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Culburra Beach & Districts Men's Shed

The Culburra Beach & Districts Men's Shed established circa 2017 onwards, has been supplying numerous items for sale at the Callala Markets for some time now. In the recent market just completed on Sunday customers would have experienced an extension of product range not present before. Among those items sold in the market recently are those designed and built our good man Stephen Fry of the Men's shed. Stephen has become influenced by one of his relatives who made such items and in particular birds out of wood, in past years. He has taken the concept onboard and designed his own templates and built items which you now see in our markets. Some of these designs are;

Imagine these in your own backyard. There are many more designs coming available in the near future so watch this space.



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We’ll be at the Callala Markets on Saturday 14 March 2026, with our full range of nest boxes, native bee hotels and timber and metal craft on sale. We’ll also be able to answer any questions you may have about what our Shed has to offer you.

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CBCA Meeting Report

Summary and Highlights of February Meeting

The CBCA meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, brought together a lively group of participants. The gathering was particularly notable for the addition of six new members. This expansion presents a valuable opportunity for the Association to share its perspectives with the wider community and, in turn, listen to the concerns and ideas that community members wish to raise.

Council Activities and Decisions

Gemma Tribe, the Ward 2 councilor, provided updates on Council activities and discussed the decision to discontinue Community Consultative Bodies (CCBs) after July 1. CCBs have served as important channels for communication among the Shoalhaven's villages. The recent Council decision has sparked considerable concern and frustration, reportedly stemming from issues with certain local government area (LGA) community organizations. In response, a coalition of 23 CCBs has submitted a formal statement to Council, outlining their worries and emphasizing the disadvantages that could arise if CCBs are abolished. There is also interest in learning the viewpoints of other Ward 2 councilors regarding this matter.

Tourist Season Success and Community Events

The President highlighted the achievements of the recent tourist season and acknowledged those who contributed to key events, including the Christmas Day lunch, two BBQs, and the Australia Day celebration. Special recognition was given to Jim Townshend, Gary Riggs, and many other volunteers whose efforts made these occasions successful. Feedback from the community continues to play a crucial role in helping the CBCA enhance its events and in boosting funds for new facility development.

Pickleball Club Presentation

Blair Oliver from the Callala Pickleball Club delivered a presentation about pickleball, which is currently Australia's fastest-growing sport and particularly well-suited for older adults. He proposed creating pickleball courts in Callala Bay, adjacent to the Community Hall, utilizing the existing netball and basketball courts. These courts would require remediation to ensure safety. The meeting attendees strongly supported the idea, and Blair noted that the proposal would be submitted to Council.



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Upcoming Annual General Meeting

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ATTENTION

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Callala Mixed Social Bowls - from 12:30PM
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Fitness Class - from 10:30AM

SATURDAY

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SATURDAY

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OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAY

Trivia starting 6:30PM

THURSDAY

Bingo from 11:00AM

Happy Hour from 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Pool Comp - rego from 6:30PM, starts 7:00PM

Member's Badge Draw 7:30PM

SATURDAY

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LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH

Second Chance Draw & Members Badge Draw

SUNDAY

Fisho's Weigh-In on the fourth Sunday of the
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Member's Badge Draw 6:00PM

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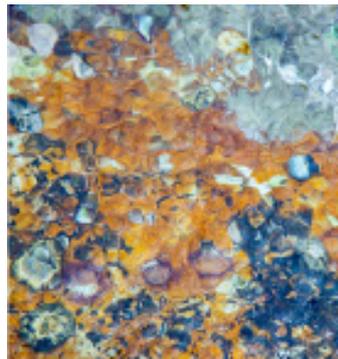
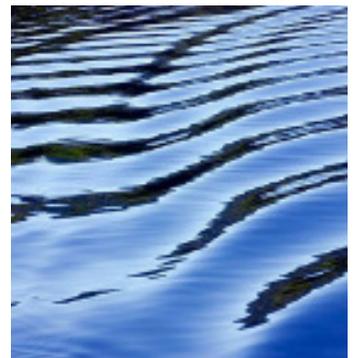
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For a little while longer in some cases: Basil, leek, baby carrots, eggplants, tromboncinos, green beans, capsicums, silverbeet, rocket, lettuce, sorrel, radishes, rhubarb and figs. Some beds will be vacated as the season closes and the planned Autumn / Winter crops will take their place.

Also known as zuchettas, they can be harvested small and young or allowed to grow to their full capacity as the vine withers. It should then store better as do other squash. I wonder if it will have more or less flavour when mature.

Our boat harvest has been good. It has recently included zucchini, cabbage and so many pretty flowers to delight the bees and the passers-by.



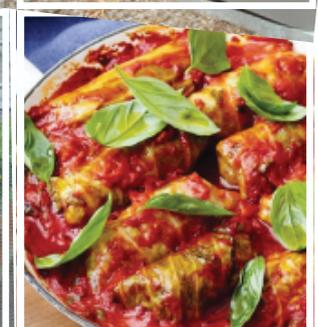
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Grown in one of the outside IBC wicking beds, * it is very likely that the constant delivery of moisture by this type of raised bed contributed to the overall success of the crop. Our first time growing this crop, it has aroused much interest and generated immediate culinary experimentation. Madeleine has made a delicious stuffed leaf recipe using beef mince. Here is the link: www.taste.com.au/recipes/cabbage-rolls-rice-mince-filling/72613f8e-52e7-4fee-ae60-96f86f15340f

Victoria recommends slicing it thinly and adding it to stir fries, and other recipes. Simply slice and add to salads as it has a light flavour and crunchy texture.

* A wicking bed, to put it very simply, has a well of water under a false 'floor'. Water travels up columns filled with perlite (in our case), to meet the growing medium then continues up to the plant roots.

In Bed 13 we sowed a series of fennel seeds in the hope of obtaining a sound harvest. Not to be, however they are mature now and two young home chefs sought out one of our fennel bulbs. Ruby and Archie were delighted with their find within the garden.



NATIVE STINGLESS BEE

We are very excited to announce the arrival of a hive of Native Stingless Bees to CCG. *Tetragonula Carbonaria* or as they are commonly known Sugar Bag Bees. Come and see them in action.

They are very busy pollinating the garden plants and those within a 500m radius. If you want to learn more there is a wonderful Facebook page Sugarbag Bees that has videos and information. Should we add links here? Or you can search the internet for *Tetragonula Carbonaria* and you'll find plenty of fascinating information. While not being susceptible to varroa mite, they are extremely vulnerable to pesticides, even on neighbouring properties. Please help us, to help them, to thrive.



VISITORS

Shoalhaven High sent us a group in December who enjoyed watering, tending the corn and various other useful garden activities on a very steamy day!

Scots College brought us their Year 8 students in early February: Again, we encountered a very hot day – over 30 degrees. Despite this, our members and the visiting students worked through a wide range of jobs with a strong sense of teamwork.

Many lads came from city based households and were introduced to Community Gardening for the first time. They tried propagating and potting, collecting comfrey and composting, collecting seeds and sorting them, along with the essential jobs of watering and especially weeding. We were very appreciative of the volume of work we were able to achieve, despite the heat. When the plants they propagated are happily rooted, they will be on sale with our many other beautiful bargains in that department. If you would like to donate plants for this purpose, please talk to Doris.

R.I.P. Dexter



The gardens unofficial but much loved mascot, Dexter has sadly passed on.

Dexter often accompanied Megan on her visits to the garden and made himself right at home. He welcomed the children on Family Fun Days, was a highlight of visits from Greenacre's clients and was at his happiest receiving pats and trying to sit on laps at morning tea.

He had a mischievous side chasing unsuspecting lizards and escaping out open gates but was always keeping an eye out for Megan and was her constant shadow.

Here is a photo of him sporting his bee striped harness. He will be missed by all... Sweet dreams Dexter.

WHAT'S ON - MARCH

Regular mornings Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am

Rather than a General Meeting on 7th March we will be concentrating on the first of our Workshop Series on "All Things Growing". Call or email and join us.

Working Bees Sundays 1st and 15th March

Pick and Prep Fridays 13th March from 3pm

Produce Market 14th March

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The February Callala Markets was enjoyed in good weather and all stall holders reported good sales. Once again, we thank all our customers and visitors.

Our stall holders offer a range of locally made products, ranging from handmade candles and soaps, jams and spreads, wooden plaques and bowls, handmade pottery and jewellery through to crystals, baby booties and hats, timber craft and novelties, designer cards, and soft knitted children's toys.

All profits from stall fees provide the base for our ongoing donations to local community organisations and charities.

Come along and check out the variety available at your local market. Supporting local artisans and their products is part of our community spirit.

The next Markets will be held on Saturday 14 March from 8am to 1pm at the Callala Community Centre, Emmett Street, Callala Bay. Summer season will still be in full flow, and a little more relaxed after the school holidays, so call in and grab a bargain.



Hand knitted craft from local artisans

The Callala Community garden will also be operating so check out their range of seasonal produce.

We always hope for fine weather, but we'll be there - rain, hail or shine.

Want to join us? Contact Sandra on 0413 581419 for stallholder enquiries.

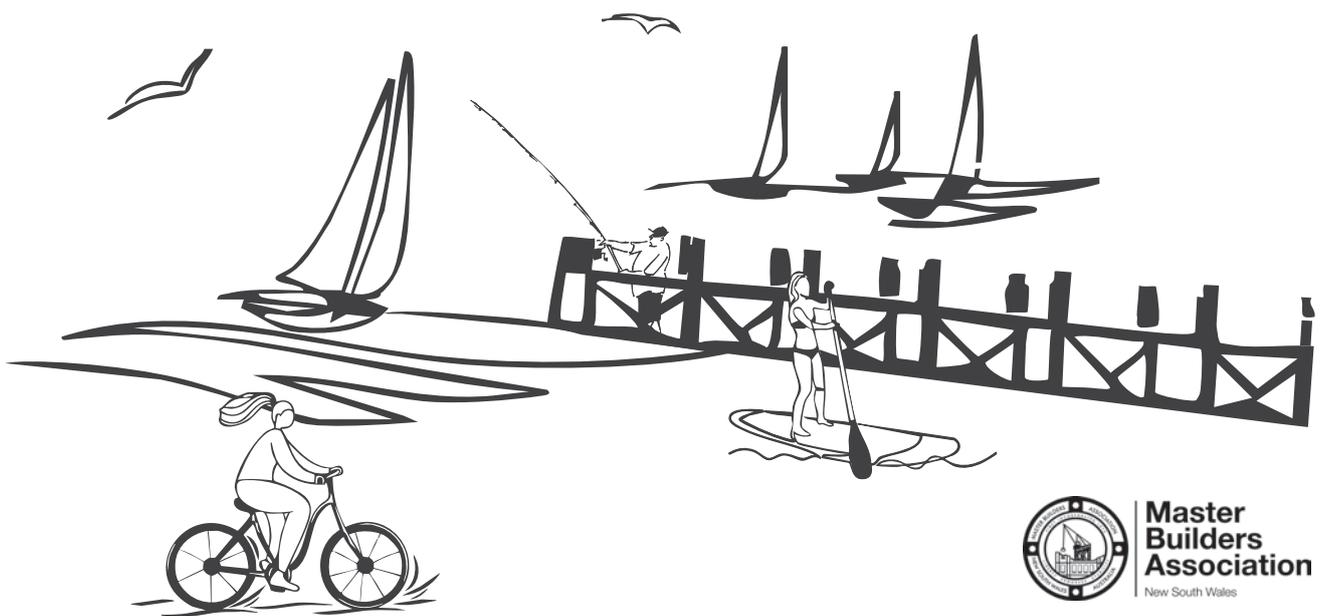


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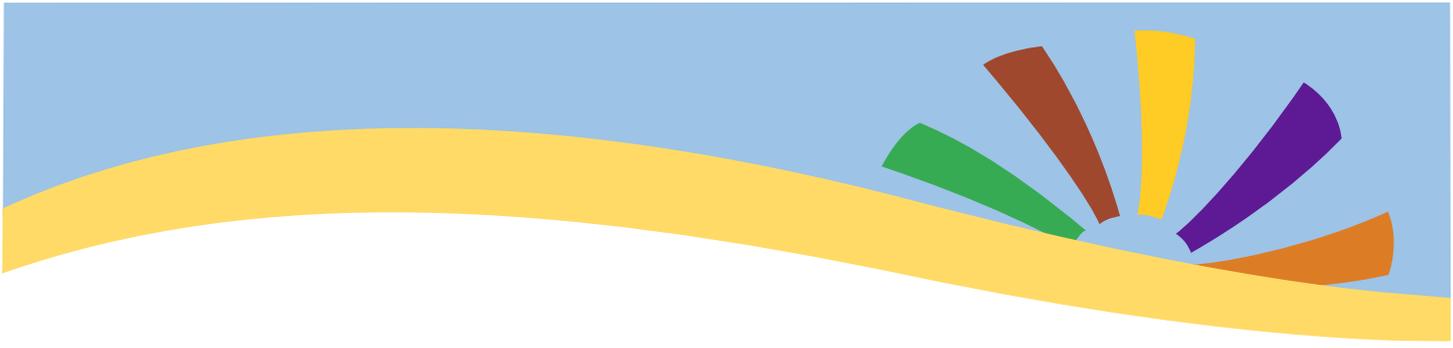
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Culburra Beach and District Garden Club Inc.

Hi everyone, our first meeting for 2026 was on 21st February. President Bev welcome members, visitors and guest speakers Annette Graham and Ingrid McPhail co-ordinators of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. It was lovely to catch up with everyone again as most of us have not seen each other since our Christmas luncheon.

“Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It's a hands-on way for us to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. Our Anglican Church has been involved in this project for 10 years. We collect boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.” (from Samaritan's Purse International Relief Australia) Last year our club donated underwear and this year we plan to do the same and collect T -shirts for the older children. Last year 160 boxes were sent to Fiji and the year before they were sent to Cambodia. Annette and Ingrid had a power point presentation showing excited children opening their boxes. We were also able to see how involved it is to transport these boxes. They are picked up by truck from our church and when they arrive in Sydney each box is rechecked by volunteers before being sent by plane to their destination. It cost \$12.50 to send each box. Culburra Anglicare Op shop kindly picks up the tab for the transport costs. When the boxes arrive, the children are invited to a party where they register their name and age so that each gets the appropriate box. If you want to help, please contact me and I will give you more information. As a garden club we are collecting underwear age 2-4 years for boys and girls, 5-9 years for boys only and t-shirts for 10-14 years. Ingrid and Annette are planning a fundraiser in September, and I will give you more details as we get closer to the date.

The theme for the Display table was to bring the biggest flower in a bottle. The colour for this month was purple, so we were encouraged to wear purple and Amethysts as this is the gem for the month. The large flowers were beautiful in their bottles -a pink Dahlia, Bottlebrush, Bromeliad, Hydrangea, Red Hibiscus, Weeping Lilli Pilli berries, Coleus, and a pink Belladonna lily (also known as naked Lady lily.) President Bev used an unusual shaped green bottle which belonged to her late sister. Sharran showed us her Amethyst ring and earrings inherited from her grandmother and Bev wore a lovely huge Amethyst cluster necklace which she bought herself.

One plant which we hadn't heard of before was the Wishbone plant which Carolyn brought in with her coleus as it was purple. The Wishbone plant (Torenia), often called Summer Pansy, is a popular, compact annual in Australia, ideal for shaded, moist spots. It blooms with snapdragon-like, bicoloured flowers in shades of purple, blue, pink, and white from summer to autumn, thriving in pots, hanging baskets, and as border edging. The Wishbone flower is a versatile annual flower that flowers nonstop from spring through Autumn and grows well in pots too.

Cheers to all and happy gardening, Doris Carpenter. 4446 5631 / mob. 0428 255 616

Next meeting is March 21st and it is our AGM. We meet at the Culburra Anglican Church Penguin Head Rd, Culburra Beach. Meeting starts at 1.30pm. Theme is St Patrick's Day so you can wear green and bring green foliage for the Display table or a small potted plant.





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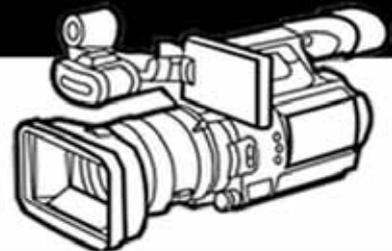
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This achievement took many years brought to fruition by a petition campaign led by two members of the CBCA. Thanks Fran and Christine. Over 2500 signatures were obtained and the CBCA presented the petition to Shoalhaven City Council in 2023.

The State Government provided a grant of over \$500K, and the path was finally completed in 2025 and was officially opened on 2 Dec 25. The CBCA had support from the Mayor Patricia White and NSW MP Liza Butler. Community members have commented how much it has improved safety when walking to the water. They no longer have to walk on the road and it has certainly made pushing prams easier!

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Callala Medical Centre Expands Services and Announces New Skin Check Days

At Callala Medical Centre, we are delighted to share some positive updates and service expansions as part of our ongoing commitment to providing accessible, high-quality healthcare to the Callala Bay community and surrounding areas.

Additional Skin Check Days Announced

Following the overwhelming response to our recent skin check days, we are pleased to confirm two additional dedicated skin check clinics due to high demand. These will be held on:

- Wednesday, 5 February
- Wednesday, 12 March

Early detection of skin cancer saves lives, and we strongly encourage patients to take advantage of these clinics, particularly given Australia's high rates of skin cancer. Appointments are limited and bookings are essential.

Bulk Billing with Some Procedure Gaps

We are delighted to confirm that Callala Medical Centre is a bulk-billing practice for standard consultations. This ensures that essential healthcare remains affordable and accessible for our community.

Please note that a gap fee may apply to some procedures, depending on their complexity and time involved. Our reception team is always happy to provide clear information about any potential costs before your appointment.

ADHD Medication Continuation Available

We are pleased to advise that several of our GPs are trained and authorised to continue prescribing ADHD medications in accordance with NSW regulations. This service supports continuity of care for patients who already have a diagnosis and an existing treatment plan from a specialist.

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Welcoming a New GP: Dr Eliza Eldridge Bassett

We are very pleased to welcome Dr Eliza Eldridge Bassett, who will be joining our team in February. Dr Eliza is now accepting new patients and looks forward to caring for individuals and families in our community. We are confident she will be a wonderful addition to our growing team.

Our Commitment to the Community

Under new management, Callala Medical Centre remains deeply committed to serving the health needs of Callala Bay and surrounding areas. Our focus is on providing compassionate, patient-centred care, improving access to essential services, and building long-term relationships with our patients.

We sincerely thank the community for your continued trust and support. We look forward to caring for you and your families for many years to come.

Warm regards,

Dr Elsayed Ahmed

**Well, to be Frank,
I would have to
change my name**



WELCOME to the Callala Community Centre, conveniently located opposite the shops in Emmett St, Callala Bay.

We are one part of the Shoalhaven Community Information Network (SCIN). Our technology has been upgraded to include solar panels, a storage battery, and satellite communications to provide an independent, continuous, communication solution with the Nowra Emergency Centre.

The information can be seen on the screens located at the Centre.

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Do you know what the CBCA did in December and January?

The CBCA works tirelessly for the Callala Bay community throughout the year however December and January are particularly busy months. So, here's what happened:

December 2025

The Committee started collecting prizes for the Breakfast by the Bay Raffle. Donations came from local businesses including the Pharmacy, the LPO, Dollar Dayz, the Callala Family Butcher and the IGA including Committee members Gary and Sue Chapman, and Tanya Coli and Kim Proctor. In all, total prizes to the approximate value of \$2500 were provided.

Gary Chapman led the work to prepare for the CBCA's free Christmas lunch on Christmas Day for the Callala locals who wanted company and lunch. Many people assisted on the day, notably from Teresa Medcalf and Leanne Senior, Christine Byron, Denise Ivers and the entire Ellerington family (including their grandad Malcolm who was visiting from Yorkshire). The Elleringtons took over the cooking and preparation for the entire meal and the other volunteers did the setup, decorated the tables, served and cleaned up. It was a fantastic effort and those attending all said how much they enjoyed the day. They were entertained with songs from Mhari, ably supported by Kate and Max Chapman who all donated their time, enjoyed Christmas Trivia led by Leanne, and took home some lovely Christmas cake made by Bernadette Watts. The CBCA paid for the Christmas Day festivities from funds raised throughout the year, as way of building community spirit.

January 2026

Two sausage sizzles were held in January to raise awareness of the CBCA and to sell as many raffle tickets as possible leading up to the drawing of the raffle on Australia Day.

Remos bakery donated the bread for the sizzles and the IGA helped with the onions (I can still appreciate the special "onion" smell). Committee members and other CBCA members manned the barbeque and sold the raffle tickets. Special thanks go to Jim Townsend, James Morris and Garry Riggs for setting up and pulling down each day. A really big thank you to Scott for his sausage preparation and many said how much they enjoyed them.

Rob Hartnett and Teresa Medcalf also sold hundreds of raffle tickets during the week at the LPO in support of the CBCA. Funds raised by the CBCA are channelled back into the community. The Primary School, the RFS, the Outriggers Club and the Callala Soccer Club have all been benefited from funds raised by the CBCA.

Over (lots) of sausages were sold and more than 1500 raffle tickets raised approximately \$3,400 for the Callala Bay community.

The ubiquitous Breakfast on the Bay was held in Bicentennial Park on Australia Day. Around 200 people attended and were entertained by Driftwood (a local group) and the Ukellalas, fed by the Callala Bay RFS and all had a chance catch up with neighbours, friends and visitors. Magic Daniel was back and entertained the littlies who loved their balloon animals!

Preparing for the event takes a great deal of work and this was carried out once again by CBCA Committee members and others, starting at 7am and finishing at noon.

A new feature at the Breakfast this year was the chance for young people to tell the CBCA what they would like to see in Callala Bay specifically for them. Tanya and Kim did a great job collecting their ideas, which will be discussed by the CBCA to determine what can be implemented over the next year. The young people who participated received show bags which had goodies donated by Bendigo Bank,

Fiona Phillips' office, Liza Butler's office and other surprises. The CBCA applied for and received a grant for the day from the National Australia Day Council which helped make it a wonderful celebration in our community.

Check out the photos!



Australia Day Breakfast



Magic Daniel Australia Day



Australia Day

The winners of the major raffle prize of \$1000 in the form of two prepaid debit cards was won by a local Callala Bay couple who will use it to replace their broken washing machine. (photo if they give permission).

As you can see, the CBCA works hard for the community and new members are always welcome. It is a great way to meet other members of the Callala Bay community, do fun things and, at the same time, improve our village. We hope to see you at a CBCA meeting soon.



Christmas Lunch 2025

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