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On the 25th January 2022 Kate and I had the pleasure to have called into Sussex Green House and we were amazed at

the work that Toni Evans and Jesse Crowe, the Proprietors of the Hydroponics Produce Farm, have put into their Fresh Farm Property.

What we have purchased so far, will have us returning! Check it out for yourselves... Open Wednesday - Sunday 10.00am to 6.30pm. And School Holidays 7 Days a Week.





Shelley Hancock MP
MEMBER FOR SOUTH COAST



MEDIA RELEASE

June 26 2022

Official opening of the Princes Highway... Berry to Bomaderry upgrade.

Kate and I were pleased to have been included in the media coverage, when Parliamentary Secretary for the South Coast Shelley Hancock joined with Transport for NSW and contractor Downer Seymour Whyte and officially opened the Princes Highway... Berry to Bomaderry upgrade.





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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>

Upper Kangaroo River Road - Upper Kangaroo River

Following massive rain dumps associated with an East Coast Low the Shoalhaven Local Government Local Government Area was declared a Natural Disaster Area on the 5 March 2022. This weather event had a major impact to on the Kangaroo Valley community with a number of landslips affecting roads and property access.

Public access

Closed

Road damage

Where Upper Kangaroo River Road, Upper Kangaroo River 2577
Last updated 02 July 2022



Latest update

[See the latest updates](#)

Access will be for residential emergencies only and limited to vehicles up to a gross mass of 3 tonnes. The site will be monitored, and traffic control is in place. Residents should be prepared for the road to be closed for the next 48 hours at short notice.



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**James
Tugwell**

Gordon Wheatley was the first human treated with funnel-web antivenom



Broulee's Spiderman: 91-year-old Gordon Wheatley was the first person to receive the anti-venom for the Sydney funnel-web spider. Picture: James Tugwell
Gordon Wheatley has done a lot in the 41 years since he was pronounced clinically dead on a bed in Sydney's Royal North Shore hospital. He was the first human to receive antivenom for an *Atrax robustus* - Sydney funnel-web spider - bite.

The bookshelves in his Broulee home on the NSW south coast are lined with spines capturing Mr Wheatley's second chance at life: Lonely Planet guides, nature photography compilations and wilderness area manuals. The 91-year-old has travelled to England and the continent, around the world in 40 days, and flown over Antarctica.

The bookshelves frame a television where Mr Wheatley has pre-fast-forwarded the VCR tape to be paused on static black and white picture of a scientist behind a desk. The TV is central on the bookshelf, and indeed all the books - Mr Wheatley's second lease of life - would not exist without the story told by the VCR tape.

The scientist pictured is Dr. Struan Sutherland - "the reason why I am here today", Mr Wheatley said. On Friday night, January 31 1981, Mr Wheatley went to change a fused light bulb in the dining room of his Cheltenham home in northern Sydney. He stepped on something sharp, which upon inspection he realised was a male funnel-web. He raced upstairs to change outfits for the hospital, in so doing pumping the venom faster around his body. Within minutes he had severe palpitations, was hyperventilating and sweating. He passed out en route to Ryde Hospital.

By the time he was transferred to the Royal North Shore Hospital, his pulse was three times the normal rate; his blood pressure double the average. Mr Wheatley didn't know it at the time - in fact, very few in the community were aware - that just 30 days earlier, the funnel-web antivenom Dr Sutherland had been working on for more than 15 years had been approved by the government for use on humans.

Dr Sutherland had persevered with the antivenom against repeated hurdles. Government cutbacks were forcing laboratories to become self-funded, and funnel-web research was not considered effective enough for future funding. He had one final attempt to create an antivenom before the funding disappeared.

Dr Sutherland was convinced an antivenom was possible. By 1981, there were 13 recorded deaths caused by funnel-web bites. Just 12 months before Mr Wheatley was bitten, James Cully, a two-year-old boy, had been fatally bitten on the NSW Central Coast.

Now Dr Sutherland believed he had finally solved the problem, and the antivenom was ready to be administered to whomever was next unlucky enough to be bitten. It was Mr Wheatley.

"They applied one ampoule of the antivenom to no effect," Mr Wheatley said. He was pronounced clinically dead. "So Malcolm Fisher - the surgeon at North Shore - phoned Dr Sutherland in Melbourne in the middle of the night, who replied 'he is dead, just keep popping the stuff into him'." Four ampoules of the antivenom were administered, and within 15 minutes, Mr Wheatley's was coming back to life. He was kept overnight and discharged the next day. When he awoke the next morning, Dr Sutherland thought the ordeal was a dream - a hallucination as his brain merged work with rest - and had to check his bedside notes to confirm Mr Wheatley's case was reality. It was reality; the antivenom had worked. "No one has died since," Mr Wheatley said.

With another chance at life, Mr Wheatley retired 18 months later, fulfilling a childhood dream of buying a farm out of Moruya on the NSW south coast. He is involved in the men's shed, and meets weekly with a group of local men at his residential aged-care facility to stay connected. "I've done a lot of things," he said, "with this second chance at life.

"But it is the scientists that deserve all the credit. What they did is incredible." When he heard Dr Sutherland was unwell and nearing the end of his life, Mr Wheatley phoned him in Melbourne. "The first thing he said to me was 'how the bloody hell are you?'," Mr Wheatley said. "He died a few weeks later." Mr Wheatley never met the man who saved his life face to face.



Sam Faraway
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, 01 July 2022

ON DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE TO CONTINUE IN BETWEEN SOUTH COAST AND CANBERRA

The Rixons On Demand pilot services will be made permanent from 1 July 2022 providing communities with more transport options.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Sam Faraway said the announcement was a major win for commuters along the South Coast who will have improved connections to transport hubs and shopping centres.

“We have been trialling the On Demand pilots over the past three years with more than 1.1 million trips taken by customers to date,” Mr Faraway said.

“On Demand means people can access public transport close to home to get them to appointments in a more flexible and convenient way, which is important living in regional areas.

“The NSW Government is securing a brighter future for NSW families by strengthening public transport services ensuring they’re better and closer to home.”

Member for the South Coast Shelley Hancock said she welcomed the news that the Rixons On Demand service was here to stay.

“The Pilot has been immensely popular. Since the trial began in 2018, 14,200 trips have been taken by customers,” Mrs Hancock said.

“Rixons Buses do a wonderful job in running the service, connecting as far north as Milton and as far south as Tuross Head to Canberra via Batemans Bay.

“It’s great that the NSW Government is continually exploring new and innovative ways to provide public transport options that meet the community’s needs in the region.”

The continuing South Coast to Canberra Rixons On Demand service will mirror the pilot service.

MEDIA: Larissa Mallinson | 0422 044 061



In Your Neighbourhood



Shoalhaven Arts Board awards \$37,000 in grants to support local artists

The Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra, Headspace Nowra and Connect Sanctuary Point are among the recipients of more than \$37,000 in funding awarded to local community groups, charities and schools as part of the 2022 Shoalhaven Arts Board Grants Program.

Grants were awarded across two categories: Professional Development Grants and Sense of Place Grants. Mayor Amanda Findley congratulated successful grant recipients and thanked them for the contribution they make to the Shoalhaven community. “Now more than ever we all need opportunities for human connection, interaction and creativity. Each of the successful grant projects will achieve this, and collectively will make a big difference in the lives of our community members”, Mayor Findley said.

[Photo courtesy of the Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra]

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc.



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John Kelly 0413 837 538

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Music of the Night will capture the imagination of its audience with stunning musical performances from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Evita*, *Cats*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Les Misérables*, *Chess*, *Sound of Music*, *West Side story*, *Carousel*, and *Boy From Oz*! Presented by Australia's own and internationally acclaimed multi-award winning instrumentalist and vocalist Joey Fimmano, Joey is joined by internationally renowned vocalist Dexter Villahermosa, star of the West End and Australian productions of *Miss Saigon* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* and Aus-

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Music of the Night, starring **Joey Fimmano, Jessica Di Bartolo and Dexter Villahermosa, including a full live band**, is a show not to be missed. You will experience the brilliance of Australian and International music performance.

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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.

NSW SES St Georges Basin meet and train 6.30 pm Wednesdays

For further information on membership Please phone 1800 201 000

Prepare now for flood, storm and tsunami

8 TIPS YOU CAN DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR STORMS



- 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!

#NSWSES FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOOD, STORM AND TSUNAMI CALL **132 500**

Get Ready Checklist



1

KNOW YOUR RISK

- I know the risk of natural hazards likely to affect where I live, work and travel



2

PLAN NOW FOR WHAT YOU WILL DO

- I have discussed what to do in an emergency with my household and co-workers
- I have completed an emergency plan for my home and/or business
- I have shared and practiced my plan with family, neighbours and colleagues



3

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND BUSINESS

- I have cleaned my gutters, downpipes and drains and fixed any leaks in my roof
- I have trimmed trees that overhang my property
- I have stored loose items and items are raised above potential flood levels
- I have checked my insurance policy is current and adequate
- I have made an emergency kit, refresh it annually and know what items to take if evacuated



4

BE AWARE

- I understand where to find weather and emergency service warnings
- I know the natural warning signs for disasters likely to affect me
- I know the key triggers to prepare and act safely in the face of natural disasters



5

LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

- I share information on risk with neighbours
- I will check to see if anyone needs assistance during a natural hazard
- Our neighbours, friends and family share information and warnings

GET READY



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"I can do things in the NSW SES that I would never get the chance to do through my day job."



"My original reason for joining the NSW SES was to volunteer for the community, but the reason I have stayed so long is the fantastic people that I work with and the personal challenges and skills I have gained over the years."

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INITIAL FLOOD WATCH #1

Illawarra Coast- Shoalhaven River- St Georges Basin

Issued: Thursday, 30 June 2022 2:30 pm



Good afternoon

For your information, please find attached an **Initial Flood Watch** for Illawarra Coast, Shoalhaven River and St Georges Basin Catchments.

Regards

Adam



Adam Carney

Chief Inspector

Shoalhaven Local Commander - Nowra | St Georges Basin | Ulladulla

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The NSW SES acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we walk, work and live. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pay respect to Elders, past and present.

INITIAL FLOOD WATCH #1

Illawarra Coast- Shoalhaven River- St Georges Basin

Issued: Thursday, 30 June 2022 2:30 pm



What is happening:

Heavy rainfall is forecast to develop through central parts of the NSW coast from the Illawarra to southern parts of the Mid North Coast during Saturday. The heavy rain may cause minor to moderate flooding and is expected to intensify further in the new week with major flooding possible.

Whilst heavy rainfall is expected for several days from Saturday through to Tuesday it is difficult to predict with precision the timing and location of the heaviest rainfall and flood impacts, as the trough system expected to produce the heavy rainfall has not yet formed.

What we are expecting:

Based on the prediction provided by the Bureau of Meteorology it is expected the following catchments will be impacted by flooding:

- Illawarra Coast
- Shoalhaven River (Minor Flooding)
- St Georges Basin (Minor Flooding)

If heavy rainfall continues for longer than predicted, access roads may be cut and low lying rural areas may become isolated.

What you need to do:

People in areas that may be impacted by flooding should prepare their properties and homes and:

- Stay up to date with information. Listen to flood warnings and follow the advice on how to protect yourself, family and property - see below for ways to stay informed.
- Consider collecting essential items in a waterproof bag: food, water, warm clothes, medications, valuables, important documents, toys for children in case you need to leave.
- Keep your pets close by, always know where they are.
- Clean up yards and secure moveable objects such as trampolines, BBQs and outdoor furniture.
- Check on your family, friends and neighbours and share this information.

Farmers and rural property owners should watch the river and be ready to move pumps, other equipment and livestock away from rising waters.

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NSW Recorded Crime Statistics quarterly update March 2022

2022 Crime Statistics show property crime still much lower than pre-pandemic

Link to reports summary:

- [NSW Recorded Crime Statistics quarterly update March 2022](#)

Release Date: Thursday, 16 June 2022

New crime statistics released today from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) show that many high-volume crimes remained low in the first quarter of 2022 on the back of large reductions in offending during the pandemic. Between January and March 2022 police recorded 24% fewer property offences than the same period two years ago (January to March 2020).

This reduction is largely driven by significant falls in break and enter – dwelling (down 27% Q1 2022 compared with Q1 2020), break and enter – non-dwelling (down 23%), steal from retail store (down 24%) and steal from motor vehicle (down 21%). Robbery is down a sizeable 32%.

Violent crime, by contrast, is generally now on-par with pre-pandemic levels. Between January and March 2022 the volume of domestic assault and sexual offences were equivalent to the same period two years ago (January to March 2020).

Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director at BOCSAR, said it was surprising that stealing offences were still so low in 2022 given behaviour patterns in the community had largely returned to normal. "A number of factors suspected to be keeping property crime low during the pandemic are no longer in play, such as mobility restrictions and access to government stimulus money. It seems likely that property crime will start to increase over the coming year but, fortunately, this is taking longer than expected."

Violent offences involving Knives and Firearms

Despite some recent high profile violent offences being reported in the media, [recorded crime statistics show no increase in violent offences involving firearms or knives in the year to March 2022](#). The number of murders, attempted murders, assaults and robberies involving knives or firearms were lower in the year to March 2022 than in almost any other year in the past two decades.

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

Email: bcsr@justice.nsw.gov.au

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

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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
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.

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

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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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