

Our Own News



ANZAC DAY SERVICE 25/5/26



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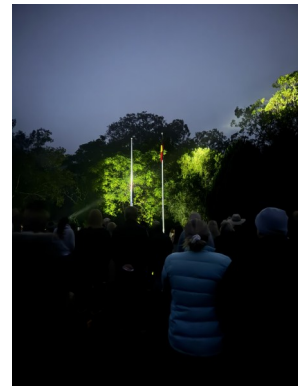
to the members of the Wollombi Valley Community Association for hosting our annual Anzac Day Service.

Additional thanks to the local community members who volunteer each year, and special guests, who make this service so special.



Special thanks to the Wollombi Tavern for their generosity and their hard working staff organising the annual post-Anzac Day community breakfast. A welcome ritual!

Also, the contribution and assistance of the members of the Wollombi Valley Community Association and additional local volunteers who assisted on the day.

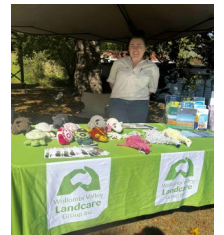


WOLLOMBI VALLEY STREET FESTIVAL

Wollombi came alive with a fun filled weekend of celebrating 175 years of our own Wollombi General Store, the opening of the Artists Collective, Council's finished streetscape and introducing the many new businesses recently opened in the village!

A huge shout out to all local businesses who opened their doors and added a little extra for the visiting public and locals alike. Also, our local schools and organisations who popped up a stall and shared their wares, cooked up a snag or two and to those who shared their creative talents or their prized cars to line the streets—was all a showcase of our community.

A huge congratulations to the Wollombi Chamber of Commerce committee for organising such a successful event.



Front Cover: Two Up photo by Euan Wilcox

UPCOMING EVENTS

27 May to 3 June, - National Reconciliation Week

JUNE

5th-21st 'Fibre Artists Plus Wood' Exhib, Fireshed P8

6th Cracker Night! Wollombi Tavern 2pm P3

8th Wollombi June Markets, Saleyards P3

Wollombi General Store –Markets

22nd Wollombi Garden Club meet P14

25th Special Meeting -Wollombi Endeavour Museum P10

JULY

25th Sat—Opera in the Valley, St Michaels Wollombi P6

26th Sun- Resilience Car Boot Sale - 10am-1pm Laguna Green P6

TBA Hunter Local Land Services –small acre Permaculture workshop P18

Sculpture IN THE VINEYARDS

Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival
12th – 27th September 2026



Thank you

to the Sculptors who submitted 337 entries for the 2026 Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival.

The outstanding calibre is testament to the reputation of the festival and the welcoming community.

We are looking forward to another fantastic event!



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2pm Saturday 6th June



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CHAMBER CHATTER

Welcome to this edition of Chamber Chatter. I hope everyone enjoyed the recent Heart of Wollombi event, celebrating our improved village street scape. The atmosphere throughout the village over both Saturday and Sunday was warm, welcoming and full of community spirit. I believe that the works to our intersection, although a little contentious, will, over time become a valued improvement to our beautiful village.

I would like to thank Cessnock City Council for providing the seed funding that assisted with advertising and staging costs of our festival. I would also like to sincerely thank Kate Parsons, Daniela Riccio and Euan Wilcox for the enormous effort they contributed to making the event such a success.

Special thanks must also go to Michael Noyce from SIP Wollombi and Matt Low from the Wollombi General Store. Both businesses strongly supported the event through funding social media promotion and general advertising. Their enthusiasm and commitment played a significant role in the success of the weekend.

Earlier this year, the Chamber successfully applied for a grant to produce a series of short promotional videos for social media. These videos have now been shared widely over recent months, and many of you will likely have seen them.

The purpose of the campaign was to promote the Wollombi Valley Experience — to showcase what makes our Valley special. Wollombi Valley is a place that remains proudly timeless: where the General Store still handles your mail, the open fire still warms the front bar of the pub, and the old Courthouse carries generations of stories and memories.

By showing our village in this light, we are also inviting visitors, to take the opportunity to slow down, stay a few days, and enjoy everything our Valley has to offer.

Our marketing and PR team, Daniela and Euan, have put an exceptional amount of work into maximising the opportunities created through Cessnock Council’s support, and their efforts are clearly paying dividends.

Over the past eight months, our social media engagement and visitor reach have increased significantly. More importantly, we are seeing encouraging results in visitor activity and accommodation demand.

While tourism regions across NSW are generally experiencing softer conditions, Wollombi Valley appears to be weathering the downturn better than many surrounding destinations. Recent accommodation data indicates that Wollombi is performing strongly relative to neighbouring regions and continues to attract healthy weekend visitation.

Using publicly available accommodation occupancy data and comparative regional analysis, Wollombi’s estimated average weekend occupancy over the past six months has been approximately 60%, placing it competitively alongside some of Australia’s best-known regional destinations.

Estimated Average Weekend Occupancy Rates

(Past 6 Months)

Region	Occupancy
Wollombi	60%
Hunter Wine Country (our broader region)	46%
Barossa	61%
Orange	60%
Blue Mountains	57%
Newcastle	48%
Noosa	47%
Port Stephens	36%

While these figures are indicative only, they provide a useful benchmark and reinforce the view that Wollombi continues to hold its own as a highly desirable destination. Overnight visitors should translate into uptake into retail activity for those retail outlets within the Wollombi Valley.

Thank you again to everyone who contributes their time, energy and support to our community and local businesses. The continued success of Wollombi is a reflection of the collective effort of many people working together.

If you would like to help make a difference, please join the Chamber or join the committee. We have many small jobs that need doing, help is always appreciated.

Warm regards,
Brett McMullen
On behalf of the Wollombi Chamber of Commerce

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Wollombi Valley Pony Club

Behind every great pony club is an incredible team of volunteers, and this month the hardworking members of Wollombi Valley Pony Club have certainly been putting in the hours.

Our small group of volunteers have been busy maintaining and improving the club grounds — a job that truly never ends. Thanks to the support of our community and the success of our fundraising efforts, we have been able to complete important repairs to our horse yards, remove the last of the flood-damaged odds and ends, and clear fallen trees around the grounds.

Wollombi Valley Pony Club is proud to have such a passionate and supportive community behind it. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and fundraising support — it truly makes all the difference.



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As well as we order in: Meals for Mutts, Meals for Meows, Ivory Coat, Supercoat, Advance, Optimum, Fancy feast, Chicken, Bird, Fish & Rabbit food.

Some stocks of pet toys, grooming products, horse rugs & accessories.



Aptrak home grown horses: bred, raised and trained at Laguna!



Greater Wollombi Valley Community Resilience Network

Save the Date!

Save the date!

**Boot Sale • Sunday, July 26, 10am-1pm,
Laguna Village Green,
Sausage Sizzle from 1pm**

Buy • Swap • Sell • Clean your shed! your pre-loved items could become another's treasures

Registration essential: \$10/seller's car (fee goes to Laguna School Library Fund)

Keep what you make...

One Seller vehicle per household. Extra spaces may become available closer to the event.

Walk in (no charge), look around, pick up good stuff at great bargains

See flyer for more details

Upcoming Event

Food Exchange & FixIt Corner • Late October/ November

Buy, swap, sell surplus produce, plants, homemade goods

Visit the Fixit Corner, learn practical skills, repair items and help others fix things

Transport from Laguna to Wollombi to Cessnock

Richard Graham is working towards establishing a low-cost transport between the Valley and Cessnock...and will share details once arrangements are in place.

Get involved...

Want to help out? Have ideas to help build connection and resilience in the Valley?

We'd love to hear from you!

Email us at

info@greaterwollombiresilience.org.au

Be connected!

email: info@greaterwollombiresilience.org.au

website: www.greaterwollombiresilience.org.au

facebook: Greater Wollombi Valley Community Resilience Network



**GREATER WOLLOMBI VALLEY
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE NETWORK** GWVCRN

**WOLLOMBI VALLEY
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From your shed to someone else's treasure

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website: www.greaterwollombiresilience.org.au
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**Opera
IN THE
VALLEY**

25TH JULY, 2026

**ST MICHAEL'S HOSTS AN EXTRAORDINARY AFTERNOON OF
WORLD CLASS OPERA IN WOLLOMBI VILLAGE.**

Wollombi School Patron
John Newcombe AO OBE
Wollombi School Community Centre - WSCC



Greetings from the Wollombi School Community Centre Committee (WSCC).

If there is any former pupil, extended family member or past teacher who can shed some light on the two Wollombi School Time Capsules that have relatively recently been found in a locked cupboard in Laguna PS, please get in touch. We would like as much background as we can get before deciding when and how best to deal with them in the spirit in which they were first preserved since they are now adrift from their original target opening dates (small pic attached).

It's early advice but just a diary reminder to anyone interested in the next Family History get together we will be having (following the recent March meeting) at the Wollombi School Cottage during the coming Sculpture in the Vines Festival from 10 am each morning of 19-20 September 2026. All family tree aficionados welcome. Contact our secretary for details in you are interested in finding out more.

When you are looking for local available venues for craft groups and other social meetings, you are invited to consider organising your regular or one-off event at the Wollombi School cottage. Just contact Suzanne on secretary@wollombischool.com.au to find out what's available and booking arrangements.

Some rooms are not available when the Pre School is operating two days a week, and also on days which are already used by regular or occasional groups, but feel free to inquire and discuss.

Our next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 10 am followed by a cuppa. Do come along and join with us in our efforts to retain and develop this local valuable community asset. If we don't keep its history and historic buildings on behalf of our community, it will disappear forever.



The WSCC Committee members

Events Strategy

Have Your Say!

We are developing an Events Strategy to guide Council hosted and supported events into the future.

The purpose of the Strategy is to ensure Council-led events reflect community wants and expectations and support the thriving social and economic fabric of our Cessnock region.

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Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc.

What's on at The Wollombi Cultural Centre May - June 2026

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
We are now also on Instagram

LAGUNA COLLECTIVE

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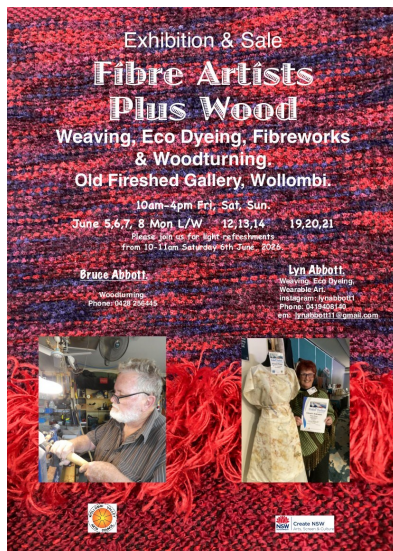
Weaving, Eco Dyeing, Fibreworks & Woodturning

5 - 21 June 2026

Please join Bruce & Lyn for light refreshments

10am – 11am
Saturday 6th June

Open Fri - Sun
10am - 4pm



WVAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2026

The following members were elected at the AGM held on 12th April 2026

- President - Leanne King
- Vice - President - Fiona Bateman
- Treasurer - Cordelia Howell
- Minutes Secretary - Fiona Bateman
- Public Officer - Cordelia Howell
- Aboriginal Representative - Leanne King
- Bookings Secretary - Chantal Mahoney
- Publicity Officer - Jenny McDonough
- Maintenance Officer - Cam Murray
- Committee Members - Kerryn Raco
 - Sheree Roberts
 - Claude Aliotti
 - Mick O'Sullivan
 - Lynne Walsh

LIFE DRAWING at the OLD FIRESHED GALLERY

3rd & 24th June, 15th July, 5th & 19th August, 30th September, 14th & 28th October, 11th November, 2nd December

Wednesdays 3 hours 1 – 4pm Phone Mick to register 0468-730955

Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc

Email: artscouncil@wollombi.org or yengogallery@wollombi.org

Web: www.wollombi.org

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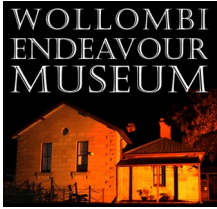
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WOLLOMBI VALLEY ENDEAVOUR MUSEUM

Dear Valley Local,
We would like to share with you some exciting changes happening with the running of our museum.

Firstly, it has been agreed that the best way to maximize community ownership and involvement is to form the ‘Wollombi Valley Endeavour Museum’ [WVEM] as an incorporated registered not for profit association.

Our new email address is :
wollombimuseum1@gmail.com

The new committee is:
Lindsay Self - Convenor
David Roache -Assistant Convenor
Michael Fleming -Secretary /Public Officer
Nick Glover -Director Communications
Susan Leith-Miller -Community Engagement

We will also be making changes to the museum grounds to accommodate some very exciting new exhibits which will be curated this year.

We have included a membership renewal form and as always encourage new members.
Membership is \$25 per year or just \$30 per family.
Membership entitles you to free museum entry and you will receive regular Museum Journals.

Our mission is to revitalise the Wollombi Museum and make it the centre piece of our Historic Village.
A place we can all be proud of.

For more information:
Email Secretary WVEM:
wollombimuseum1@gmail.com
Or call
Lindsay Self 0491 239 589
David Roache 0400 330 760

WOLLOMBI VALLEY ENDEAVOUR MUSEUM NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DUE 1ST JULY, 2026

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

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POST CODE

PHONE NO(S): Mobile

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EMAIL ADDRESS:

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP FEE: Single \$25 or Family \$30

THIS NEW WOLLOMBI VALLEY ENDEAVOUR MUSEUM

Membership Form may be forwarded:
ELECTRONIALLY
to... wollombimuseum1@gmail.com

(A) with the Membership Fee payment made to
CBA bank BSB 062805 ACCOUNT No 00906298

OR

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2325 with the Membership Fee payment made by
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Membership will be confirmed and a receipt number will
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The Wollombi Museum

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WOLLOMBI VALLEY ENDEAVOUR MUSEUM

**DISCOVER WOLLOMBI VALLEY AMAZING HISTORY
AT WOLLOMBI IN THE HUNTER VALLEY**

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WOLLOMBI VALLEY ENDEAVOUR MUSEUM

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY RUN NOT FOR PROFIT MUSEUM?

The accepted definition of a museum is:

"A museum is a not-for-profit, permanent institution in the service of society that researches, collects, conserves, interprets and exhibits tangible and intangible heritage. Open to the public, accessible and inclusive, museums foster diversity and sustainability. They operate and communicate ethically, professionally and with the participation of communities, offering varied experiences for education, enjoyment, reflection and knowledge sharing."

This is exactly what the Wollombi Valley Endeavour Museum is all about:

Community managed by Wollombi Valley residents

Not for profit ...solely funded by modest entrance fees and grants

soon to be an Incorporated Organization and with community involvement develop a Wollombi Endeavour Museum STRATEGIC PLAN

Organizes exhibitions, publications and activities that promote the rich history and heritage of the Wollombi Valley including the promotion and recognition of First Nations Indigenous history and culture

SPECIAL MEETING to be held THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2026...please attend

VISIT THE WOLLOMBI MUSEUM AND SEE WHAT THE EXCITEMENT IS ALL ABOUT

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE WOLLOMBI VALLEY ENDEAVOUR MUSEUM INC

FOR MORE INFORMATION and to request a Membership Application form and a copy of the WVEM INC Constitution...send us an email or visit the Museum

CONTACT US BY EMAIL ...send to the SECRETARY WVEM: wollombimuseum1@gmail.com

or you can ring the WVEM Convenor Lindsay Self on: 0491 239 589


or Assistant Convenor David Roache on: 0400 330 760

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HISTORY OF WOLLOMBI VALLEY TENNIS CLUB part 3

In August 2006 with the assistance of a \$4\$ grant of \$10,179 from Council, the construction of two new courts facing east west (being the opposite direction from the old court) was completed.

There was land available behind the courts and after careful & community consideration it was decided to build a croquet court. A \$4\$ grant of \$4,274 was received from Council which enabled work to commence in March 2007.

The croquet club was a subsidiary under the umbrella of the Tennis Club which supplied funds for the running & maintenance of the court. In the flood on 3rd July 2007 over 2 metres of water was over the court. Weeding, topdressing laser leveling & reseeding was required.



In that 2007 flood the new second court had the grass matting lifted and destroyed, court one was also damaged but repairable. During this period the Council was very helpful with their insurance claim for the court repairs and the repairs to the clubhouse also it's electrical appliances. A working bee removed the carpet while enjoying a well deserved BBQ. Raw courts who replaced the damaged artificial grass, kindly laid some of that surface as a carpet on the floor of the clubhouse (this remained on the floor till the next flood in July 2022). The AGM passed that membership remain unchanged being Family fee \$20, Singles \$15, members to pay a reduced court hire fee of \$8 per hour.



The club at this time was operating as a 527 committee of Council which had been in operation since 1983. The name of this committee was changed to 337\ committee due to changes of Council's regulations.

In October 2008 a Development Application was approved by Council (fee 608.85) for an extension to the clubhouse. The interior of the clubhouse was increased by 2830 metres and had glass sliding doors installed. The exterior wall abutted the existing side uncovered deck.



For anyone interested in the financials of the club at that time, the 2009 year income consisted of Australia Day Market with a profit of \$2,326.40, plus 2 White Elephant stalls with a profit \$1,387.80, card nights donations \$992.50, Junior coaching provided \$96, court hire \$2,621 plus a grant from Great Strides \$1,500. Less croquet expenses \$3,442, and croquet mower \$2,175.

I hope these details are informative for our newer members and the community.

Jan Harrison
Vice President

Laguna Public School

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Laguna shine at State!

In Week 2, five of our students made the trip to Sydney to represent the school, zone and region at State swimming and what an amazing job they did. Our beautiful students are each sharing their own experience, of this lifelong memory that they have created. As a school we were so proud of their dedication, pride and the exemplary attitude that they demonstrated throughout their preparation and actual event. We are beyond lucky to have the facilities around our school to be able to build the students confidence and skills around water. These achievements almost feel like the icing on the cake of this venture.

Hello, my name is Eleanor and I was swimmer number one. When I was up on the blocks, preparing to start, I couldn't hear, see or think about anything else. My mind was focused on the swim. All the training I had done, I knew I was ready, I was strong and I was fearless. I dove in and my arms felt like propellers, my legs kicked as fast as they could and I felt a huge surge of energy go through me. As I got closer to the wall, even though it got harder, something inside would not let me stop. This had become so important to me, I told myself 'you just have to get it done.' Reflecting back the best part was that moment on the blocks, looking down into the pool and then the release when I dived into the water.

What's up! My name is Ariel and I was swimmer two for the relay team. I was standing on the blocks and saw Eleanor approach the last flags and my stomach all of a sudden sank. Nerves filled my body. I did a quality dive and felt like nothing could stop me. This was going to be the swim to end all swims. As I came closer to the wall I started to think about Clancy clearing over the top of me, and really praying that he didn't land on me. Absolute relief filled my whole body as I touched the wall and then an exhausted wave went through me. The best part of the whole experience was the fun we had as a team. Training, preparing, playing and enjoying our time together.

Hi, my name is Clancy and I was the third leg of the State swim team. Standing on the blocks, I was tired. I was nervous and doubt crept into my thoughts. I pushed them aside and the fact that the guy next to me came up to my armpit, helped with my confidence. As I entered the water I swam, and to be honest I felt pretty fast. I could see the wall, but it still felt so far, as I was exhausted. Touching the wall was a relief that I had finished. The best part of the whole experience had to be the swimming. Improving, getting stronger and becoming the best swimmer possible, was pretty cool.

What up, my name is Jack. I was the last leg of the State swimming team for 2026. When I was up on the blocks I felt nervous. I am amazing at false starting, so I was concentrating on not diving too early. I watched Clancy swim towards me and kept thinking 'do not mess up!' When I hit the water, I couldn't even feel the water I was so focused on swimming and getting to the other end. I was over the moon, that I was coming second. Some would think that my lungs would hurt, but no, swimming is my thing. Coming in at second at the end of the race felt amazing, all of the other competition were strong, but we were stronger. The best part for me was just the feeling of being at State. I loved it, because I love winning!

Can't wait to see what these amazing kids can do in 2027!



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Education



Another successful day of Pickleball was enjoyed in the last of the Autumn sunshine!

Two courts were set up in anticipation and didn't disappoint. Many new faces were enjoying the fun.

If you haven't tried come along and have a hit—no judgement, just new friends who want to help.

Our Thursday Tennis evenings are starting earlier now with the cooler weather upon us—so come along and join us at 4:30pm. Late comers still welcome, just advise us if arriving late.

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Location: Hunter Valley, Newcastle, Port Stephens & surrounds

Email: Lewis.Drinkwater@sirv.com.au

More info: sirv.com.au/lewis-drinkwater



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WOLLOMBI GARDEN CLUB

Our May garden adventure was up to a dry ridge top garden in Laguna. We car pooled into 4 wheel drives at the bottom and up we went. It was a perfect Autumn afternoon & Joy's garden was inspirational. The views are stunning & Craig's stonework is a credit to him.

We enjoyed Joy's homemade cordial with bubbles with our lunch and then Joy took us on a guided tour of the gardens & surrounding bushland. We also went to the sunset lookout and then sat around the stone fire pit till it was time to go home.

As with most gardens at the moment it is really dry but Joy has managed to create a peaceful wonderland with lots of hard work and mulch.

At present I do not have a garden for our June outing, so if you would like us to come visit your place, contact me as below.

JUDY ZIEREN

WOLLOMBI GARDEN GROUP

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Wollombi Valley
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Mange Treatment Workshop Sunday 19 April

Members of Wollombi Valley Landcare and Hunter Wildlife Rescue trained 16 local landowners on how to treat mange in wombats. Participants were able to share their experiences, ask questions and by the end of the workshop, were able to identify mange in wild-living wombats, safely treat mange, know what to expect as the animals recover and how to report treatment to inform research. They also went away with their own free treatment kit.

Thank you to locals - Anna Yerbury, Marcel van Rooyen and Andrew Black for organising and delivering the workshop. We hope to make this an annual event as we try to ease the suffering of many of our Valley's mascots - The Wombat.



Weed of the month

Whisky Grass (*Andropogon virginicus*)

Walking - or running - along a roadside near you!



Photo credit: New England Weeds Authority

At this time of year, you may have admired an upright, tufted grass that glows rusty orange at dusk. You may also have noticed that each year it has 'walked' further down a roadside or into a paddock...

Andropogon virginicus was apparently used to make brooms and to package whiskey in America. It is also known as broom sedge, beard grass, bluestem and yellow bluestem.

Individual tufts grow up to a metre in height and prefer open sunny areas. In addition to growing along tracks and roadsides, whisky grass invades pasture and open woodlands, often invading native plant communities that are deficient in nutrients. Whisky grass is *allelopathic*: it releases herbicidal chemicals that inhibit the growth of surrounding native grasses.

The light seeds are spread by wind and water and can also adhere to animals, clothing and vehicles.

Whisky grass can be highly flammable and may be controlled by mowing before seed set. For alternative control measures, consult the sources below.

Sources: Brisbane City Council: <https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/whisky-grass>

Sydney Weeds Network: <https://sydneyweeds.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Whisky-grass>

Historical - Wollombi Tavern in 1873

In 1970, my family was, through some fascinating circumstances, drawn to Wollombi and we purchased property at Milsons Arm, land first selected by James Milson in 1823. It felt like stepping into another century. We soon found the heart of the village, The Wollombi Tavern and this is where we first came to know Mel Jurd.

Mel was not just the owner/licensee of The Tavern; he was Mr Wollombi. A local legend in every sense, and the originator of the now (in)famous Dr Jurd's Jungle Juice. One conversation led to another and in 1973 he agreed to sell us the Tavern. Looking back, it felt like a moment of quiet madness; what were we thinking?

Settlement of the purchase was a far cry from today's electronic transactions. We drove from Sydney with the bank manager, and Mel took us into the old courthouse, now the Wollombi Museum. The Tavern was still under Old System title, so documents were passed across a worn wooden bench, once used to dispense justice in the 1800s, and carefully checked. When all was in order, the bank manager handed over the cheques, and the Tavern was ours! Then it was straight to Maitland Courthouse to transfer the licence; another ritual of paper and patience.

Mel stayed on for about twelve months, helping us find our feet and, importantly, teaching us the secret of Jungle Juice. Each night, he poured the contents of the wine 'slops tray' on the bar into a small barrel, topping it up every few days with ruby red port and whisky, and gave it a stir. Empty, often unwashed wine bottles were lined up and filled straight from the barrel. Suffice to say, we soon brought production out of the dark ages, though the legend of Dr Jurd's lives on.

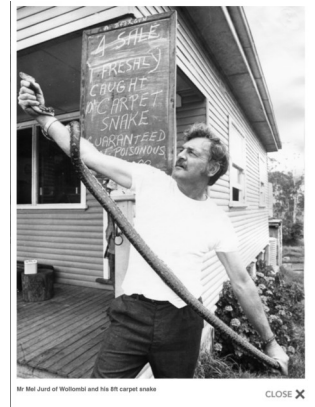
We needed to plan for when Mel's year ended and so advertised on page 2 of *The Daily Telegraph* under the heading "Sic of City Life." (complete with the printer's typo). The response was almost overwhelming, and by early 1975 a new manager and his family arrived, bringing fresh energy. They lived in the rooms in part of The Tavern.

Life behind the bar was somewhat different from the city. For a short time in late 1974, before the new manager arrived, we ran the Tavern ourselves. My wife, Valeria, eight months pregnant, stayed in rooms in The Tavern with our partner's wife and their combined four young kids. Even now, Val smiles as she recalls serving the old locals their favourite drink, muscat, while boiling water to wash glasses, on a slow combustion stove in 40-degree heat.

Just as today, the Tavern thrived as a gathering place. For a few years we organised the Wollombi Wine Festival, with sponsorship from Penfolds. Our black tie event, the Wollombi B&S Ball (Batchelor and Spinsters) brought music and revelry to the Wollombi Hall. This was followed, by those who could still walk, by a cricket match against the Hungry Creek mob in a paddock in Murray's Run. Of course, we Wollombi boys always claimed victory.

Sometime in 1977, we sold to the great Tony Royle, and that chapter of our lives closed. But the spirit endures. From those days behind the bar at The Wollombi Tavern in the 1970s to SIP Wollombi Village in 2026, it has been a journey of more than five decades, different in form, but grounded in the same idea: bringing people together to share stories, a good drink, laughter, and a sense of place. How good?

Michael Noyce



Dr Mel Jurd of Wollombi and his 8th carpet snake CLOSE X




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Wollombi of Old

Wollombi. June 28th, 1867

In the disastrous flood at Wollombi, which was about three feet higher than that of August 1857, five lives were nearly lost, Rev. Mr Shaw, Messrs D. Kenny, John Moore, G Elliott jnr, and young Davis two through the capsizing of a boat, and two through the turning over of a canoe and Mr Shaw in trying to rescue a cow that was being surrounded with water, Mr Dopping P M. rescued Mr. Shaw with a boat, while clinging to a tree. G. Elliott was saved by Mr. A. Moore with a canoe, while he was sitting in a tree in the centre of the flood, and the current running fearfully at the time.

Mr. Kenny swam in to save Davis, while in a sinking position, being about eighteen inches under the water, when he reached him by catching hold of his hair, and pulled him somewhat out of the water, when Davis grasped him tight round the neck, and both went down a third person, Mr. J. Wellings went and rescued both, and managed by his good swimming, to push them towards land till they got foothold. John Moore managed to swim out but could not stand when he reached the shore, fortunately for him, there were persons on the spot at the time. I may also add a great loss of property throughout the whole district, besides two of the principal bridges being partly carried away, to say nothing of the damage done to the various portions of the road. It is quite true about the Wesleyan Chapel and three other houses being carried away.

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Local Land Services

Workshop to support small acreage landholders

Hunter Local Land Services is inviting small acreage landholders to take part in a two-day permaculture design workshop in Scone this June, following strong demand for its recent Small Farms Series.

Delivered in partnership with Limestone Permaculture and supported by Upper Hunter Landcare, the workshop will provide practical, hands-on guidance to help landholders design more productive, resilient and sustainable properties.

Hunter Local Land Services General Manager Brett Miners said the continued growth of lifestyle and small-acreage properties across the Hunter highlighted the need for accessible, practical training.

“The Hunter region continues to see growth in small-acreage properties, hobby farms and lifestyle landholders,” Mr Miners said.

“While individually small, these properties collectively manage significant areas of the landscape and play an important role in biodiversity, local food production and regional biosecurity.

“This workshop is designed to give landholders practical tools they can apply immediately whether they are just starting out or looking to refine how their property functions.”

The in-depth workshop will explore whole-system thinking, regenerative property design and climate-smart land management approaches that support both productivity and environmental outcomes.

On the first day, participants will learn how to assess and map their property to plan and manage land more holistically, and design practical systems that improve efficiency and resilience. The second day will offer a deep dive into homesteading for efficiency and resilience, designing animal management, garden and orchard systems, resilient dams and ponds, disaster and climate ready planning, plus an overview of the Limestone Permaculture journey.

Landholders can attend day one as a standalone introduction or participate in the full two-day program for a more comprehensive experience.

To view the full program and register, visit the **Local Land Services website (/departments-and-agencies/local-land-services/events/small-farms-permaculture-sheep-and-goats)**

or contact the NSW Government’s Local Land Services team on 1300 795 299 (tel:1300 795 299).

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Council Notifications which may be of interest to the community



Natalia Cowley appointed Cessnock City Council General Manager

Cessnock City Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Natalia Cowley to the position of General Manager.

Ms Cowley is an award-winning Council General Manager and Fellow Chartered Accountant, with a proven track record of leading large and complex councils through financial recovery, organisational transformation and sustainable growth, while delivering strong community outcomes.

Ms Cowley led one of the largest financial recoveries in NSW local government history at Central Coast Council and has returned multiple councils to surplus while strengthening culture, service delivery and community satisfaction.

Cessnock City Mayor Dan Watton congratulated Ms Cowley on her appointment and is looking forward to collaborating with her to achieve positive outcomes for the Cessnock Local Government Area.

“As a council and a community, we’re undertaking an important journey towards financial sustainability. Natalia brings a track record of disciplined financial leadership with a strong focus on people and performance,” said Cllr Watton

“I look forward to working closely with her as we continue on this path.”

Ms Cowley joins us from Moree Plains Shire Council, where she is General Manager. She has extensive local government experience in executive leadership roles across several prominent New South Wales councils, including Central Coast Council, City of Coffs Harbour, and Muswellbrook Shire Council.

A proud resident of the Cessnock LGA, Ms Cowley is looking forward to making a difference in this prominent leadership role in her community.

“I’m grateful for the confidence shown by the Mayor and Councillors and I’m looking forward to getting started and working closely with them, staff and the community to deliver the best outcomes for our LGA,” said Ms Cowley. Ms Cowley will commence in the role on Monday 29 June 2026.

MAYORAL COLUMN

Embargoed until 27 May 2026

[Unlike most years, Council has put two draft versions of the next Delivery Program and Operational Plan \(DPOP\) on public exhibition – the first relevant if our application for a 39.9% Special Variation \(SV\) of rates is not approved, and the second if it is.](#)

The documents are part of Council’s forward planning framework to help ensure we are focused on what matters to the community, guide decisions and spending, and track how we are doing over time. The Delivery Program sets out what Council plans to do over the next four years, while the Operational Plan contains actions for the coming 12 months.

By law, Council must adopt an Operational Plan by 30 June. With a decision from IPART on the SV application expected in June, it was prudent to plan for both possible outcomes.

Key differences between the drafts involve the level of investment in Council’s Works Program. The first draft allows for minimum required rehabilitation and maintenance works, while the second provides scope to progress asset reconstruction, replacement and renewal, supports improved community access and safety, service reliability and long-term preservation of Council assets while reducing future maintenance costs.

For example, the first draft allocates \$51 million to road works, including resealing, rehabilitation and essential upgrades along with necessary improvements to the Depot and Airport, while the second draft sets aside \$69 million to also include road reconstruction, bridge replacements, and carpark resurfacing.

I encourage you to read both drafts at <https://together.cessnock.nsw.gov.au>, where you’ll find information about how to make a submission, and details of our pop-up engagement sessions. Hard copies are available at Council’s Administration Building and Cessnock Library. Submissions close 5pm, 17 June, 2026.

Jack Franklin elected as new councillor following countback

Jack Franklin has been sworn-in as Cessnock City Council's newest councillor, after a recent NSW Electoral Commission countback of votes from the 2024 local government election.

The Ward C countback was conducted to fill a casual vacancy created when Mark Mason resigned from his position on Council in March.

Clr Franklin took the oath of office on Wednesday, 20 May, before attending his first Council meeting. Cessnock City Mayor Daniel Watton welcomed Clr Franklin to the role, and thanked Mr Mason for his time on Council.

"It's a privilege to be entrusted with serving our local community as a councillor, and I wish Clr Franklin the best as he joins us – as we continue to strive for sustainability and the delivery of high-quality outcomes," said Clr Watton.

"I would also like to express gratitude to Mr Mason for his service as a councillor and wish him well for the future." In October 2024, Council resolved unanimously that a countback election should take place if a councillor resigned in the first 18 months of this term.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings in-person or online via the live stream on Council's YouTube channel. A full schedule of meeting dates is available here: www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/meetings

Community invited to connect during National Reconciliation Week

Cessnock City Council is inviting the community to come together during National Reconciliation Week 2026 through a series of free events celebrating culture, connection and reflection.

Held from 27 May to 3 June, National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about shared histories, cultures and achievements, exploring how each of us can contribute to reconciliation.

This year's program includes *The Listening Lounge* at Performance Arts Culture Cessnock (PACC) on 27 and 28 May, where people can drop in to enjoy recorded First Nations music, poetry and podcasts in a welcoming space designed for reflection and conversation.

PACC will also host a special screening of the Australian film *Bran Nue Dae* on Friday 29 May, celebrating Aboriginal storytelling through music, humour, and culture.

Families can take part in *Wayapa Storytime and Craft* sessions at Cessnock Library on 1 and 2 June, introducing children to mindfulness, movement and connection through Aboriginal cultural practices.

The week will conclude with *All In: Community Event in Recognition of National Reconciliation Week* at PACC on Wednesday 3 June and will feature performances and local young people speaking. Finishing the day will be a *Cultural Crafternoon* at Cessnock Youth Centre.

Cessnock City Mayor Daniel Watton said National Reconciliation Week provides an important opportunity for learning, listening and meaningful conversations.

"These events encourage us to come together, listen and learn from one another, while recognising the rich cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Clr Watton said.

"National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for our community to reflect on how we can continue building respectful relationships and a more inclusive future, and I encourage everyone to get involved."

All events are free and accessible.

For the full [National Reconciliation Week 2026 program](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/News/News/Community-invited-to-connect-during-National-Reconciliation-Week) or to reserve your spot at the film screening of *Bran Nue Dae*, visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/News/News/Community-invited-to-connect-during-National-Reconciliation-Week

Fleetwood Mac’s Legendary “Rumours” Comes to Life at PAC Cessnock with Seventh Wonderz!

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock (PACC) is set to welcome one of the world’s premier Fleetwood Mac tribute experiences when Seventh Wonder brings the legendary music of Fleetwood Mac to the stage in a spectacular live concert event.

Hailed globally as one of the leading Fleetwood Mac productions, Seventh Wonder is managed by former Fleetwood Mac manager Dennis Dunstan and has earned praise from critics, devoted fans, and even Mick Fleetwood himself. Known for their electrifying stage presence and captivating musicianship, Seventh Wonder delivers an authentic and powerful celebration of one of rock’s most iconic bands.

Audiences will be immersed in the magic of Fleetwood Mac’s timeless masterpiece *Rumours*, performed in full, featuring unforgettable classics including *Go Your Own Way*, *Dreams* and *Don’t Stop*. The journey continues with beloved fan favourites such as *Little Lies*, *Gypsy* and *Say You Love Me*, creating an extraordinary night of nostalgia, emotion and rock brilliance.

Since forming in 1967, Fleetwood Mac has sold more than 100 million records worldwide, with *Rumours* remaining one of the best-selling albums of all time. Seventh Wonder honours that extraordinary legacy with stunning precision, passion and powerhouse vocals led by Bloom, whose extraordinary performance has been described as unforgettable.

This is more than a tribute show — it’s a celebration of Fleetwood Mac’s enduring influence and musical magic. Don’t miss your chance to experience the songs, the spirit and the legacy live at PACC Cessnock

PACC | Performance Arts Culture Cessnock | Saturday 25 July 8pm

For more information and to book visit:
<https://www.mypacc.com.au/Whats-on/26-Seventh-Wonder>

Award-Winning Entertainer Nathan Foley Brings *Unforgettable* to the Hunter

The Hunter is set for an unforgettable evening of 50s and 60s timeless music as Nathan Foley brings his celebrated live concert experience, *Unforgettable*, to PACC in August. Fresh from receiving the 2025 ACE Award for Best Male Vocal, Nathan Foley continues to cement his place as one of Australia’s most accomplished and versatile entertainers.

Unforgettable is a spectacular celebration of the golden era of music, featuring the iconic songs of Nat King Cole, Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Dusty Springfield, Sammy Davis Jr and many more.

Backed by a stellar live band, Nathan delivers a powerful performance filled with nostalgia, heart and world-class vocals, taking audiences on a musical journey through the timeless classics that defined generations.

Known to millions of Australians for his decade-long success with Hi-5, Nathan has also built an extraordinary solo career across television, theatre and live performance. His career achievements include multiple Logie, ARIA and Helpmann Awards with Hi-5, alongside recognition as a solo performer including ACE and MO Awards.

“Nathan Foley is an exceptional entertainer with a voice perfectly suited to these timeless songs. *Unforgettable* captures the magic of classic music and live performance in a way that audiences of all ages can enjoy.”

Audiences can expect an uplifting night of romance, swing, soul and rock ’n’ roll favourites performed with elegance, charisma and incredible musicianship.

Whether reliving cherished memories or discovering these classics for the first time, *Unforgettable* promises an evening of music that lives up to its name.

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Diary & Events

Church Services

St John's Anglican Church Wollombi is a festival church. There is a service at Christmas and Easter. Baptisms, weddings, funerals and other services are by arrangement. Please contact the Parish on 02-4991 4761 or 0418-269 892 or email: stjohncottage@bigpond.com

St Michael's Wollombi, Mass is on the 2nd and 5th Sunday of the month at 2pm

Wollombi Valley Home Church

Meets at Tennis Club
1st Sunday of the month at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea.
Contact Keith 0409-909 971 or Pastor Neville 0467-210 478

Crafty Yarns

Knitting/crochet group meets in Wollombi.
For more information contact Jane 4998 8158 or Jillian 0477 519 996.

500 Cards—Wollombi

commence at 6 pm on last Monday in the month.
Wollombi Tennis Clubhouse
Contact: Jan Harrison
janeceharrison08@gmail.com

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
Members meeting 4 times per year
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Garden Group

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Landcare Group - Wollombi Valley

Join us to learn more about caring for the land and the wildlife on it. We meet regularly for workshops, planting days and other events. New members are always welcome! Contact us at www.wollombilandcare.org.au or wollombi.landcare@gmail.com

Monthly Historical Ghost Tours

Newcastle Ghost Tours & Jo Potter Ph: 0411-357 519

Museum—Wollombi

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Pony Club—Wollombi Valley

Every 3 weeks contact President Simone 02-4998 8214 for details

Playgroup (all kids 5 and under welcome)

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Theology in the Pub discussion group:

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Wollombi Valley Community Association

Community meetings held 3rd Thursday of the month,

Wollombi Tidy Valleys

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

Wollombi School Community Centre:

Committee meetings held 10am on 2nd Tuesday of each month. Venue is the Principal's Cottage on Cnr of Crawford & Wollombi Roads, Wollombi. Interested persons welcome.

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YOGA

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Wollombi Community Hall

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