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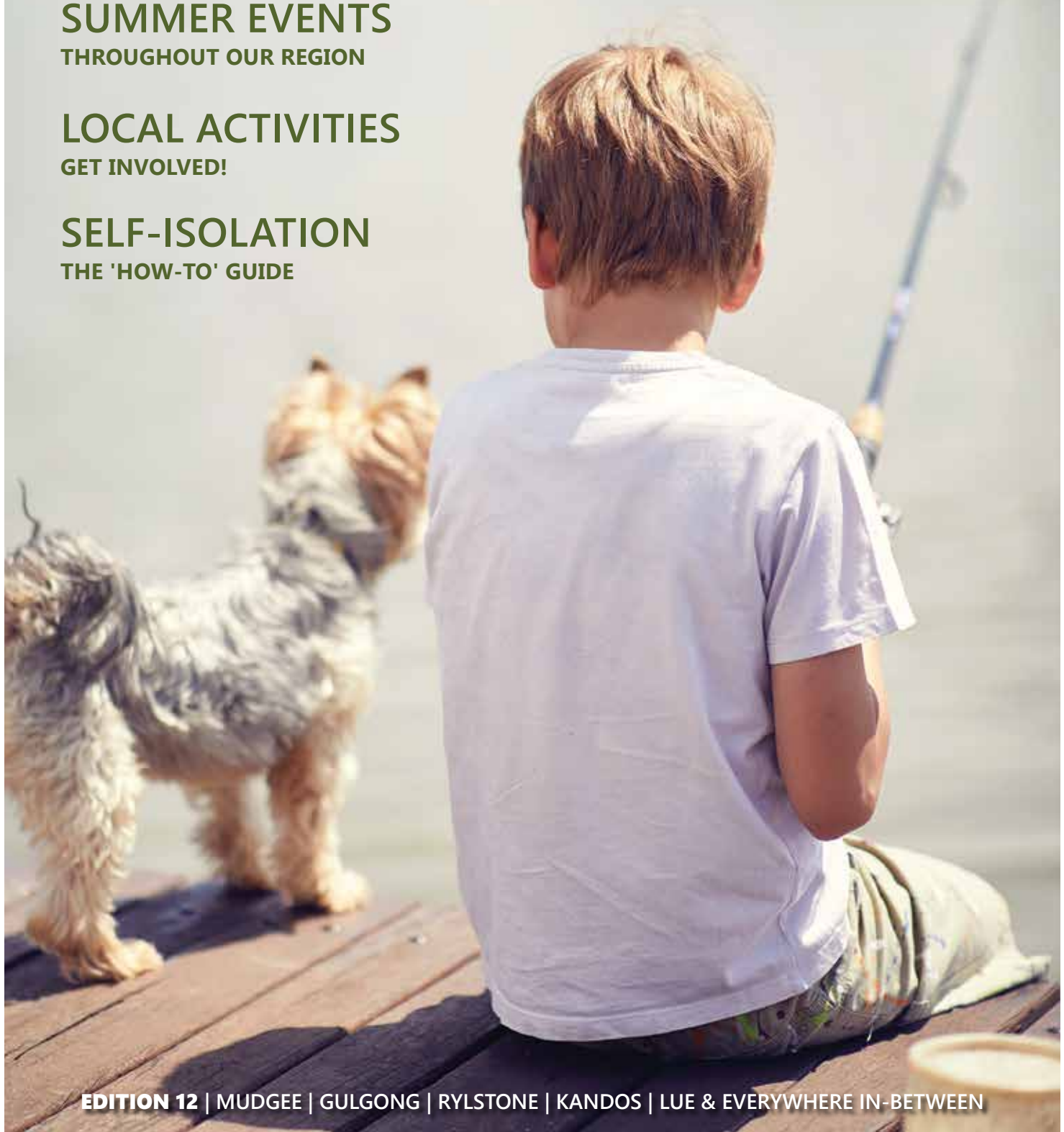
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Dear Sally

Your commonly asked legal questions answered

I am recently separated from my partner and in the process of getting a divorce. Is it necessary for me to review my Will at this stage?

When you separate from your partner, but are not yet divorced, your domestic status does not affect your Will. So, if you no longer wish to leave your assets and belongings to your ex-partner, then the answer is YES, you should change your Will and, if applicable, revoke the Power of Attorney that you may have put in place as your former partner.

If you don't change your Will, and you pass away before you are divorced, your ex-partner will stay the beneficiary of those assets. Additionally, if they were named as the Executor, they would retain this role.

We would therefore recommend that it is wise to review your estate plan if you are recently separated.

As every individual circumstance is different, SCL is unable to provide specific advice here. This information is of a general nature, and you may wish to seek legal or professional advice.



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Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the 12th edition of the Mid-Western Mail and our first publication for 2022.

I sincerely hope you have had a happy and healthy start to the year but if not (like many) and you are having to self-isolate please take a moment to look at our tips on pages 10 - 11 to keep yourself, family and friends as physically and mentally safe as possible. And whilst you wait to be up and out again, we have lots of regional events, clubs and activities ideas in this edition you may wish to become involved with. February also sees the start of the Chinese New Year and this year it is the Year of the Tiger. Why not have a little fun and look up which Chinese zodiac animal you are on page 8. As always, a huge thank you goes to our February advertisers – without you this publication would not be possible. Thank you also to our contributors with their interesting and diverse variety of articles.

If you wish to advertise or share information with MWM, don't be shy! Drop me an email at mwm@businessmudgee.com.au

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Naomi x

FROM MY DESK

President of Business Mudgee,
Ali Broinowski



Firstly it's Happy New Year to locals and visitors from all of us at Business Mudgee and MWM.

2022 has started in a way we least expected, with Covid-19 still impacting our businesses, schools and community at large. Please continue to stay safe and patient as things change constantly and supply chains and staffing in businesses are both impacted.

We are so fortunate that our region continues to attract visitors who have a positive impact on our local economy. Our cafes and restaurants remain busy, and cellar doors continue to attract high numbers of visitors everyday of the week.

Visitors have expressed frustration with the small number of dining and shopping options on Sundays, so if you are thinking about expanding your trading hours to service the demand - 2022 is the year for it.

Thanks for your support of MWM and we look forward to a busy year ahead, bringing news and community information each month.

The Mid-Western Mail acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional Custodians of the Country upon which we live, learn and work. We honour their Ancestors and pay our deepest respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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REGIONAL INFORMATION

AVERAGES IN FEBRUARY

LOCAL LISTEN

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Temperature High: 28°C

Mudgee/Gulgong 93.1 FM

midwestern.nsw.gov.au

Temperature Low: 15°C

Rylstone/Kandos 97.9 FM

businessmudgee.com.au

Rainfall: 99mm

Mudgee/Gulgong MAGIC 87.6 FM

gulgong.com.au

rylstonekandos.com

WE LOVE FEEDBACK

MWM Reader

"A quick note of thanks for putting together the excellent MWM publication. I grabbed a copy from the front counter at work, expecting it to be the usual advertising rag for the wineries and AirBns. I was pleasantly surprised to find it full of news and information about the people, culture and services in our local community - I learnt more about our local region in MWM than I have from all the tourism and council publications put together! When you actually live here, it's easy to get busy with everyday life and miss some the wonderful things we have, so I thank you for showcasing it in this quality magazine."

- Kayla Abbey

Mudgee Valley Writers

"MWM has been a great help to our Mudgee Valley Writers group in promoting the recent Norman McVicker Literary Award. Thank you Naomi and MWM. Offering to publish local writing is such an incentive and added to the excitement for our entrants."

- Jill Baggett

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MWM is a not-for-profit community magazine covering Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone, Kandos, Lue & everywhere in-between. It is FREE for the local community and visitors alike and showcases local events, workshops, activities, community stories, businesses and services.

If you would like to support community news by advertising with us, contributing a story or providing information please email Naomi at:

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FEBRUARY

EVENTS THROUGHOUT OUR REGION IN FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY

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FEBRUARY

Linda Jackson (AO) Retreat, Regeneration, Reflection exhibition, Mudgee Arts Precinct. See page 7

1 - 27 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Classic Early Bird Registration open See page X

1 FEBRUARY

Gulgong Holtermann Museum (open daily 10am-3pm) See page X

1 FEBRUARY

Cudgegong Camera Club meeting, Club Mudgee (1st Tuesday of every month 7pm)

1 FEBRUARY

The Man Walk, Lawson Park (every Tuesday 6pm)

1 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Library Evening Book Group (1st Tuesday of every month 6pm-7pm)

1 FEBRUARY

Pottery Classes, Brett Niven Ceramics, Mudgee (Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-8.30pm)

1 FEBRUARY

Cheese Tasting (free), High Valley Cheese (daily 10am-4pm)

2 FEBRUARY

Chinese New Year See page X

2 FEBRUARY

Gulgong Men's Shed meet (every Wednesday 9am)

3 FEBRUARY

Red Hatter Ladies meet (every Thursday) See page X

3 FEBRUARY

'Books that Made Us' Book Group, Mudgee Library (1st Thursday of every month 6pm)

3 FEBRUARY

Craft Group, Kandos Returned Services Community Club (every Thursday 11am)

3 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Cocktail Bar, Balcony Bar, upstairs at Kelly's Irish Pub (every Thursday 6-9pm / Friday & Saturday 4pm-late)

4 FEBRUARY

Cudgegong Valley History Group, Henbury Golf Club, Kandos (1st Friday of every month 11am-3pm)

4 FEBRUARY

'Publicans Shout' Centennial Pub, Gulgong (a free beer every Friday 6pm)

4 FEBRUARY

Almost Anything Emporium, Rylstone (every Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10am-3pm)

4 - 6 FEBRUARY

Town Hall Cinema, Mudgee (first weekend of every month)

West Side Story (M)

Friday 4 February 7pm

Saturday 5 February 3pm

Saturday 5 February 7.30pm

Sunday 6 February 4.30pm

Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG)

Saturday 5 February 11am

Sunday 6 February 11am

Sunday 6 February 2pm

5 FEBRUARY

Cinema Under the Stars, Mudgee Showground **Tom & Jerry (G)** (5.30pm)

5 FEBRUARY

Live Rock Cover Band, Kelly's Irish Pub (every Saturday from 9pm-1am)

5 FEBRUARY

Park Run (every Saturday 8am)

5 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Heritage Walking Tours (every Saturday 10-11am)

5 FEBRUARY

Makers Market, Robertson Park, Mudgee (1st Saturday of every month 9.30am-1.30pm)

5 FEBRUARY

Church Markets, St Johns Anglican Church grounds (1st Saturday of every month 9am-1pm)

6 & 9 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Gulgong Wolves Soccer Junior Rep Trials, Glenn Willow, Mudgee See page X

7 FEBRUARY

Writing Circle, Mudgee Library (every Monday 1pm-3.30pm)

7 FEBRUARY

Henry Lawson Festival Committee meeting, new members welcome (Henry Lawson Centre, Gulgong 6pm)

7 FEBRUARY

Monday History Talk: Discover your family history with The Historical Land Records, Mudgee Library (10.15am) See pg X

7 FEBRUARY

Tea Cosies Book Club, Book Nest, Mudgee (1st Monday of every month 10am)

8 FEBRUARY

Book Nest Wine Club, Mudgee (2nd or 3rd Tuesday of every month 7pm)

8 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Valley Writers meeting, Club Mudgee (2nd Tuesday of every month - 12.00pm-3pm)

9 FEBRUARY

People Leadership Series, 2 hour workshop run by Business Mudgee & CED, Mudgee Business Park (12pm-2pm)

9 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Library Intermediate/Advanced Junior Chess Club, ages 6-14 (2nd Wednesday of the month 4.30pm-5.30pm)

9 FEBRUARY

Nerd Book Club, Book Nest, Mudgee (2nd Wednesday of every month 4-5pm)

10 FEBRUARY

Folk Session, Centennial Pub, Gulgong (2nd Thursday of every month 6pm-late)

10 FEBRUARY

Seniors Meeting, Kandos Returned Services Community Club (2nd Thursday of every month 2pm)

10 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Library Afternoon Book Group (2nd Thursday of every month 2.30pm)

12 FEBRUARY

Dunedoo Show, Duneedoo Showground

12 FEBRUARY

Rylstone Artisan & Produce Markets, Rylstone Memorial Hall (2nd Saturday of every month 9am-1pm)

12 FEBRUARY

Lawson Park Markets, Mudgee (2nd Saturday of every month 8.30am-12.30pm)

12-13 FEBRUARY

Kidney Kar Rally (dinner and rally)
Parklands, Mudgee

13 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Miniature Railway (2nd Sunday of every month 10am-2pm)

14 FEBRUARY

Valentines Day

14 FEBRUARY

Adventure Club 8-12yrs, Book Club,
Book Nest (2nd Monday of every month 4-5pm)

16 FEBRUARY

Online Book Group, Mid-Western Libraries (3rd Wednesday of every month 7pm via Zoom) See page X

16 & 23 FEBRUARY

Riding for the Disabled Information Days, Mudgee See page X

17 FEBRUARY

Poetry Circle, Mudgee Library (3rd Monday of every month from 10am-12pm)

17 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Library Adult Chess Club (3rd Thursday of every month 5.30pm-6.30pm)

17 FEBRUARY

Gulgong Hospital Auxiliary meeting, Gulgong MPS, new members welcome (3rd Thursday of every month 2pm)

18 & 19 FEBRUARY

Gulgong Show, Gulgong Showground
See page X

19 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Farmers Markets, Robertson Park (3rd Saturday of every month 8.30am-12.30pm)

19 FEBRUARY

Farewell to Jubilee, Clubhouse, Denison Street (6pm-11pm)

20 FEBRUARY

Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club training classes, Victoria Park, Gulgong (every Sunday 10am)

20 FEBRUARY

The Rylstone Community Markets, Rylstone, The Globe beer garden (3rd Sunday of every month 10am-1pm)

20 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Farm Walks (3rd Sunday of every month 9am-12pm)

20 FEBRUARY

Third Sunday Yarn Therapy, Makers Space, Dunedoo (3rd Sunday of every month 10am)

21 FEBRUARY

Poetry Circle, Mudgee Library (3rd Monday of every month 10am-12pm)

21 FEBRUARY

Gulgong & Mudgee Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association meeting, Gulgong Bowling Club 2pm

22 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Tourism AGM

23 FEBRUARY

Mudgee Library Beginners Junior Chess Club, ages 6-14 (4th Wednesday of every month 4.30pm-5.30pm)

23 FEBRUARY

Cudgegong Poets, The Book Nest, Mudgee (4th Wednesday of every month 6.30pm)

25 FEBRUARY

Friday Ribs Night, Kelly's Irish Pub (every Friday)

26 FEBRUARY

2022 Charity Shield, South Sydney Rabbitohs vs St George Illawarra Dragons (Glen Willow Stadium, Mudgee 7pm) See page X

26 FEBRUARY

Rylstone-Kandos Show, Rylstone Showground

27 FEBRUARY

Newhaven Park Country Championships, Mudgee Racecourse

Don't Forget... DINE & DISCOVER NSW

The NSW Government's Dine & Discover NSW is encouraging the community to support dining, arts and recreation businesses. NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for 4 x \$25 vouchers, worth \$100 in total.

2 x \$25 Dine NSW Vouchers to be used for dining in at restaurants, cafés, bars, wineries, pubs and clubs or for takeaway meals.

2 x \$25 Discover NSW Vouchers to be used for entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues.

The vouchers:

- can be used 7 days a week, including public holidays
- can be used at participating NSW businesses that are registered as COVID Safe
- are valid to 30 June 2022.

Apply for your vouchers online at www.service.nsw.gov.au or call **13 77 88**

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Gulgong

Holtermann Museum
Gulgong RSL Club

Kandos

Kandos Museum

PARTICIPATING DINE BUSINESSES IN OUR REGION

Mudgee

Lawson Park Hotel
Oriental Hotel
The Woolpack Hotel
Court House Hotel
Smokin Bro & Co.
McDonalds
Quick Brown Fox Cafe
Outside the Square Café
Parklands Resort & Conference Centre
The Mudgee Brewing Company
Palate Restaurant
KFC
Artisan 2850 Café
Subway
Alby & Esthers
Kelly's Irish Pub
Club Mudgee
Eltons Cafe
Paragon Hotel
Kai Sun Restaurant

Golden Dragon

Café 89
The Parking Lot Café
Muffin Break
The Winning Post Motel

Gulgong

Post Office Hotel
Prince of Wales Hotel
Centennial Hotel
Gulgong RSL Club
Gulgong Bowling & Sporting Club
Phoebes Restaurant
Thai to You

Rylstone

Pepino's Mexican Restaurant
The Rylstone Club
Rylstone Hotel

Lue

The Lue Hotel

What's happening in the wonderful world of Birds and Wildlife in our region!

An AUSTRALIAN PELICAN spotted at Putta Bucca Wetlands is an uncommon sight in inland Australia. However, the wet season we are having allows Pelicans to take the opportunity to extend their feeding and breeding grounds further inland.

The bill is sensitive, and this helps locate fish in murky water. When fully extended, the bill can hold up to 13 litres! Breeding depends on environmental conditions, particularly rainfall, and begins with courtship. The female leads potential mates around the colony. The males threaten each other while swinging their open bills to attract the female's attention. Both sexes perform "pouch-rippling" in which they clap their bills shut several times a second, and the pouch ripples like a flag in a strong breeze.

Photo credit - Mark Leary



WHITE-WINGED CHOUGHS usually occur in flocks of up to 20 birds, though sometimes many more may congregate during the non-breeding season. Flocks are composed of breeding adults and non-breeding helpers and some young from earlier broods. When the chicks first leave the nest, they cannot fly and are easy prey for feral cats and foxes. The young birds can fly as strongly as their parents after another 28 days. Parties of Choughs are known to kidnap young birds from neighbouring groups. White-winged Choughs are found in open forests and woodlands. They tend to prefer the wetter areas, with lots of leaf litter, for feeding and available mud for nest building.

Photo credit - Mark Leary



GOANNAS have been sighted as the weather heats up. They radiated from the north to Africa and Australia during the Miocene epoch, around 15 million years ago and have an important place in our history and culture. They were an important traditional native food source and are commonly represented in Aboriginal Dreamtime stories.

While they may appear slow, goannas are fast runners and will sprint short distances on their hind legs – often to the safety of water or a tree. Goannas eat just about anything they can catch and swallow whole. Prey is dependent on size but includes insects, birds, eggs, small reptiles and mammals. You will often spot them hunting in trees, but they nest and sleep underground in burrows that they dig with their sharp claws.

Photo credit - Watershed Landcare

How adorable is this little EASTERN STONE GECKO found at the Gulgong Pioneers Museum, hiding under one of the machinery exhibits! The Stone Gecko is widespread in Arid parts of Australia and is nocturnal, finding shelter in depressions in the earth under rocks and logs during the day and feeding on insects during the night. They can display distinct zig-zag markings and have a cone-shaped tail used for balance, fat storage and camouflage. When threatened by one of its many predators, they will open their mouth and balance on their hind legs to appear more intimidating, with the ability to drop their tails as a last resort. Like many geckos, the Stone Gecko has no eyelids and uses its fleshy tongue to keep its pupils from drying out.



Photo credit - Scotty from the Museum

Send your bird and wildlife photos through to maddison@watershedlandcare.com.au to have them featured in next months' "Just Landed"

150th YEAR ANNIVERSARY 1872 - 2022

by Maureen Hall

It was in the winter of 1872 that Henry Beaufoy Merlin and Charles Bayliss arrived in Gulgong to take photographs of the booming gold rush. This year we celebrate the 150th year of their arrival and the beginning of Gulgong's association with their wonderful photographic history and the Holtermann Collection.

The Gulgong Holtermann Museum plans to celebrate this 150th Anniversary by sharing their new, free Interactive Street Trail in February, normally only free to all paying visitors, with those wishing to simply explore our quaint Gulgong streetscapes. The Trail will take you to some of Merlin's photographic locations in Gulgong. It also provides you with a selection of original 1872 photographs and audio and text descriptions taken from newspaper articles to support the selected photographs. Visitors can start and finish the Trail to suit themselves and will require acceptance of our Terms and Conditions to proceed.

So, if you have a smart phone and can set up the GPS settings on your device without assistance, all you

need to do is scan the Interactive Street Trail QR code on the A-Frame board located outside the Gulgong Holtermann Museum and then enter the daily access code to start the free Trail. This Trail may encourage some to return to the Gulgong Holtermann Museum



to experience the UNESCO listed Holtermann Collection photographs housed within our two State Heritage listed buildings. The unique contemporary environment is dotted throughout with interactive touchscreens which include photographs of Victoria, Sydney, Gulgong and surrounding regional towns taken in the 1870's.


If you are interested in gold rush history, photography, the wet plate Collodion process, or simply love Gulgong history, then this Museum should be on the top of your Gulgong 'to do' list.

Look out for this month's sale item, the official Gulgong Holtermann Museum Booklet, *Lens on the Goldfield*. This booklet is a unique way to take home a special slice of our Gulgong History.

OPEN DAILY 10am to 3pm

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PHOTOGRAPHS BY LINDA JACKSON AO, AT MUDGEE ARTS PRECINCT

Titled *Linda Jackson: Retreat, Regeneration, Reflection*, the exhibition documents a year of photography after the 2019/2020 Black Summer Bushfires that burnt through Jackson's Clandulla property.

Renowned in Australian art and design industries, Jackson is best known for her long-term partnership with Jenny Kee. The pair were trailblazers in the 1970s and 1980s with their iconic use of Australiana in their fashion and designs. Their partnership was recently honoured with a survey exhibition *Stepping Into Paradise* at the Powerhouse Museum and a documentary detailing their long-time creative career and friendship.

Born in 1950, Jackson grew up in Beaumaris, Melbourne surrounded by the bush, stimulating a lifelong fascination with the Australian landscape. She was introduced to photography at this time through her grandfather's darkroom and began experimenting from an early age.

Linda later trained in photography at the Prahran Technical College under cinematographer, Paul Cox. She also forged a close friendship with one of Australia's most renowned female photographers, Carol Jerrems.

This exhibition recounts a year that was difficult for many in our community, particularly those affected by the crippling drought, subsequent bushfires and later

COVID lockdowns. During this time, Jackson was able to retreat and capture almost daily photographs to detail the landscape and its gradual and inevitable recovery in the wake of the fires.

This is the first solo exhibition by Linda Jackson of her photographs. Mudgee Arts Precinct is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. Entry is free.

Linda Jackson: Retreat, Regeneration, Reflection closes 10 April. Below: *Billabong Reflections*



THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

2022 Chinese New Year will fall on 2 February.

The Chinese calendar is quite different from the Western calendar. It is based on the movements of the moon. Each month is measured by the way the moon appears to grow bigger and smaller. One month measures one whole cycle of the moon. The New Year begins with the new moon. This happens on a different date each year but is usually sometime in late January or early February.

As in the Western calendar, there are 12 months in the year, but there are also 12 years in the Chinese calendar cycle. Each year is named after a different animal and each animal comes around in turn, once every 12 years. Several different stories explain how the 12 animals were chosen for the calendar. The ancient legend is of The Great Race ordered by the Jade Emperor, the King of Heaven.

THE CHARACTERS OF THE 12 ANIMALS

Each of the 12 animals in the Chinese calendar has a different character. And your own character depends on which animal was ruling in the year you were born: "This is the animal that hides in your heart".

Find the year you were born in and discover your own animal sign:

RAT: 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020

Rats are clever, ambitious and quick-witted. They get along well with Dragons and Monkeys.

OX: 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021

Oxen are honest, patient and hardworking. They get along well with Snakes and Cockerels.

TIGER: 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022

Tigers are brave, powerful and daring. They get along well with Horses and Dogs.

HARE: 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011

Hares are lucky, kind and peaceful. They get along well with Sheep and Pigs.

DRAGON: 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012

Dragons are powerful, strong and energetic. They get along well with Rats and Monkeys.

SNAKE: 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013

Snakes are calm, wise and elegant. They get along well with Oxen and Cockerels.

HORSE: 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014

Horses are popular, independent and fun. They get along well with Tigers and Dogs.

SHEEP: 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015

Sheep are artistic, loving and tender-hearted. They get along well with Hares and Pigs.

MONKEY: 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016

Monkeys are happy, confident and enthusiastic. They get along well with Dragons and Rats.

COCKEREL: 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017

Cockerels are adventurous, kind and hardworking. They get along well with Snakes and Oxen.

DOG: 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018

Dogs are loyal, affectionate and generous. They get along well with Tigers and Horses.

PIG: 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

Pigs are noble, helpful and forgiving. They get along well with Hares and Sheep.





Source: Dawn Casey - The Great Race



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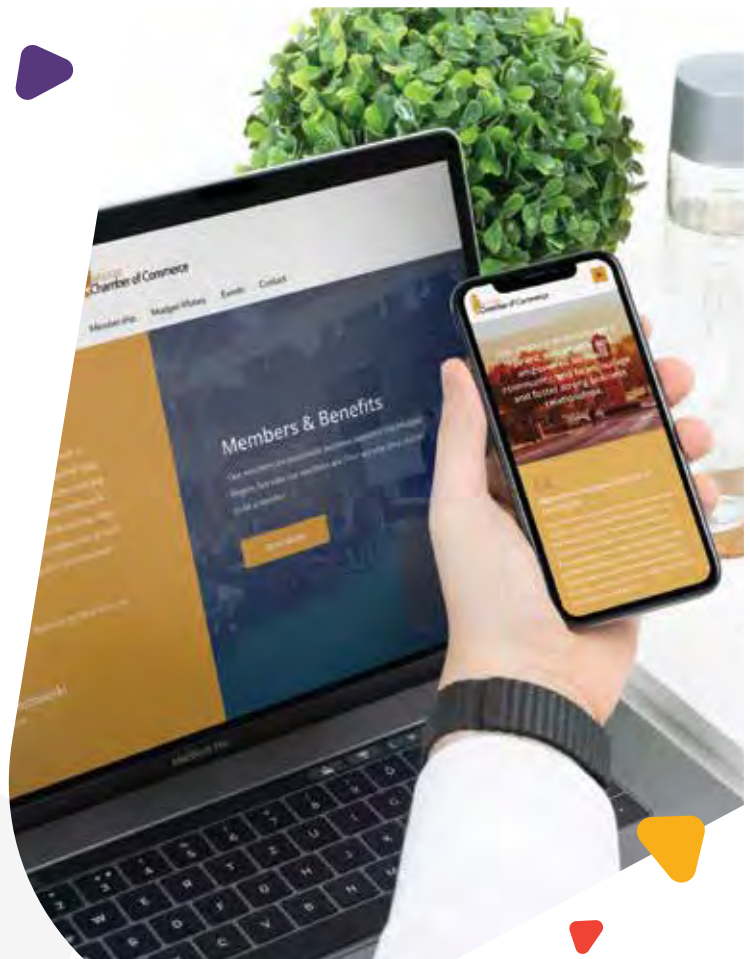
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WRITING CIRCLE

Calling all writers (established, new, future) to join our new writing group!

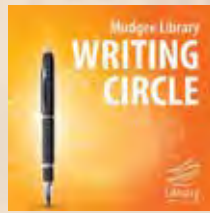
Where: Event Zone,
Mudgee Library,
64 Market Street

When: Monday afternoons (during school terms only), 1pm-3.30pm with the flexibility to leave earlier if required. Free to join, tea and coffee provided.

Each term the group will examine a different genre or style of writing, with opportunities to get and give valuable feedback – receive encouragement – and refine your writing process.

The first group will start on Monday 7 February 2022, with Poetry 101 for Term 1.

Register at mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com



CONTACTLESS HOME DELIVERY

Isolating at home? We can provide a contactless home delivery within town areas to ensure you don't miss out on your reading fix!

Simply call the library on 6378 2740 to organise a drop-off.



MONDAY HISTORY TALK

Please join us at Mudgee Library for our first Monday History Talk of the year on 7 February, 10:15am with special guest Peter Johnson. Learn how to use online NSW land title records to discover your family history with The Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV).

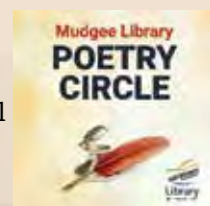
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POETRY CIRCLE

Share or listen to poetry in a relaxed environment. Open to all new and established poets, and fans of poetry. Free to attend, this new group will start on Monday 17 January and will continue to be held on the third Monday of each month from 10am-12pm at Mudgee Library.

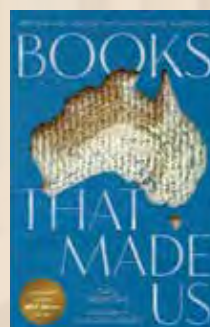
Bookings at mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com



BOOKS THAT MADE US

If you enjoyed watching *Books That Made Us*, or have read the companion book by Carl Reinecke, you might enjoy our new BTMU spin-off Book Group, discussing some of the fabulous Australian books featured in the ABC series. Held on the first Thursday of each month from February to November, from 6pm.

Register at mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com



BOOK REVIEW

The Last Guests by J.P. Pomare

Ever have the feeling you're being watched? Welcome to Peephole, the site that lets them watch without you knowing! A wife finds herself racing for answers when the decision to rent out her family vacation home takes a deadly

turn. With hidden cameras installed in Airbnbs to spy on guests, this really is a cautionary tale for our times. A panic-inducing thriller which has all the right ingredients to keep you guessing to the end. Available in print from the Library.



SELF ISOLATION

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE COVID-19



IMPORTANT

If you have COVID-19, you must self isolate until medically cleared, even if you are fully vaccinated.

You are not allowed to leave your home except for urgent medical care or in an emergency (including to avoid injury or escape risk of harm from domestic violence).

Self isolation means you cannot:

- Go to work or school
- Go to any public places (e.g. shops, parks, beaches)
- Have any visitors in your home, unless they are providing healthcare, emergency maintenance or emergency services
- Use public transport

You are only allowed to leave your home or accommodation to get a COVID-19 test, for urgent medical care or in an emergency (including to avoid injury or escape the risk of harm from domestic violence).

What to do if you test positive for COVID-19

- ✓ Self isolate
- ✓ Tell your household
- ✓ Tell your employer and/or educational facility
- ✓ Tell other close contacts
- ✓ Wait until you receive medical clearance

SELF ISOLATION

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

WHAT IF THE PERSON I CARE FOR IS A CLOSE CONTACT AND CANNOT SELF-ISOLATE ON THEIR OWN?

What to do:

- You must not attend high-risk settings during the close contact's isolation period.
- This includes health care, aged care, disability care, early childhood centres, primary school and correctional facilities.
- If other members of your household cannot self-isolate away from you or the person who is a

close contact you will all need to follow the advice above regardless of individual vaccination status.

- You should keep the person who is the close contact away from the rest of your household as much as you can.



Please note

This advice also applies when a parent or carer is the close contact and is unable to self-isolate away from the person they care for in the household.



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SELF ISOLATION

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT OF SOMEONE WITH COVID-19

If you have been identified as a **close contact** you must self isolate until medically cleared, even if you are fully vaccinated and or you have previously recovered from COVID-19. Please follow the below advice.

What to do:

- Self isolate for 7 days
- Get tested as soon as you find out you are a close contact.
- Test again on day 6
- If your tests are negative you can leave self isolation after 7 days
- Limit activity for the next 7 days.

This means you must work from home where possible and not go to high risk settings (health care, aged care, disability care, early childhood centres, primary school and correctional facilities)

- Get tested again on day 12

If you live with a COVID-19 positive person and have not been isolating from them, you should only leave self-isolation after 14 days if your test from day 12 is negative, you feel well and have had no further contact with any COVID-19 positive persons.



Please note

If you are planning to travel, please check the entry requirements for your destination as they vary between states and countries.

SELF ISOLATION

HOW TO SAFELY ISOLATE AT HOME

STAY & SLEEP IN A SEPARATE ROOM.

USE A SEPARATE BATHROOM OR CLEAN A SHARED BATHROOM AFTER USE.

DO NOT BE IN THE SAME ROOM AS ANOTHER PERSON (EVEN IF THEY ARE ALSO IN ISOLATION).

WEAR A MASK IN SHARED AREAS

DO NOT SHARE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS INCLUDING DISHES, CUPS, TOWELS & BEDDING.

WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP & WATER OR USE AN ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITISER OFTEN

COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES

CLEAN SURFACES YOU TOUCH OFTEN

MONITOR SYMPTOMS

Call Triple Zero (000) if symptoms become serious.

USEFUL CONTACTS

In an emergency please call Triple Zero 000

If you start to feel unwell or symptoms get worse contact your Local Health District clinical team, your doctor, or call **Healthdirect 1800 022 222**

Let them know if you are currently self-isolating.

Non Urgent Health-related questions **1800 943 553**

If you have no other way of obtaining food or other essentials call the **NSW Health Isolation Support Line**

1800 943 553

NSW Mental Health Line
1800 011 511

Firstly, happy new year to everyone. Again 2021 was a messed-up year for meetings but 2022 promises to be less disrupted as we get into the swing of the meetings and outings. And advocating for the Gulgong and Mudgee pensioners and Superannuants.

Meetings for 2022:

21 February 2:00 PM at the Gulgong Bowling Club

21 March 2:00 PM at the Gulgong Bowling Club

18 April No Meeting - Easter Monday

16 May Mothers' Day Lunch – 11:30 at Gulgong Bowling Club. Bring a salad or dessert. All invited.

December's CPSA Christmas lunch was a fabulous affair with 35 attendees. The RSL Club set up the tables complete with crackers, candy canes, and decorations. Thank you to Renee, Leon, and others who made our day special.

Ian Yates, AM. from Council of the Aging reports that the Royal Commission on aged care identified that different solutions for different people/ groups are needed. One size does not fit all so to speak. The Government has announced the membership of the new National Aged Care Advisory Council, the Council of Elders. Ian Yates has been announced as the Chairman. So, moving forward, there should be significant movement on improving access to health care for older Australians as well as improvements in the quality of care across the sector.

STAGE 3 SET TO COMMENCE AT OAK TREE VILLAGE

Oak Tree Mudgee residents are excited for the New Year with Stage 2 of the village now almost complete and 14 of the 16 villas already sold. Village Manager, Rebecca Redfern says Stage 3 is also set to commence soon.

"We expect the final stage of the village to begin this financial year it's heart-warming to see our village grow to be a part of the wonderful Mudgee community."

While the Historic Homes of Mudgee event set for February has had to be postponed, Rebecca is confident that it will take place later in the year along with a variety of other community-based events.

"We have many events planned when it's safer to gather including bowls days, an antique roadshow, a flower arranging demonstration, high tea and a twilight village tour. All of these events will be open to the Mudgee community."

To find out more about how Oak Tree Mudgee and upcoming events, Rebecca is available to chat on 0437 796 603 or you can visit oaktreegrup.com.au

It is pleasing to note that Wenonah and the Gulgong Community care continue to meet and exceed the national standards for aged care services. Thank you to Wenonah CEO Jennifer Crust, the Board, Staff and Volunteers for keeping Gulgong's commitment to our older community members well looked after and engaged.

In singing the praise of those in our community who look after our seniors, we must also say a huge thank you to the nursing staff at the Gulgong MPS who provide long-term inpatient care for those who are less able to manage their own needs. Both Wenonah and Gulgong MPS need volunteers to help with the many activities that support our elderly community members. Even if you have a spare hour, it is a precious commodity that can be put to great use.

Just getting out is often a challenge for some of our CPSA members and we often hear "I could not get to the meeting because I have no way of getting there." If transport is an issue, then contact one of the Executive members and we can arrange to get you to the meetings. AND no, it is not an imposition. We are more than happy to help you in any way we can to get out an about. The CPSA not only advocates for our members but is here to assist you where and when we can.

Want to join us, just turn up or contact Executive members: Tony on 0455 786 434, Jan on 0407 901 584, Wendy on 0409 741 262, or Paul on 0448 741 446.



Tallawang Solar Farm & Barneys Reef Wind Farm

RES invites you to discuss the proposed Tallawang Solar Farm and Barneys Reef Wind Farm projects at the upcoming Gulgong and Dunedoo shows. Meet our project team, register your details and provide feedback at our information stall:

Dunedoo Show
Wargundy Street

Feb 12th, Sat 9am - 5pm

Gulgong Show
Guntawang Street

Feb 19th, Sat 9am - 5pm

For those unable to attend, we will be running an online information session on Wednesday February 23, 5:30pm. To register please visit barneysreef-renewableenergy.com and include your contact details in the feedback form.



GULGONG GOSSIP

Hi, my name is Cheryl Vassel.

I have recently retired and decided I would like to get more involved in the Community, so I am now the new editor of the Gulgong Gossip. I am keen to get any information that relates to Gulgong, local clubs & organisations that include people from Gulgong, events that they feel the Gulgong community would be interested in attending.

Some of the exciting events coming soon in Gulgong include:

- Melinda Schneider singing Love Songs at the Prince of Wales on February 5th
- Gulgong Show on February 18th & 19th
- Trivia Night for Heart of Gulgong at the Gulgong Bowling Club on February 26th at 6.30
- Beccy Cole at the Bowling Club, March 9th
- Clay Gulgong April 9-15th

For anyone interested in history and community we have organisations in Gulgong urgently seeking volunteers, so if you are interested in learning new skills, some social interactions, meeting new people, just wander around town and pop into a venue to find out whether any volunteers are needed.

PROGRAMME FOR GULGONG SHOW

Saturday 19th February 2022

- 6:30am BBQ Opens For Breakfast
- 7:30am Pavilions Open
- 8:00am Horse Ring Events Commence
- 8:30am Sheep Judging Commences
Beaut All Vehicle Display (Police Paddock)
- 9:00am Tiny Tot Ambassador Judging In The Dining Room
Side Show Alley Opens
- 9:30am Caged Bird Judging Commences
Courtesy Bus Will Start Running (around the showgrounds)*
- 10:00am Dog Show Commences – Victoria Park
Welcome To Country – Official Show Opening
Introduction of Young Ambassadors 2022 (undercover seating area)
Goat Judging Commences
Australian Wildlife Park Demonstration (hourly throughout day)
Dining Room Open for Morning Teas
- 10:30am Captain Awesome – Around The Showgrounds Commences
- 11:00am Wood Chop Commences (undercover)
- TBA Whip Cracking When Wood Chop Finishes (undercover)*
- 1:00pm Bucking Bull Ride (until 5pm) Near Rodeo Area

- 2:30pm (TBC) Step Up Dance Display (undercover)*
- 3:00pm Pet Show Commences
Dasharni & Tayvin on Pavilion Verandah
- 4:30pm Fashions of the Show Judging (Undercover)*
- TBA Young Farmers Challenge (Near Working Dog Demo)
- 5:30pm Rodeo Commences
Moosic Man
- 6:00pm Show Day Raffle Drawn
- 7:00pm Pavilions Close
- 8:30pm Fireworks* (1)

*Times subject to amendments – due to compact area and COVID times will be flexible to cater for all events. Please listen to the PA announcements for event location or time changes.

(1) Please ensure all animals are secured or in secure location - thank you.

Below are some great memories from the 2021 Gulgong Show (rodeo pic: Lacey Miller Photography)



THE MERRY MAMZELLES

What better way to start 2022 than to share some background information on the Merry Mamzelles - Mudgee Red Hatters, one of the three Chapters in the Central West of NSW. Red Hatting started in America some 23 years ago, the result of a few women deciding to greet middle age with verve, humour and élan.

In 2000, Florence Slattery of Brisbane bought the Red Hat concept of Laughter, Frivolity and Friendship to Queensland and there are now more than 360 Chapters in Australia. We share a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine zest for living each day to the fullest.

In December of 2017 my husband and I had recently relocated from Kingston in Tasmania to the mainland to live, to Mudgee in fact. I have been a member of Red Hatters for years, in whatever State we had lived in, so after settling in I then looked to find a local Red Hat Chapter to join. And found there wasn't one. So I decided to find other ladies who would be interested in becoming members.

You have probably seen us around, we wear purple on our shoulders and a Red Hat with lots of bling, younger ladies, fondly referred to as "Pinkies" wear lavender with pink hats and graduate to wearing Red and Purple upon reaching the magic birthday of 50.

Each Chapter structures itself according to wishes and whims of its members. The founder of the Chapter is referred to as "Queen", and every Red Hatter is encouraged to dream up a title for herself, Royal Titles are particularly encouraged (e.g. Baroness, Lady, Duchess) but Titles, other than the Queens' are fine (e.g. Hysterian - Keeper of the Scrapbook, Happy Snapper - the Chapter's Photographer, Mistress of Anxiety - the one who does everyone else's worrying.)

The Queen may make proclamations from time to time i.e. next week we will invite husbands and partners to our get-together or today we will eat dessert first.

Our Inaugural birthday was back in 2018 on the 1st March a very small group of Mudgee Ladies, three of us actually, plus Pamela Ridley, Queen of the Dubbo Red Hatters (The Red Hot Flashes) and three of her Royal Court had morning tea at Albys & Esthers Café & Wine Bar in Mudgee.

In four years The Merry Mamzelles has grown to seventeen ladies, we are a very diverse group, our individual interests cover a wide range as do our titles, of which the first part of the title can be a Royal title but the second part of the title refers to a particular interest or hobby. We currently have a "Countess Serendipity" who is also our Vice-Queen, "Baroness Bossy Boots", a "Duchess of Down Sizing", "Lady Cut & Chat a Lot", "Princess Cind A Lot", "Baroness Bargain Hunter", "Contessa of Butterflies & Gemstones" and "Lady Sew & Sew" to name just a few.

We now have ladies from Rylstone, Kandos, Gulgong as well as Mudgee and each Red Hatter suggests 4 venues she would like to visit, then our yearly program is drawn up from those suggestions. Not only do we celebrate monthly birthdays, those Red Hatters whose birthdays fall during the month, reverse their colours i.e. they wear a purple hat and red on their shoulders we also have special months, during March,

because it is our Chapter's birthday, we all reverse our colours and wear purple hats during that month. May is a favourite as 'Tiara Day' is celebrated on the 24th and we wear our Tiaras to all functions during May.

We meet each Thursday and our January get-togethers for this year have been morning tea at Althea by Zin Café in Mudgee, a day Trip to Rylstone & Kandos and this week we will be having lunch at the Thai to You Restaurant in Gulgong and on the last Thursday of the month we will having morning tea at The Coffee House at Parkview Hotel here in Mudgee.

New members welcome! Call 0499 942 225

Happy Hatting and Chatting, Pam (Queen Paloma, Empress of Ladybirds & Dragons)

Above: Merry Mamzelles at Althea by Zin Cafe;

Below two: Merry Mamzelles at The Rylstone Hotel



CWA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

The CWA of NSW had its beginnings at the Bushwomen's Conference held in conjunction with the Royal Agricultural Show in Sydney in April 1922. The conference was initiated by Dr Richard Arthur, MP for North Sydney, and Miss Florence Gordon, who ran the Home Page of the *Stock and Station Journal*.

Mr Arthur had been calling for the need to improve conditions for rural women and Miss Gordon had published a plan for a 'Country Women's Union of Help' in 1921, partly inspired by the Women's Institutes in Canada and Britain. At the conference, on 20 April 1922, an organising committee was formed, including Miss Gordon and Mrs Grace Munro, of Bingara, who was to become the CWA of NSW's foundation president.

The CWA was focused on fighting isolation and a lack of health facilities, members immediately starting work on setting up baby health care centres, funding more bush nurses, and building and staffing the likes of maternity wards, hospitals, schools, rest homes, and holiday getaways for rural and remote families.

"These women were initiators, fighters and lobbyists, who were passionate about making rural and regional NSW better for those who lived there. For 100 years the members of the CWA of NSW have continued the legacy of those trail-blazing foundation members by improving the social, educational, recreational and medical realities for their communities," said Stephanie Stanhope, CWA of NSW President.

"This year is such an exciting one for all of us and we're so proud that the Association formed all those decades ago has grown to be the largest women's organisation in Australia and continues to positively contribute to rural and regional communities in so many different ways."

In the 100 years the CWA of NSW has been in existence, members have helped bring about some major changes across the state. From the earliest days of the Association, members were tireless in their efforts to establish more hospitals, maternity wards and baby health centres in country centres. Even during the Depression, when members themselves were struggling to feed and clothe their families, the CWA of NSW continued to lobby for better health facilities in the bush, and were successful in many cases. The Association went onto play an important advocacy role in the introduction of compulsory seat belts, white lines on the edge of roads and flashing speed signs in school zones.

The Kandos, Ilford/Running Stream and Rylstone branches of Country Women's Association are holding an International Women's Day event on 8 March 2022 as part of our centenary celebrations.

Our guest speaker will be **Jane Caro AM** who is a feminist social commentator, writer and lecturer. Other presenters will be in attendance on the day.

The event will be held on **Tuesday 8th March 2022** at Kandos Memorial Hall at 11am.

Luncheon will be served.

Cost is \$10 per head. Everyone is invited.



Bookings for the event should be made at: kandoscwa@gmail.com or by telephoning 0499 164 042 for catering purposes.

Grace Munro, the first president of the CWA in NSW, mobilised members to save women and children dying because of lack of maternity care in rural hospitals.

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By Caron McDonald

At the end of Term 4, we said farewell to our Year 6 students, pictured l to r: Tenelle Morgan, Taylor Statham, Jesse Tanner-Norman, Reece Webb with me, Caron McDonald, Principal.

All students and staff, together with families of the year 6 students, sat down to yummy individual grazing boxes (prepared by myself with SLSO Mrs Kelly White) as refreshments (COVID safe plan). The students gave their farewell speeches and were presented with a gift each from school (all their books and stationery for their first year at High School) and a gift from the P&C (a beautiful engraved watch).

Finally, they had written a short note with their aspirations for high school and contact details for Lue Public School. On the note it also asked whoever found it to ring school and let us know where it ended up. The notes were put into helium filled balloons and released on a count of three much to the delight and squeals of the rest of the students. Everyone watched the balloons until they disappeared into the distance.

These four wonderful students are about to embark on the next step of their learning journey and we wish them every success next year.

Towards the end of last term, I popped to the Community Charity Shop in Kandos after a phone call from them asking me to call in to collect a little gift for school. I was absolutely astounded to be presented with a donation cheque for \$6, 000.

The Community Charity Shop have been presenting these donations for a number of years now and never cease to amaze me how they manage to raise so much money for our local area - especially in light of lockdown etc.



They give the same donation to all the local schools in our community and to a number of other voluntary organisations too. The staff at the shop are the most dedicated volunteers and I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

This year in particular, has been a difficult one for our small P&C to fundraise, with all the restrictions that have been placed upon us. We rely on our P&C contribution to help support our major excursion each year, thereby reducing the burden of cost for families. This means that we now have some additional money to go towards our Canberra excursion next year which benefits so many students at school.

Once again, I'd like to thank the team at the Community Charity Shop for the tireless work they do and their commitment to community. I feel so very privileged to live in an area where community spirit is valued so highly.





CUDGEGONG VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

CUDGEGONG VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL WELCOMES AND CELEBRATES THEIR NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2022

As we embark on a new school year at Cudgegong Valley Public School we take this opportunity to congratulate our newly elected School Councillors for 2022. These students form a fundamental component of our Student Leadership Team at CVPS and have successfully completed the requirements of our newly formed school leadership and election process.

At the end of 2021, these students along with their Year 5 peers, undertook the process to be elected as Student Councillors for 2022. This required students to self-nominate by completing a Student Leadership Passport. The passport looked at four domains of leadership including:

- Commitment**
- Responsibility**
- Cooperation**
- Communication**

The passport also asked students to list how they are already involved in extra-curricular activities across the school from school sporting to The Arts as well as other voluntary tasks. The final part of the self-nomination process required students to ask an adult member of the school to validate their application.

Councillor nominees then shadowed the current School Councillors in their roles and even took a leading

hand in supporting the Kindergarten Transition Program, Let's Connect, while the current councillors were involved in High School transition programs. Following this shadowing period, the nominees performed a speech to their peers outlining why they would make a good student leader. Students from Years 2-5 as well as staff voted on the speeches before the nominees were interviewed by the Principal and Deputy Principal as the final part of the election process.

At our Years 3-6 Presentation Day, our 2022 Student Councillors were announced with the formal induction planned for Term 1, 2022. During this induction our other student leaders will be announced and celebrated. Our additional Student Leadership teams include our Student Representative Council (SRC), Sports House Leaders and Eco Team members.

The School Councillors will work with staff to develop their leadership skills through weekly meetings and be supported in their leadership journey through opportunities such as Student Leadership days and conferences. These activities will provide them with the opportunity to gain insight into effective leadership and to connect with student leaders from schools from across our LGA.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022 Cudgegong Valley Public School School Councillors: Toby Gudgeon, Holly Hill, Georgia Howorth, Cambell Leadbitter, April Robeson, Holly Roberts, Alarna Reid and Chaise Stewart.



CVPS SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2022



Congratulations to our newly elected 2022 Student Leaders!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2022 MUDGEE CLASSIC CYCLING

Bicycling Australia, the nation's leading cycling media brand and home of The Classics, is excited to return to the Mid-Western region for the 2nd annual Mudgee Classic on Sunday, 1 May 2022.

Over 2,000 cyclists are expected to descend upon Mudgee and surrounding towns to participate in one of four road cycling events - the 180km Maxi Classic, 130km Challenge Classic, 70km Rouleurs Classic, or the 40km Social Classic.

The courses have been revamped in 2022 to showcase the most scenic areas of the Mudgee region, such as the historical gold-rush town of Gulgong. A fourth course of 70km has also been added in response to rider feedback after the inaugural 2021 event, now catering for cyclists of all abilities.

A major boost to the region's economy, the Mudgee Classic attracts not only cyclists from across Australia but also their supporting friends and family. The economic benefit to the region is estimated at over \$2,500,000.

Minister for Tourism Stuart Ayres said the Mudgee Classic was an extremely important event in the year's cycling calendar, as well as for the region. "It has been a really challenging time for regional NSW and I am so pleased to support the return of the Mudgee Classic in 2022, an event that not only contributes to charity but also supports the local visitor economy by attracting participants, spectators and officials," Mr Ayres said. "After what has been a difficult period of uncertainty, I congratulate the organisers for holding this great event once again, for the benefit of cycling enthusiasts as well as the whole Mid-Western region."

Helping Others Who Need It Most

More than a brilliant weekend of cycling, there's a serious side to the Mudgee Classic and that is the charity factor. The Classics event series has collectively generated over \$400,000 for various charity groups since the inaugural Bowral Classic in 2016. In 2022



Mudgee Classic riders will have the opportunity to support a charity of their choice via The Classics' unique 'Choose your Charity' initiative.

Early Bird registrations are now open, with riders encouraged to register before 27 February 2022 to save up on the entry fee. Register online via www.mudgeeclassic.com.au

About The Classics

The Mudgee Classic is part of The Classics series by Bicycling Australia. Bicycling Australia is the nation's most established and highly respected cycling media platform, in print and online for over 25 years and 233 issues. There are five national events which form The Classics series: the Bowral Classic, Clare Classic, Mudgee Classic, Noosa Classic and Snowy Classic - making it the number one provider of Gran Fondo cycling events in Australia.

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WOLVES LOOKING TO BUILD ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

This season is shaping up to be another exciting one for the Mudgee Gulgong Wolves Football Club, both in the seniors and in the juniors.

Although Covid impacted the last couple of seasons at the club, and will no doubt rear its ugly head again this year. The club are planning on looking to grow in all areas of the club, but especially with regard to the Junior and Senior girls' teams. With the Women's World Cup being held in Australia in 2023 sure to bring welcome media focus on female football the club sees this as the perfect time to grow these areas of the club.

The club's Ladies Senior squad saw great growth last year hitting that perfect balance of fun social activity and competitive team sport. The hope is that numbers will allow them to put out 2 teams this year and continue to encourage more junior girls to progress into the Senior teams and beyond.

In the Junior Girls the club is looking to build on the success of the undefeated Under 12s Representative team who won their division. The club is planning on having dedicated training for the girls' teams, and to have all girl teams in the various age groups on a Saturday.

But it is not just the juniors that are helping grow the club. The Senior men's teams also had increased numbers and are looking to use the experienced gained last year to secure finals football in 2022. They are also looking to add at least one more grade to the club to accommodate the talented group of young gentlemen that we have in the club.

The Junior side of the club will also look to keep growing and offering a fun and challenging activity for boys and girls from ages 3 to 16. As well as continuing to build on the success of our representative teams in the Western Youth League and into other regional and national tournaments.

The Junior season kicks off on 7th May, registrations are already open, and we accept Active Kids vouchers. The trails for our representative teams will be held on the 6th & 9th February and training will commence shortly after that. Senior training will start ramping up in February for both the Men's and Ladies teams, with their seasons starting Mid-April. Then we have our Over 35s Tournament on the 4th & 5th June. So there is something for everyone to get involved with and enjoy.

The club is a volunteer run organisation and is always on the lookout for volunteers to help create the best experience for the kids. So if you can help, either managing a team, coaching a team, refereeing a game or in the canteen, please let us know. For all information on the club and what is happening at the club please check out our website www.mgwfc.com.au or our Facebook page @MudgeeGulgongWolvesFC



MUDGEE MARTIAL ARTS



Here at Mudgee Martial Arts, we offer students across all ages to engage in training that will not only boost the physical body, but also see improvements in self-efficacy and encourage self-discipline. As such, our motto both in and out of the Dojo which we teach all our students is “Never Strike First & Never Give Up”.

We're a family owned business who've had our doors open for 25 fulfilling years as myself, Hanshi Geoff Spice (8th Dan Black Belt) and my wife, Shihan Jacquie Spice (4th Dan Black Belt) have passed on all of our experience as former State and National title holders onto our students. Students, some of whom, have and continue to carry on the passion for Karate by conducting classes under our program.

Our dojo is a member of the NSW Karate Federation and over the last 25 years we've taken students to compete in tournaments run by the Nation All Styles (NAS), and International Sports and Karate Association (ISKA) and have returned with a variety of division titles but most importantly, an experience for our students to remember for the rest of their lives. We believe here at Mudgee Martial Arts, as taught to us by the late Grandmaster Choo Chew Soot, that karate, in particular Bushido Budokan, surpasses the lens of victory and loss and reaches to all aspects of life. As a long-term student, you will sit a grading exam after every thirty lessons to ascend through our 10-belt system beginning at white and eventually achieving black belt.

For our prospective students, we offer training for a range of ages beginning at preschool and beyond. For 3-5 year olds we offer our 20-minute “Little Ninjas” classes that consist of learning the basics of self-defence through play and laughter.

Students who are enrolled in K-6 at school can also enrol in our “Infants and Primary” classes, which divided into Beginners (white and yellow belt students) and Advanced (green belt and higher) stages. This division of classes involves guiding students into more advanced skills and supervised sparring opportunities with explicit teaching of safety.

For High school students and adults over 18, we offer “Teens and Adult” classes to further advance students with the skills they've learned previously and also providing professional training to new comers in this age group.

Additionally for Teens and Adults we offer weapons training and more hands-on sparring practice. A benefit to our broad age range for the “Teens and Adult” classes is that sparring matches often result in some unique age gaps in pairings that, in our friendly environment, boost younger students self-esteem and keep the older students spry and active.

If you're not interested in Karate, and are after a more western style of training, we also offer Brazillian Jiu Jitsu classes for both children and adults alike. All of our current instructors hold a Black Belt in Karate, barring our BJJ instructors, and every instructor employed by Mudgee Martial Arts has a current Working With Children Check.

For more information about our timetable, visit our Facebook page “Mudgee Martial Arts” and follow us for newsletters and class updates, and if you have any inquiries regarding enrolment or expression of interest, please email us at mudgeemartialarts.com or visit us at 35 Inglis Street when classes resume: Monday 31/01/2022.

We ask that you don't reach out via Facebook Messenger, as we conduct our business primarily through email.



FOOTY FEVER - CHARITY SHIELD THIS MONTH AT GLEN WILLOW

Footy fans have the chance to see this year's grand finalists in action when the South Sydney Rabbitohs take on the St George Illawarra Dragons for the fifth annual Charity Shield in Mudgee on Saturday, 26 February. Tickets for the clash are on sale now via [123tix.com.au](https://www.123tix.com.au)

The Charity Shield will be the first major sporting event in the region since mid-2021 and fans are encouraged to take advantage of an NRL game in their own backyard.

Mid-Western Regional Council General Manager, Brad Cam said fans should secure their tickets fast with NSW experiencing a huge appetite for in-person events. "I am excited to welcome the South Sydney Rabbitohs, St George Illawarra Dragons and supporters back to the region," Mr Cam.

"What could be better than watching two of the NRL's best teams, including last year's grand finalists in the best regional open air stadium in NSW.

"Council's partnership with the Rabbitohs and Dragons has gone from strength to strength and every year Glen Willow has proven it is a professional sporting venue, capable of hosting national and international games."

It will be the fifth time the Mudgee stadium has played host to the annual pre-season game as part of a six year partnership between Mid-Western Regional Council, the South Sydney Rabbitohs and the St George Illawarra Dragons, extending to 2023.

4.00pm Gates Open

4.30pm Knock-On Effect NSW Cup - Rabbitohs V Dragons

7.00pm 2022 Charity Shield - Rabbitohs V Dragons

Return Bus Services (also available via [123tix.com.au](https://www.123tix.com.au)):

Gulgong Return Service \$13.50

Departing ANZAC Park

Kandos/Rylstone/Lue Return Service \$37.00

Departing Kandos Country Link Coach Stop

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Departing Lue Country Link Coach Stop - available on request

Return buses all depart from Glen Willow Stadium following completion of the game at approximately 8.40pm

Free Mudgee Shuttle Bus

A free Mudgee Shuttle Bus Service will operate from available parking areas in the CBD with pick up and return from 4pm. A low-floor bus will be available for patrons requiring assistance.

Parking

Parking is available at all shuttle bus pickup locations. Strictly no public parking will be permitted at the venue or on Pitts Lane on game day.

NOTE: Vehicles displaying mobility parking permits will be able to park in the car park areas on Pitts Lane directly across from the stadium.

Purchasing Tickets

Due to an expected high demand for tickets, it is recommended that you pre-purchase your tickets through 123Tix. Tickets may be available to purchase on game day at the Box Office (located at Gate 2 entry) if not sold out prior.

Please note: there will be strictly no pass-outs.

In the event of NSW Health venue capacity limit reduction, tickets purchased will be cancelled and refunded on a time of purchase basis. Most recent purchased tickets will be cancelled first.

Family Hill (White Section)

The alcohol-free family hill area will be located at the south east corner of the ground.

MANLY RETURN TO MUDGEE

The Manly Warringah Sea Eagles will return to Glen Willow on Saturday, 2 April in a Round 4 clash against the Canberra Raiders, as revealed in the NRL 2022 Draw.

Tickets for the clash are on sale now via [123tix.com.au](https://www.123tix.com.au)

Council's General Manager, Brad Cam said the entire region is looking forward to welcoming back Manly.

"We're thrilled that Manly is returning after a hugely successful partnership with Council last year," Mr Cam said.

Manly Warringah Sea Eagles CEO Stephen Humphreys said the club is also looking forward to a return.

"Both our Manly Sea Eagles traveling supporters and the local community really got behind the big event this year and everyone had a fabulous time enjoying everything the region has to offer," Mr Humphreys said.

The Manly and Canberra Round 4 clash will be held on Saturday, 2 April at Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex. This year's event will include new seating and ticketing options including crowd stands as well as a premium ticketing package within a corporate marquee, thanks to the support of the NSW Government through the Regional Event Acceleration Fund.



MUDGEE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CENTRE NEEDS YOU!

RDA (NSW) Mudgee Centre is run entirely by volunteers. As a Volunteer there are many ways you can assist in a variety of roles from assisting our riders, grooming the horses, setting up the arena for our activities/classes, administration and promoting our Centre.

Knowledge of disabilities and horse experience are not essential, you will be guided through an induction and training course that will ensure you are trained and comfortable with our procedures.

Riding for the Disabled Mudgee Centre are looking for volunteers, we will be holding information and training days on the 16th and 23rd of February at the Mudgee Showground in the large arena area commencing at 10am. If you are interested in being part of an amazing organisation that provides the most rewarding experiences for people with disabilities please contact us. We would love to hear from you.

RDA Mudgee operates every Wednesday of the school terms. You can volunteer for 1 hour, half a day or even a full day, we value any time volunteers are able to spare every little bit is a BIG help.

Before you apply RDA requires you to have a WWCC. Working with Children Check (WWCC) Number is required for all volunteers over 18 years of age.

Contact us today!

Tracy Lucas 0488 727 085

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MUDGEE & DISTRICT KENNEL & OBEDIENCE CLUB

2021 was certainly another interesting year for the club with COVID-19 throwing a few spanners in the works, as it has done for everyone. Classes were suspended for a period, and we were unable to go ahead with our annual weekend of shows/trials in August. Hopefully this year will be better.

Whilst it's been a bit too warm to be running training classes over the hottest part of summer, we're nearly ready to get stuck back into it! We'll be at Victoria Park in Gulgong on Sundays from 20th February and newcomers are welcome to join us for the 10am class. We will be there every Sunday, except for public holiday weekends.

All classes are only \$2 each and we just need to sight the dog's current vaccination certificate on your first visit. If you'd like to continue classes, you'll then need to become a member. Annual membership fees start at \$4 for a pensioner and vary, up to \$17 for a family.

The club is there to help everyone with their furry buddies. You may simply want to socialise your dog around other dogs, want to improve some basic manners, or you may even be thinking about competing in dog shows or dog sports. Our classes are aimed at helping everyone.

Often we're asked how old a puppy needs to be before joining our classes. The most important factor is safety.

While your puppy is still having it's vaccinations it is a good idea to enrol your puppy at puppy school with one of the local vets, where all the puppies attending will be at a similar stage of vaccination. Generally the first vaccination is arranged by the breeder at 6-8 weeks of age, then the second vaccination is arranged by the new owner at 10-12 weeks and a third vaccination at 14-16 weeks. Following the recommended quarantine period after the third vaccination, as stated on the vaccination certificate, your puppy will then be ready to attend our classes.

If you would like more information on training classes, please contact the Chief Instructor, Helen Stanford on 0400 033 844.



SMART WATER METER PORTAL 'YOURWATER' LIVE

Residents can now monitor their water usage in real time with the launch of Council's new Smart Water Meter portal, YourWater.

Along with real time data on the amount of water being used each day, customers can receive and pay water bills and set up email and SMS alerts to notify them of possible water leaks and high consumption periods.

To register for YourWater visit yourwater.midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

Customers will be prompted to provide some personal details and information on their latest Water Notice. The site includes 'how-to' videos on the sign up process as a property owner and tenant, understanding the dashboard, as well as leak identification and management.

"Smart Water Meters have been installed throughout the region and these constantly relay data to the online portal, YourWater, where owners, tenants and property managers can monitor their water consumption, water bills, and receive custom water leak alerts to assist with high usage and leak detection," Council's General Manager, Brad Cam said.

Installation of Smart Water Meters began in 2019 after Council secured \$1.2m through the Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs Program. The Smart Water Meter Network will provide an estimated \$445,000 annual cost saving to ratepayers by detecting leakages in real time. In 2015/16, 140 million litres of water was lost due to leakages. The new meters will relay data on an hourly basis to Council, allowing Council's Water Team to act promptly.



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