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2022 Australia Day Award recipients

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**Awarded the
ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**OAM in the Australia Day
Honours list for Service to the
community of Wollombi Valley**

The Late Alister John Forsyth

**Awarded the
Australia Day 2022
COMMUNITY EVENT
OF THE YEAR**

**Wollombi Valley
Sculpture
Festival**



From left: Phillipa Heslop, Jane Hamshire,
Graham Skeates, Susan Leith-Miller.
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ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (OAM) MEDAL

The Late Alister John Forsyth (John)

The Late Alister John Forsyth (John) of Wattagan Creek Road Laguna was awarded a medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to the community of Wollombi Valley. The award was announced in the Honours List on Australia Day on the 26th January 2022.

On the 27th January 2022 the Governor-General announced an Honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM) be awarded to Mrs Christine Robin Forsyth (Robbie) for service to the Wollombi Valley region, particularly through sporting, arts and community organisations.

John and his wife Robbie came to the Wollombi Valley 29 years ago and settled in their home, St Brendan's, in Wattagan Creek Road Laguna and commenced to engage with the community in the valley in addition to renovating St Brendan's with the help of local trades.

In April 2000 John purchased a 40 acre parcel of land on the main road with the intention to build a full size cricket ground and a five hole golf course surrounding the oval for use by the community and in particular the local school across the road. John and Robbie then set about completing the cricket

ground and environs and the cricket ground was officially opened by the Late Arthur Morris on the 2nd March 2005.

In September 2015 John commenced the building of a 25 metre five lane swimming pool on the ground near the cricket oval which was completed and opened on the 18th September 2016 and now used by community members including the local school.

While completing the work with Robbie on the cricket ground and swimming pool and associated structures and maintaining them John still found time to become a volunteer with Robbie with the local Rural Fire Service which saw John become the President and a benefactor. In addition John found time to become a supporter and benefactor of the Village People Laguna Cricket Club, Secretary of the Wollombi Valley Arts Council, supporter and benefactor of Laguna Public School and supporter of numerous other organisations in the valley including Valley Artists.

In 2019 Robbie and John were recognised by Cessnock City Council as Senior Citizens of the year. Sadly John passed away on the 16th November 2019. In his time John made a difference to the culture and life of the Wollombi Valley and his wife Robbie will continue that legacy.

Richard Gulley AM.



From left: Phillipa Heslop, Jane Hamshere, Graham Skeates, Susan Leith-Miller.
Photo credit Nick Glover.

SCULPTURE NEWS

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD | The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival has been recognised as the 'The Australia Day 2022 Community Event of the Year' by the Cessnock City Council at an Australia Day Awards Ceremony.

Festival Director Susan Leith-Miller, Festival President Graham Skeates and Festival Founding Members Phillipa Heslop and Jane Hamshere attended the Australia Day Ceremony and were delighted to accept the award on behalf of the Committee and

local volunteers who have kept Sculpture in the Vineyards running since 2002.

2022 is the 20th Anniversary of The Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival and preparations are already underway for what we are expecting will be a huge celebration.

Save the date 10th – 25th September 2022

Sculpture

IN THE VINEYARDS

Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival
10th – 25th September 2022

www.sculptureinthevineyards.com.au



A BIG THANK YOU!

From the OON Team

Thank you Sally Sullivan our OON editor these past eight years. OON editor – she was so much more: photographer, artist, column writer, ideas woman.

We have valued her enthusiasm, understanding, integrity and flexibility. OON is an important community resource and without an editor there wouldn't be an OON so our thanks to you Sally for taking on this role and caring for OON through its metamorphosis from hand-held to digital copy.

We wish you the best in your next endeavours and look forward, we hope, to seeing more of your art and poetry in future issues.



Sally Sullivan

WOLLOMBI VALLEY "MEET THE MAYOR!"

Newly elected Cessnock Mayor, Jay Suvaal and Ward A Councillors Paul Dunn and Jessica Jurd have agreed to attend a Wollombi Progress community meeting on **Friday March 18th at 5.30pm.**

Come along to hear first hand about future plans and works for our area. Hopefully upgrades to local ROADS are on the agenda!

This is a great opportunity to meet and make an impact on those elected to be responsible for important decision making which will affect future directions for our community.

Our Ward A Councillors play an important role representing local interests at Cessnock Council meetings. Come and introduce yourself.

Please find one hour to attend this important Wollombi Community meeting at Wollombi Tennis Club on Friday 18th of March. Numbers speak louder than words!

Wollombi Progress AGM will commence at 5.00pm. All are welcome.

Please consider taking part in "all things community."

Your help would be appreciated!

Regards,

Simone Smith

President, Wollombi Valley Progress Association

wollombivalleyprogressassociation@gmail.com



PUBLIC NOTICE:

The following Special Resolution will be proposed at the AGM:

That the Members resolve that the Association change its name from 'Wollombi Valley Progress Association Inc' to 'Wollombi Valley Community Association Inc'.

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WOLLOMBI VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL INC.

ARTS NEWS

What's on at the Fireshed Gallery, Wollombi Cultural Centre

February - March 2022

The Wollombi Valley Arts Council encourages and fosters all kinds of artistic and cultural expression within the Wollombi Valley in order to support and promote artists and our community.

Please visit our website www.wollombi.org

'WANGAAYPUWAN NGURRA'

An exhibition by **MADDY HODGETTS and friends**

Allirra Moore, Sarah Gordon & Kayleb Waters-Sampson

11 February - 27 February,

Open Fridays - Sundays 10am - 4pm

Coming up next...

'LAGUNA COLLECTIVE'

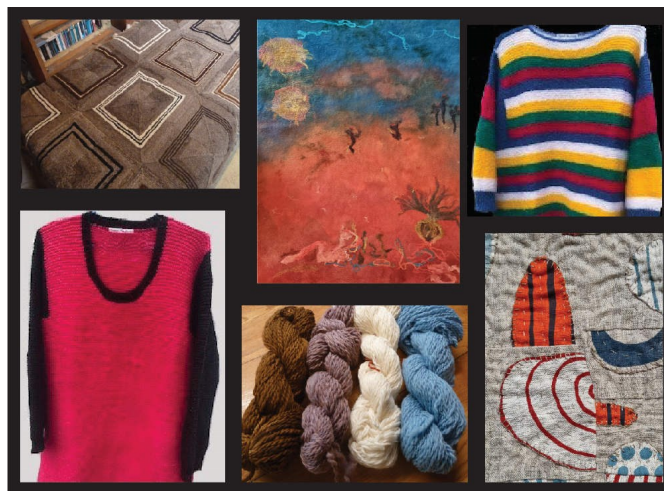
Four local craftswomen have come together to exhibit their work

Jordis Pointu – organic and free style garments working with wool and synthetics

Linda Wilkinson – explores new ways of using her hand printed textiles to create art

Rosie Hermann – vibrant merino and silk felting

Jane Mowatt – handspun wool, knitted socks, beanies and scarves



You are invited to join us for morning tea at 10.30am on 5th March to celebrate the exhibition opening and meet the artists

5 - 20 March, Open DAILY 10am - 4pm

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Wollombi Valley Arts Council will be held at 3pm on **Sunday 6th March** behind the **Little Yengo Gallery**, followed by a **General Committee meeting**. **All welcome.**

Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc

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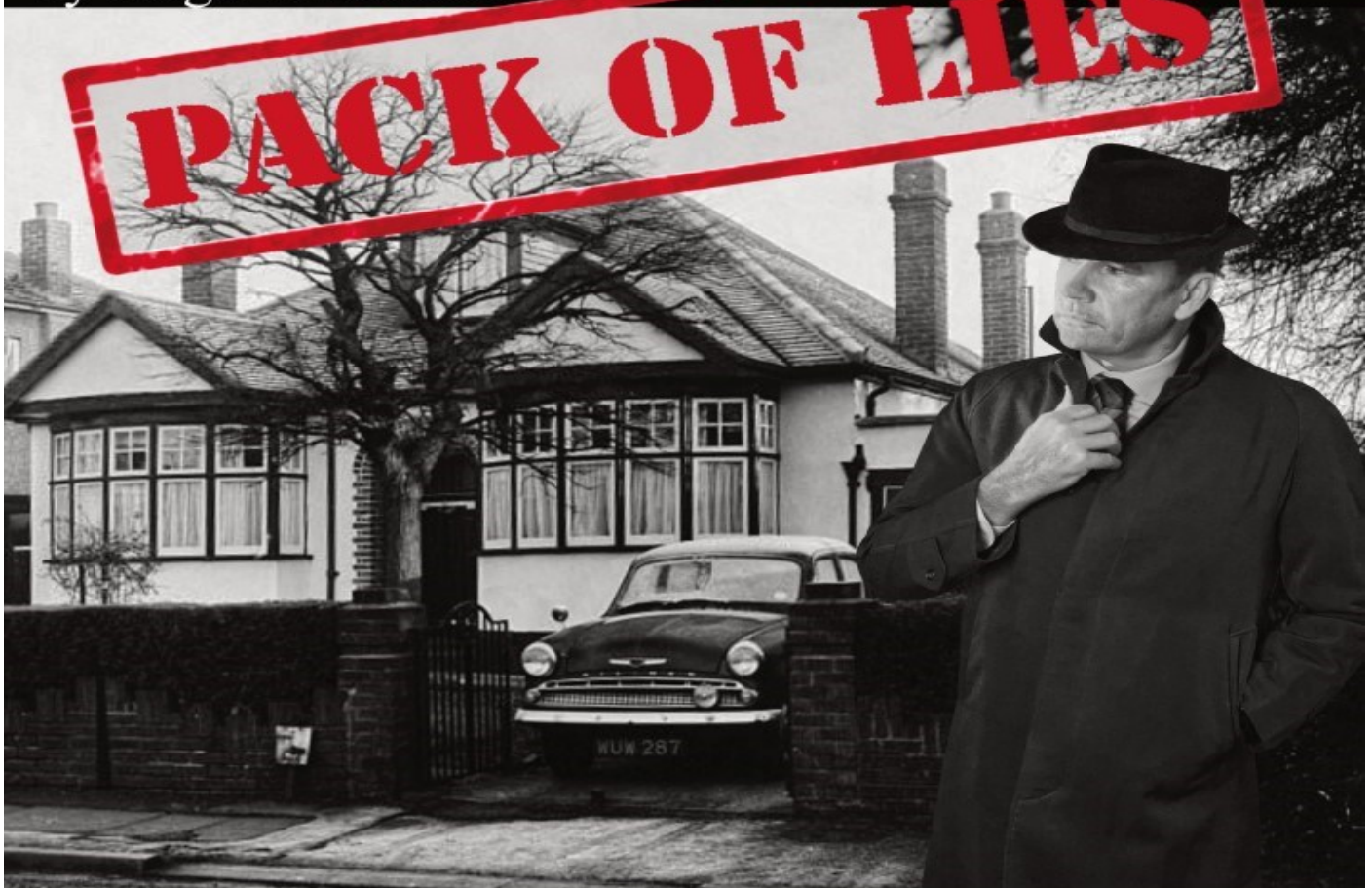
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Valley  Artists Inc

by Hugh Whitemore

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directed by Annette Rowlison

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★ **April 2022 at Laguna Hall**

1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 at 7.30 pm
(matinee Sun 3 April at 2.00pm)



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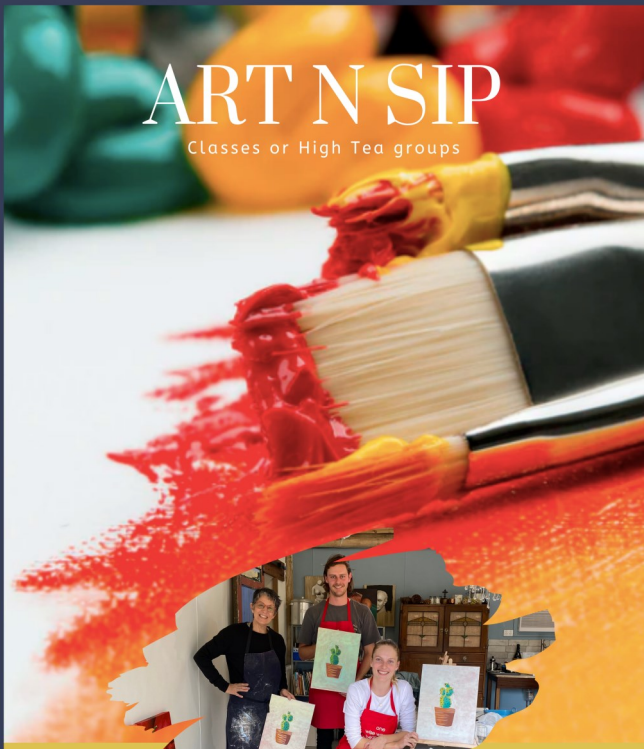
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Valley  Artists Inc

NOTICE OF AGM

Valley Artists' Annual General Meeting will be held at the back of the Wollombi General Store on Saturday 26 February at 4.30pm.

All positions are open. All welcome.



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Sculpture in the Vineyards New Members

We are very excited to be celebrating 20 years of Sculpture in the Vineyards and on behalf of the committee I would like to invite new members to join the team.

Whether you are new to the valley or a long time resident it's a great opportunity to support this important community event. You will also be invited to exclusive Members Only Events.

Members receive regular Sculpture News as well as the opportunity to contribute by attending member's meetings or you may wish to become an office bearer or a member of the Executive Committee.

To become a member go to website www.sculptureinthevineyards.com.au and select 'New Membership'

I look forward to welcoming new members.

**Graham Skeates, President,
Sculpture in the Vineyards**

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WSCET



WSCET is pleased to advise that, subject to COVID and government regulations, we anticipate holding the **Wollombi Easter Market on Monday, April 18 2022.**

To provide a level of certainty and fairness for stall holders, patrons, community groups and organisers, we will review the COVID situation and government regulations on Monday 14th March. If all clear, we will open bookings from this day. This will allow a fair and timely manner for all.

Please note that due to COVID, government regulations and weather, the market may be cancelled up to and including the day of the market. In this scenario we will advise and provide a refund.

Watch this space for site booking application information available from Monday, March 14th 2022

Thank you for your support and patience,

Wollombi Easter Market Team



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Laguna Public School



It is great to be back! After a cooler, wetter summer our grounds are looking lush and it is wonderful to have the school resounding to the sounds of happy and excited students!

We have three classrooms this year, and we have given them new names, sourced from the local Darkinjung language, to signal a fresh start to 2022. We have K-1 Bandar (kangaroo); 2-3 Gudumang (turtle) and 4-5-6 Djuramba (kingfisher). We welcomed 5 new students to school – Tavi, Rhapsody, Sienna, Harley and Carter have settled in to the rhythms of Laguna life beautifully! The warmer February weather has allowed an ideal start to our swimming programme, across the road at the amazing swimming pool at the Village Green. Students from K-6 receive swimming instruction twice weekly for a period of 5 weeks, and we have a great team heading off to the Zone carnival in a few weeks time. Lovely to hear of the posthumous awarding of the Order of Australia to John Forsyth, whose legacy shines brightly in Laguna.

We are looking forward to a great year, filled with exciting and engaging learning opportunities for all of our students and wider school community!

Craig Howe,
Principal



John Forsyth, OAM



What's In Blossom

Narrow-leaved Geebung *Persoonia linearis*

This bush tucker and, according to Paul Gordon, bush medicine shrub about 3-5m high with dark, flaky, papery bark which is reddish underneath, yellow flowers and green round edible fruits with one spike protruding on the underside, ripe when it falls to the ground, is very common in the understorey of our valleys and ridges. (I've crammed a lot of information in that opening sentence. I hope it's comprehensible! I'm trying to outdo Henry James' use of commas.)

It inhabits eastern NSW and Victoria from the coast to the mountains, flowering summer to autumn. Geebungs are hardy, attractive and fruit bearing, three good reasons to not only admire them in the bush, also have them in our gardens, however they are difficult to grow from seed or cuttings.

The fruit, called drupes because it is fleshy and containing one seed, are eaten by kangaroos, possums and currawongs. The shrub was first described by the English botanist and artist Henry Cranke Andrews in 1799. He published *The Botanist's Repository* in ten volumes between 1797 and 1812. Not only was he an artist, also an engraver, colourist, and publisher of his books, quite a busy botanist.

The name "geebung" is from the Dharug language.

Chris Davey



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Wollombi of Old

Wollombi 31st March 1845.

The system of lawless violence seems to be progressing, as two cases were initiated at the Police office this morning, against John Lynch,

One of them for threatening to shoot John Barnett, and the other for a like threat against Edward Pepper, and afterwards knocking him down with the gun, by which his cheek and lip were cut, and two teeth broken. This it appears took place on Sunday, to prevent the removal of a quantity of wheat, the cases are to be heard on Friday. But for the strong arm of the law, the peaceable and loyal inhabitants of this district would be in a perilous condition, and so sensibly do they feel it, that they are memorializing his Excellency not to remove our Police Magistrate.

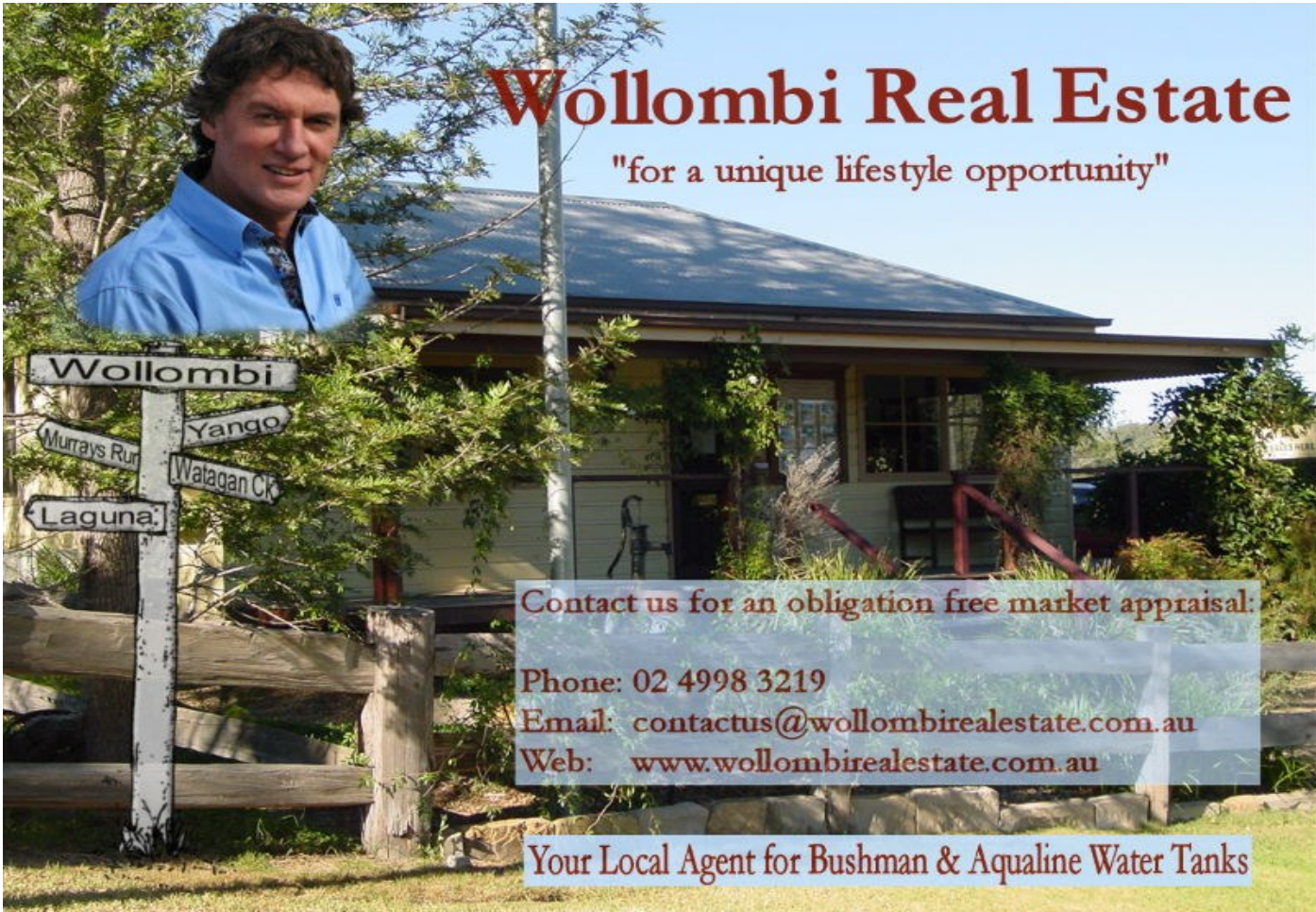
The Sydney Morning Herald.

Wollombi March 31st, 1862.

Notwithstanding there are three public houses in the town, any stranger visiting it will be impressed with the "quiet repose" of the Sabbath, and the absence of drunken rows so prevalent in some towns. But thanks to the highly efficient state of our police hitherto, under the active superintendence of Mr Dalyell, our worthy and indefatigable Police Magistrate, there is seldom any act of sabbath desecration to record.

The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser.

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MEDIA RELEASE

CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL'S POWER PURCHASE

11 February 2022

Cessnock City Council is one of six Hunter and Central Coast regional councils who have joined forces to secure a long-term electricity procurement agreement, backed by new renewable electricity generation projects, with Mojo Power.

The 10-year agreement, which commenced in January 2022, will supply approximately 100GWh of electricity per year. Renewable energy projects supplying the electricity include the NSW-government-approved Upper Hunter Energy Park - near Scone in the Upper Hunter Shire - which includes an 80MW wind and 10 MW solar farm with plans for future storage capacity. This part of the contract includes commitments to support a local community fund.

The agreement additionally sources electricity from the existing solar farm in Boggabilla and a new farm at Yoogali, which will commence operation in July 2022. The scheme will deliver a direct link between the electricity supplied by the projects and the electricity consumed by the six councils.

Cessnock City Mayor Jay Suvaal said the agreement will result in stable and lower electricity costs in comparison with recent years.

"This project is a good deal for Cessnock," Mayor Jay Suvaal said. "It increases our use of renewable energy sources and improves Council productivity.

"The agreement will provide stable pricing and a secure financial return over the lifetime of the 10-year contract.

"The contract will be the first step towards achieving Cessnock City Council's target of net zero emissions by 2050, with 85% of its corporate electricity being sourced from renewables when the Upper Hunter Energy Park goes online in 2024."

Other Councils involved in the scheme are Lake Macquarie City Council, Central Coast Council, Upper Hunter Shire Council, Maitland City Council, and Muswellbrook Shire Council.

This outcome was the result of a competitive open tender process run in September 2021 with the winning bid providing the best value for money outcome.

Melinda McMillan

Andrew Murray

Andrew Murray (179 -1858) was working in a London nursery when John Macarthur was about to return to NSW, after his period in England following the Rum Rebellion. He had made a collection of ornamental and agricultural plants to bring back, and Murray was employed to care for them on the voyage, and establish them at Macarthur's properties at Parramatta and Camden. He married Eleanor Kilpack, the daughter of one of Macarthur's employees a year later.

After completing his work for Macarthur, he moved on to a series of Government positions, being, at different times, Constable at the Cowpastures, Overseer of the Government Garden at Parramatta, Overseer of Government Stock & Government Dairy at Parramatta. During his employment in these positions he acquired farmland at Beecroft, where Murray's Farm Road bears his name, and at Wollombi and Bathurst.

Roy H. Goddard, in his book **The Life & Times of James Milson**, tells the story of John Marquet Blaxland, Milson and Murray jointly taking a herd of cattle into the Wollombi district from their County of Cumberland properties in 1822, and becoming the first white settlers to get land grants in the Wollombi district.

Murray's property started at the beginning of Murrays Run Road and went as far as the northern end of today's Burralong Estate, and totaled 1380 acres. When applying for one 640 acre portion in 1826 he stated his assets as being 857 pounds cash, 25 milch cows, 32 heifers, 4 horses, 1 plough, 1 harrow, 1 cart & harness plus minor items. Several surveys made around 1829-30 show Murray's farm, with cultivated paddocks. Reports on road construction in that area mention the farm as well.

I have no evidence that Murray ever took up residence on this property. He sold it to Richard Wiseman after about ten years.

Carl Hoipo Jan. 2022

Local historian, Carl Hoipo is doing a series of historical articles on 'who were these people whose names are still used to identify parts of our district?'

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Comradery will be built as we liberate native plants growing along the Brook.

New friends will be found as we plant anew and clear walking paths.

All ages are welcomed, we embrace the ethos that 'many hands make light work'.

An hour or two of your time will help us greatly, as we clear the tremendous weed growth brought on by this wonderfully wet summer.

If you enjoy getting your hands dirty, don't wear gloves.

If you have an interest in identifying which plants or weeds are taking over your plot, bring a sample!

If you just love getting out in nature and would like to help make a difference in the lives of our native plants, then you simply must join us!

RSVP not required, but if you'd like to find out more, please email wollombi.landcare@gmail.com



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What's on at Kawalang

Introduction to Herbal Medicine with Pat Collins

Saturday

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9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Workshops include a walk around Kawalang, identifying and picking special plants, morning/afternoon tea/ lunch made primarily with food grown organically at Kawalang and take-home samples with ingredients made during the workshop, an inspiring learning time together.

Pat Collins' Introduction to Herbal Medicine is the first in a series of four workshops with Pat at Kawalang this year. Learn about the many different products that herbalists use for remedies in healing. Make and take home your own tinctures as a base for your medicinal creams, sprays, ointments and capsules, including tinctures of St. John's Wort, Comfrey & Calendula, Wild Weed ointment, Wormwood capsules, a healing spray and Elderflower Champagne.

This workshop provides a wonderful overview of the fabulous healing herbs and weeds in your garden!

Contribution: \$125

Concession: \$110 (including full-time Wollombi Valley residents)

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Food & Country

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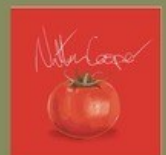
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WOLLOMBI VALLEY PONY CLUB OUT AND ABOUT

Congratulations to Tiana and Shadow for their outstanding performance at the recent Tall Timbers Pony Club Dressage Competition.

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Bird of the Month

Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*

I do gasp each time I come to my desk to write the monthly bird article when I find it is another naming by Latham in 1801 for so it is with this frequent fantail visitor around our homes.

They are not found in thick forested areas, instead they are an open space, insect forager found throughout Australia if there's a tree in which to perch making them a passerine and therefore a songbird. If no tree in sight Willies happily use the backs of wallabies and cattle. Their calls are very musical and sweet, often heard at night from the nest, with the males singing to guard their dominion.

They are such plucky birds harassing currawongs to kookaburras and eagles if any dare to come too close to their nest. By exposing and expanding their white eyebrows they not only attract a mate, they also dispute a rival.

They are clever for if any ground predator comes too close to their nest one parent tumbles along the ground pretending a broken wing in order to lure away the threat then flies happily back to their nest and on with the job of raising their 2-4 babies.

Their greatest threats: humans and cats.

Chris Davey



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MEDIA RELEASE

Have your say on the concept plans for the Carmichael Park BMX facility

Cessnock City Council is calling on the community to have its say on the concept plans for the Carmichael Park BMX facility in Bellbird.

Residents were invited to take part in a consultation to develop the plans late last year and there was a great response via the online survey, ideas wall, drawing competition and online workshops.

Council has taken those ideas on board and stage one and stage two concept plans are now available to view on Council's website and submissions will be accepted until 5pm on Sunday 27 February 2022.

Since the consultation took place last year, Council secured a \$250,000 grant via the NSW Government's Resources for Regions Fund to complete stage one of these works. Council will continue to seek funding opportunities to complete stage two.

Cessnock City Council Mayor Jay Suvaal is looking forward to this project getting underway and is encouraging the community to check out the plans and provide feedback.

"Once complete, this facility is going to be fantastic for our community, particularly young BMX riders who will have a better opportunity to enhance their skills," Councillor Suvaal said.

Visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/BMX to view the concept plans and have your say today.

Stage one of this project is funded by the NSW Government's Resources for Regions Fund.

CAPTION: Carmichael Park BMX Facility 1.jpg caption - Mayor Suvaal, Steve Whitby from Cessnock Bicycle Company, local champion BMX rider Ella Fairhill, her father Tony Fairhill and local kids from Bellbird at the existing Carmichael BMX Park

Carmichael Park BMX Facility 2.jpg caption - Local champion BMX rider Ella Fairhill with local Bellbird kids at the existing Carmichael BMX Park



Diary & Events

Church Services

St John's Wollombi 2nd & 4th Sundays:

10 am Holy Communion.

During Covid the messages can be viewed later on YouTube. Search: 'rev.john.west'

Contact: 0481 269 653 or

info@parishofthewollombivalley.org

Other regular Anglican church events

Suspended during Covid

St Michael's Wollombi, Mass will be on 2nd and 5th Sunday of the month at 4:30pm

Crafty Yarns

10am 3rd Monday monthly. Wollombi Cultural Centre

500 Cards—Wollombi

commence at 6 pm on last Monday in the month.

Wollombi Tennis Clubhouse

Cattle Sales—Wollombi

12pm 2nd Saturday monthly, Wollombi Sale Yards

Wollombi

Chamber of Commerce - Wollombi Valley

General Meetings held every 2nd month. See

www.wollombivalleytourism.com.au for venue.

Fire Brigade—Laguna

Training 3rd Saturday of the month with breakfast at 8.30am followed by training from 9am to 11am. Laguna Fire Station. Members meeting 11am after training in March, June, September and December.

Fire Brigade—Wollombi

Training 3rd Saturday monthly 8.30am Wollombi Fire Station. Members meeting 11am following training in even months, All welcome. Enquiries to

brigade@wollombibushfire.org.au

Fire Brigade - Bucketty and District

Training 3rd Saturday monthly from 9am - 12pm commencing with breakfast at 8.30am.

Members meeting 1pm on the even months. All welcome.

Garden Group

1st Monday monthly.

Contact Marilyn Miller 4998 1562

La conversation francaise dans

Wollombi 17h/5pm le deuxième samedi dans le mois.

Contact: Gwen Lansbury, glandsbury@gmail.com, 4998 3141/ 9918 9827

Landcare Group - Wollombi Valley

Meets regularly at the Brook plus special events

Contact Chris Jackson 4998 8660 or

Wollombi.landcare@gmail.com

Meditation at the Tipi Temple

Thurs nights bookings essential through

Facebook page cost \$15

Museum—Wollombi

6pm summer – 5pm winter, 1st Wednesday monthly except January, Wollombi Cultural Centre

Pony Club—Wollombi Valley

Every 3 weeks contact President Simone 4998 8214 for details

Pencil Orchids Writers Group

2nd Tuesday every month. Contact Kerry Lannoy 4998 8343

Playgroup (all kids 5 and under welcome)

10.30am every Tuesday, at Slacks Park Wollombi

Scrabble Group

commence at 6 pm on last Monday in the month. Wollombi Tennis Clubhouse

Stitch N' Bitch

11am 1st Saturday monthly. at Great Northern Trading Post

Talking History

series: 4th Sat/month at Wollombi School 3:00pm

Toastmasters—Every Monday 6.45pm - 9pm. Cessnock Supporters Club

Contact Black Crow 4998 1475

Theology in the Pub discussion group: 2nd Sun/month at Wollombi School 2:00pm

Wollombi Valley Progress Association

10am, Last Saturday bi-monthly, Wollombi Hall

Wollombi Tidy Valleys

11am, every 2nd Thursday Bi-Monthly Wollombi School Meeting Room. All welcome. Contact—Bernice 4991 1688

Transport

Grape Experience Tours	0414 457 956
Wine country taxis Cessnock	(02) 4990 1111
Wollombi Local Transport (new business name logged)	0414 457 956

Sport and Fitness

Croquet—Sunday 3pm and Monday 3pm

Pilates Classes

Mat Classes are held Wednesday 9.30am and Fridays 10.30am. Chair Pilates is held at 9.30am till 10.15am - Wollombi Hall

Phone Susan 0403 270 365

Tennis—Thursday evenings at 4 pm & Sunday to 9 am

Eureka Taekwondo Thursdays 4pm – 5pm

Wollombi Hall Phone Steve Turner 0400 002 951

YOGA

Wollombi Community Hall

Chill Flow + Yin Thursday 5.30-6.30pm

Morning Flow Saturday 8.30-9.30am

Contact Helena - elmswoodhidden@gmail.com or on Instagram @wollombi_yoga

Zumba Classes:

Fitness With Milly Ph 0414435576

Monday Wollombi Hall

7:45am HIIT

9:00am Zumba Gold

Friday Laguna Hall 8:30am Zumba

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 Yango Creek Farmhouse 0416 039 081

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 Laguna Village Providore 02 4038 5004
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 Millfield General Store 02 4998 1263
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