in this role until 2016, when Great Lakes was amalgamated with Greater Taree, Gloucester and Midcoast Water to create MidCoast Council. Under his leadership there was been a strong focus on literacy programs and inclusive community services that continues to this day. For example, the 'Better Reading Better Communities' project, involving volunteer tutors supporting reading, writing, ESL and adult literacy. "And don't let anybody tell you libraries aren't exciting and adventurous places to work. The things I could tell you … but probably can't for legal reasons."

He initiated Baby Rhyme Time, preschool story time and Homework Help programs for children. Chris supported other volunteer networks such as Friends of the Great Lakes Library Services (FOGLLS), trivia nights, community events and the library as a community hub.

Subsequently Chris was also given the role of leading community development, leading MidCoast Assist (for a brief period) and being made responsible for MidCoast Council's disaster recovery section. "The latter was a wild ride as we had just gone through the dreadful bushfire season of 2019, then got hit by two successive years of catastrophic flooding, and a pandemic. Talk about a steep learning curve."

Chris left Council in 2022 and retrained as an organisational and leadership coach "because I still wanted to give back. I also run leadership workshops."

It's no surprise that one of Chris's passions is reading (especially Terry Pratchett) – and he loves his book club too. He also loves walking – "anywhere I can (but no better place in the world to walk than the Forster-Tuncurry waterfront)" Another passion is travelling. He and Kate have been to 39 countries so far and they have regularly travelled overseas at least once or twice a year since retirement. They have just returned from Southern Africa and have already booked tickets to Turkey, Greece, Albania and Montenegro for next year. Chris's obvious passion is his family – "last mentioned, but the most important and wonderful of all."

Above: Chris Jones climbing Dune 45 in Namibia. He and Kate have a shared passion for travelling.

Almost every time Chris and Kate travel they plan their own trips and they always have highly adventurous aspects to them, "don't even ask about where Google maps has taken us – pretty sure we've seen places no Australian has ever visited before"

Chris is proud of his many achievements such as earning Life Membership of the NSW Public Libraries Association. He is also proud of what was achieved as a library in Great Lakes and then MidCoast. "We got some fabulous buildings constructed and ran plenty of creative and innovative programs and services. We certainly punched well above our weight (especially with securing grant funding) and had a very high standing in the library industry." Chris is also very proud of the Community Development and Disaster recovery service's profound impacts on the community.

Despite this impressive record, Chris said his truly great achievements are having a family, being surrounded by extraordinary people, living in this wonderful area, holding onto his optimism and gratitude. "I think the biggest achievement will always be around my own growth and self-development because this is where the biggest opportunities lie."

Above: The Jones family (L-R) Tim, Michael, Kate and Chris. Photos supplied.

Chris has faced a few challenges like shifting jobs and workplaces quite a few times. He said "the biggest challenge being, without doubt, navigating myself and my teams through the Council amalgamation. It puts a blowtorch on your self-belief and on your leadership, though I'd like to think it helped me grow."

Chris's current challenge is figuring out what life after a permanent full-time job looks like. "Three years on and I'm still not sure, but I'm certainly not bored. I knew myself well enough to make sure I had plenty of things to do."

Chris's favourite mottos are, 'Just do it!' also 'Find value in everything.'

Asked what he loves about the Mid North Coast Chris said, "The nature - I never, ever get bored walking the Forster-Tuncurry foreshore." Also, the people – so many caring and generous souls and the climate. Of course, the library and finally, the location with the Barringtons a short drive away, Newcastle nearby, and so many great day walks (eg Seal Rocks, Cattai Wetlands).

Long term friend and associate, Helen Duggan said this of Chris….

"I have known Chris and his lovely wife Kate *for about 30 years. I first met Chris when he joined the local drama group, Great Lakes Amateur Dramatic Society (GLADS). Here, with his natural comedic timing and stage presence, he soon became a firm favourite with the audiences, particularly those attending the pantomimes. I then had more contact when I was a member of Friends of Great Lakes Library Services (FOGLLS). Chris was an excellent Library Manager and a great supporter of our group, helping where ever he could with our activities.*

I have always admired Chris's knowledge of and ability with words. His latest Travelogues have been fascinating reading and have made you feel as if you were right there travelling with him. I have also admired his passion and enthusiasm for life and new adventures.

I feel that we are very fortunate to have such an intelligent, creative and community minded person living in our area".

Deb Tuckerman said this of Chris…

"I would describe Chris (Jaguar) Jones as a man of many hats - literally and figuratively!

Chris is one of those people who can never sit still. He's a doer (walking, gardening, working, reading, helping people, travelling) and a deep thinker. He fits more into a day than most of us.

We meet up early most mornings on the bridge. He is usually walking and reading, or walking and listening to something, or walking and writing something, sometimes even a book!

We met over 20 years ago when we were both working for Council. Over the years, Chris has been an marvelous friend and mentor. He has a keen sense of humour and is extremely thoughtful. He would always make time to provide advice. He always contributed to meaningful discussions in our leadership meetings, always able to think creatively. I'm pleased that since retiring from Council, he is taking on more of a mentoring/coaching role, supporting other practitioners in their roles.

We worked on some great projects together, both big and small, the most significant being the construction of the new library and civic precinct in Forster.

Whilst I knew him as the Library Manager, he has a background in science and together with his general thirst for knowledge and interest in people, this makes him a thoroughly interesting and engaging person to be around. Not to mention his willingness to don one of his many hats to reflect the occasion - whether it be an Indian dinner, an event such as Relay for Life or a MC'ing a trivia night.

Unsurprisingly, Chris has always been ready with a 'word of the day'. If I had to pick five words to describe him I would say entertaining, thoughtful, funny, intelligent, energetic. Everyone has their failings however. Shame you go for Carlton and Manly. Keep on being you Jonesy!"

Lions Club of Hallidays Point supported the Skatepark and opening. Photo supplied.

Hallidays Point Skatepark officially opens!

Above: The official ribbon is cut by Mel Orchard and Simon Duber (centre) from the Hallidays Point Community Skatepark Committee. Many people were involved with the planning over the years. Photos by Matilda and Mary Yule.

Australia is about to ban under-16s from social media Here's what kids can do right now to prepare

By Daniel Angus and Tama Leaver - The Conversation, 21 November 2025

If you're a young person in Australia, you probably know new social media rules are coming in December. If you and your friends are under 16, you might be locked out of the social media spaces you use every day.

Some people call these rules a social media ban for under 16s. Others say it's not a "ban" – just a delay.

Right now we know the rules will definitely include TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, Threads, Reddit, X, YouTube, Kick and Twitch. But that list could grow.

We don't know exactly how the platforms will respond to the new rules, but there are things you can do right now to prepare, protect your digital memories, and stay connected.

Here's a guide for the changes that are coming.

Download your data

TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and most other platforms offer a "download your data" option. It's usually buried in the app settings, but it's powerful.

A data download (sometimes called a "data checkout" or "export") includes things like:

- photos and videos you've uploaded
- messages and comments
- friend lists and interactions
- the platform's inferences about you (what it thinks you like, who you interact with most, and the sort of content it suggests for you).

Even if you can't access your account later, these files let you keep a record of your online life: jokes, friendships, cringey early videos, glow-ups, fandom moments, all of it.

You can save it privately as a time capsule. Researchers are also building tools to help you view and make sense of it.

Downloading your archive is a smart move while your accounts are still live. Just make sure you store it somewhere secure. These files can contain incredibly detailed snapshots of your daily life, so you might want to keep them private.

Don't assume platforms will save anything for you

Some platforms may introduce official ways to export your content when bans begin. Others may move faster and simply block under-age accounts with little warning.

As one example, Meta – the parent company of Facebook, Instagram and Threads – has begun to flag accounts they think belong to under-16s. The company has also provided early indications that it will permit data downloads after the new rules comes into effect.

For others the situation is less clear.

Acting now, while you can still log in normally, is the safest way to keep your stuff.

4 ways to stay connected

Losing access to the platform you use every day to talk with friends can feel like losing part of your social world. That's real, and it's okay to feel annoyed, worried, or angry about it.

Here are four ways to prepare.

1. Swap phone numbers or handles on non-banned platforms now.

Don't wait for the "you are not allowed to use this service" message.

2. Set up group chats somewhere stable.

Use iMessage, WhatsApp, Signal, Discord, or whatever works for your group and doesn't rely on age-restricted sign-ups.

3. Keep community ties alive.

Many clubs, fandom spaces, gaming groups and local communities are on multiple sites or platforms (Discord servers, forums, group chats). Get plugged into those spaces.

4. Don't presume you'll be able to get around the ban.

Teens who get around the ban are not breaking the law. There is no penalty for teens, or parents who help them, if they do get around the ban and have access to social media under 16.

It's up to platforms to make these new laws work. Not teens. Not parents.

Do prepare, though. Don't assume you will be able to get around the ban.

Just using a VPN to pretend your computer is in another country, or a wearing rubber mask to look older in an age-estimating selfie, probably won't be enough.

A note for adults: take big feelings seriously

Most people recognise the social connections, networks and community enabled by social media are valuable – especially to young people.

For some teens, social media may be their primary community and support group. It's where their people are.

It will be difficult for some when that community disappears. For some it may be even worse.

The ideal role of trusted adults is to listen, validate and support teens during this time. No matter how older people feel, for young people this may be like losing a large part of their world. For many that will be really hard to cope with.

Services like Headspace and Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800) are there to support young people, too.

How to keep your agency in a frustrating situation

A lot of people will find it frustrating that we're excluding teens, rather than forcing platforms to be built safer and better for everyone. If you feel that way, too, you're not alone.

But you aren't powerless.

Saving your data, preparing alternative communication channels, and speaking out if you want to are all ways to:

- own your digital history
- stay connected on your own terms
- make sure youth voices inform how Australia thinks about online life going forward.

You're allowed to feel annoyed. You're also allowed to take steps that protect your future self.

If you lose access, you're not gone – just changing channels

Social media bans for teens will create disruption. But they won't be the end of your friendships, creativity, identity exploration, or culture.

It just means the map is shifting. You get to make deliberate choices about where you go next.

And whatever happens, the online world isn't going to stop changing. You're part of the generation that actually understands that, and that's a strength, not a weakness.

Sizzling success: Paddlers brave extreme heat to claim 2025 NSW State Sprint Titles in Penrith

AKC Satellite Team

The Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) in Penrith was the scene of fiercely competitive racing and sweltering conditions last weekend as paddlers battled it out for the coveted Paddle NSW State Sprint Champions 2025 titles. Our local AKC satellite team from Halliday's Point represented Avoca Kayak club with 5 athletes competing over the 2-day competition.

The championships, held on the iconic Olympic course, delivered thrilling action across kayak disciplines. The athletes faced an extra formidable opponent: the weather. Competitors, coaches, and spectators endured a very hot weekend, with temperatures pushing well into the high 30s, making every 200m, 500m, and 1000m sprint a true test of endurance and grit. Despite the scorching Western Sydney heat, the standard of racing was exceptionally high. "It was an absolute oven out there," commented one senior competitor, "but you have to respect the field. Everyone dug deep, and that's what makes a State Championship performance truly memorable. Finishing a 1000m race in that kind of heat feels like a victory in itself."

The intense competition saw several breakout performances from our small team and established champions reaffirm their dominance.

Bronte Kippax, representing the Under 18 division, Ella & Ashleigh Pegrum and Amaya Cross, representing the Under 16s and Ava Williams, representing the Under 14s, all had a standout regatta, securing numerous medals across their respective age categories.

Notable performances included:

Bronte Kippax - Under 18: Total of 8 medals (3 individual Gold, 3 team Gold and 2 team Silver) and taking out the prestigious Trouville Trophy for Overall Champion Under 18 ladies' competitor for the weekend.

Ella Pegrum - Under 16: Total of 7 medals (2 individual Gold, 1 individual Silver, 3 team Gold, 1 team Silver)

Ashleigh Pegrum - Under 16: Total of 6 medals (1 individual Gold, 3 team Gold, 1 team Silver & 1 team Bronze)

Amaya Cross - Under 16: Total of 5 medals (1 individual Bronze, 2 team Gold, 1 team Silver & 1 team Bronze)

Ava Williams - Under 14: Total of 7 medals (1 individual Bronze, 4 team Silver and 2 team Bronze). Ava also jumped-up age divisions, both into the Under 16s & Under 18s, for both Avoca & Hunter Kayak Clubs, demonstrating her depth by placing in multiple team boats in the K4 and K2 events.

The coaches, Jared Wait & Marty Cowper, did a great job of preparing our athletes for this tough competition. These results also serve as a key marker for selection into the upcoming Paddle NSW State representative team. The Paddle NSW community came together to support the event, showcasing the spirit of the sport even under challenging conditions. So many great performances by our young paddlers. Congratulations to you all.

Above: (L-) Ava Williams, Liv Manser, Amaya Cross, Ella Pegrum and Ashleigh Pegrum.Photos supplied.

Fishing Comp: Short on time but long on outcomes!

By Dave Nash - Club Forster Bluewater Fishing Club

The Club Foster Bluewater Fishing Club's November outing was held on Saturday the 16th of November. The weather forecast indicated that it could be a short day as winds were forecast to blow up from about mid-morning. On this occasion the forecasters were spot on and by 11am most boats were back at the harbour due to a strong nor'easter that had blown up.

Overall, anglers found the fishing slow going with a relatively low number of fish caught. However, what was lost in quantity, was made up for in quality.

A total of 6 boats entered this month's competition, with 10 anglers testing their skills and resulting in a total catch of 23 fish. Frank Harshman was amongst the best, lining in 6 fish for a total length of nearly 2.7 metres. This netted Frank the prizes for Longest Flathead, and Runner Up for both Snapper and Teraglin categories. Barry Wrench and Matthew Judd both picked up a couple of Flathead, with Barry winning Runner Up prize in the Flathead category. But the overall winner again on the day was Martyn Barry, who despite not finding that the Mahi Mahi were at the FAD (Fish Aggregating Device) was able to pick up 8 Flathead on the way home which at a total length of 3.4 metres, won him the day!

Above: Joe Bujalski Snapper won the longest Snapper category.

Despite the slow going on the fishing front, several anglers were fortunate enough to pick up some real horses! Job Bujalski won the Longest Snapper category with a personal best snapper of 880 millimetres (Joe smiled so much that this author wondered if Joe had bleached his teeth!) Not to be outdone, Anthony Flicker was successful at landing a 1165 millimetre long Kingfish. This hoodlum will keep him in fish steaks till next year! Huge congratulations to Joe and Anthony.

All fish that are caught are of DPI regulations as per club By-laws. Fish are either eaten by our members that catch them or given away to their friends and family. There is also a bag limit as to how many fish of each species can be caught. The club competitions also incorporate the option to practice catch and release.

For those interested in joining the Club Forster Blue Water Fishing Club, please see the club website (clubforsterbluewaterfishingclub.org) or contact Barry Wrench on 0428 557 090.

Right: Anthony Flicker landed a 1165mm long Kingfish. Photos supplied.

Strong performances by Forster Aquatic Swim Club

Above: Forster Aquatic Swimmers at Macksville Meet, Front row (L-R) Ky Westaway and Mia Westaway. Back row (L-R) Tony Westaway and Darcy Every. Photos supplied.

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(PB and Country Qualifying Time), PB in 50m Breaststroke and 2nd in 50m Freestyle (PB and Youth State Age Qualifying Time)

Ky Westaway (9 Boys) An impressive meet with strong swims and big time improvements across his events with PB in 50m Backstroke and Division 1 Qualifying Time, huge PB in 100m Backstroke and SNC Division 1 Qualifying Time, PB in 50m Freestyle and SNC Division 1 Qualifying Time.

Mia Westaway (5 Girls) Made her carnival debut, competing in the 7 and under group, showed wonderful confidence and enthusiasm in her first races: 25m Backstroke – an amazing first swim, finishing just outside the medals in 4th place and 25m Freestyle – bravely off the blocks, finishing in a photo finish for 3rd place amongst four swimmers.

Darcy Every (14 Boys) Also competed in five events.

3. Taree Torpedoes Long Course Qualifying Meet

Eighteen Forster Aquatic members attended the Taree Torpedoes Long Course Qualifying Meet, held at the Manning Aquatic Leisure Centre from 31 October to 1 November 2025.

The team achieved outstanding results across all age groups, including several first-time competitors, big PBs, and qualifying times.

Dane Clayton (10 Boys) Continued his great form with 1st in both 50m and 100m Breaststroke, 3rd in 100m Freestyle.

Layla Clayton (8 Girls) Impressive racing with 2nd in 50m Breaststroke and a 5-second PB.

Levi Dodds (13 Boys) A fantastic meet for Levi, achieving PBs in all five of his swims.

Miles Dodds (6 Boys) Attending his very first carnival, Miles swam brilliantly in the under 7 events to claim 2nd in 25m Freestyle and 3rd in 25m Backstroke.

Byron Vicory (13 Boys) Strong swims across his events with 2nd in 200m Freestyle (Open) and PB in 100m Freestyle.

Kayla Farlow (11 Girls) Recorded a great PB in 50m Breaststroke.

Sebastian House (11 Boys) This was Sebastian's first meet competing in Team Forster Aquatic and he had a sensational weekend with first in 200m IM, 50m Butterfly, and 50m Backstroke, 2nd in 100m Backstroke and 3rd in 50m Breaststroke and 200m Freestyle (Open). Sebastian achieved 8 PBs from 10 swims, earning SNC Division 1 time in 200m Backstroke and Country Qualifying times in 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly.

Kaitlin Perry (15 Girls) Smashed her previous record with a 40-second PB in the 800m Freestyle, earning a Division 1 Qualifying Time.

Emily Perry (11 Girls) In her first meet representing Forster, Emily achieved a 14-second PB in 100m Freestyle and a 5-second PB in 50m Backstroke, both Division 1 Qualifying Times.

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Wallis Spirit Dragons end 2025 season on a high

By Rebeca Collins - Wallis Spirit Dragons

What a way to wrap up our final regatta for 2025, with a well-deserved third place.

We enjoyed paddling close to home at our neighbours' event, the Great Lakes Pearl Dragons Regatta. Held over the weekend of 15th and 16th November at Elizabeth Reserve in Forster Keys, the competition brought together 19 clubs for two big days of racing.

On Saturday, we raced 500-metre heats and finished the day with a tough 2km pursuit. Despite very windy conditions, the atmosphere was buzzing and the racing fiercely competitive. Sunday's focus shifted to the 200-metre sprints, where our men, Eric Hayes and Brian Cotterill, teamed up with the Deepwater Dragon Boat Club men's crew to claim an impressive third place in the finals.

We were also especially proud of our newest paddlers, Sharon Hill and Belinda Stow, who recently joined the sport after attending one of our Come & Try sessions in October.

"They've brought such wonderful enthusiasm and energy to the team, and we've loved watching their confidence grow, especially as they were thrown straight into regatta training over the past few weeks," said coach Rebecca.

Above: Medal awarded to a Deepwater Dragon Boat Club member and Eric Hayes.

Overall, it was a fantastic weekend filled with strong racing, teamwork and camaraderie.

We'd love to see more people discover the fun and fitness of dragon boating. For more information, check out the Wallis Spirit Dragons Facebook page or email wsdragonboats@gmail.com to find out more.

Action shot with Sally Cooke as the sweep, and Simone Muenger and Pat Powell paddling. Photos supplied.

Social Golf Club Results

By Warren Warner – Club Forster Social Golf Club

We played at the Forster course on Sunday 9th November. It was cool early and a bit windy but turned it into an ideal golf day. The course was in excellent condition. The event was a single Stableford.

Results

Mens Div.1: 1st, Darryl Fahey 35, 2nd Ken Woods 32, 3rd Wayne Richards 28

Mens Div 2: 1st Warren Warner 40, 2nd Tom Welch 38, 3rd Peter Wilson 37

Ladies: 1st Robyn Rogers 32, 2nd Lyn Thomas 26, 3rd Kim Clark 24

Nearest to the Pin 2nd Shot

Hole 4: Darryl Fahey, Peter Wilson.

Hole 6: Darryl Fahey, Peter Wilson, Kim Clark

Hole 11: Paul Nicholas, Peter Wilson, Kim Clark

Hole 14: Darryl Fahey, Troy Harrisom, Robyn Rogers

Above: (L-R) Top Divisional Winners Robyn Rogers, Warren Warner and Darryl Fahey.Photo supplied.

Our next game is on 23rd November at Forster. It will be a 4 ball aggregate Stableford 2 players. Hit off is at 7am for 7.28am. For all enquiries contact Ken Woods on 0401 767 257.

Great Lakes Pearl Dragons impress at Annual Regatta

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The Great Lakes Pearl Dragons hosted their Annual Regatta at Elizabeth Reserve, Forster Keys, on November 15th and 16th, drawing an impressive turnout from paddlers and supporters alike. Racing action across both days was accompanied by enthusiastic crowds along the bank, and organisers extend heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers whose efforts ensured the event's success.

Club achieves top-five finish

Traditionally, the club does not field its own team at the regatta, as members are typically engaged in volunteering duties. This year, however, an expression of interest was circulated among members for entry into the fiercely contested 2k event. The response was overwhelming—22 club members formed a complete squad, ready to compete.

Preparation for the regatta involved a rigorous eight-week training schedule, crafted and supported by club coaches. The demanding program fostered team focus and resilience, although some participants not racing in the 2k event found the intensity challenging. Despite these hurdles, the team's commitment to improvement proved unwavering.

All the hard work and preparation culminated in a standout result: the club's 2k team finished fifth out of 16 competing teams, completing the course in 13:33.08. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the club and is a testament to the power of collective effort.

Coach Laurie Haydon, who led the training program, commented, "To say that I am proud is an understatement. This was a team effort, not only from our paddlers but also from our coaches, whose support was crucial to the event's success."

The club is now setting its sights on the upcoming Lunar New Year Festival at Darling Harbour, where training will soon commence for the 200m racing event.

Coach Haydon offered final words of thanks to all paddlers who dedicated themselves to the training. "When we work together for a common goal, we prove time and time again that our team can achieve great things."

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Strong performances by Forster Swim Club at 3 meets

By Mel Westaway - Forster Aquatic Swim Club

Head Coach Pete Sanders said, "We have a lot of new young swimmers coming through and joining the squad. They are performing well and have a big future coming up."

"They're all trying to get country and state qualifying times as well as personal bests and they're doing a great job!"

1. Port Macquarie Swimming Club 2025 Long Course Qualifying Meet

Forster Aquatic Aquatic Club swimmers had a strong start to the 2025/26 Long Course season (50m pool) at the Port Macquarie Long Course Qualifying Meet on 4–5 October.

Representing the club were Dane, Tanna, Darcy, Kayla, Kiara, Abbie, Maddie, Liam, Lucas, Grace, Murphy, Sophie, and Sara, all putting in fantastic efforts across the weekend with plenty of Personal Bests (see below) and podium finishes.

Abbie Keegan (9 Girls) Outstanding meet with PBs (personal bests) in every swim! 50m Freestyle, 200m IM, 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke.

Maddie Keegan (11 Girls) A strong weekend with PBs in 100m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, 200m IM, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke. Also swam the 50m Backstroke with a little start hiccup but finished well.

Murphy Ralston (14 Boys) An impressive weekend of swimming with 2nd in 50m Freestyle (PB), 3rd in 100m Freestyle (PB), and PB in 100m Backstroke and 200m Freestyle.

Grace Ralston (11 Girls) Two great PBs in her Freestyle events – 50m and 100m.

Above: Forster Aquatic Swim Club at the Taree Qualifying Meet. Front row: Lucas Lenkic, Dane Clayton, Miles Dodds, Layla C, Sebastian House, Shay Underwood, Emily Perry, Grace Ralston, Kiara Gaul and Kayla Farlow

Back Row: Coach Peter Sanders, Liam Lenkic, Darcy Every, Levi D, Kaitlin Perry, Byron Vicory, Murphy Ralston, Max Underwood and Tanna Davey (absent: Hudson Keegan).

Liam Lenkic (13 Boys) Solid results with PBs in 50m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke and 200m IM.

Lucas Lenkic (10 Boys) Worked hard in the pool, clocking PBs in 50m Butterfly, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Backstroke.

Dane Clayton (10 Boys) A great start to the LC (Long Course) season with 3rd in 100m Breaststroke, 3rd in 100m Backstroke, and PBs in 50m Fly, 100m Breast and 100m Back.

Kiara Gaul Swam strongly in her races with 3rd in 100m Freestyle, Kiara also swam well in the 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly.

Kayla Farlow (10 Girls) Fantastic meet with PBs in 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke.

2. Macksville Marlins Long Course Qualifying Meet

A small but enthusiastic team of Forster Aquatic swimmers competed at the Macksville Marlins Long Course Qualifying Meet, held at the Kempsey McElhone Swimming Complex on Saturday 18 October.

Representing the club were Darcy E, Toby W, Ky W, and Mia W, who proudly attended her very first swimming carnival. All swimmers performed strongly, achieving some excellent results and valuable race experience early in the long-course season.

Toby Westaway (12 Boys) Had an outstanding meet, competing in five events and collecting a haul of medals and qualifying times with 1st in 100m Backstroke (PB and Country Qualifying Time), 1st in 50m Backstroke (PB and Youth State Age Qualifying Time), 3rd in 100m Freestyle

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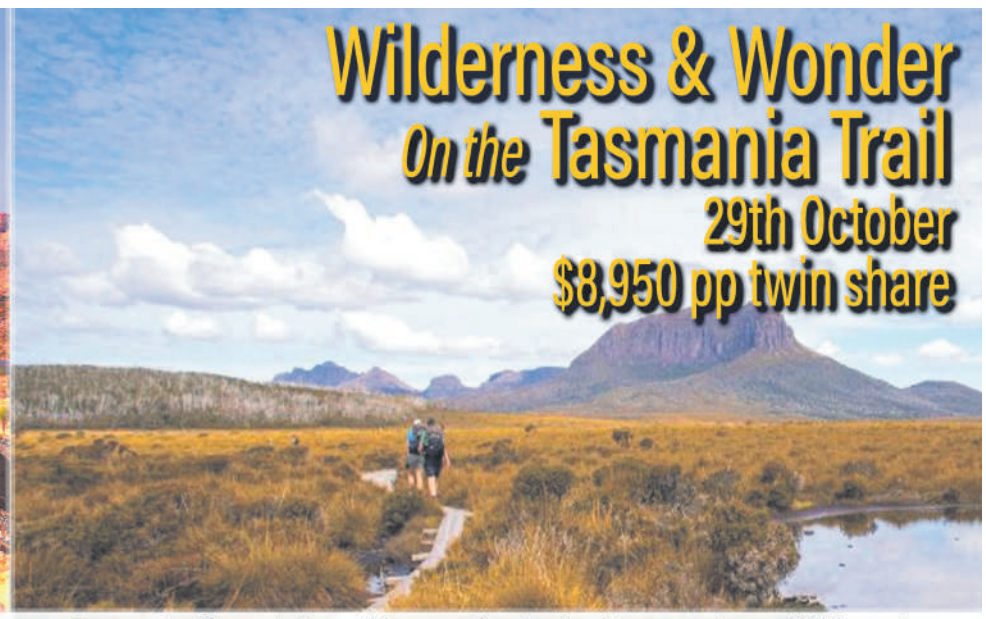

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