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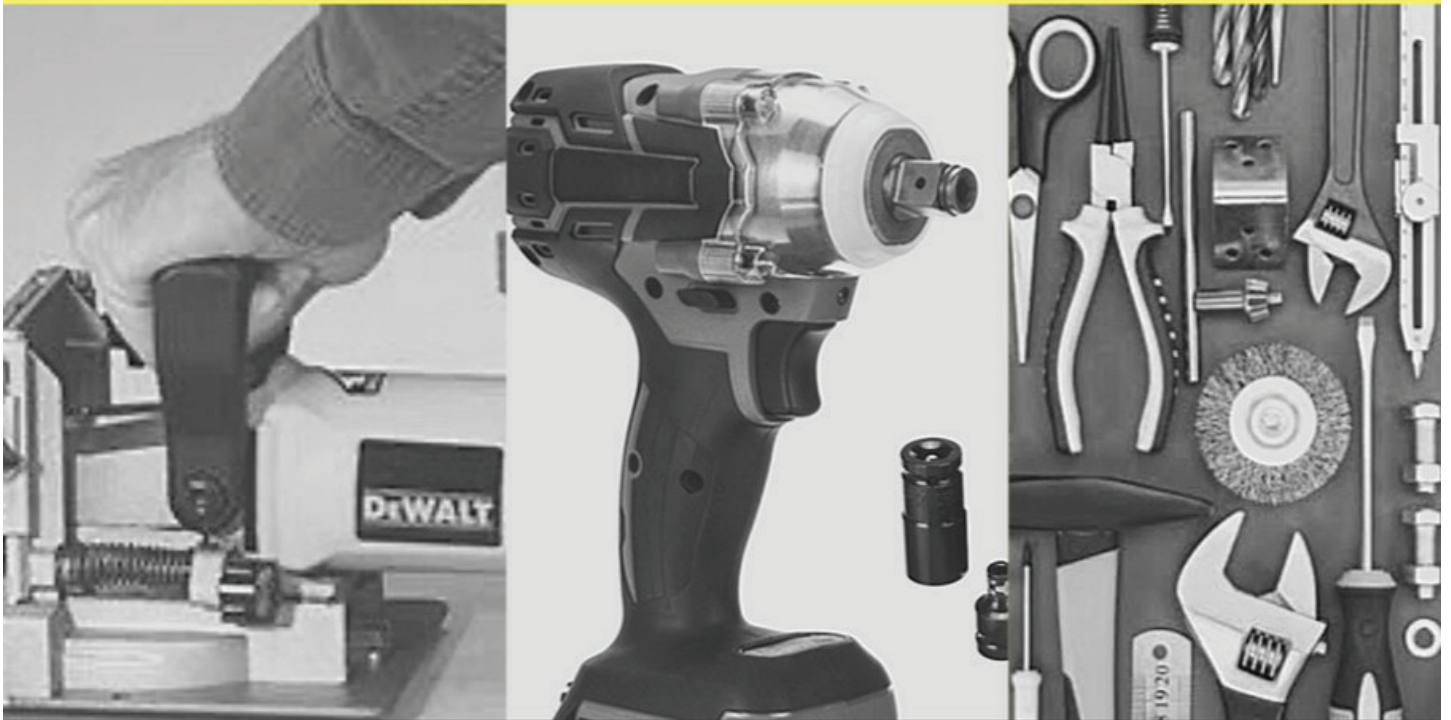
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## CBCA Report

Callala Bay Community Association President's Report.

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to come to our Nov Meeting; and our thanks to Councillor Patricia White for her attendance and SCC update.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with the events committee! Our next potential event is Australia Day, so please get in contact if you would like to help.

Thanks to Sue and James for staffing the CBCA stall at the November Callala Markets. This is part of an awareness initiative for the CBCA the Committee introduced to allow more people to be aware of the Association and what it does.

There is a combined lunch being organised by the Callala Beach Progress Association, Callala Community Gardens and the Callala Bay Community Association to say "thank you" to the Bay and Beach Rural Fire Brigades for their hard work in keeping us safe nearly a year ago. It will be held on Sunday 13 Dec 2020 and we are looking for a few people to help out. Please contact us at [admin@callalabaycommunityassociation.com](mailto:admin@callalabaycommunityassociation.com).

I am sure that everyone has noticed the road works on Emmett Street and it was the subject of some comment at the November Meeting. Unfortunately the Shoalhaven City Council (SCC) didn't give us any notice with only residents being informed on Emmet St via post/letter box drop. This is Council Policy and is unlikely to change, although we have written a letter in to request more notice in future.

We have initiated a petition to secure funding for the walkway between the Callala Beach and Callala Bay. If you see it, please sign it as we need a minimum of 500 signatures to get it taken

seriously by SCC. The petitions can be found at a few shops and it also will be at the next meeting for those who can make it. Don't forget the next Meeting is at the Callala Community Centre on Wed 9 Dec 2020, commencing at 7:00PM.

## Community Giving Event

Over the weekend of 5/6 Dec, from 1:00 to 4:00pm the Callala Community Centre will be holding a Community Gift Giving Event.

This year has been difficult for many, with the bushfires, drought and now Covid making it a struggle for a number of families. Christmas is a time for giving, for rejoicing, a time for family celebrations and to help those less fortunate.

We invite you to come along and place a gift under our community tree. Santa will be there to welcome all our little elves, pixies, fairies and pirates, or whatever fancy dress they choose and bring your cameras for a family photo. Let's make this a Christmas to remember for all the right reasons and please consider donating gifts for older age groups (teenagers and parents).

Your donation may be the only gift someone receives this Christmas, so please give only new, unwrapped items.

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## Message from Shelley Hancock

### Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock and Member for Kiama Gareth Ward today announced that Shoalhaven City Council will receive a payment of \$250,000 to support a range of local recovery and resilience projects, establishing a Bushfire Service and Information Hub, an enhanced recovery hotline and outreach and community grants for local organisations.

Communities in the Shoalhaven will benefit from funding dedicated to delivering projects and community grants programs via the Commonwealth and NSW Government's Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund (BCRRF), which provides more than \$25 million to promote community wellbeing, and disaster resilience in impacted areas.

The outcomes of this work will ensure the community has improved capacity and capability to respond to future disasters.

"We are still feeling the effects from last bushfire seasons and we will for quite some time but our communities are recovering and we are here to support the recovery and that is what this funding will do," Mrs Hancock said.

"Our towns and villages have become even closer following last bushfire season, with most working on plans to support the community in future natural disasters and this funding is aimed to help support and implement these plans," Mr Ward said.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said these grants

focus on locally-led recovery and are an example of the continued financial assistance provided by the NSW Government.

"We are committed to supporting communities on the long road to recovery after last season's unprecedented bushfires. We know that when it comes to these types of projects locals know best, so we are empowering local communities to make best use of this funding.

"The \$250,000 will enable the the local council to work with their community members on social recovery activities and locally-led initiatives to help communities recover."

The NSW Government remains committed to supporting everyone who has been impacted by bushfires.

If anyone has any questions about eligibility or requires support they are encouraged to contact the bushfire customer care line on 13 77 88, or visit the Service NSW website at [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au).

Stream 2 of the \$25 million Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund has been extended to ensure that everyone has enough time to apply. Applications for Stream 2 of the program will now be accepted until 12pm on 11 December 2020. Applications can be submitted at [www.emergency.nsw.gov.au](http://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au)

For more information contact the Office of Shelley Hancock MP 4421 0222  
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# Fiona Phillips MP

One year on

One year on from the start of the Currowan bushfire, it is so important for us to look back, not only at the hard times and the sad times, but also at the positive things that we have seen and the strength our community has shown throughout a year like we have never seen.

In the immediate aftermath of the bushfires, I spent every day in our community talking with people about what they had been through. I heard the harrowing stories of local people, local farmers, local business owners – raw and emotional, just looking for someone to listen. Someone to help.

I also saw community stepping into the space where government should have been – local community spaces across the South Coast turning into donations hubs filled to the brim with goods of all shapes and sizes people had bought or taken off their own shelves. Every day locals doing what they could for others.

I spent almost every day of the bushfires at fire control and staging areas, witnessing firsthand the awe-inspiring work of our first responders, government agencies, local councils, utility companies, media outlets – so many people working tirelessly every single day to help and protect our community. It was humbling, and it made me so proud.

That is what I have continued to feel every day since – proud.

Local businesses in Callala Bay and Callala Beach have no doubt had it tough throughout the year with so many local challenges. Businesses owners and their workers have struggled to get through and they have felt the many blows that have come right at the heart of what they do.

As a local resident, I have watched how our businesses and workers have handled themselves with strength and resilience. They have kept going, kept working, so that we could get the goods and services we needed, when we needed them.

I want to say a special thank you to all of our businesses and organisations – big and small – for everything you have done this year. It has not gone unnoticed and we are so grateful to you.

We still have a long way to go, but our community is stronger than ever. The truth is, we have each and every member of our community to thank for getting us through this year, with all the challenges it has brought.

I have never been prouder to call the South Coast home.



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# Community Church

December already, and Christmas almost upon us. A year of massive change and interruption; fires, floods and the covid-19 pandemic, all contributing to changing the way we live and act. Traditionally Christmas is a time of parties, family gatherings and holiday festivities; and for those who follow Jesus this is a time that we celebrate his birth. Over seven hundred years before Jesus' birth, the Prophet Isaiah proclaimed this message; ““Stop dwelling on the past. Don't even remember these former things. I am doing something brand new, something unheard of. Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. Don't you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert”.

Jesus reading from that same prophecy says this of himself; "God's Spirit is on me;

he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!"

Understanding the message of Christmas is simple – God understood we were in need of a “a new thing” and that left to our own devices, were unable to create “flowing streams in the desert”, what was needed was someone who would show us how to live, and how to love. So, God became one of us, entered our world as the baby Jesus, born of a woman.

During Jesus mission on earth, his follower Luke records these words (from the message):

“To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person” ... “Live generously”. “Here is a simple rule of thumb for behaviour: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! If you only love

the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that. “I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You'll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we're at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind”.

If we all lived this way, I wonder, what sort of community we would create? Perhaps in some ways the Christian church has taken its eyes of Jesus! My desire is that the church will become that source of living water that brings hope and life to those enduring a desert experience.

Wishing all our readers a blessed Christmas

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This month I want to feature one of our Bush Care sites, the area bounded by Callala Creek, the carpark at Bicentennial Park, and the footpath on Lackersteen St, ending at the small drain opposite Bay St. The two photos below show the area as you may have seen it from the footpath.



Our group first started working on this site in early 2015. We slashed the Buffalo and Kikuyu lawn grasses and then selectively sprayed herbicide when the grasses began to re shoot. Some of 'the usual suspects' in terms of weeds we encounter were also present; Senna or Easter Cassia, Asparagus fern, Thistle, Nightshade and Bidens Pilosa, or as it is commonly known,

Cobbler's pegs. They were removed by hand or by use of small hand tools.

After that initial work, a large volume of eucalyptus mulch, over 10 tonnes [!] was provided by the Council, and we set to work spreading this over the freshly cleared areas.

Then we sourced seedlings of small plants endemic to the area such as Lomandra longifolia, Crinum lilies and Ficinia nodosa/ Knobby club rush. Below is a photo of a couple of Crinum lilies, one of them in flower. The various ground covers and creepers in the background are what Bush Carers refer to as 'volunteers', that is, plants endemic to the area that germinate after we have cleared away weeds. I find watching 'volunteers' get a wriggle on at a Bush Care site extremely satisfying.



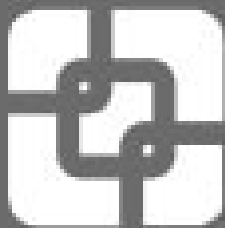
In the photo below, a 'volunteer' climber, *Stephania japonica*/snake vine, is strangling a young Crinum lily, well sorry Crinum lily, them's the breaks! Our aim in Bush Care is to try and foster a natural environment rather than a domestic garden layout, so a bit of strangling is OK!

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# Bushcare



Passer-by saw this creeper and asked me with concern if it was a weed. I think she worried that it was Madeira vine, a very vigorous invasive weed of South American origin. The leaves are similar, but a big difference is that with snake vine, the stem attaches to the leaf in the middle of the leaf, not at the edge.

Follow up sessions were done over the next couple of years, but one weed which rather snuck up on us is a pasture grass originally imported from South Africa as cattle fodder, *Ehrharta erecta*, or panic veldgrass. The introduction of this grass wasn't particularly useful to the agricultural sector because cattle here don't really favour this grass like their South African cousins do, and this grass rapidly becomes a weed as it produces viable seed all year round. We inadvertently created a nice environment for this weed not noticing its gradual encroachment once the eucalyptus mulch began to break down and the bare earth was exposed.

This photo shows a mature *Ehrharta* plant. As you can see, the seed heads stretch out well beyond the leaves, spreading trouble as they go!



Over the past few months we have devoted most of our weekly sessions [Tuesday mornings from 8am – 10am] to tackling this weed. It's painstaking work, and requires a certain level of fitness in terms of kneeling and bending. But mostly it requires a lot of patience. I don't really know why its common name is 'panic grass', but it certainly causes me to sigh with exasperation at times! Fortunately, there are enough indigenous plants now established that with time, patience, plus another large load of eucalyptus mulch, I'm confident we will bring 'the panic' under manageable control.

If you would like to become involved with our Callala Bush Care group, please email our Council Co Ordinator Peter Swanson, Peter. Swanson@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au, and he will put you in contact with our group leader, Bryan Lenne.



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## Eye Health from Peter Rose

**Pterygia. A growing problem**

A part from other dangers to your vision, exposure to the sun's harmful rays can cause pterygia to form on the eyes. A pterygium (pronounced te-ri-gi-um) (plural: pterygia) is not a form of cancer but a fleshy growth on the eye. It can be ugly, uncomfortable and affect vision. As with any changes that occurs to your eyes or vision, detection of a pterygium requires an immediate eye examination.

A pterygium is a triangular-shaped lump of tissue that grows from the thin membrane that covers the white of the eye, the conjunctiva. The pterygium can grow over the cornea. The condition often occurs in both eyes, usually on the nasal sides of the conjunctiva and cornea. It is brought on by exposure to the sun but its exact causes are not known. The condition is strongly associated with ultra-violet radiation and hot, dry environments. Pterygium is most common among farmers and surfers and those who spend a lot of time outside, especially in northern Australia.

Light can be blocked from the eye if the pterygium grows onto the central part of the cornea and vision can be distorted. When the pterygium is not growing on to the cornea, protection from ultraviolet light can stabilize growth and further treatment may not be needed.

When the pterygium is actively growing on the cornea, surgical removal is the most effective treatment. Your optometrist can assess the pterygium and refer you to an eye surgeon if it needs to be removed. It is relatively minor surgery that is usually performed under local anesthetic.

To prevent pterygia, follow the basic sun protection guidelines: avoid the sun between 10am and 4pm, and wear a broad-brimmed hat and wrap around sunglasses when in the sun.

If you have any further questions about floaters please don't hesitate to contact your EyeQ Optometrist Robert or Peter Rose at EyeQ Nowra on 44214511

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- Please bring soap and cleaning equipment with you, including detergent, cloth and bucket (consider if you will need a cup to gather water from small basins).  
Clean all surfaces before and after your event with detergent.
- Pay particular attention to high-usage surfaces in the amenities, doorways and kitchens table and chairs
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(The Hall Committee have provided hand sanitizer and cleaning solutions)
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## Garden Club

Culburra Beach & District Garden Club Inc. roundup.

Hello everyone November 21st was our last meeting until we resume on February 20th. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but we managed to restart our meetings again in September. This pandemic changed our lives and has taught us to be patient, resilient and flexible. We hope that next year we will be COVID-19 free and everyone will be able to meet without any restrictions.

Our garden club is affiliated with Garden Clubs of Australia Inc and this year they celebrated 70 years. The founding president was Margaret Davis, a woman with vision. Margaret was born in 1908, her birth registered at Katoomba, New South Wales. She married Arthur Davis in 1929 at Vaucluse. She was the second woman to hold a pilot's licence in Australia, Nancy Bird Walton being the first.

She founded the NSW Garden Club in 1950 which later became The Garden Clubs of Australia in 1952 with the 'Friendship through Gardens'. She also began the concept of the Remembrance Driveway, a living war memorial consisting of tree planting in designated areas along the highway connecting Sydney and Canberra, to honour Australian Servicemen and women.

Margaret Davis died in 2000 but her legacy lives on as there are now 740 affiliated garden clubs around Australia. Her husband Arthur M Davis created a camellia in honour of his wife Camellia japonica 'Margaret Davis'. This camellia produces a display of dense foliage and creamy white flowers with bright rose petal margins. It makes a striking hedge and can also be grown in a pot.



**On behalf of our garden club, I would like to thank the Callala Bay Community Association especially editor Jake Khourey for their continued support.**

**We wish everyone a happy Christmas and Peace and joy in the coming year. Take care everyone and stay safe. Go and enjoy your garden!**

**Doris Carpenter (secretary) 44465631**

**\*\* meetings are not held during Dec and Jan.**



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# Route 120

## Currarong, Callala Bay, Callala Beach, Myola to Nowra and Bomaderry

| School Days                    |             | Monday to Friday |                  |               | School Holidays |                 |               |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Departs                        | AM          | AM               | AM               | PM            | AM              | AM              | PM            |
| <b>Currarong</b>               |             |                  |                  |               |                 |                 |               |
| Crookhaven Pde                 | 7.15 T      | 8.25 T           |                  |               | 8.00            |                 |               |
| Yalwal St                      | 7.16 T      | 8.26 T           | Not Available    | Not Available | 8.01            | Not Available   | Not Available |
| Tennis Court                   | 7.17 T      | 8.27 T           |                  |               | 8.02            |                 |               |
| Progress Hall                  | 7.18 T      | 8.28 T           |                  |               | 8.03            |                 |               |
| Cambe & Nowra Rds              | 7.20 T      | 8.30 T           |                  |               | 8.05            |                 |               |
| <b>Callala Bay</b>             |             |                  |                  |               |                 |                 |               |
| Sydney Ave                     | 7.35 T      | 8.47             | 10.10            | 1.45          | 8.20            | 10.10           | 1.45          |
| Boorawine Terrace              | 7.30 T      | 8.40             | 10.13            | 1.48          | 8.23            | 10.13           | 1.48          |
| Emmett Street Shops            | 7.30 T      | 8.46             | 10.16            | 1.53          | 8.26            | 10.16           | 1.53          |
| Callala Public School          | 7.35 T      | 8.45             | 10.17            | 1.54          | 8.27            | 10.17           | 1.54          |
| <b>Callala Beach / Myola</b>   |             |                  |                  |               |                 |                 |               |
| Queen Mary Street              | 7.15 T      | 8.15             | 10.20            | 1.58          | 8.31            | 10.20           | 1.58          |
| Catherine St Myola             | 7.20 T      | 8.20             | N/A              | N/A           | 8.36            | N/A             | N/A           |
| Sir Henry Crescent             | 7.22 T      | 8.23             | 10.23            | 2.02          | 8.40            | 10.23           | 2.02          |
| Callala Beach Shops            | 7.25 T      | 8.25             | 10.25            | 2.04          | 8.42            | 10.25           | 2.04          |
| Watts and Lennox St            | 7.27 T      | 8.28             | 10.28            | 2.07          | 8.45            | 10.28           | 2.07          |
| <b>Mayfield</b>                | 7.40 T      |                  |                  |               |                 |                 |               |
| <b>Stewart Place Nowra</b>     | 8.20        | 9.20             | 11.00 #          | 2.55          | 9.20            | 11.00 #         | 2.55          |
| <b>Bomaderry Rail</b>          | 8.15        | 9.30             | 11.10 #          | 2.40          | 9.30            | 11.10 #         | 2.40          |
| <b>Nowra Tafe</b>              | 8.20        | 9.32             |                  |               |                 |                 |               |
| <b>Stocklands Nowra</b>        |             | 9.40             | #                | 2.50          | 9.40            | #               | 2.50          |
| <b>Train Departs Weekdays</b>  | 8.17 & 9.20 | 10.00*           | 11.23 & 12.00pm* | 16.12         | 9.20 & 10.00*   | 11.23& 12.00pm* | 16.12         |
| <b>Train Departs Saturdays</b> |             |                  |                  |               | 10.31           | 12.29           | 16.33         |

\* Bus Service 737 Bomaderry Station to Kiama Station

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|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| AM                             | PM           | PM                | PM           | AM          | AM           | PM                | PM           |
| <b>Train Arrives Weekdays</b>  | 8.40* & 9.15 | 11.40* am & 12.27 | 1.40* & 2.17 |             | 8.40* & 9.15 | 11.40* am & 12.27 | 1.40* & 2.17 |
| <b>Train Arrives Saturdays</b> |              |                   |              |             | 8.19         | 12.21             | 2.19         |
| <b>Departs</b>                 |              |                   |              |             |              |                   |              |
| <b>Stewart Place Nowra</b>     | 9.20         | 12.20             | 2.55         |             | 9.20         | 12.20             | 2.55         |
| <b>Bomaderry Rail</b>          | 9.30         | 12.32             | 2.40         |             | 9.30         | 12.32             | 2.40         |
| <b>Nowra Tafe</b>              | 9.32         | 12.34             |              | 3.30 S473   | 9.32         |                   |              |
| <b>Stocklands Nowra</b>        | 9.40         | 12.40             | 2.50         |             | 9.40         | 12.40             | 2.50         |
| <b>Mayfield</b>                |              |                   |              | 3.55        |              |                   |              |
| <b>Callala Bay</b>             |              |                   |              | S473        |              |                   |              |
| Callala School                 | 10.17        |                   | 3.35         | 4.11        | 10.17        |                   |              |
| Sydney Ave                     | 10.10        |                   | 3.43         | 4.05        | 10.10        |                   |              |
| Boorawine Terrace              | 10.13        |                   | 3.40         | 4.08        | 10.13        |                   |              |
| Emmett Street Shops            | 10.16        |                   | 3.35         | 4.10        | 10.16        |                   |              |
| <b>Callala Beach</b>           |              |                   |              | S473        |              |                   |              |
| Queen Mary Street              | 10.20        |                   | 3.46 T       | 4.22        | 10.20        |                   |              |
| Catherine Street Myola         | N/A          |                   | 3.51 T       | 4.27        | N/A          |                   |              |
| Sir Henry Crescent             | 10.23        |                   | 3.55 T       | 4.30        | 10.23        |                   |              |
| Callala Beach Shops            | 10.25        |                   | 3.45 T       | 4.21        | 10.25        |                   |              |
| Watts, Lennox Road Loop        | 10.28        |                   | 3.42 T       | 4.18        | 10.28        |                   |              |
| <b>Currarong</b>               |              |                   |              |             |              |                   |              |
| Cambe & Nowra Rds              |              |                   | 3.50 T       | 4.20 T      |              |                   |              |
| Progress Hall                  |              |                   | 3.53 T       | 4.23 T      |              |                   |              |
| Tennis Court                   |              |                   | 3.55 T       | 4.24 T      |              |                   |              |
| Yalwal St                      |              |                   | 3.57 T       | 4.25 T      |              |                   |              |
| Crookhaven Pde                 |              |                   | 4.00 T       | 4.26 T      |              |                   |              |

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# Callala Community Garden

Our first Produce Sale to coincide with Callala Market Day was a resounding success. We raised over \$500 towards lease fees, insurance, Association Membership fees, ongoing maintenance, seeds, fertilizer etc.

Working Bees continue with relocation of compost bins, new garden bed construction, planting, mulching, feeding, watering and harvesting.

A huge thank you from our continuing President Robyn Hannan to all those involved in keeping it together this last year and for signing up for more!

We would love more members from our community to grow with us, to share ideas, knowledge, hints, tips, triumphs and disasters.

We are a small group of friendly amateurs who would like to be able to open the gates more often. Please think about getting involved and helping us grow. You don't need to be a Peter Cundall!

Contact us through our Facebook page or via our Secretary using [victoria.maudson@hotmail.com](mailto:victoria.maudson@hotmail.com).

Feel free to visit us during Working Bee mornings.....Tuesdays, Thursdays and 1st and 3rd Sundays. Bring the family. Buy some produce. You will be very welcome.



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## Culburra Beach & District Men's Shed

The 2019/20 summer bushfires were an experience we will all never forget. The NSW South Coast, including areas nearby to us, was devastated. The impact on local properties, agriculture and grazing, small and large businesses, hospitality and tourism, and our environment was indeed profound. Many are yet to recover.

Our local flora and fauna suffered massive damage. Estimates vary but all agree that literally millions of native mammals, birds and reptiles were killed by the fires. Those that survived were faced with greatly reduced habitat and a loss of food resources. The bush will regenerate in time but many animals will suffer in the vacuum left behind by the fires. This is particularly true regarding the loss of older, hollow bearing trees which are usually more than 100 years old before fungus, borers or trauma create natural hollows for birds, possums, reptiles and bees.

The fires exacerbated the ongoing loss of natural habitat from urbanisation, forestry and agricultural land clearing. We are fortunate to live in an area where wildlife like possums and native birds in our backyards is commonplace. Now, more than ever, our local wildlife need help. Something as simple as putting out water for local birds, lizards and bees will help. So will planting endemic native plants in the garden to provide flowers, nectar and safe roosting places for birds.

If you have trees in your backyard, you could also consider putting up a nest box for local birds and/or possums. Our Men's Shed makes a range of nest boxes, suitable for birds ranging from rosellas and galahs, to kookaburras and owls, to musk lorikeets and pardalotes. We also make nest boxes for brush-tail and ringtail possums, sugar and feather-tail gliders and antechinus. In many cases, the same box may be used by either a possum or a bird, dependent on

location and orientation e.g. ringtail possums will

use the same box as crimson rosellas.

Installation height should be about 4 to 5 metres for most birds and 3 metres or above for possum species. Safety first rules; never climb higher than you feel safe and always seek assistance when installing nest boxes. Nest boxes should be located to avoid exposure to the western sun as summer heat can be a killer for young chicks.

Prices start from just \$30.

Call Ray on 0499 452095 for more information, or visit the Shed on Monday or Wednesday mornings. We'll also be at the Callala Markets on Saturday 12 December.

Please think about installing a bird or possum box in your backyard this summer. As well as providing habitat for our local wildlife, the antics of the nesting birds (or possums in the early evening) can be both entertaining and educational





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### **THURSDAY**

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### **SUNDAY**

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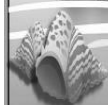
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# Boomerang Bags

2020 has been a year that most would rather forget, for the Callala/ Myola locals the fires were daunting, only to be followed with the dreaded COVID-19.

However, in the face of adversity our “Boomerang Bag Family” continued to produce bags, finding ways to work within the required guidelines, and always with the happy friendly faces that has become associated with the group.

While it seems like yesterday, our group was formed 3 yrs ago (really!) with almost 5600 bags completed and put into the local community, an amazing contribution in the fight to eradicate plastic bags, pat yourself on the back. The generosity and compassion of the group has not been limited to Boomerang Bags, the group continues to offer assistance, support and more importantly friendship to many.

The group always welcomes new faces, while you don't need any skills a sense of humour is mandatory, please forward this newsletter to anyone who maybe interested. We held our final sewing session for the year in November at the Callala Beach Hall and will restart again in February 2021.

Many thanks must go to Fiona Schreurs from the Shoalhaven City Council for her encouragement and support.

And a big thank you to all the ladies who help make our group what it is and everyone who contributes to our boomerang bag movement. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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## WHAT'S ON @ THE PROGRESS HALL

|   |                   |                |                   |                              |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| MONDAY  | 4:00PM - 6:45PM   | JENNY'S DANCE  | PAMELA            | 0433 675 820                 |
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**Second Wednesday of the month:** Callala Bay Community Association

**7:00 pm**

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**Second Saturday of each month:** Callala Markets - Call Sandra 0413 581 419

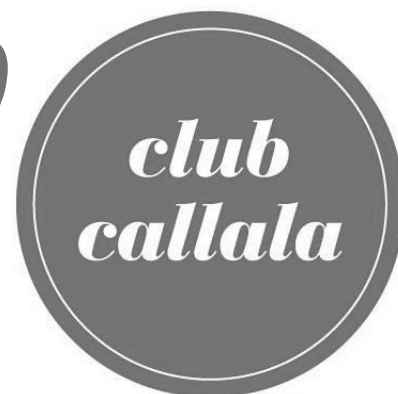
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**Tickets on sale from 4pm – Drawn 5pm.**

**Saturday 12th**

**JACII LEIGH – from 7pm.**

**Saturday 19th**

**LEAH HAAK – from 7pm.**

**Sunday 20th**

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW – Drawn 4pm (before Ham raffle).**

**Saturday 26th**

**SHARON GADD – from 6pm**

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## Landcare

"Environment wins from Fulton Hogan & Landcare collaboration.

Anyone who has driven through Nowra in the past few months would have noticed the road widening work on the Princes Highway as part of the new Nowra Bridge project. This has resulted in the removal of a number of trees adjacent to the Shoalhaven City Council buildings, Harry Sawkins Park, and Illaroo Road. Many locals have been wondering what is happening with these trees.

Fulton Hogan, the contractor for the Nowra Bridge project, has collaborated with the Shoalhaven Landcare Association and Tapitallee Creek Landcare group to reuse the logs and rootballs in bank stabilisation work. They have delivered the timber to specific sites, ready for installation.

Tapitallee Creek Landcare Group has been actively working to stabilise and revegetate the creeks and wetlands in the Cambewarra area since 1992. During this time, they have undertaken numerous projects involving bank stabilisation using rock and logs, construction of bed lowering structures such as weirs, re-established ephemeral wetlands throughout the floodplain and extensive revegetation of the riparian areas, planting over 14,000 native trees. This project has become an example to other Landcare groups working on riparian land in the region.

The lower reaches of Tapitallee Creek experience huge flows after rain, which causes significant bank erosion. In 2018 the group sourced root balls and logs to stabilise a seriously eroded bank on the creek.

"With the help of Soil Conservation Service, we were able to stabilise the bank by pushing the trunk of the root balls into the bank and securing them with 6 metre long logs." Said Peter Jirgens, President of the Landcare Group.

"The entire structure was secured with galvanised steel cable, making it permanent and robust to floods. These structures form excellent habitat for water species such as fish, eels, amphibians and

other riparian species." He added

"Last year, we worked with local volunteers and planted over 700 plants on the banks including River Oak trees, Red Cedars, Cabbage Tree Palms, Lomandras and native lilies which will help prevent riverbank erosion, improve water quality and provide habitat for native wildlife." said landholder Sal Bruderlin

"The logs and root balls donated by Fulton Hogan will allow us to stabilise more eroding sections of Tapitallee Creek on two properties, with assistance from Soil Conservation Service." Said Mr Jirgens"

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# Callala Bowls Report

## CALLALA BOWLS NEWS

The last 3 ends of the washed out final of the Minor Singles was played in fine weather on Wednesday, November 18. Ray Hannett kept his lead to win the game. Congratulation to both players as the score did not reflect the quality of play.

The second semi final of the Mixed Pairs was played in warm conditions on Saturday, November 21 between the Harbrows and the Fords. Chris and Lesley started well against Petra and Pat, leading 4 – 2 on the 4th end. Petra and Pat upped the anti adding 12 shots over the next 7 ends. They kept the pressure on winning the game 22 – 11. The final is set down for next week.



*L to R Ron Kirk runnerup with Ray Hannett winner of the Major Singles*



*L to R Chris and Lesley Harbrow with Petra and Pat Ford winners of the Mixed Pairs Semi Final*



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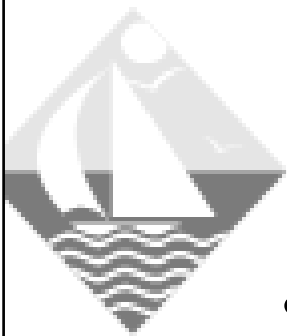


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# Message from Shelley Hancock

## Out and About Voucher Program

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock has welcomed yesterday's announcement NSW residents will be given \$100 worth of digital vouchers that can be used at eateries and on arts and tourism attractions across NSW.

Mrs Hancock said the vouchers are part of a flagship \$500 million program to help business, stimulate the State's economy and support local jobs and will bring a much needed boost to local businesses affected by fires, drought and the pandemic.

"With residents across the South Coast enduring multiple natural disasters in the past 12 months preventing us from going out to dinner, visiting local attractions or taking our children or grandchildren to the cinema, these vouchers will help our local residents and businesses," Mrs Hancock said.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the \$500 million Out & About program is designed to boost businesses hit hard by the pandemic, by encouraging people to get out and enjoy the best of NSW.

"No industry has felt the economic impacts of COVID-19 more than the hospitality, arts and tourism industries," Mr Perrottet said.

"NSW acted swiftly to save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19 and we want to help businesses by encouraging spending within local communities, especially within the hospitality, arts and tourism sectors."

Every NSW resident aged 18 and over will be eligible for four \$25 vouchers worth \$100 in total - with the program designed to encourage people to spend multiple times to support their

local businesses.

Two vouchers can be used for eating in at venues such as restaurants, cafes, clubs and other food service venues, and two vouchers can be used for entertainment and recreation, such as cultural institutions, performing arts, cinemas, and amusement parks.

Service NSW will operate a pilot of the scheme throughout December in the Sydney CBD before launching Out & About across NSW in the new year.

Vouchers will not be redeemable for tobacco, alcohol or gambling. For more information, visit [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au).

To become a COVID Safe business, please register via [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au).

For more information contact the Office of Shelley Hancock MP 4421 0222



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