



Photo of Palm Beach Sanctuary Point NSW... Photo taken by the Editor Dennis Williams 27th Mar 2021.

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Shoalhaven, South Coast NSW Events Calendar can be located on the following Link...

<https://www.shoalhaven.com./events/?A=1+March+2024&A=31+March+2024&C=&L=&Y=#read>



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WELCOME TO AUTUMN 2024



May all your days be Happy also!

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**for the SAFETY OF LIFE
AT SEA**

**Whether you are taking your
boat across the Sussex Inlet
Bar into the sea at Wreck
Bay, or you are remaining on
the waters of St Georges
Basin, please log on with
Marine Rescue App;
VHF Channel 16;
27 MHz Channel 88
or phone the Base
on 4442 8100.**

Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet has had a busy summer. We have helped in quite a few assists, nothing too serious, just flat batteries or engine failure etc which is not really a big deal if you are just on the inlet. However, if you happen to break down over the bar or even in the Basin, if conditions deteriorate it can quickly become serious. No motor means you have no control over your vessel and you can easily get swamped by choppy seas. One thing is very pleasing to see is that most boater parents are ensuring that their children are wearing their lifejackets, this is a legal requirement.

Now that the very successful "Summer At Sussex" has wound up, the fundraising team can take a breather until our next big event. Thank you so much to the Sussex Inlet Chamber of Commerce for giving Marine Rescue the opportunity to 'rattle the buckets' at four of the music events. The wonderful people attending the events donated almost \$2000, what a fantastic effort. Thank you to everyone that donated. The final event was the Australia Day lunchtime concert at The Swordfish. Normally the Marine Rescue vessels lead the 'putt putt' flotilla but as the boats were forming up, a call came for Marine Rescue to help a distressed vessel over the bar. So if anyone was wondering where Marine Rescue was, we were doing what we volunteer to do, save lives.



**The above Notice is inserted by the
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SUSSEX INLET



We have some upcoming Boat Licensing courses:-

- Saturday 23rd March Boat licence only \$110
 - Saturday 30th March Boat licence only \$110
 - Saturday 27th April Boat and PWC \$110 for boat or \$165 for both
- If you want to upgrade your existing boat licence to include PWC on 27th April the cost is \$66

For further information, please email Karen at boatlicensing.sussexinlet@marinerescuensw.com.au or call the Marine Rescue Base on 4442 8100 07.00 – 12.00 daily.

Marine Rescue NSW, ACN 138078092. ABN 98138078092 RTO# 70223 is approved by NSW Maritime to provide training and knowledge testing for the NSW general boat driving licences and PWC.

Julia Ross

All of Shoalhaven Council Equipment and all of the Shoalhaven Council Staff couldn't put our road shoulder back together again since 12th May 2023... It would take them to the middle of February 2024 or 615 Days for Council to call in a contractor by the name of Exact Excavations Tipper Hire to repair the shoulder of the road at 3 Ridgeland Drive Sanctuary Point and I am pleased to say they did a splendid job cleaning up Councils work, as you can see from the following photos I took on the 1st March 2024...

**THANK YOU EXACT EXCAVATIONS
TIPPER HIRE... WELL DONE
MATHEW (Mat) .**



I have again visited the site at Palm Beach sanctuary Point on 3rd March 2024 and although some more construction has been carried out, there remains further work to complete the Boardwalk and clean up the site acceptable for visitors to the Park.



The following extract has been copied by me from a reported subject in the South Coast Register by their reporter Mr Glenn Ellard.

The complete reported subject can be seen in the South Coast Register Wednesday February 21, 2024.



There has been plenty of work to repair roads throughout the South Coast in recent times, but most are still failing the safety test. File photo.

WORRYING

New data shines light on the appalling state of our major roads

BY GLENN ELLARD

THE appalling state of South Coast and Illawarra roads has been laid bare by the latest Australian Roads Assessment Program data.

As part of its analysis of roads across the state, AusRAP put together informa-

tion on 1456km of roads on the South Coast and Illawarra, and found none of it qualified for the highest safety rating of five stars.

South Coast NRMA director Marisa Mastroianni said only two per cent of the region's roads received a four star rating, 26 per cent were

given a three-star rating, and 45 per cent was given two stars.

"Alarming, 28 per cent received the lowest one star rating," Ms Mastroianni said.

AusRAP aims to have 80 per cent of transport occur on roads at or above three-star level by 2030.



Welcome to The Country Club – The Home of Sport & Entertainment on the South Coast

<https://thecountryclub.com.au/#>



Wednesday Bingo

March 6 @ 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Recurring Event ([See all](#))

Wednesday Bingo is a 30 game session with a cash jackpot game in the break



Thursday Ripper Raffle

March 7 @ 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Recurring Event ([See all](#))

An event every week that begins at 4:30 pm on Thursday, repeating indefinitely

Over \$3,000 in vouchers to be won!



PARMAGEDDON! Thursdays

March 7 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Recurring Event ([See all](#))

2 x Epic Parmy's to choose from served with chips & side salad available every Thursday from 5pm for just \$15! Dine-in only.



Wednesday MEGA Meat Raffle

March 6 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Recurring Event ([See all](#))

OVER 50 PRIZES TO BE WON! Tickets on sale 4:30pm, Draw starts at 6:00pm in the Main Lounge

[Click here for Kangaroo Valley Landslip Updates](#) Last reviewed 27 February 2024

Major landslip repair works are completed on Upper Kangaroo River Road.

Guardrail installation works are also completed on Upper Kangaroo River Road.

Note: The overall guardrail installation project is complete; however, this is pending a Road Safety Audit that is due by the end of March 2024.

Announcement

The latest

See Related Documents for updated 3-week Lookahead Program 27 February 2024.

Select photo below for a closer look at the completed landslip repair works at Site 1.

About the works

Landslip repair sites and planned road closures

Site 1. DM00583 - Rural address 676 - landslip repair works completed. No weight limit restrictions.

Site 2. DM00828 - Rural address 1291 - landslip repair works completed.

Site 3. NH00011 - Rural address 755 - landslip repair works (and the extended landslip area identified for repair works) are completed. No weight limit restrictions.

Site 4. AQ00001 - Rural address 691- landslip repair works completed. No weight limit restrictions.

Guardrail (crash barrier) installation completed

Guardrail (crash barrier) installation is complete at:

Site 1: 1st bridge from Moss Vale Rd: Barrengarry Creek bridge.

Site 2: 2.6kms to 4.2Kms from Moss Vale Rd

Site3: Landslip Site 1 near rural address 676 and Site 2 near rural address 1291

Note: The overall guardrail installation project is complete; however, this is pending a Road Safety Audit that is due by the end of March 2024.





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 21 February 2024

Mark Speakman Leader of the NSW
Opposition Member for Cronulla
Kellie Sloane Shadow Minister for

NSW BLUE GROPER DESERVE BETTER

The NSW Opposition welcomes additional protections the Government has announced for our State fish, the blue groper.

Since 11 January the Opposition has been calling on the Minns Labor Government to invest in greater education campaigns, to improve signage where spearfishing is occurring and to review penalties to ensure they're a sufficient deterrent.

"We welcome the increased penalties for fishing blue gropers announced by the Government this morning," Mr Speakman said. "However, the announced measures are incomplete.

"Banning line fishing will do nothing to stop the main problem - spearfishers illegally targeting gropers and being slapped with pathetic fines.

"While the Government has announced increased maximum penalties, it has failed:

- to explain why it has not reviewed the inadequate \$800 fine imposed on the illegal spearfisher who killed Gus the Groper in Cronulla;
- to explain what education activities it will carry out; or
- to commit to improved signage especially around known spearfishing spots."

"My local community in Cronulla was outraged by the illegal spearfishing of the iconic Gus the Groper. They want our waterways to be a safe home for these 'Labradors of the sea'."

Shadow Minister for Environment Kellie Sloane said there have been numerous blue gropers killed across the NSW coastline in the past few months.

"While most fishers do the right thing, there needs to be better measures in place to protect these wonderful animals," said Ms Sloane.

"The Minns Labor Government needs to explain what its proposed education campaign will involve and ensure improved signage so people are properly informed about these iconic fish and the new protections they enjoy."

MEDIA Ian Zakon | 0436 487 927 | ian.zakon@parliament.nsw.gov.au

**The Sanctuary Point
Men's Shed Inc.**



**President:
Ray Marcusson
44478634**

**Secretary:
John Kelly 0413 837 538**

**Hours of Business 9.000am. -
3.00pm. Monday, Wednesday &
Thursday... Phone the office on
(02) 44438239 on these days, or call
at the big green shed located at 17
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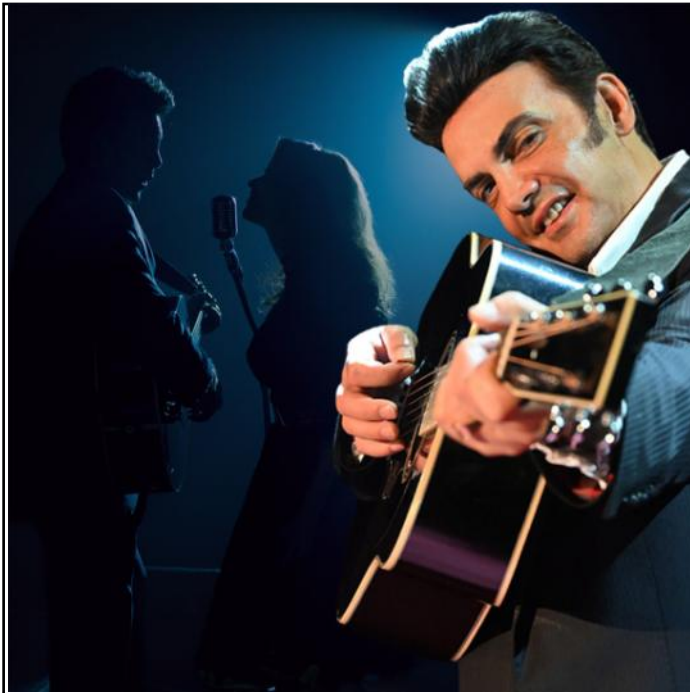
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Get Rhythm - The Johnny Cash & June Carter Show

Thu 21 Mar, 8pm

Feel the energy, hear the hits and sing along! With a full piece band, *Get Rhythm*, delivers an authentic Cash experience that will leave you, uplifted and energised.

RUNNING TIME 2 hrs 10 mins
TICKET PRICE \$49 - \$62
RECOMMENDED FOR Ages 12+

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The Winner Is...

Starring Ian Stenlake & Michelle Fitzmaurice

Tue 19 Mar, 11am

Two powerhouse vocalists take a century of Academy Award-winning songs from the screen to the stage!

RUNNING TIME Approx. 75 mins
TICKET PRICE \$23 - \$30
RECOMMENDED FOR All Ages
SHOW DINING From \$32

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 132 500
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NSW SES St Georges Basin Unit

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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

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

8 TIPS YOU CAN DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR STORMS

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!

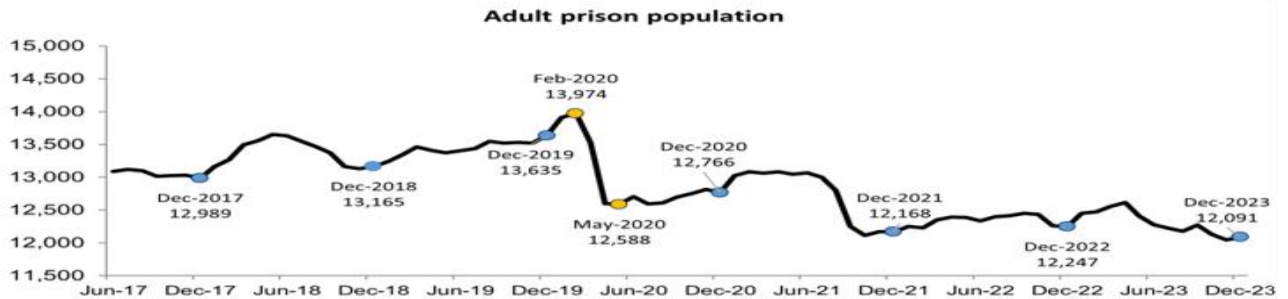
NSW SES St Georges Basin meet and train 6.30 pm Wednesdays

For further information on membership Please phone 1800 201 000

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

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has today released adult and youth custody statistics up to December 2023. Key results:

Release Date: Thursday, 8 February 2024

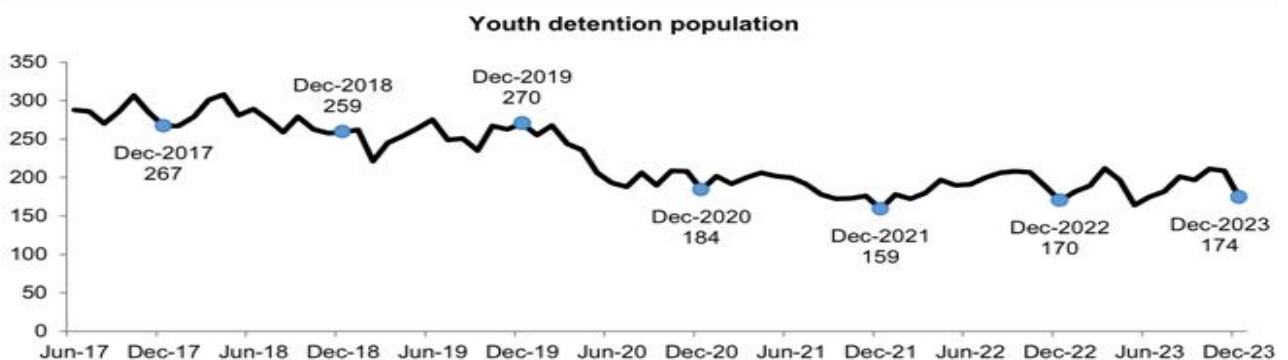


Adult prison population

In December 2023 the adult custody population was 12,091, the lowest level since October 2015 (12,081). The current prison population is 1,544 or 11.3% fewer than four years ago in December 2019, prior to the COVID pandemic.

The fall is due to a reduction in sentenced prisoners (down 22% since December 2019). By contrast, the number of adults on remand has risen substantially, up 416 or 9% over the same period. The number of adults on remand in NSW is now the highest on record. In December 2023, 5,055 people (or 42% of the prison population) were in unsentenced detention.

In contrast to the general decline in prisoner numbers, the number of Aboriginal prisoners has increased. In December 2023 there were 3,674 Aboriginal adults in prison, an increase of 3.0% in the four years since December 2019. The proportion of the adult prison population who are Aboriginal is now 30.4%.



Youth detention population

The youth detention population in December 2023 was 174. Overall, the youth detention population has been on a sustained long-term downward trajectory, with 96 fewer young people in custody in December 2023 compared to December 2019 (down 35.6%).

In December 2023 there were 107 Aboriginal young people in detention, which is 61.5% of the youth detention population (a new record).

Log on to the NSW Police Web Site for the “Tell us what you want SURVEY!”.

SURVEY LOG ON

<https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/display.php?mid=2060116b2b887848336>

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
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
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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<https://www.facebook.com/>

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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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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