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<https://www.shoalhaven.com./events/?A=1+April+2024&A=30+April+2024&C=&L=&Y=#read>



POLLY



LORI



In the second month of Autumn, I just thought you might like to see our Tibochina in the corner of our garden... This beautiful tree never lets us down with all its flowering blossoms!

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ANZAC DAY 25th APRIL 2024



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HOW WE HELP

The Nowra RSL Sub Branch is active in many ways in their local community. We provide

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Address: Sussex Inlet RSL Sub-Branch Memorial Hall 18 Nielson Rd SUSSEX INLET NSW 2540 [Get Directions](#) Meeting: Sussex Inlet RSL Club - 200 Jacobs Drive SUSSEX INLET - First Sunday of each month Time: 10:30am Email: Sussex-InletSB@rslnsw.org.au Phone: [02 4441 2548](tel:0244412548) Fax: 02 4441 2548 District Council: Central Southern District Council

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Address: Club Jervis Bay 3-8 Currambene Street HUSKISSON NSW 2540 [Get Directions](#) Meeting: Club Jervis Bay, 2/8 Currambene Street HUSKISSON - Second Thursday of each month Time: 7.30pm Email: HuskissonSB@rslnsw.org.au Phone: [02 4441 5282](tel:0244415282) District Council: Central Southern District Council

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Address: 62 Roskell Road CALLALA BEACH NSW 2540 [Get Directions](#) Meeting: Sub-Branch Meeting Room 43 Callala Beach Road CALLALA BEACH NSW 2540 - Third Saturday of each month Time: 10.00am Email: CallalaBeachSB@rslnsw.org.au Phone: [02 4446 5676](tel:0244465676) Fax: 02 4446 6594 District Council: Central Southern District Council



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on 4442 8100.

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Community Forums

About.....

Basin Villages Forum

basinvillagesforum.asn.au

PO Box 37, St Georges Basin 2540

The following article written by the Basin Village Forum, has been published in the About Magazine March 2024, written and published with dignity and love for a long term resident and committee member of the Basin Village Forum Christine Rigg (1959-2024).

Basin Villages Forum's first meeting was held February 18th before the *About.....* magazine cut off date. While many issues will have been discussed it was also a time to remember Christine, long term resident and committee member of Basin Villages Forum.

Christine Rigg (1959-2024)

The start of Basin Villages Forum year is saddened by the loss of Committee member Christine Rigg who worked as Secretary/Treasurer for many years.

The Basin Villages Forum website was also operated by Christine so a huge hole has been left in the group, and not just as committee member.

Both partner David as Chair with Christine were seen as an indispensable duo.

The 'dry' facts given about her time holding these positions do not show the tenacity, honesty and forthright nature of the special person that was Christine.

Loved by many and admired for her wonderful musical ability and talent as well as her love of the natural world, Christine produced a book with photographs sharing her love of the wonderful plants and animals found during walks on Redhead Point Reserve at Sanctuary Point.

Her fascination of nature also became a calendar of dragonflies, butterflies, plants, frogs, fungi and things beautiful that caught her discerning eye.

Christine has left a wonderful legacy of dedication to the community, music and laughter.

She will be remembered by those people involved in the many compartments of her life, cut short too soon.

Council vote to pause capital works projects...



At last night's meeting, Council determined that it would place a number of construction projects on hold as part of a series of measures being taken to address its current financial position.

Since receiving its Financial Sustainability Review report from financial experts, AEC in November

2023, Council has been progressing with its 27 recommended actions to increase revenue and cut costs to reduce the projected annual \$25 million to \$35 million structural deficit.

In January 2024, Council resolved not to proceed with a Special Rate Variation and continue with the remaining actions, including the sale of excess assets, increase operational efficiencies as well as fees and charges.

The projects that have been placed on hold are:

- Bay and Basin Leisure Centre refurbishment planning and design works
- Construction of Bob Proudfoot Pavilion, Sanctuary Point
- Redevelopment of Bomaderry Basketball Stadium
- Construction of stages 5 to 7 of Boongaree regional park, Berry
- Investigation, planning and design works of skate parks and pump tracks in Sussex Inlet, Sanctuary Point, Bomaderry and Worigee
- Construction of Berry Spinners and Weavers building
- Construction of Berry Showground animal nursery
- Investigation, planning and design works of Kangaroo Valley playground.

Additional decisions made included investigating a redesign of the Sanctuary Point District Library to be of a smaller scale, and to defer consideration of reinstating outdoor dining fees to the new Council that will be elected in September 2024.

Funding for fireworks events will no longer be eligible to apply for the Community Donations Fund, which has been reduced to \$180,000 in the 2024-25 financial year.

Adjustments were also made to balance the 2023-24 financial year budget as part of the quarterly review, which included deferring 10 capital works projects and withdrawing funding allocated for events and arts grants.

Council is continuing to work on the draft budget 2024-25 that will progress initiatives to improve the financial stability of the organisation, including increases to fees, charges and rates and prioritising asset maintenance over new capital projects. The draft budget 2024-25 will be presented to Council in May and be placed on public exhibition for community feedback.



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MEDIA RELEASE

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

**FACE TO FACE APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN
BAY & BASIN TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2024**

On Tuesday 9th April 2024 a solicitor from Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre will be visiting your area for legal outreach appointments.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre provides free legal advice to residents of the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Snowy Monaro & Queanbeyan/Palerang Local Government Areas. Shoalcoast solicitors are experienced in resolving many types of legal problems.

When: Tuesday 9th April 2024

Where: Bay & Basin Community Centre, 34 Paradise Beach Road Sanctuary Point

Times: Between 10:30am to 3:30pm

Appointments are essential – please call 1800 229 529

Appointments can be made for many types of legal problems. Shoalcoast deals with most non-commercial areas of law, including consumer credit and debt, family law involving children and separation, victims' compensation, personal safety or domestic violence issues, Centrelink problems, employment and tenancy.

Shoalcoast also offers telephone advice & information. Phone our staff to complete a client intake and a solicitor will call you back or an appointment will be made for the next time we visit your area.

Shoalcoast can also provide community legal education for groups and organisations. Please contact our office if you are interested.

Thank you for your assistance to promote the services of Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre. Please do not hesitate to contact the office for further information.

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St Georges Basin Vincentia



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From helping Australians transition from horse and cart to automobiles, and navigating the challenges that have come with the changes in transportation, to entering into a new future of mobility – the NRMA has always championed the needs of motorists and kept people moving.

The NRMA turned 100 in 2020. We took the opportunity to reflect and celebrate our past, but more importantly look into the future, so we can continue to help people move. Our goal is to help build a sustainable future for all communities, by revitalising the Aussie road trip and stimulating regional tourism.

Our history – a timeline



Join us, as we look back over the past 100 years and towards a brighter future.

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Help us, help you by taking action to ensure you and your family stay safe over summer. If you do your bit to minimise the risks in your home, we can all stay



Summer checklist



Smoke alarms

Did you know that you will not smell smoke while asleep? Only working smoke alarms save lives.

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BBQ fire safety

The backyard barbie can be a common cause of fires and injury during summer. Keep barbecues clean and ensure all gas hoses and connections are tight with no leakage.

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Electric lights safety

When setting up christmas lights or decorative electric displays, use only one item per power socket and don't overload power boards or piggy back double adaptors.

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Live near the bush?

Last bushfire season taught us some terrifying lessons about the importance of being prepared and having a plan. If you and your home are well prepared, you stand a better chance of surviving a bushfire.



Keep looking when cooking

The leading cause of home fires in NSW is leaving cooking unattended. Never leave cooking unattended. Stay in the kitchen while cooking and turn off the stove before you leave.

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Escape plans

Having a home escape plan in conjunction with a working smoke alarm will greatly increase your chances of getting out safely. Every second counts.

Fire and Rescue NSW - Prepared for anything.

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is one of the world's largest urban fire and rescue services and is the busiest in Australia. Our overriding purpose is to enhance community safety, quality of life, and confidence by minimising the impact of hazards and emergency incidents on the people, property, environment and economy of NSW.



Media Release 25 March 2024

Mark Speakman Leader of the
Opposition Leader of the NSW Liberals
Dugald Saunders Leader of the
NSW Nationals

25 March 2024 **CHRIS MINNS AND LABOR: A YEAR OF DISAPPOINTMENT**

The people of NSW are having to deal with higher rents, housing prices and everyday living costs after twelve months of the Minns Labor Government. Leader of the Opposition Mark Speakman said Chris Minns and Labor are letting NSW down.

“Households and families are being let down – day to day expenses are sky rocketing and Labor has slashed cost of living support like Active Kids, Creative Kids, First Lap, Back to School vouchers and the Regional Seniors Travel Card,” Mr Speakman said.

“Communities across the State are being let down - Labor has delayed and cancelled new road and metro projects and communities are feeling less safe. And our young people are being let down – rents are up, houses have never been less affordable and tax choice for first home buyers has been axed.”

“Chris Minns has been spending most of his time cutting ribbons on projects funded, commenced or delivered by the Liberals and Nationals rather than addressing the needs of hard-working families.

Leader of the NSW Nationals Dugald Saunders said regional communities have been left behind, as valuable dollars are ripped out of the regions.

“We always knew the bush would be worse off under a Minns Labor Government, and our worst fears have already been confirmed,” Mr Saunders said. “In a year of the Minns Labor Government, vital programs like the Regional Seniors Travel Card, Resources for Regions and the Stronger Country Communities Fund have been sent to the chopping block.”

“Labor’s “fresh start” has also seen the head of the Department of Primary Industries sacked and the ‘local’ taken out of Local Land Services.” After a year of Chris Minns and Labor – you’re paying more, households and families are worse off and Labor don’t have a plan to address the cost of living crisis.

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Men's Shed Inc.**

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RUNNING TIME

Approx. 2 hrs 10 mins

TICKET PRICE \$49.90 - \$79.90

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Ages 5+



Nina Simone - A Musical Life

Wed 1 May, 11am

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Welcome to NSW SES St Georges Basin Unit

The NSW SES St Georges Basin Unit consists of a group of dedicated members of varying ages, from all walks of life with a wide variety of skills and experiences to offer. Each is individual but come together with a common goal, to assist their community in times of need.

The NSW SES offers members a wide range of training and equipment enabling us to help our community in a safe and professional manner.

Prepare now for flood, storm and tsunami



8 TIPS YOU CAN DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR STORMS



Your Emergency Kit

Your emergency kit contents

- ✓ A portable radio with spare batteries
- ✓ A torch with spare batteries
- ✓ A first aid kit
- ✓ Candles and waterproof matches
- ✓ Important documents including emergency contact numbers
- ✓ Copies of any emergency plans
- ✓ A waterproof bag for valuables

If you have to evacuate, add to your emergency kit

- ✓ Medications
- ✓ Supplies for your baby or any other people in your care
- ✓ Appropriate clothing and footwear
- ✓ Food and drinking water
- ✓ Mobile phone wall and car charger

Keep your emergency kit in a waterproof storage box. Check your emergency kit regularly and restock any out-of-date items such as batteries.

For more information: www.ses.nsw.gov.au



There are a few simple things that you can do now to help reduce the potential damage caused by severe storms:

- 1 Maintain your yard and balcony by securing or putting away items that could blow around in strong winds
- 2 Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages
- 3 Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home or property
- 4 Fix any damage to your roof including broken or missing tiles
- 5 Check your insurance policy is current and adequate
- 6 Make a plan for your family that outlines what you would do in an emergency
- 7 Put together an emergency kit
- 8 Listen to your local radio station and other media for weather warnings

YOU TOO CAN BE A MEMBER, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SES UNIT TODAY... AND SAY HELLO!

NSW SES St Georges Basin meet and train 6.30 pm Wednesdays

For further information on membership Please phone 1800 201 000

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New publication: NSW Recorded Crime Statistics quarterly update December 2023

Release Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024 Link to reports summary:

[NSW Recorded Crime Statistics quarterly update December 2023
Crime in Regional and Rural NSW in 2023: Trends and Patterns](#)

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has today released NSW Recorded Crime Statistics up to December 2023... Key findings:

- o For most major offences, recorded crime remains lower than it was prior to the pandemic. In the *five* years to December, two of the 13 major offence categories showed significant upward trends, six showed downward trends, and five were stable.
- o The two offences which have increased are: domestic violence assault (up 3.6% per year on average) and sexual assault (up 10.1% per year on average).
- o The six offences trending downwards are: murder (down 6.4% per year on average), robbery (down 6.9% per year on average), break and enter dwelling (down 5.9% per year on average), steal from motor vehicle (down 6.6% per year on average), other stealing offences (down 6.5% per year on average), and malicious damage to property (down 3.6% per year on average).

BOCSAR are also releasing an additional report exploring crime patterns in Regional NSW up to December 2023. Rates of violent and property crime are considerably higher in Regional NSW than in Sydney. This is a longstanding feature of crime in NSW and has persisted despite long-term declines in property crime over the past two decades and changing patterns of violent crime. In 2023 the rate of property crime in regional NSW was 59% higher than in Sydney and the rate of violent crime in regional NSW was 57% higher than in Sydney: However, while crime is higher in Regional NSW than in Sydney, it is not the case that crime is necessarily increasing. In Regional NSW most property crimes were considerably lower in 2023 compared to 2004. The following offences, however, have increased significantly in regional NSW over the five years from 2019 to 2023.

- Motor vehicle theft – up 20% or 1,239 additional incidents
- Domestic assault – up 24% or 3,284 additional incidents
- Non-domestic assault – up 14% or 1,825 additional incidents
- Sexual assault – up 47% or 1,505 additional incidents

In 2023 rates of the following major crimes in Regional NSW were either lower than, or equivalent to 2019: break and enter dwelling, break and enter non-dwelling, steal from motor vehicle, steal from dwelling, steal from person, other theft, retail theft, sexual touching, and robbery...

Further enquiries: Suzanne Poynton, A/Executive Director, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research Phone: +61 423 139 687 Email: bcsr@justice.nsw.gov.au
Copies of the report: www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au

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If you think

something is Wrong... Help them to help us! Contact your Local Police Station... Or Phone it in when you know it is wrong!

Shoalhaven Local Area Command
Police Telephone Contact List
In the case of an Emergency Phone : 000

Position	Location	Phone Number
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Bay & Basin Police Station	Sanctuary Point	Fax: 02 44421811
Crime Prevention Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219619
Nowra Police Station	Nowra - Main switch	02 44219699
Nowra Police Direct call	Nowra Police	02 44219693
Sussex Inlet Police Station	Sussex Inlet	02 44468880
Police Assistance Line	PAL	13 14 44
Police Assistance Line TTY Hearing / speech impaired only	PAL	02 92113776
Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers	1800333000

NSW POLICE FORCE website address www.police.nsw.gov.au

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Where no emergency exists and immediate investigation by a Police officer is not necessary, registered community members can now create online reports such as Lost Property, Intentional Damage or Graffiti and Theft, in their own time anywhere where an internet connection is present, using devices of today's technology.

NSW Police Community PORTAL — Check it out for yourself

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_portal/about-the-portal

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CRIME STOPPERS ... 1800 333 000 Anonymous Information.

When you have had enough!...Remember... If you really want to stop Crime... Commit yourself to a SIGNED STATEMENT and you will REALLY give your POLICE something to WORK WITH!

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