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OUR OWN NEWS



Community news for Wollombi, Laguna and surrounding districts

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2026 Wollombi WOODCHOP
23 - 24 October

Congratulations Wollombi Tavern for hosting another fantastic annual event - the highly popular 'The Wollombi Woodchop'.

This timeless event drew good crowds over the weekend keen to watch the talent of these professional competitors, along with many fun events open for all.

Besides professional Woodchopping events, some of the odd and amusing: The Pub Olympics, Thong Throwing Comp, Women's Nail Driving events.

Great live music with Louis Burt & Owen Campbell, Aussie Menu specials, Mega Pub Raffle and who can't resist to finish with Cherry Highway Gelato!



Thank you again to the organising team and staff of the Wollombi Tavern for another successul event!

YOUR PARAGRAPH T







Front Cover: Local business owner Stephanie Vella and the infamous 'Cherry Hwy' retro van, a regular sight, always to be found supporting the community, always serving up a smile and delicious gelato!

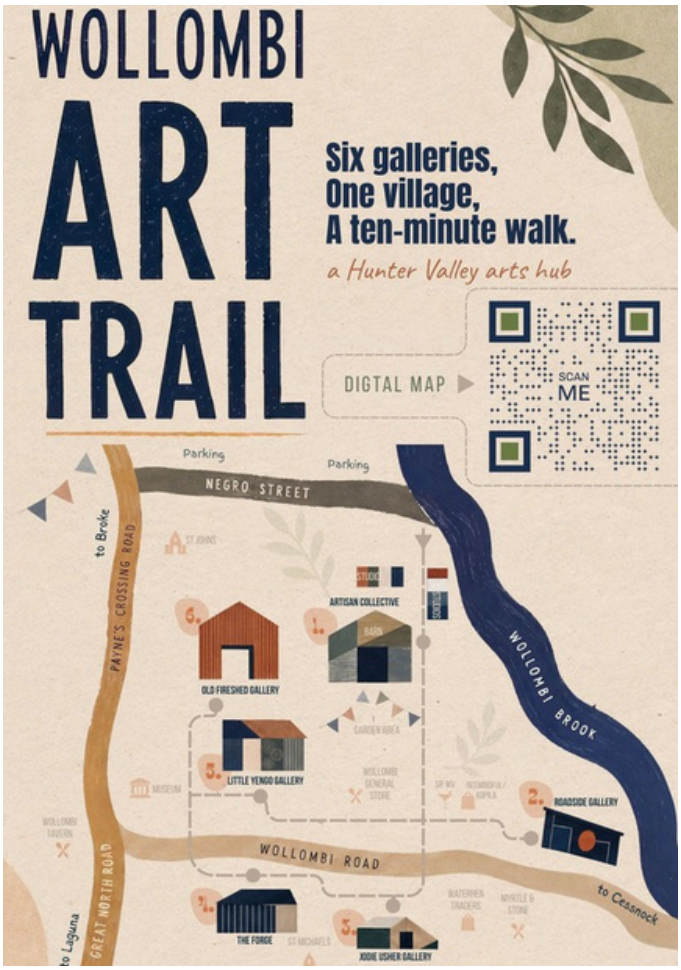
WOLLOMBI ENDEAVOUR MUSEUM



The Wollombi Courthouse opened in 1866 with David Dunlop the Magistrate in charge of a 15 police constabulary.
The building was used as the local Courthouse and Police Station until 1951.

In 1970 the building became "The Wollombi Endeavour Museum" occupied by the City of Cessnock Historical Society as trustees and the owner NSW Government Department of Lands.
By the early 2000s it was decided the focus of the museum should be on Wollombi, and some coal and other district artifacts were passed on to other museums.
We asked the community to donate interesting local relics and as a result have been able to grow and improve the local historic displays in the museum.
On 25/6/26 Wollombi Endeavour Museum separated from Cessnock Historical and Family History Society. Our membership numbers have increased and there is a new enthusiasm to revitalise our museum and continue improving the displays.
We encourage locals to become active museum members and to support the museum.
If you haven't been for a while, come and have a look.

The museum is the centre piece of our Historic Village.
wollombimuseum1@gmail.com
MUSEUM OPEN HOURS
Mon, Wed and Thu - 11 am to 1.30pm
Fri – 11am to 3pm
Sat, Sun and public holidays -11am to 4pm





Come and see Wollombi's newest little art space

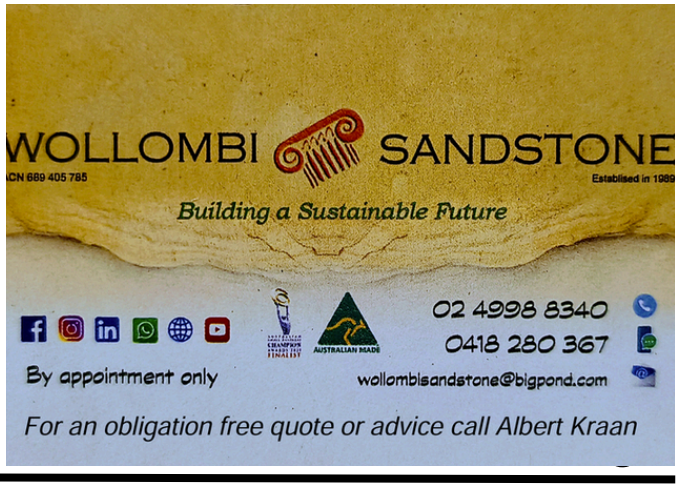
Wollombi has a new place to look at art, and it is worth a visit. Tiny Art Gallery has opened at Wollombi General Store, and it only works if people come through the door.

It is a very small room in the studio at the back of the store, set up the way many good galleries are: bare walls, good light and one artist at a time. Local artist Polina Karuso is the curator, and she is also the first artist to show.

Her exhibition, Wollombi Faces and Places, is on now. It is dozens of quick portraits of local residents on beer coasters kindly donated by Wollombi Tavern. The portraits are small, but they are full of personality, and they celebrate the quirky, colourful characters who make the valley what it is. You may well recognise a face or two. You might even find yourself on the wall.
[Visitors can also have a go at the guessing competition: work out who a local person in the exhibition is, and win a prize.

This is only the beginning. From the new year the gallery plans to show a different artist each month, with each show hanging for about three weeks. Polina chooses the work, by invitation or submission, and quality is the test, not postcode, so artists can come from the Valley, Newcastle, the Blue Mountains or further away.

So please come and see this first exhibition, bring a friend, and come back for the next one. A good gallery adds one more stop to the art trail and one more reason to spend the day in the village.
Tiny Art Gallery, Wollombi General Store, Wollombi



Wollombi Valley Arts Council Inc.

What's on at The Wollombi Cultural Centre

October – November 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

SUSANNA CHEN CHOW Exhibition 'AN ARTISTIC JOURNEY'

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



JODIE USHER 'A CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIAN BIRDLIFE'

30 October – 8 November

Open Thurs. - Sun. 10am – 4pm

You are invited to join Jodie at her exhibition opening from 5 – 7pm on Friday 30 October
Jodie would like to warmly welcome you to her 3rd solo exhibition in the Old Fireshed Gallery.

She has been continuing her exploration of oil on linen to represent our beautiful local native birds and has many new pieces both on linen and canvas to share with you, as well as selected drawings, calendars and limited-edition prints.



2026 EXHIBITIONS in the OLD FIRESHED GALLERY

Susanna Chen Chow: 16 - 25 Oct
Jodie Usher: 30 Oct - 8 Nov
Glenda Mellows: 14 - 29 Nov
The Artists Market: 5 Dec - 3 Jan 2027
LIFE DRAWING: October 28, November 11. Phone Michael on 0468730955

THE LITTLE YENGO GALLERY

The Little Yengo Gallery was built and is maintained and run by volunteers to celebrate the rich Aboriginal history and culture of Wollombi and surrounding areas. The non-profit gallery displays an extensive range of Aboriginal paintings, artworks and artefacts. The proceeds from the sale of the works, minus a small administrative fee, go directly to the artists.

Wollombi means 'meeting place', our totem is the waterhen. Please come and learn the waterhen story and meet the artists. New volunteers and artists are welcome. If you have been disappointed to find the Little Yengo Gallery closed recently, please consider becoming a volunteer. We would love to hear from you!
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WOLLOMBI GARDEN CLUB

Stories and photos highlighting kindness,sharing and all things garden!

This month we ventured out to Cedar Creek Flower Farm. We were met by our hosts Belinda & Ryan, a lovely young couple, who welcomed us to their Farm.

They are so enthusiastic and have achieved so much in their two years there. We set up at the picnic tables and Belinda talked us through their completed projects & their plans of expansion for the future. Even though it is between seasons for the flowers the property is beautiful & a credit to them both. We can't wait to go back for flower picking.

It was also special to have all 3 of the Group's co-ordinators, over the past 30 years, there together - Sandy, Marilyn & Judy.

Next month, Monday 2nd Nov @ 5.00pm, we are going to AJ's garden in Wollombi.

If you would like to join our group or Host a garden visit please contact me via email or phone.

Judy Zieren
Wollombi Garden Group Co-ordinator

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Laguna Public School Community News

Laguna Public School has hit the ground running as we head into Term 4, with plenty of excitement, opportunities and celebrations ahead! We are kicking off the term with our talented relay team heading to State Athletics, and we wish our students the very best of luck. The whole Laguna community will be cheering them on!

Back at school, there is lots happening as we begin preparing for our much-loved Presentation Night. It is always a special opportunity to celebrate the growth, achievements and wonderful learning experiences of our students throughout the year.

Looking back on last term, we also enjoyed a fantastic Book Week celebration, filled with imagination, creativity and a love of reading. It was wonderful to see such an outstanding turnout from our community, with families coming together to celebrate the magic of books and learning. These moments remind us just how special our little school is and how much our community values being part of our students' learning journey. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the celebration so memorable!

Our students also absolutely loved their involvement in *Sculpture in the Vineyards*. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore creativity, art and our local community in such an authentic and engaging way. A very special thank you to the wonderful ladies who welcomed our students, shared their knowledge and passion, and guided them through an inspiring learning experience and tour of the sculptures. These opportunities create such meaningful connections for our students, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and care you shared with us.

At Laguna, we are so fortunate to be part of a community that continues to support, inspire and enrich the learning of our students. We look forward to a wonderful final term filled with learning, laughter, celebration and plenty of opportunities to shine.

Lovin' Learning at Laguna!





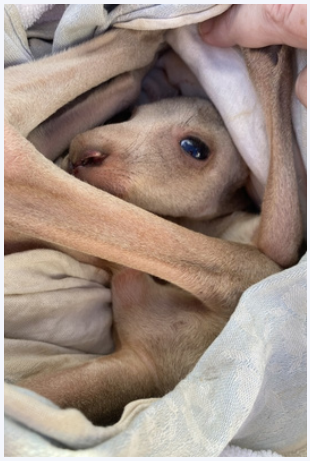
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Meet "Steve" he is now an orphan.

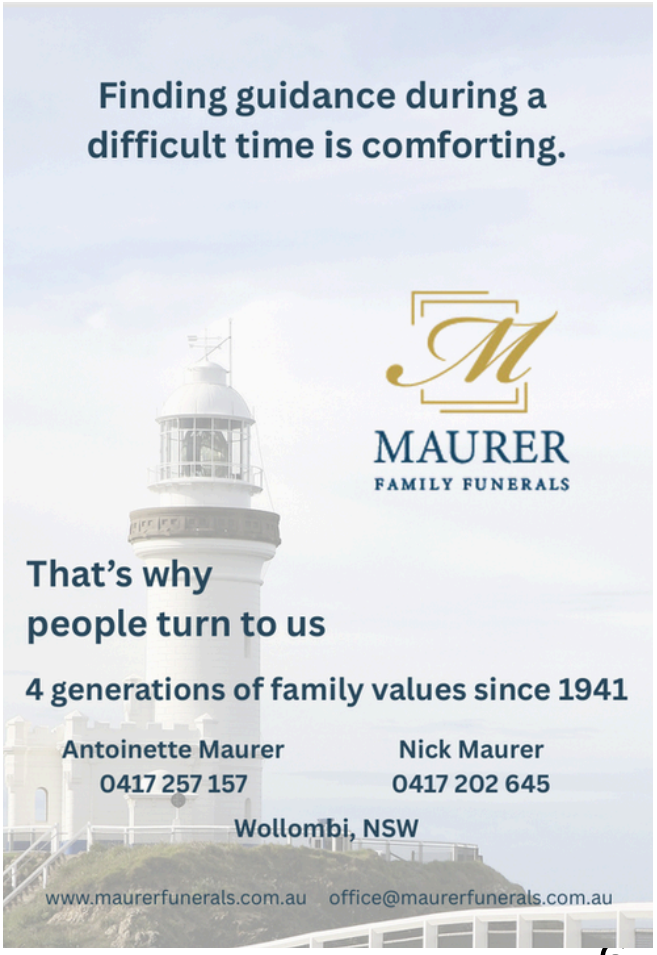
With the continued dry weather wallaby's, wombats and roos are venturing close to the road verge for feed. Sadly many are hit and don't survive.

This is what happened the other day near the millpond in Wollombi when a car ahead hit a roo, the little joey was thrown from her mums pouch dazed but relatively unharmed, the mum was not so lucky.



The next car that pulled up were wildlife rescuers who knew exactly what to do. I owe them a huge thank you, and all the people who stopped to help.

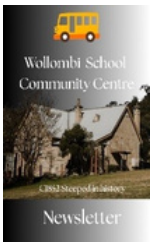
Sally and Steve Sullivan



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

Memories and Milestones - Family History Weekend

A Living Connection to Our Past



Wollombi School welcomed three special visitors recently when **Ray Crane**, his sister **Janis**, and former student **Phil Crump** returned to share their memories.

Ray and Janis sat together in the old school kitchen, recalling their childhood years living on site while their father served as principal.

Their stories brought a wonderful sense of history back into the building, reminding us how deeply the school is woven into the lives of families who have lived and learned here.



Phil Crump was also interviewed on the day, adding his recollections to those already shared by other former students. Together, Ray, Janis and Phil spoke of many shared experiences, along with the individual details each remembered from their time at the school. The day was filmed with the professional support of valley resident **Ken Martin**, and the footage will be shared once editing is complete and more stories are gathered.

These personal histories flowed beautifully into the **Family History Weekend**, held on 19–20 September — an event that continues despite the recent passing of our much loved genealogist **Jennifer Burgess** on 29 August 2026.

Jennifer was the guiding mind behind the Wollombi, Yarramalong and Mangrove Mountain family history group, and her legacy was felt strongly throughout the weekend.



Visitors travelled from **Melbourne, Ballina, Sydney, the Central Coast, Tea Gardens and Karuah**, representing an extraordinary range of families connected to the district: **Woodbury/Everingham, Singleton/Bellamy, O'Brien, Shields, Vale, Sylvester, Porter, Moore, Jackson, McDonald, Mitchell, Craft, Bailey, Walton, Harris, Wells, Crump, Thompson**, and the **Goodwin girls**.

One of the most interesting confirmations of the weekend was the story of **baby Bellamy**, the first interment in our Centenary Cemetery across the road from Wollombi School. The Bellamy family also holds the distinction of the **first marriage** in St John's Church in March 1859, shortly after its consecration in February 1859, as well as the **first recorded baptism**.



Thanks to the online databases at Newcastle University, visitors eagerly scrolled through records, uncovering new links and longawaited connections. A notable discovery was the confirmation of the **Sylvester and Cagney** reading, and a delightful local revelation: longtime resident **Maureen Hayes** is **Suzanne Ryan's fourth cousin**, both descended from the same 3× greatgrandmother **Norah Foley**, who married **Timothy Egan (known as Bryan)** and later **Edward Reading** of Upper Yango.



The weekend was a rich tapestry of shared stories, rediscovered connections, and heartfelt appreciation for the families who shaped the Wollombi district — past and present.

Together these moments reflect the rich history and enduring community spirit that continue to shape Wollombi School Community Centre.

Clayton Barr NSW Stat
e Member for Cessnock, visits WSCC



Another moment of significance was captured when **Clayton Barr NSW State Member for the Electorate of Cessnock**, visited the school to raise the **NSW flag**, marking an important occasion for the WSCC. This visit highlighted his ongoing relationship and interest in the site, honouring its heritage and the people who continue to support it.

Beginners Mosaicking Classes at Wollombi School Come and join **Wendy and Liz** for a fun, creative introduction to mosaicking — a technique that can brighten any space in your home, from walls and planter pots to tables or even a new house sign. The possibilities are endless. **Where:** Wollombi School Art Studio **When:** 10:30am, Monday 19 October 2026 **Cost: Free** — all materials provided for the first introductory lesson. Bookings call WENDY 0407 951 798 or email via website **www.wollombischool.com.au**



Wollombi Valley Pony Club

We are incredibly proud of two of our members who recently competed at the **Denman Pony Club One Day Event**. Riders were challenged across three phases: dressage, showjumping and cross country.

Giselle and Splash had a fantastic weekend, finishing with a championship! Congratulations to them both on a wonderful achievement. We also congratulate **Scarlett and Tessa's Little Tulip**, who completed all three phases extremely well. We love seeing our riders getting out there, challenging themselves and representing our club!

Back at home, our usual rally day was full of activity, with plenty of riders working on their flatwork, enjoying sporting activities and practicing their showjumping and cross country. There was something for everyone, with riders of all ages and abilities making the most of the day.

One of the things we love most about our club is the wonderful mix of members, from our very youngest riders to those who are a little more experienced in life! With ponies and horses to match, there is always something to learn, new friendships to make and plenty of fun to be had.

As we head towards the end of another year, our **Annual General Meeting will be held on 29 November**. At the AGM, all committee positions will be declared open.











Greater Wollombi Valley Community Resilience Network

A Fabulous Boot Sale at the Laguna Village Green!



Forty cars and utes participated in the Boot Sale on Sunday, July 26, which ran from 10am to 1pm. Everything from antiques to crockery to plants, books, clothes for all ages, produce, toys, bed linens, safety equipment for protection during bushfire season, tools, you name it, were for sale! Lots of negotiating, swapping, buying and selling accompanied laughter, bargains and delight as friends caught up with one another. Funds raised from Boot Sale registrations and the sausage sizzle went to Laguna School.

Many thanks to all who organised it so well, planned and prepared the field to make everyone safe...Suzanne, Fiona, Seb, Richard, Ken, Jonathon Marsh; to Steph and Rode for bringing Cherry Highway; and to the Forsyth Family Trust for their extraordinary support in helping make this event happen.

Due to popular demand, planning is underway for two Boot Sales next year: April/May and August/September. Get in touch if you have ideas and would like to be involved: info@greaterwollombiresilience.org.au

In the meantime, come along to the Growers Market on Saturday, November 7, from 9am-12noon at the Laguna Village Green. Bring your produce, plants, veggies, fruit, herbs, flowers, eggs, whatever, to sell or swap. Growers please register, further details will be provided prior to the event. The $10 grower registration fee helps these events become self-sustaining.
https://events.humanitix.com/greater-wollombi-valley-growers-market

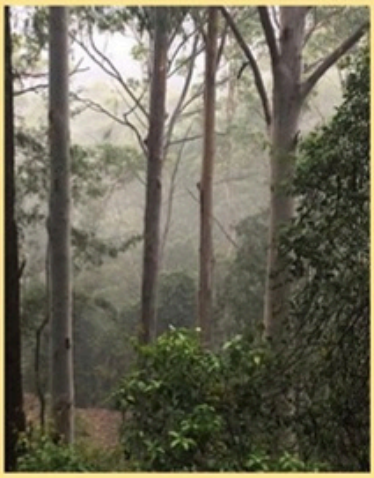
Not selling produce? Come browse (no entrance fee), eat and take home goodies, catch up with neighbours and friends, enjoy time out on the Green.

See our updates in OON!

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WOLLOMBI TENNIS CLUB

Pickleball - we had a fabulous session of Pickleball on Saturday 10th October and looking to organise another session on the weekend of November 21st/22nd November. Further information will be sent out and posted on Community Facebook pages once we have firmed up the day & time.

Tennis - regular adult social tennis play continues on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings, depending on weather and numbers available. Please contact Julia 0403 500 381 if you would like to be put onto the message group for when play is on.

Card night: If you can, or have played, 500 we would love you to join us the last Monday of the month. Please contact Jan 0439 988 276 or Julia to be added to the message group for when card night is on.

Save the date: Tennis Club Christmas Party - Friday 4th December. Invites will be sent out to members and friends.







Season of the Witch is a no-holds-barred spectacle of wrongness, excess and erotic absurdity. Its characters are strange, its imagery outrageous, and its humour gloriously unrestrained. Beneath the costumes, masks and bodily contortions lies a celebration of the things we repress, the stories we share and the freedom that becomes possible when we stop taking ourselves quite so seriously.
The show reminds us that theatre can be more than a polished performance delivered to a passive audience. It can be an encounter, a provocation, a collective release — a spell that continues working long after the final curtain.
Smile. You are in for a treat. And if you find yourself thinking about witches, crows, velvet or a naked warlock weeks later, don't say you weren't warned. **The spell has already been cast.**
Nicole Esplin.

Our next show is at The Full Throttle Ranch in Kurri Kurri October 29. I thought we might get a few locals along who missed it.



Wollombi Valley Landcare Group Inc.

What's In Blossom?

This month in our valley the native pill flower, Ozothamnus diosmifolius is in blossom. Sometimes called the Rice Flower, Sago Bush or White Dogwood, it is a common, upright, much-branched shrub to 2m, with woody stems. The flower heads look like handfuls of white pills or rice. It is endemic to Eastern Australia and widely distributed throughout NSW and Queensland. Stringybark trees are finishing their blossoming, to the dismay of many parrots. Hillsides are drying out: Watering and mulching are top priority jobs in the garden this spring. Also constructing shelters with 35mm openings and placing them low down approx 50cm to 1m off the ground in shrubs will help protect small birds from thunderstorms and hail that usually arrive in November.

Keep your eye out for the rare spring visitors of dusky wood swallows and dollarbirds. If you have callistemons the blossoms are attracting hungry honeyeaters: check for both the white-cheeked honeyeater and the New Holland.

On 6th October a small group of Landcare volunteers released the wandering trad (Tradescantia fluminensis) biocontrol agent, Kordyana brasiliensis, at two sites along the Wollombi walking trail. The fungus spores from the infected stems will disperse to neighbouring healthy trad plants.

Wollombi Landcare received via mail over 100 infected trad stems from the CSIRO as part of their Stage 4 Environmental Weed Biocontrol Pipeline Program, funded by the NSW government through its Environmental Trust. Landcare will monitor the spread of the fungus. For more information on trad biocontrol agent, please visit: https://research.csiro.au/wandering-trad/current-research/









Wollombi Valley Tree Services





Wollombi of Old

WOLLOMBI. November 1893.

On Monday, the 19th instant about eleven p.m., our usually quiet town was thrown into a state of excitement from the report of a revolver, and from a further report that one of its peaceable inhabitants had been shot by a trooper in the vicinity of the Wesleyan Chapel ground. It appears, from what I can glean, that some person wanted to effect an entrance into the store of Miss Lynch, when she raised an alarm, and her next door neighbour informed the police, when the sergeant took the main street down, and the other trooper, with the person who gave them the information, took another direction, all inclining to one point, and the valiant sergeant, seeing two men running, called upon them to stand. " All right," replied one of the challenged men, " Don't fire," sang out the other, but to the utter amazement of our townsman, bang went the revolver and very fortunate for all parties concerned that no one was shot, considering the place where it happened, as I believe there had been a class meeting amongst a good assembly of the Wesleyans that night, and some were catching their horses and others saddling. I have been waiting ever since to hear of some explanation to this wonderful
affair but it seems to have died a natural and lingering death, as all these nine-day wonders do.

The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser.
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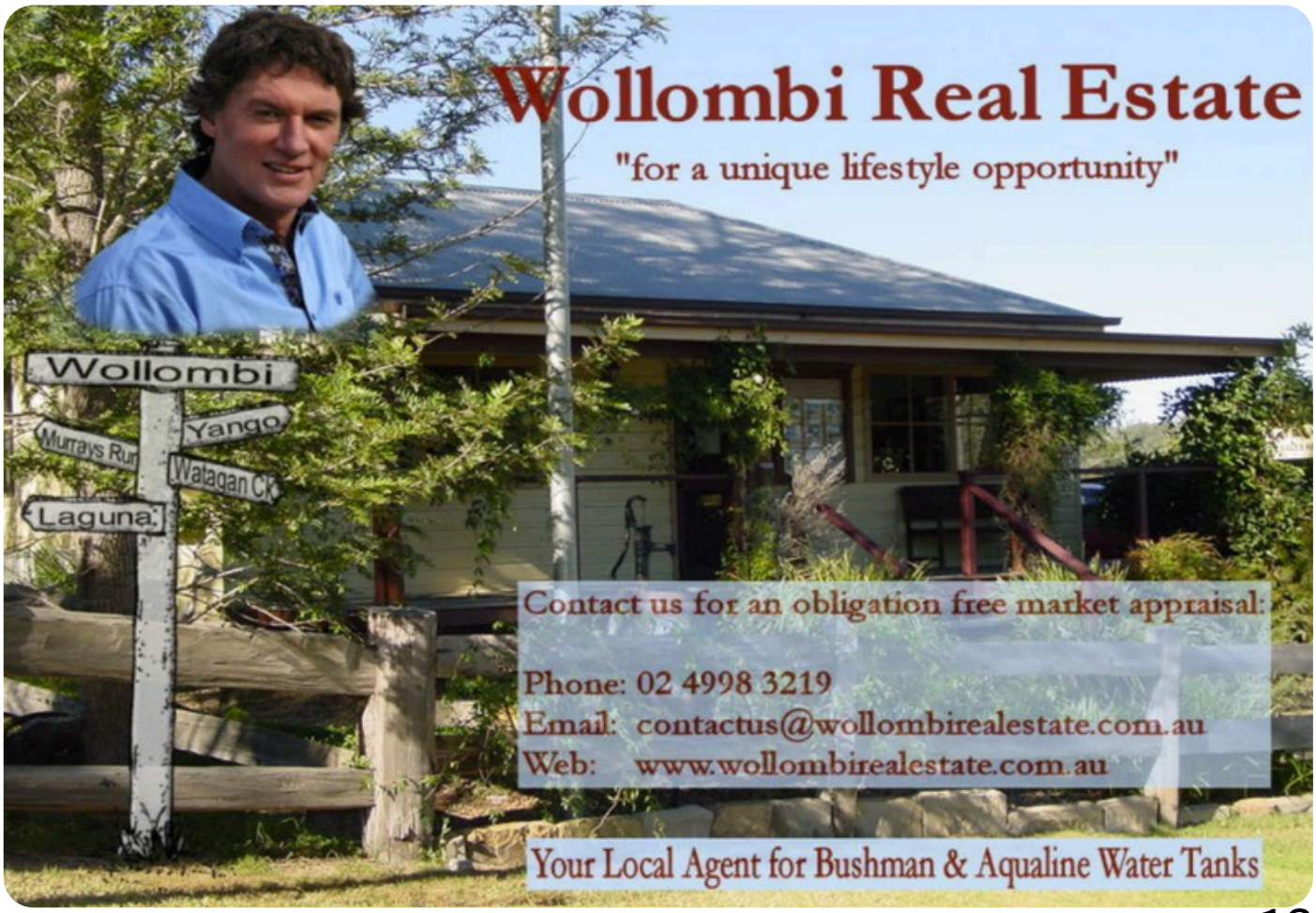
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Council Notifications which may be of interest to the community

MAYORAL COLUMN

It was great to recently have eight Cessnock LGA Youth Ambassadors join me in the Council Chamber to discuss some important issues. The 'Grill The Mayor' session was a chance for these young leaders to gather around the horseshoe and ask questions about what matters to them and their peers. Civic leadership, transport connectivity, how Council and young people engage with each other, local opportunities for young people, and the way social media has changed the youth experience over time were among the many topics of discussion – as well as roads, housing affordability, and how to prepare to be an elected representative.

Young members of our community are not just leaders of the future, but important voices that deserve to be heard now. I was delighted by the level of engagement, community-mindedness, and thoughtfulness evident in our Youth Ambassadors, and I congratulate them on their conduct at the event. Having young leaders like these in our community is a real positive for this region's future.

Meanwhile, it was my pleasure to welcome 59 people from across the globe who officially became Australian citizens at a ceremony at Performance Arts Culture Cessnock last month. Council holds citizenship ceremonies three times a year, and it's always a thrill to meet people who have made this country home and hear firsthand what Australian citizenship means to them.

In the lead-up to the ceremony, we shared the story of Cessnock LGA resident Victor Pepple, who was in the most recent cohort. Mr Pepple moved to Australia from Nigeria a decade ago and has built a successful life down-under – he is now a qualified and experienced engineer working as an environmental advisor in the Hunter mining sector. If you haven't heard Victor's take on becoming an Australian citizen, I'd encourage you to watch the reel on Council's Facebook page. Congratulations to all our new citizens and I look forward to meeting the next group on Australia Day.

Finally, I encourage readers to get involved with the development of the Cessnock Community Resilience Plan. From now until December, Cessnock LGA residents can highlight how we can strengthen community connections, capacity, and preparedness for natural hazards and disasters.

Unfortunately, natural hazards are a fact of life. But the development of this plan aims to make our community safer, stronger, more prepared, and more resilient. We want to hear about at-risk areas and ideas for disaster prevention, as well as stories and photos related to local natural hazards to help inform this plan. Visit the Together Cessnock website to submit your feedback, where you'll also find a mapping tool to log areas of concern.

Cessnock community comes together for Christmas Appeal

Residents across the Cessnock LGA are encouraged to embrace the spirit of giving this festive season by donating to Council's annual Christmas Appeal.
From now until Friday 4 December 2026, donations of non-perishable food and new toys can be left under the Christmas banner in the customer service area at Council's Administration Building on Vincent Street, Cessnock.

All donations will remain local, with eight not-for-profit community organisations signed on to distribute the items to those in need across the Cessnock LGA.

The organisations partnering with Council for this year's Christmas Appeal are:

- Carries Place
- Cessnock Family Support Service Inc
- Got Your Back Sista
- Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation
- Rotary Club of Cessnock
- Samaritans
- We Care Connect
- We Help Ourselves

Cessnock City Deputy Mayor Sarah Pascoe said Christmas could be a difficult time for many people.
"Christmas can place extra pressure on individuals and families already doing it tough, and even a small donation can have a big impact," said Deputy Mayor Pascoe.
"I encourage our community to get behind this wonderful initiative and help bring some joy and relief to those who need it most."
General Manager Natalia Cowley said the annual appeal reflected the generosity and compassion that define the Cessnock community.
"Year after year, our community shows an incredible willingness to support one another, and the Christmas Appeal is a great example of that spirit in action," said Ms Cowley.
"We're proud to partner with local organisations that work tirelessly to support people in need and help ensure more families can enjoy a brighter Christmas."
For health and safety reasons, Council can only accept brand new items that have not been wrapped. Visit Council's Administration Building at 62-78 Vincent Street, Cessnock, to donate to the Christmas Appeal.

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 months.

Contact: for details and meetings
secretary@wollombivalleytourism.com.au

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Fire Brigade - Laguna

Training 3 Saturday ofthe 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 3Saturdaymonthly 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@lowerhunterrfs.com.au

Garden Group
1st Monday monthly.
Contact: Judy Zieren 0405-281 845

Conversations en francais a' Wollombi
Rencontres detendues pour ceux quiveulent parler francais a Wollombi. Nous nous reunissons les samedis une fois par mois vers 17 heures chez des particuliers. On discute l'art, l'historie, la politique, la France – avec un bon vin et fromage bien sur.
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&JoPotter
Ph: 0411 357 519

Museum – Wollombi
6pmsummer– 5pmwinter, 1st Wednesday monthly except January,
Wollombi Cultural Centre
Contact: David Roache 0400 330 760
Or Lindsay Self 0491 239 589

Pony Club – Wollombi Valley
Every3 weeks contactPresident Simone
02-4998 8214 for details

Playgroup (all kids 5 and under welcome)
9.00am-12nooneveryWednesdayatSlacksPark
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 the 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 2nd 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 7:30-8:30amVinyasa
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

Tabitha Hill Cottage	0429 657 166

Laguna

Byora Farm House	02 4998 8227
Ipakey Cottage	02 4998 3219
Kalawang Studio -Bucketty/Murrays Run	0404 896 396
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	0478 712 613
The Trading Post, Laguna	02 4998 8244
Musgrove Real Estate	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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