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Love is a sharing between one another.

Love is an affection between sister and Brother.

Love is a bond to be faithful and true.

Love is a blessing from out of the blue.

Love is accepting the good and the bad.

Love is a comfort when truly your sad.

Love is a feeling released from within.

Love can be cheating and love can be Sin.

But true Love from the heart is Love from within. Dennis O. Williams



1

Santa Clause is coming, he is one you shall not miss.



By: Dennis Williams

2



Why do you cry little one, on such an eve as this.
Santa Clause is coming, he is one you shall not miss.

3



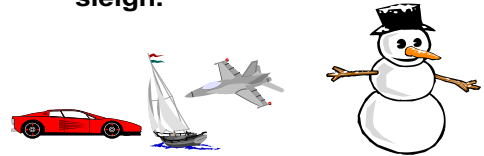
Why do you cry little one, when you should be sound asleep.
Dreaming dreams of a little one, but all you do is weep.



4



Santa Clause is your friend, he is going to pass your way.
He is loaded up with toys of fun, eight reindeers pull his sleigh.



5



Through summer nights or winter snow, at your chimney he will stop.
And looking up his good list, he will see your name right on the top.



6



From his sleigh he will take a present, especially for you.
And taking in a deep breath, down your chimney he will come through.



7



From the chimney to the inside, your stocking he should see.
But no stocking has been left out, there is no Christmas tree.



8



At once he will sense the sadness, for your crying he will hear.
Tip toeing to your bedroom, through the key hole he will peer.



9



Twinkling eyes will loose their lustre, on rosy cheeks a tear will fall.
When he sees a timid figure, crying against a darken wall.



10



He will gently turn your door knob, and your door will open wide.
And a Hi Ho Merry Christmas will be echoing inside

And a Hi Ho Merry Christmas, will be echoing inside Merry Christmas Little One.

Santa Clause



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Coronavirus (COVID-19) current situation and case numbers

We are managing the COVID-19 outbreak in Australia as a health emergency. We will update this page every day with the current situation, latest case numbers and related information.

The above extract has been taken from the Australian Government Department of Health Website and included by the Editor Dennis Williams as a Community Service for the Department of Health.

The following web site has been provided for the community to follow the current situation on a daily basis and don't forget...

“If we all try together and don't give up, we can achieve almost anything.” AND WE WILL!

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers>

BAY & BASIN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

DEVONSHIRE TEA AND CRAFT TABLE

WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2021

**A Devonshire Morning Tea
will be held on Wednesday 1st December
2021 from 10am-2pm.**

To support our local Bay & basin Cancer Support Group. A \$5 entry entitles you to a sumptuous MORNING TEA WITH tea or coffee, Spinner Wheel, Lucky door prize and also raffles during the morning.

Come along and support the Bay & Basin cancer support group and bring a friend, enjoy a chat and check out our hand made craft with lots of Christmas gifts to purchase.

For more information contact

Di on 4443 3275

or Mary on 0412 510 621

**The Country Club
St Georges Basin
11 Paradise Beach Road,
Sanctuary Point NSW
2540**



On behalf of the Sanctuary Point A Concerned Citizens Newsletter, Kate & Dennis Williams Congratulates Keith on the contribution that he and his staff have given to the communities of Sanctuary Point and the Bay & Basin during Keith's Management style since it's opening in April 2004... We wish Keith a wonderful Retirement and wish him well with his future endeavours!

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 Our Bay & Basin

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www.aboutbayandbasin.org

About.....

Your Community Bank

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE



It is hard to believe that it was almost 18 years ago that I started working with our local company in setting up the Sanctuary Point Community Bank, with the branch opening in April 2004. After all that time I have seen our little branch grow into one of the strongest Community Banks in NSW and funded some great community projects like the 2 Fitness Stations (Sanctuary Point and Vincentia) and the Learn To Ride Facility at Clifton Park, these are just a couple of the benefits the community has received since the branch opened.

The time has come to step back from the day-to-day operations of the branch as the Branch Manager and move into retirement from full time work. I won't be cutting ties completely from the business as I have taken on the role of Company Chair/Secretary for the controlling company of the branch, this will allow me to keep involved in the Bank.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful staff, customers, and fellow directors I have worked with over the years, our shared goal of improving the Bay & Basin has certainly been achieved and I look forward to being involved in more community projects in the future, our work is not finished yet.

So, I say farewell from the managers chair, I'll miss seeing all the familiar faces at the branch.

Keith Robnison - 4443 9825



Warm wishes for the festive season.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas. For all your banking needs drop in and see us at 1/200 Kerry Street, Sanctuary Point or call 4443 9825.

Sanctuary Point & Districts Community Bank Branch **Bendigo Bank**

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Council Reference: 67529E (D21/500003)

19/11/2021

Dear Valued Stakeholder

UPDATE ON THE ST GEORGES BASIN, SUSSEX INLET, SWAN LAKE AND BERRARA CREEK COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - BOATING STUDY

Shoalhaven Council is undertaking a Coastal Management Program (CMP) for Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek. A CMP is a long-term strategy for managing the coastal regions in the face of future climate risks and will provide the framework and strategy that will be used to manage our coastlines and estuaries.

Stage 1 of the project, the Scoping Study for the entire Shoalhaven open coast and estuaries, is now complete. As part of Stage 1, you may recall that a series of public workshops and drop-in sessions were held and submissions were received. Among other issues, the consultation identified that boating and navigation are key issues of concern to the community.

Stage 2 – *Now commencing* – the purpose of this stage is to understand the issues that affect the environmental, social, cultural, and economic values of St. Georges Basin, Sussex Inlet, Berrara Creek, and Swan Lake.

Boating Study

As part of this project, a study on boating facilities within Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin Swan Lake and Berrara Creek is being undertaken to assess:

- whether there is sufficient capacity for vessels;
- a need to improve existing facilities;
- an ability to reduce conflict between water users; and
- opportunities to reduce the impact of boating on the surrounding environment.

As part of this study, Shoalhaven City Council is seeking input from the community through a survey and community drop-in sessions.

Please find attached a questionnaire on boating facilities and issues within the St Georges Basin/Sussex Inlet area. Council would greatly appreciate if you could complete the questionnaire on behalf of yourself/organisation. If your organisation wishes to provide separate feedback on boating and navigation issues in the area, that is also welcome.

We look forward to receiving your feedback. If you have any questions, please contact Council's Coastal Management Program Coordinator, Nigel Smith on nigel.smith@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or 0437 761 473.

For further information or if you would like to fill out the survey online, please go to Shoalhaven City Council's 'Get Involved' page at <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/sussexinlet-stgeorgesbasin-berrara-swanlake-cmp>

Yours faithfully





From the Office of the Hon Shelley Hancock MP
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**Member for South Coast - Minister for
Local Government.**

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**GET IN
TOUCH
NOW**

Friday November 19, 2021

ARTS AND CULTURAL FUNDING

Audiences on the South Coast will benefit from record arts and cultural activity to be delivered across NSW, with Minister for the Arts Don Harwin and Shelley Hancock today announcing that Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra Inc, Beyond Empathy Ltd, Ms Lara Merrett will receive \$79,000 in funding.

Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra Inc is one of 198 great projects sharing in \$9,371,594 million through Round 1 of Create NSW's 2021/22 *Arts & Cultural Funding Program* on behalf of the NSW Government.

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock MP welcomed the NSW Government's investment for the South Coast, which is set to benefit NSW audiences, artists and creatives.

"After another challenging year, I am thrilled the NSW Government is investing in the Shoalhaven Organisations through the Arts and Cultural Funding Program," Mrs Hancock said.

"The people of the Shoalhaven are champing at the bit to return to experiencing and engaging with our local galleries, theatres and festivals. I can't wait to see our community's projects and programs come to life."

Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin said "We know that 2021 was a difficult year and there is a strong sense of anticipation from audiences and the sector to come back even bigger and better in 2022."

"The NSW Government is proud to be investing in a record 198 programs through this funding round which will create jobs for over 17,000 arts and cultural workers," Mr Harwin said.

"Not only does it boost jobs and the economy, it will support audiences to be welcomed back to arts and cultural spaces, and we anticipate that over 10 million people will be entertained by the programming this funding will make possible,"

For further information on arts, screen and cultural funding, including targeted support opportunities, visit the Create NSW website at www.create.nsw.gov.au.

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

Aussies urged to have their say on regional bank closures

[Eileen Wood](#) 19 Nov 2021, 7 a.m.

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CONSULTATION: Taskforce to look at impact of bank closures on regional communities.



THE Federal Government has launched a public consultation on regional banking and bank closures.

Australians can make submissions over the coming weeks to help the Regional Banking Taskforce better understand the impacts of branch closures on customers, and how they have impacted local businesses, industries and communities, as well as how Australians are accessing banking services.

The submissions will build on the discussions held between senior representatives of banks and other key stakeholders at the Taskforce's first meeting in Sydney on November 9.

More information about the Taskforce is available [HERE](#) and the issues paper is available [HERE](#).

The Taskforce co-chairs are Assistant Treasury Michael Sukkar and Senator Perin Davey.

Submissions are invited by email to regionalbanking@treasury.gov.au or by mail to: Secretariat, Regional Banking Taskforce, Financial System Division, The Treasury, Langton Crescent, Parkes ACT 2600.

Submissions close December 18, 2021.

READ MORE: [Big four banks announce branch closures](#)

READ MORE: [Don't let banks backslide, review says](#)

St John Ambulance veteran honoured as ACT 2021 Senior of the Year



John Piggott **The SENIOR** 27 Nov 2021, 1:30 a.m.

Latest News

Aunty Val shines a light on St John

VAL Dempsey was stunned when she was named ACT's Senior Australian of the Year. After 50 years with St John Ambulance, she's no longer just a kid from Narrabundah.



LOVES HER WORK: Val Dempsey has spent five decades with her beloved St John Ambulance. Photo: Salty Dingo

At five foot and "a half inch", Valmai Dempsey is by no means a tall woman. But she says that when she first put on her St John Ambulance uniform 50 years ago, she stood tall, albeit "shaking in her boots".

The Canberra grandmother known far and wide as Aunty Val has been honoured as the ACT's 2021 Senior of the Year for her dedicated decades of service with St John.

To say she was surprised is an understatement. "I was one of four nominees and when I saw the calibre of the others, it just blew me away," she told *The Senior*. "I thought how does a kid from Narrabundah get rung up and told something so absolutely amazing? "I guess it's not where you come from but where you choose to go to."

Val said she wanted to be part of St John's from an early age.

"What wouldn't inspire a young girl who's ready to save the world, who dresses her dolly in white, and walks around wanting to bandage everything more than this marvellous uniform?"

"I remember going to the St John's parades as a 10-year-old and thinking, my God, they're wonderful."

Too young to join, Val was taken under the wing of a local lady named Beryl Box.

"She was a wonderful woman, a triple-certificated nursing sister who used to go out dressed in her St John's uniform.

"I was gobsmacked. She used to drive a Morris Minor - one where the indicators came out the side. She said, 'Get dressed in your school uniform, you're going to be the first St John [cadet](#) and I'm going to look after you'.

"And she did. We used to go up to Cotter, which was a popular picnic area. And she would sit in the old St John's log cabin hut and treat people. We had a lot of drownings in the rivers in those days. She was so inspiring. And I said why do you do this? And she said, I just like helping people."

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc.



President:

Ray Marcusson 4447 8634

Secretary:

John Kelly 0413 837 538

**Hours of Business 9.00am. - 3.00pm.
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday...
Phone the office on (02) 44438239 on
these days, or call at the big green
shed located at
17 Clifton Street, Sanctuary Point
NSW 2540 and Say Hello Mate!**

Web Site at:

<https://www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org/>



THE COUNTRY CLUB
St Georges Basin

**Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday
of every month in the upstairs
function room from 10am-12pm.
Everyone is welcome to join us for
morning tea & a chat.**

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Darren Coggan - Home for Christmas

Morning Matinee

Tuesday 7 December 2021 | 11am

Home For Christmas is full of laughter and sing-a-long songs that promise to be a true gift of the season. As his thoughts turn to home, strumming a guitar, Darren reimagines much-loved Christmas favourites, reminiscing warm childhood memories of family and friends.

Darren Coggan is one of Australia's most exciting and diverse artists, a masterful storyteller with a knack of weaving fascinating and perceptive tales through his songs. : From humble beginnings, to selling out The Sydney Opera House Concert Hall, Darren has forged a unique, diverse career. Don't miss this captivating performer.

[READ MORE](#)



WATCH: Darren Coggan's beautiful rendition of 'Mary's Boy Child'.

[WATCH](#)

ADD A ROAST

Add post-show dining to your tickets and enjoy a delicious Christmas inspired lunch!

Strictly limited - bookings essential.

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Darren Coggan - Home for Christmas

Morning Matinee Tuesday 7 December 2021 | 11am. Before 2021 ends, come and "deck the shed with bits of wattle" with one last delightful Morning Matinee performance, starring award-winning musician, Darren Coggan. Celebrate the spirit of joy when coming Home for Christmas with... **RUNNING TIME** Approx. 1 hr 20 mins **RECOMMENDED FOR** All Ages.

[Read More](#) **PREVIEW** **TICKET PRICE** \$21 - \$28

DINING + SHOW \$43 - \$52.50

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Depending on COVID Restrictions

Shelley Hancock MP

MEMBER FOR SOUTH COAST



NSW GOVERNMENT
Shelley Hancock
Minister for Local Government

MEDIA RELEASE

9th November 2021

NEW GENDER EQUALITY DASHBOARD

Member for South Coast, Shelley Hancock has welcomed the launch of the NSW Government's Gender Data Dashboard, an online tool that will shine a light on women's experiences across a range of key areas.

Mrs Hancock said the new online database provides up-to-date statistics on topics such as the gender pay gap, maternal health and higher education completions for women.

"Knowledge and information are powerful tools and this dashboard will allow everyone to see where we are doing well and those areas we should continue to prioritise,"

"For example, it shows us that since 2010 more women than men have completed undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

"It also shows us where women are experiencing unacceptable difficulties and danger – such as in the areas of domestic and sexual assault.

"The online database will also allow students and researchers to bring fresh new insights into projects by enabling them to easily filter information, generate interactive graphs and download slides and photos." Mrs Hancock said.

Minister for Women Bronnie Taylor said the new dashboard brings together publically available data in one place for the first time, transforming the way people access and use it.

"This tool will not just inspire conversations about issues affecting women, it will help the government and non-government sectors work together on effective solutions." Mrs Taylor said.

The NSW Gender Equality Dashboard will be updated throughout the year and presents more than 20 headline measures, which track women's progress across economic opportunity and advancement, health and wellbeing and participation and empowerment.

To start exploring the data, visit <https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/resources/nsw-gender-equality-dashboard/nsw-gender-equality-dashboard>.



NSW Prison Population at five year low

Release Date: Thursday 4 November 2021

Link to report summary:-

[NSW Custody Statistics: Quarterly update September 2021](#)

The number of adults in prison fell by almost 10% in the past two years due to COVID 19 influences – a five year low for NSW.

In September 2021 the prison population was 12,254, a 1,268 person decrease from 13,522 in the pre-pandemic period of September 2019.

Between September 2019 and September 2021:

- The total number of adult prisoners fell 9.4% (down 1,268)
- The number of male prisoners fell 8.6% (down 1,080)
- The number of female prisoners fell 19.4% (down 188)
- The number of Aboriginal male prisoners fell 2.3% (down 75)

The number of Aboriginal female prisoners fell 9.2% (down 29)

"We saw a sharp drop in prisoner numbers during both the 2020 and the 2021 NSW lockdowns" said Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director at BOCSAR. "This is an abrupt change from pre-pandemic patterns during which prisoner volumes increased steadily for many years."

"The suspension of court operations and concern for prisoner welfare in relation to COVID 19 means fewer people have been incarcerated. This change has meant that the prison population is now lower than it has been since 2015" commented Ms Fitzgerald.

As offending levels and the criminal justice system return to normal, BOCSAR anticipates the adult prison population will return to pre-COVID 19 levels during the next 12 months.

"Unfortunately the COVID-related fall in the prison population has been less significant for Aboriginal men and women. This means that the problem of Aboriginal over-representation remains very concerning."

Further enquiries: Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director, BOCSAR 0423 139 687

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Copies of the report: www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au

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Shoalhaven Local Area Command Police Telephone Contact List In the case of an Emergency Phone : 000		
Position	Location	Phone Number
Bay & Basin Police Station	Sanctuary Point	Phone: 02 44421899
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
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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<https://www.facebook.com/ShoalhavenLac>

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

for the SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA

When you are going on the waters, of the St. Georges Basin... Don't forget to log on and off with Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet, for the safety of your life on the water. (27 MHz Chn: 88 VHF Chn: 16) Or Telephone: 4441 3555.



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POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE... 131 444 For reporting of non urgent matters, It will be recorded as an Incident and passed on to the appropriate Police Station to follow up ... It will also become a Statistic and they can be used for the allocation of Police in your local area.

EMERGENCY ... 000 and ask for Police. For Life Threatening or Immediate Attention Required.

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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