

OUR OWN NEWS

SCULPTURE IN THE VINEYARDS 2026



Community news for Wollombi, Laguna and surrounding districts

SCULPTURE IN THE VINEYARDS

The fesitval in review



DANTE - FIRE HORSE

*When the last light leaves the
vineyard*

*And the valley holds its breath
A horse of steel stands waiting
At the edge of what comes next
Born from fire
Shaped by hand*

*The artist's work is done
Now the ending belongs to the
flames
And the flames belong to the gods.*

*Run, Fire Horse, run -
Through the ember smoke and sky
Not an ending but a changing;
Not a loss but one last flight
Run, Fire Horse, run*

Raymer Jones

Sunday 13th September:
Undercliff Winery hosted a
huge crowd for the
Celebration of the Year of
the Fire Horse'

by artist, Adam
Humphreys.

Judge and fellow
sculptor, Isabel Langtry
shared together with
Adam, the sculpture's
creation and story behind
Dante, and its sacrificial
plight.



Thank you Jane & Peter



Saturday 12th
September: The official
Opening & Award
ceremony officiated by
MC Jim Wilson, Festival
Director Sheena Duncan
and Guest judges.



Photo credit: Nick Glover

2026 Sculpture in the Vineyards Congratulations to the Prize Winners

#013 Paul Selwood - 'Landscape with trees'

SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE

#056 Tyler Clark - 'Held in Motion' YOUTH PRIZE

#101 Hayden Wilson 'Bird' LOCAL SCULPTOR PRIZE

**#087 Harrie Fasher 'Some Floatin Dreams are
Nightmares/Rakta Bija** EXCELLENCE IN METAL

#070 Elena Murgia 'Gio' EXCELLENCE IN STONE

#075 Paul Kay 'This Life' LONDON SCULPTURE PRIZE

#126 Ben Tooth 'Outwood Bound' EXCELLENCE IN TIMBER

#133 Jan King 'Zanthus' HIGHLY COMMENDED PRIZE

**#173 Craig Rowlands 'Mountains aren't just for mountain
goats'** EMERGING ARTIST PRIZE

#158 Will Maguire 'Stone dancer' EXCELLENCE IN MIXED
MEDIA

#160 Gabriel Parker 'Megafauna' OPEN PRIZE

#161 Louis Pratt - 'Body Politic' KANGAROO VALLEY PRIZE

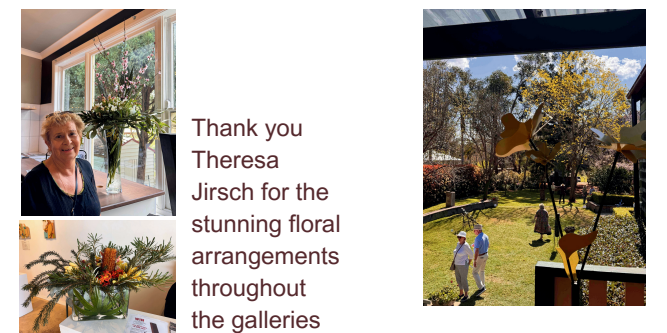
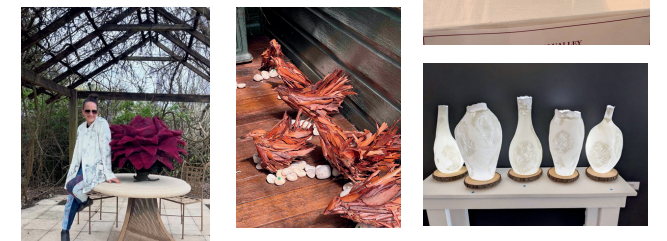
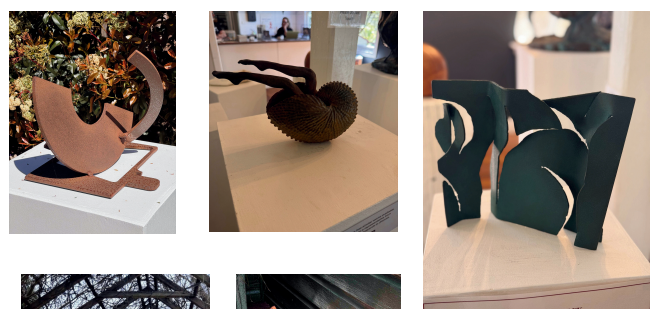
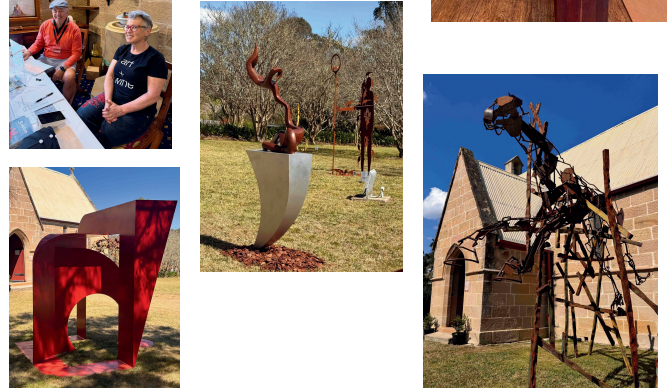
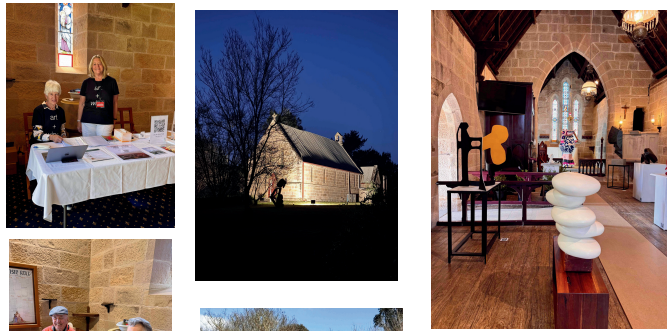
#164 Michael Le Grand - 'The Inspector' GOVERNORS PRIZE.



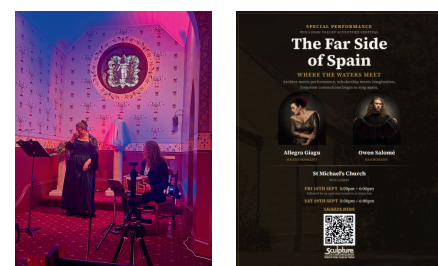
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Thank you
Theresa
Jirsch for the
stunning floral
arrangements
throughout
the galleries



Fri 18th - 'The Far Side of Spain' St Michaels Church' Allegra Giagu & Owen Salome'

To all the Sculpture in the Vineyards committee members, supporting businesses and our community volunteers
THANK YOU

for all your hard work, perserverence and welcoming smiles for another wonderful festival!
A true team effort!

The Children's Gallery Wollombi School



See P7 for the story behind the Laguna Public School sculpture entry for Carp in the River display



So many sculptures...
too little space

Amazing works
from such
talented artists

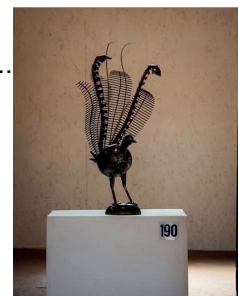
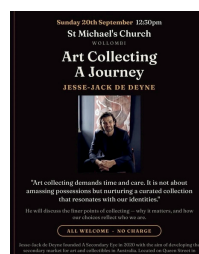


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Mon14th - 'Women Wilderness Wollombi' film at St Michaels Church



CONGRATULATIONS POLINA!

Some news we've been sitting on: Polina Karuso, who runs her painting workshops from the Artisan Collective barn, is on Season 2 of ABC's Portrait Artist of the Year — Episode 6, out now on ABC TV and iView. Polina was introduced as a Wollombi artist, painting bold colour, unconventional compositions.

Her work often comes straight out of this landscape. True to form, she made the four hours even harder, working a hardwood block and a large canvas at the same time. Frantic, but that's how she paints.

Her sitter in the episode is Jenny Kee one of the most recognisable names in Australian fashion, famous for colour, something Polina isn't afraid to use.

Jenny picked Polina's portrait as her favourite, which feels less like luck and more like two people who see colour & boldness in the same way finding each other.

Watch Episode 6 now on ABC iView. Congratulations, Polina. Follow [@polina_karuso](https://www.instagram.com/polina_karuso) in her crazy journey of discovery and creation 🌟

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5th October

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Sculpture in the Vineyards Childrens Gallery Wollombi School

Creativity has been alive and humming at the Children's Gallery at Wollombi Public School. Our workshops have revealed emerging sculptors as young as three years old, right through to the big kids — all diving in with enthusiasm. The collaborative sculpture, growing and changing over the full two weeks of the Festival, has proven irresistible for adults as well, who can't help but join in the fun.

It has been such a happy, vibrant place, and we're thrilled that the Wollombi Children's Gallery has been asked to collaborate with the Kangaroo Valley Sculpture Festival on their own children's installation — a real 'thumbsup' for our tiny gallery team.

Thanks to Krystal Sellars and Cessnock Leagues Club Community Services Grant and for their incredible support.

Open 10am–4pm, seven days a week, until Sunday 27 September.
WVSF Children's Gallery Sub Committee

Deb Harrod



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

Sat 3rd - Season of the Witch - Cabaret P

Mon 5th - Wollombi Markets at Saleyards P4

& WGS Monthly market

Sat 10th - Pickleball from 3pm at Wollombi Tennis Club

Sat 17th - Tennis Club Bunnings BBQ - fundraiser

Fri 16th - Sat 24th - Valley Artists play 'Business is Good'

Fri 23rd-Sat 24th - Wollombi Tavern Woodchop

'SEASON OF THE WITCH'

Comedy Cabaret

Legs 11.11's latest show, 'Season of The Witch' is a comedy cabaret celebrating Witches, Warlocks & the like!

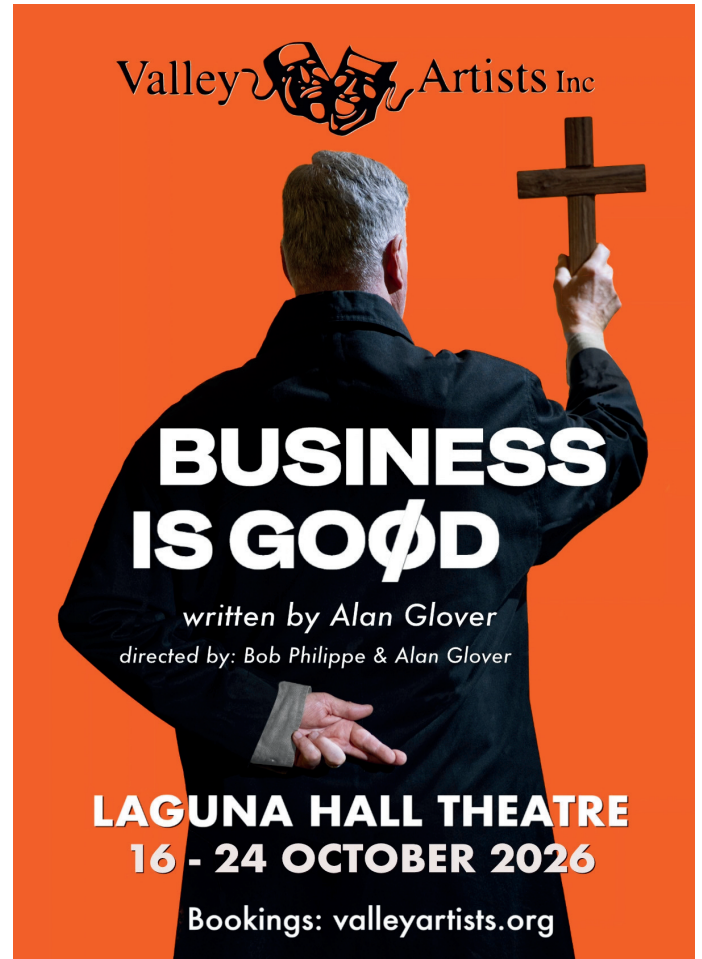
Set to a 60s & 70s soundtrack, this show has a wicked combination of live music, burlesque, magic & classic witch film clips. The Wollombi Burlesque Troupe have been creating local entertainment for 10 years, with and for the locals!

Come check out their latest show, set to be October 3rd at The Wollombi Hall 7.30pm.

You are guaranteed a unique & spooky night out! And if you are in the mood, dress witch. VIP guests get a glass of bubbles and front row action!

Season Of The Witch Wollombi

<https://events.humanitix.com/season-of-the-witch-wollombi>



Valley Artists inc.

Business is Good packs a lot of punch into a one act play. When Scott unexpectedly returns to Australia after a 20 plus year absence and pays a 'spontaneous' visit to his old friend Tony, he brings with him a surprising shift in his identity and a lot of unresolved questions!

Who is Scott really? What does he stand for? What do we, as modern Australians, stand for? When is enough enough – and when do we have a moral obligation to act?

This is the world premiere of **Business is Good** – a play written by Wollombi Valley's very own multi-talented Alan Glover. Many will know Alan from his stand-up comedy shows and his many roles on the Valley Artists stage.

As expected, Alan brings his dry humour to serious situations. **Business is Good** moves fast and the dialogue is crisp, but it doesn't shy away from some of the big issues that we all, as Australians in 2026, need to face. This is a play that will raise more questions than it answers!

Directed by Bob Philippe together with Alan, the play's stellar cast comprises Alan and Bob, together with Karen Jones, Clare Dinatale, Michael O'Sullivan and Tegan Howell Newman.

Business is Good opens at 8pm on Friday 16 October, then runs Saturday 17, Thursday 22, Friday 23 closing on Saturday 24 October at Laguna Hall Theatre.

There is a Sunday matinee on 18 October at 2.30 pm.

Tickets available at www.valleyartists.org



Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc.

What's on at The Wollombi Cultural Centre September - October 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 on Instagram
Our current exhibition...

'SMALL SCULPTURES'

Works by 14 acclaimed sculptors

Open DAILY 10am - 4pm

<https://sculptureinthevineyards.com.au>

'FAMILY TIES' 2 - 11 October

Open DAILY 10am - 4pm

You are warmly invited to join Jan and Kay for the Champagne opening of their Flora & Fauna works from 5pm Friday 2nd October



ARTISTIC JOURNEY'

Susanna Chen Chow

16th - 25th October Open 10am - 4pm Fri - Sun.

The OLD FIRESHED GALLERY HAS A BEAUTIFUL NEW KITCHEN!

Wollombi Valley Arts Council would like to thank all committee members who assisted in the planning, coordination and demolition.

To Cessnock City Council for their support, and for re-surfacing of the floor. To Kerry Racó for project management and painting.

A huge thankyou to Bhret McIntyre for plumbing and maintenance. A massive thankyou to Campbell Murray for his design, build, detail and execution.

2026 EXHIBITIONS in the OLD FIRESHED GALLERY

Sculpture in the Vineyards: 12 - 27 Sept

Family Ties: 3 - 11 Oct

Susanna Chen Chow: 17 - 25 Oct

Jodie Usher: 31 Oct - 8 Nov

Glenda Mellows: 14 - 29 Nov

The Artists Market: 5 Dec - 3 Jan 2027

LIFE DRAWING: September 30, October 14 & 28
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Lovin' Learning at Laguna!

I am sitting in my office with my bucket overflowing, still wearing my yellow beanie and braces from our Book Week Parade, and reflecting on what an absolute delight it was!

Seeing our students arrive in their wonderful costumes, watching our community dive in and embrace this special event, and witnessing such wonderful performances made it a real standout of the year.

Book Week was a celebration of everything we love about Laguna — reading, imagination, creativity, learning and, most importantly, community. It was wonderful to see our students so excited and our families and community members so enthusiastically involved.

What a wonderful event for our entire school community. I sincerely thank each and every person who attended, participated, performed, supported and embraced the day with such enthusiasm and engagement.

How lucky we are here at Laguna!

My bucket is certainly overflowing with gratitude and pride.

And now... I can't wait to see what will be on display in 2027!



Sculpture in the Vineyards exhibit Our artist's statement

We have been learning all about the problem that **common carp** can cause in the creeks in our Valley, like Wollombi Brook. The carp are an introduced animal and they are making the water really muddy. They like to dig into the mud to feed. This stops the light coming through the water and so the plants and animals don't grow well. Carp lay a big number of eggs so they can have lots of babies.

People in the Wollombi Valley have been looking at the native animals — **the short-necked turtle, the rakali and the platypus**. Lots of people who live along Wollombi Brook have been counting the number of these native animals that they see to find out if their numbers are going up or down.

These local people noticed that, after terrible bushfires or floods, the numbers of these native animals went down. The scientist and local Landcare people discovered that it was because the creek bank washed away or was burnt which destroyed the animal's homes and the places where they fed.

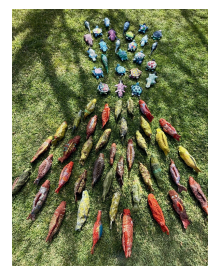
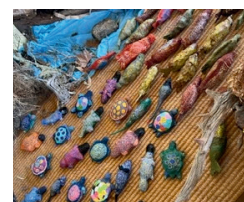
We decided to make papier mache animals of the common carp, rakali, short-necked turtle and platypus for this year's Sculpture in the Vineyards Festival.

At first, we all liked the platypus and the short-necked turtle, but we were a bit unsure about making a sculpture of a native water rat! But then we discovered that the rakali have learnt to bite carp on the back of their necks and suck out all their guts, without using too much energy. Now we really love the rakali!

First we made our basic shape using cardboard, scrunched newspaper and masking tape. Next, we laid strips of newspaper dipped in glue made from flour and water. When that dried, we put on a layer of paper pulp mixed with a bit of glue and flour. This was really good for shaping the tricky bits. When that dried, we painted them and did our patterns and details using paint pens.

We really liked doing this project because it was about animals right where we live. We liked hearing that people we live near have already been helping these native animals. We are even some of those people! We have all been over to the Laguna Village Green planting lomandra and trees near the creek bank to help the habitat of these animals. We are excited to keep doing this to help the native animals in our valley!

*From all the students at
Laguna Public School*



Wollombi Valley Pony Club

What a fantastic few weeks at Pony Club!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful members who helped clean up our grounds after the recent strong winds blew over our show jumps and dressage arenas. Your help meant we could get everything back in place and get straight back into action. We really appreciate your hard work and dedication to our club!

Our riders have enjoyed lots of jumping practice lately, both in show jumping and cross country. It's been fantastic to see everyone building their skills and confidence, with a number of our riders preparing to compete at the upcoming Zone-level Denman One Day Event. We wish them all the very best!

Our very own version of a Pentathlon competition was a huge hit with our riders! There was plenty of enthusiasm, fun and friendly competition, with our younger riders especially loving the axe-throwing activity. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and enjoying the challenge.

We can't wait for our next rally day, where we'll have more jumping, sporting and flatwork activities to enjoy. And, of course, we'll be looking forward to another delicious BBQ lunch prepared by our wonderful Justine!

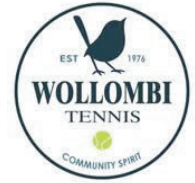
Kind Regards, Simone Smith



WOLLOMBI TENNIS CLUB

In the lovely balmy afternoon of Saturday 12th September, the club facilitated the Community Opening Night for Sculpture in the Vineyards festival.

Thank you to all members who jumped into the volunteer duties to assist for the festival.



Save the Date/s:

OCT:

Monday 5th - Wollombi Market Day

Saturday 10th - Pickleball from 3pm

Saturday 17th - Fundraising Bunnings BBQ

Please join us for regular tennis play on Thursday afternoons/evenings and Sunday mornings. To see if there is a game on contact Julia on 0403 500 381.

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Anna Yerbury and Simon Geraghty recently attended the Hunter River Forum from which there are three main keeps that focus on river, brook and creek health:

- keep out livestock, fence the creek and its riparian zone to maintain sturdy banks that help prevent erosion;
- keep native plants and trees along our riparian zones, planting natives such as lomandras, watergums, river oaks will help stabilise banks; and
- keep fallen trees and branches in the waterways as natural mess is healthy for it provides habitat, food, helps prevent erosion and filters water.

Local Land Services provided us with posters and pamphlets for our display at the Children's Gallery, part of the Wollombi Sculpture Festival. The students from Laguna PS made a fabulous installation based on their learning about the animals found in the Wollombi Brook. The display focussed on what Landholders can do on their properties to provide a healthy environment for the native animals that call our creeks and rivers home.



Bird Flu Information from the Australian Government

Avoid don't touch and keep pets away.

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I recently took a swamp hen into the vet and was impressed with their bird flu protocols. Then I remembered seeing two pelicans on the billabong at the front of my property where the swamp hen resided and realised how easily this disease can spread into our valley. The swamp hen didn't have bird flu. It had been hit by a vehicle and suffered irreparable chest injuries. So, a plea to drive slower from not only the birds who will soon be teaching their fledglings to take their first flight, also our native animals - have you noticed the number of dead wombats on the sides of our roads recently?

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Wollombi. 12th October 1853.

During the winter months we have been accustomed to slight frosts, but this year our winter, if frost be taken as the criterion, has extended over five months. So very late as Tuesday morning last the surface of the earth was white with hoar frost.

From those causes vegetation has been retarded, feed for stock is bad, and the grass, which for a short time was green, is now assuming a brownish hue. The vines, potatoes, &c., have been injured, but to what extent a correct estimate cannot be formed at present.

From the parched state of the earth in many places, the settlers cannot keep the plough going in preparing the land for maize and where it was prepared the seed cannot be put in the earth until there may be a fall of rain. Yesterday there were a few slight showers which moistened the blade, but a Scorching sun and cold withering wind from the southward today is rapidly carrying off by evaporation the small quantity that had fallen.

To give an idea of what is esteemed the value of land in this district at a land sale on the 23rd ultimo, one thirty-acre farm was sold at £1, and another at £1 10s. per acre.

The Sydney Morning Herald.
Sourced through Trove by Steve Sullivan.

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Council Notifications which may be of interest to the community

Councillor Sarah Pascoe elected Deputy Mayor

Councillor Sarah Pascoe has been unanimously elected Deputy Mayor of Cessnock City Council in a vote by councillors at the Ordinary Meeting on 16 September 2026. Deputy Mayor Pascoe takes on the role for the next 12 months, following the conclusion of Cr Tracey Harrington's term in the position.

Cessnock City Mayor Dan Watton congratulated Deputy Mayor Pascoe on her election to the role and thanked Cr Harrington for her service as Deputy Mayor. "Born and raised in Cessnock and a local business owner, Deputy Mayor Pascoe is a strong advocate for our local government area," said Mayor Watton.

"I wish her the best in the role over the next 12 months and am looking forward to working closely with her as Council continues to strive for the best outcomes for our community.

"I would also like to thank Cr Harrington, who has done a stellar job representing Council as Deputy Mayor over the past 12 months."

Cessnock councillors will next vote for a Deputy Mayor in September 2027.



Mayoral Column

It was wonderful to hear voices from across Cessnock local government area recently, as Cessnock City Council General Manager Natalia Cowley and I took part in another town hall meeting – this time at Greta Workers Club. The forum was a great chance to share updates about what is happening at Council and listen to feedback from the community in an open and meaningful conversation. It was the latest in a series of events I hope to conduct across Cessnock LGA into the future – a genuine way for community members to have direct access to Council leadership. They are forums to get accurate information, challenge us, and raise difficult questions about the community we all share. There are no scripted questions, no avoiding hard topics – it's about transparency. Keep your eyes and ears open for details on when and where the next event will be.

Meanwhile, it's always a pleasure to stop and reflect on the people who spend their days protecting our LGA. One of those groups has just celebrated an incredible milestone. Fire and Rescue NSW marked 100 years of Kearsley Fire Brigade earlier this month. It was an honour to join past and present firefighters, community members and special guests to celebrate the wonderful anniversary, and it was a privilege to be involved in unveiling the Centenary Plaque recognising the brigade's century of service to the community. I sincerely congratulate and thank all who have been involved in the Kearsley brigade over the decades for their courage, dedication, commitment and service.

While I am on the topic of congratulations, I would like to highlight the excellent work of Council's Youth Ambassador Emma McLennan, who represented Cessnock in NSW Youth Parliament recently. The Year 11 Cessnock High School student drafted a bill regarding the importance of 'equitable third spaces' – facilities such as youth centres and community centres – and presented her work on the floor of the NSW Parliament. It's a thrill to see young people taking an active interest in important issues, and work on developing civic skills that could greatly benefit local communities. Their unique perspectives provide valuable contributions to community conversations. Emma has done great work and it is very encouraging to see young future leaders actively taking steps to improve their knowledge and skills and shine a spotlight on the issues that matter to them. You've made us proud, Emma!

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:

stjohnscottage@bigpond.com

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

Crafty Yarns

Knitting/crochet group meets in Wollombi.

For more information contact Jane 02-4998 8158 or Jillian 0477 519 996.

500 Card Group - Wollombi

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

Contact: Jan Harrison

Janeceharrison08@gmail.com

Chamber of Commerce – Wollombi Valley

General Meetings held every 2 month.

Contact: for details and meetings

secretary@wollombivalleytourism.com.au

Fire Brigade - Laguna

Training 3 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 3 Saturday monthly 8:30am Wollombi Fire Station. Members meetings: 11am following training in even months.

All welcome. Enquiries to

brigade@wollombibushfire.org.au

Fire Brigade – Bucketty and District

Training 3 Saturday monthly from 9am-12pm

Members meeting 4 times per year

Enquiries to: bucketty@lowerhunnerfs.com.au

Garden Group

1st Monday monthly.

Contact: Judy Zieren 0405-281 845

Conversations en francais a' Wollombi

Rencontres de tendues pour ceux qui veulent parler français a Wollombi. Nous nous réunissons les samedis une fois par mois vers 17 heures chez des particuliers. On discute l'art, l'histoire, la politique, la France – avec un bon vin et fromage bien sûr.

Contactez: Gwen Lansbury, glansbury@gmail.com

Ph: 02-4998 3141 0451 693 376

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

6pm summer – 5pm winter, 1st

Wednesday monthly except January, Wollombi Cultural Centre

Contact: David Roache 0400 330 760

Or Lindsay Self 0491 239 589

Pony Club – Wollombi Valley

Every 3 weeks contact President

Simone

02-4998 8214 for details

Playgroup (all kids 5 and under welcome)

9.00am-

12 noon every Wednesday at Slacks Park

Wollombi

Theology in the Pub discussion group.

4th Sun/month at Wollombi School

Residence 2pm

Wollombi Valley Community Association

Community meetings held 3rd Friday of month

Wollombi Tidy Valleys

11am, 2nd Thursday bi-monthly, Wollombi School

meeting room. All welcome. Contact-Bernice 02-4991 1688

Wollombi School Community Centre

Committee meetings held 10am on 2 Tuesday of

each month. Venue is the Principal's Cottage on Cnr of Crawford & Wollombi Roads, Wollombi.

Interested persons welcome.

TRANSPORT

Grape Experience Tours Wine 0414 457 956

Country Taxis Cessnock 02-4990 1111

SPORT & FITNESS

Pilates Classes

Mat Classes are held Wednesday 9:30am & Fridays

10am Wollombi Community Hall

Contact: Susan 0403-270 365

Wollombi Tennis

Thursdays from 4:30pm, Sunday 8:00am

All welcome. Contact Julia Brooke 0403-500 381

Eureka Taekwondo

Thursday 4:00pm Wollombi Community Hall

Contact: Steve Turner 0400-002 951

YOGA:

Wednesday 7:30-8:30am Vinyasa

Saturday 8:30-9:30am Hatha Flow

Wollombi Community Hall

Group Fitness Classes:

Mon & Fri - Wollombi Hall

8:00am Interval Training, Curls & Crunches

9:00am Zumba Fitness

Contact: Fitness With Milly 0414 435576

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION**Bellbird**

TabithaHill Cottage 0429 657 166

Laguna

Byora Farm House 02 4998 8227
 Ipakey Cottage 02 4998 3219
 Kalawang Studio 0404 896 396
 -Bucketty/Murrays Run
 Laguna Cottages 02 4998 3219
 Twin Pines Cottage 0403 083 381
 Valle Laguna 0408 809 471
 Valley Field Escape 0488 436 001

Millfield

Bellbird & Swallows Cottages 0414 786 705
 Neudorf Country Retreat 0414 920 013

Congewai

BrownMuirCottage 0409 416 416

Wollombi

Applegums 0409 416 416
 Blair Athol Estate 02 4998 3323
 Capers Guesthouse 0409 305 285
 Cedar Creek Cottages 02 4998 1576
 Corrabare Cottage 0409 416 416
 Cowboys Cabin 0423 109 558
 Cranky Rock Cottage 0438 757 442
 The Farm@Hunter Escape 0418 114 303
 Grays Inn 02 4998 3483
 Gypsy Willows 02 4998 3404
 Hollybrook Hunter Valley 0411 968 873
 Hunter Valley Escapes 0409 416 416
 Ironbark Cottage 02 4998 3427
 Maggies in Wollombi 0416 039 081
 Mystwood Retreats 02 4998 3234
 Myrtle Cottage Accommodation 0409 416 416
 Pepper Tree Cottage 0416 039 081
 Redleaf Hunter Valley 0412 566 637
 Somewhere Unique 02 4998 3257
 The Studios 02 4998 3182
 Tiny Escape 0426 891 870
 Two8seven5 Boutique Stays 0437 977 798
 Undercliff Settlers Cottage 02 4998 3322
 Wild Edge Retreat 02 4998 3304
 Wollombi Barn Stay 02 4998 3221
 Wollombi Birdhouse 0423 376 804
 Wollombi Brook Family Farm Stay 0422 515 905
 Wollombi Bush Retreat 0432156 396
 Wollombi Country Dairy 0411 889 931
 Wollombi Farm Country House 0416 039 081
 Wollombi Stays 0416 039 081
 Woodcutters House 0416 039 081
 Yango Creek Farmhouse 0416 039 081

Fernances Crossing

Willows Retreat 0249 988 623

RESTAURANTS, PUBS & STORES**Millfield**

MillfieldGeneral Store 02 4998 1263

Laguna

Laguna Village Providore
 The TradingPost,Laguna 0478 712 613
 MusgroveRealEstate 02 4998 8244
 02 4998 8383

Wollombi

Kopila &BeeMindful Homewares 0476 294 005
 The Forge 02 4998 3441
 Cafe Wollombi 02 4998 3220
 Myrtle &StoneCafé 02 4998 3220
 SIP Wollombi 0416 245 656
 WaterhenHomeStore 02 4998 3331
 WollombiGeneralStore 02 4998 3230
 WollombiTavern 02 4998 3261

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