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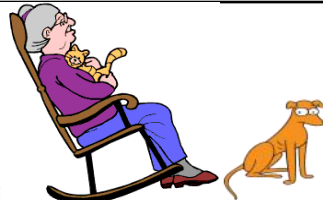
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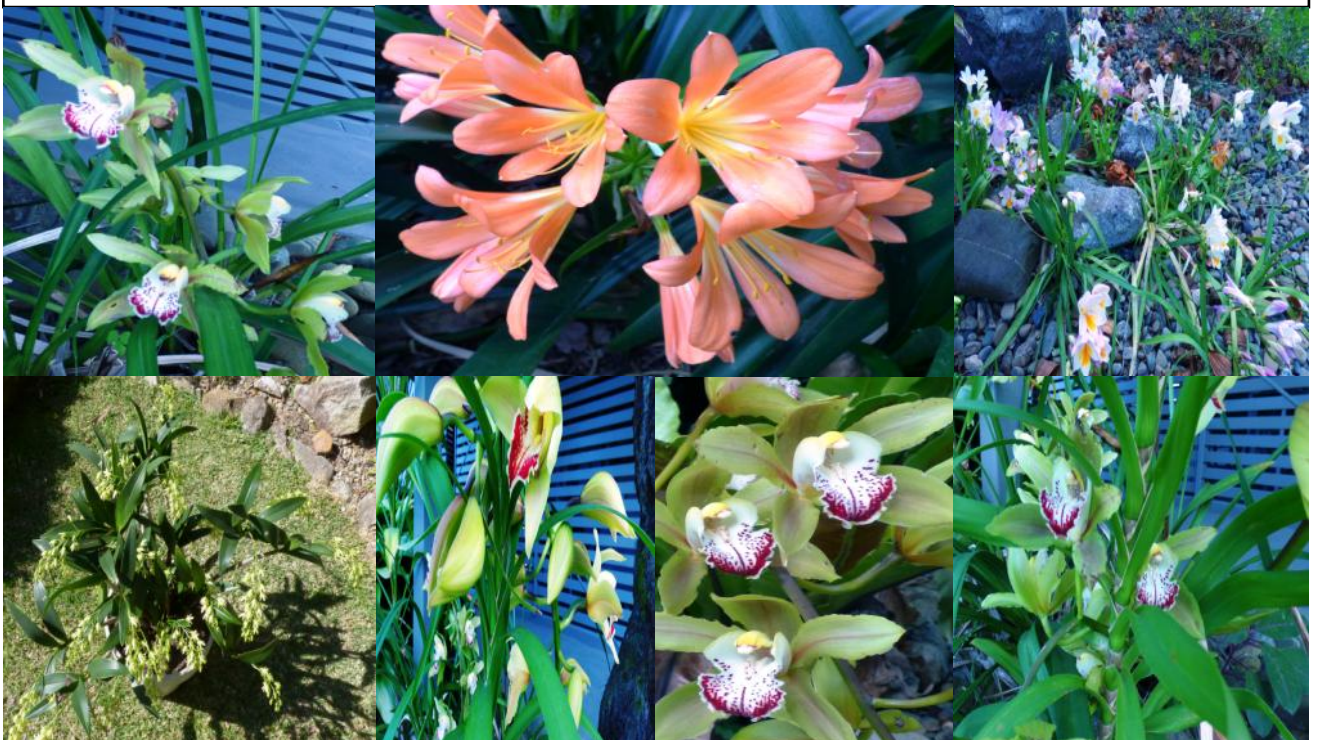


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**SPRING TIME HAS COMMENCED IN OUR GARDEN  
1ST SEPTEMBER TO THE 30TH NOVEMBER 2024**



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# The Shoalhaven Independents

Community ➤ Honesty ➤ Experience ➤ Integrity

## **STOP** Greens/Labor alliance sending Council **BROKE!**

The Greens/Labor alliance have had control of Council for the last 3 years, and their **fiscally irresponsible actions** are sending Council **broke**. The **bloc voting** by the alliance is the reason Council has its priorities wrong, and their **extremist agenda** has put a wrecking ball through the place. All this in just 3 years of Greens/Labor mismanagement.

- **STOP** the **MASSIVE 44% rates RISE**.
- **STOP** them sending our **COUNCIL** completely **BROKE**.
- **SEND** a message to the **GREENS/LABOR ALLIANCE**.

Say **NO** to the **Greens**.

Say **NO** to **Labor**.

Say **NO** to **FAKE INDEPENDENTS**.

✓ Say **YES** to **The Shoalhaven Independents**.

### The Shoalhaven Independents will:

- ✓ **STOP** the **MASSIVE 44% rates RISE**.
- ✓ **FIX** the **ROADS** and **POTHOLES**, fix them once, fix them right.
- ✓ **FIX** the **CRUMBLING FINANCES**.
- ✓ **FIX** the **BROKEN** garbage system and provide a green option.
- ✓ **LISTEN** to our residents, and **HEAR THEM**.
- ✓ **NO USER CHARGES FOR SPORT**, we will not make our kids pay.
- ✓ **REINSTATE** the 45° rule for **DANGEROUS TREE MANAGEMENT**.



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Ward 2



Bob Proudfoot



Lou Casmiri



Clive Robertson



Allan Harvey

Vote **1** above the line for the **Shoalhaven Independents**

**Patricia White**  
**Mayor**

Group A

**1**

Shoalhaven Independents Group

**1** **WHITE** Patricia  
Shoalhaven Independents Group

- Group A
- PROUDFOOT** Bob  
Shoalhaven Independents Group
  - CASMIRI** Luciano  
Shoalhaven Independents Group
  - ROBERTSON** Clive  
Shoalhaven Independents Group
  - HARVEY** Allan  
Shoalhaven Independents Group



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Authorised by Patricia White 149 Camden Street Ulladulla 2539  
Printed by Garry White 149 Camden Street Ulladulla 2539

You will receive 2 Ballot Papers, please follow the how to vote exactly  
If you make a mistake please ask for another Ballot Paper

Shoalhaven City Council Election  
14th Sept. 2024



## TESTIMONIAL TO BOB PROUDFOOT

by EMERITIS MAYOR GREG WATSON

I have known Bob Proudfoot for over 20 years, and I have found him to be an extremely honest, caring, and community minded person. Bob is a dedicated family man and together with Wife Clare, have on many occasions stepped in to support the local community, as well as their extended family.

Bob Proudfoot is a highly experienced educator, with a degree in mathematics and educational studies, and is also an experienced administrator, having been involved in club management for many years. In addition he is currently the President of a major sports and recreation club in the area.

Bob is an extremely experienced and dedicated Local Government Councillor, having served on Wollongong City Council as well as Shoalhaven City Council.

Bob has been a very talented sportsman, including being an NRL footballer, an A – grade pennant golfer and a very capable cricketer. He also joined the Men Of Rugby League in one of their first in-takes, so as to support those former players who were doing it a bit tough.

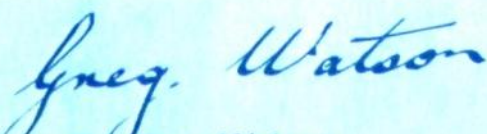
Bob has exceptional interpersonal skills and these skills make him a great communicator, in fact one of the best I have ever seen!

Bob will be seeking election to Shoalhaven City Council in Ward 2, and will bring his exceptional skills to play when elected by assisting in the sorting out of the absolute financial mess that Council currently finds itself in.

I unreservedly commend **Bob Proudfoot** to you, and urge you to cast your vote in his favour by **voting 1 above the line for the Shoalhaven Independents in Ward 2.**

After 50 years continuous service, I emphatically endorse Bob Proudfoot as my worthy replacement as a Ward 2 councillor.

Patricia White will be receiving my full support as Mayor of our City.  
**Please Vote 1 Patricia White for Mayor.**

  
Councillor Greg Watson,  
Emeritus Mayor  
13/07/2024



Whilst Kate and I have had the Pleasure to know Greg and Robyn Watson for many years and have followed Greg's long and lustrous career, I can whole heartily appreciate the Legislative Assembly Hansard, spoken on Councillor Greg Watson in parliament on the 9th August 2024 by Ms Liza Butler, South Coast Representative.

8/24/24, 9:33 AM

Legislative Assembly Hansard - 09 August 2024 - Proof

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### COUNCILLOR GREG WATSON

**Ms LIZA BUTLER (South Coast) (14:00):** I congratulate Councillor Greg Watson from Shoalhaven City Council on his retirement from local government after 50 years of continuous service. Councillor Watson was first elected to Shoalhaven Shire Council, as it was then known, in September 1974. Three years later, at the next local government elections, Councillor Watson was elected as the shire president. What was outstanding was that Greg was voted in with more than 70 per cent of the vote in ward 2, taking his whole ticket into council with him, something that I am not sure anyone has achieved since. Many are envious of that and, I am certain, would like to repeat it.

In July 1979 the then Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, proclaimed the Shoalhaven a city, and Greg Watson's title changed from shire president to mayor, a position that Greg held until 1983. Councillor Watson remained on council as a councillor for ward 2 until 1999, when he was again elected as mayor, a position Greg held until 2008 when, once again, he remained a councillor. Councillor Watson has seen many changes to the council through his lifetime. Fifty years ago, when Greg first ran for council, the majority of our small coastal towns and villages had gravel roads and no town water or sewerage. I asked Greg what achievements he was most proud of. There were many. However, sealing 175 kilometres of gravel roads to bitumen in 2½ years would have to top the list. The cost of the program was \$3.5 million, which in today's terms would equate to well over \$80 million. The project commenced in 1978 and was finished in 1980. It was achieved by using in-house employees, which is truly commendable. It was done in-house, on time and within budget, something I am sure the residents of the Shoalhaven would like to see today.

When Councillor Watson was elected to council, only the towns of Berry, Nowra and Ulladulla had town water. While Nowra has had a wastewater treatment plant since 1937, other towns and villages across the Shoalhaven were not connected to a treatment plant. With the help of the New South Wales Government—namely Jack Ferguson—Greg Watson was able to get funds to have water and sewerage connected to most towns and villages throughout the local government area. The Shoalhaven now has 13 waste treatment plants, with the majority of those delivered during Greg Watson's two terms as mayor. Another of Greg's achievements that endures today is the Flinders Industrial Estate at South Nowra. Greg was instrumental in developing that land and, with the help of Neville Wran, in getting 15 manufacturing businesses to move from Sydney to Nowra. Neville Wran travelled to Nowra to help celebrate that achievement, which saw the creation of many jobs for the region.

Councillor Watson has seen and been a part of many events over his lifetime. During my time on Shoalhaven council, Greg was a source of knowledge and was extremely generous in sharing the history of past events. In the same year that Greg was elected to council, the Shoalhaven experienced one of the worst floods in its history. My good friend and Federal colleague Fiona Phillips tells the story of how Greg Watson rescued her from that flood at Terara, and literally saved her life. I think this really sums up Greg Watson. He was and is a man of the people of the Shoalhaven.

It is not easy being in public life, especially for your family. Families are often impacted by what goes on in our communities, and it is quite often the wives, children and other family members that feel the hurt for their loved ones. I extend my gratitude of thanks to Greg's wife, Robyn, and their children for sharing Greg with the community over the past 50 years. On behalf of the residents of the Shoalhaven, I congratulate Councillor Greg Watson on this outstanding achievement of serving his community for 50 years. I thank Greg for his years of service to the Shoalhaven. I know Greg is watching. I wish him and his family all the very best in his retirement.

# THE COUNTRY CLUB

*St Georges Basin* *Vincentia*



## **Closure of The Country Club Vincentia With No Other Viable Way Forward.**

**My Fellow Members,**

The Board of Directors of St Georges Basin Country Club deeply regrets to announce the immediate cessation of operations at The Country Club Vincentia, following the outcome of the General Meeting held yesterday 25th August 2024. The resolution proposed to develop a small portion of the Vincentia land for a senior living community, aimed at ensuring the long-term viability of the Club's presence in Vincentia. Unfortunately, this resolution was voted against by the members

We respect and acknowledge the decision made by our valued members. However, it is with a heavy heart that we must also confront the financial realities we face.

Over the years, the Vincentia premises have incurred significant financial losses, despite considerable efforts and substantial investments made to improve the Club's operations. These financial challenges have persisted, prompting the Club to bring in industry experts to explore viable opportunities. The proposed development was the only option with an acceptable level of risk, designed to secure a future for the Club in Vincentia with a brand-new clubhouse and quality 9-hole course for community enjoyment.

Regrettably, the Board has been left with no viable alternative to maintaining operations at the Vincentia premises. This decision reflects the financial constraints and the responsibility to protect the broader interests of St George's Basin Country Club and its members.

We understand that this news will be met with disappointment and concern. The Vincentia premises have been a cherished part of our community, and its closure will be felt by many. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our members, staff, and the wider community for their support and patronage over the years.

Our focus now turns to assisting our staff and members during this transition. We will be in communication with those affected to offer support and guidance as we navigate the next steps together.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this challenging time.

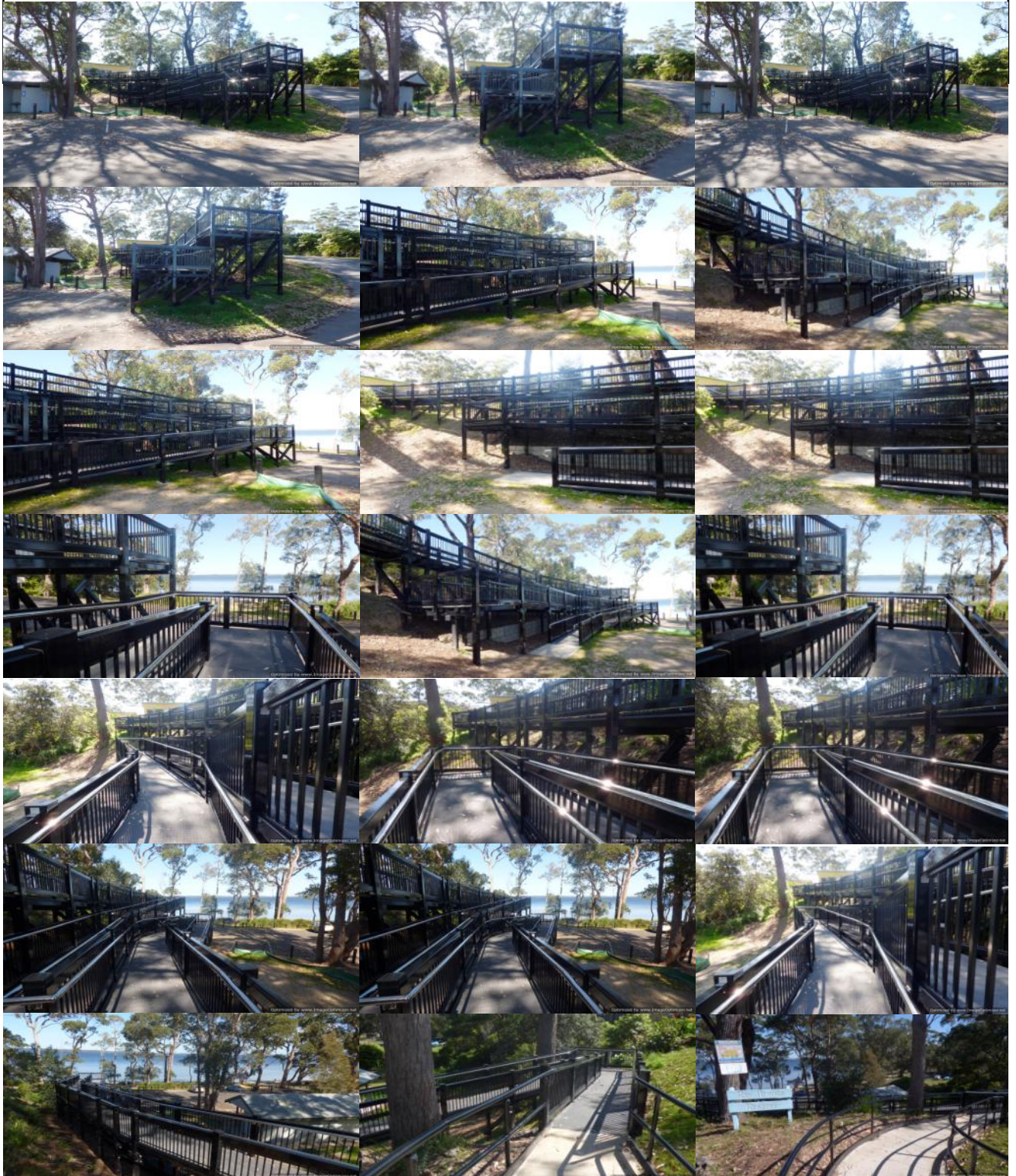
**Best Regards,  
Bob Proudfoot — President – The Country Club.**



**RAY BROOKS RESERVE SANCTUARY POINT BOARDWALK**

It has been like a long novel, can't wait until we get to the end... But! Guess what... **IT'S FINALLY FINISHED**, and **WHAT A BEAUTY IT IS FOR SANCTUARY POINT LOCALS AND TOURISTS ALL OVER.**

Photos taken by Dennis Williams—24th August 2024







Council is seeking feedback on two draft planning documents proposed to guide the development and delivery of a future new residential area in the new suburb of Badagarang, north of Nowra, known as the Moss Vale Road North Urban Release Area.

The draft Development Controls and proposed Local Infrastructure Contributions Framework for a 266-hectare site north of Moss Vale Road have been prepared to complete the initial planning work necessary to guide and enable the development of the new Urban Release Area.

The Urban Release Area was first identified for development in 2008 and will provide land for between 2,000 and 2,500 new homes, a local shopping centre, parks and supporting road infrastructure, over the next decade.

The Urban Release Area will include a range of lot sizes and a mix of housing types including dual occupancies and secondary dwellings.

“The Urban Release Area will contribute a significant supply of new homes close to the key existing centres of Nowra and Bomaderry,” said Manager of Strategic Planning, Gordon Clark.

“Delivery of this future residential area is pivotal in ensuring Shoalhaven meets the housing targets set by the NSW State Government.”

The draft Development Controls will guide design of subdivisions and dwellings, the street network, protection of the environment as well as management of flooding and bushfire.

The proposed Local Infrastructure Contribution Framework identifies essential infrastructure and potential ways to fund and deliver it.

“Setting an appropriate contributions framework which works with the cap imposed by the NSW Government on developer contributions is essential to support the delivery of this new urban release area,” Mr Clark said.

The two draft documents are on exhibition from Monday 26 August until Monday 23 September 2024.

For more information about the exhibition and how to make a submission, visit Council's [Documents on Exhibition page](#).

# Aust Banners Triathlon Huskisson

2 November 2024

[Add to trip Book now](#)

Triathlon Huskisson is on again in the idyllic coastal location of Huskisson, Jervis Bay. Husky is now famous for hosting one of the southern hemisphere's largest triathlon festivals in February each year. This year the November version will again be a two day festival. We're excited to be introducing a full Marathon to the program in 2024! A full program of racing will be provided, with Standard, Sprint, & Super Sprint triathlons, as well as a selection of fun runs and a half marathon!

- Husky Running Festival forms a part of the Triathlon Huskisson weekend.
  - [See here for more on Husky Running Festival.](#)







## MARINE RESCUE NSW SUSSEX INLET UNIT

Volunteers saving lives on the water

Following recent elections in June, there has been a change of leadership at Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet. Brett Eurell has been unanimously elected by the unit membership as their new commander. He will be supported by Glenn Wright, Deputy Unit Commander for Operations, and Greg Collins, Deputy Unit Commander for Finance and Administration.

Brett, Glenn and Greg will be supported by a team of new and existing executive members including the former Commander Karen Lowry as Membership Officer, Kim Vernon as Training Officer, and Kaz Roberts as Public Relations Officer.

As spring dawns, the unit will hold a **Community Information night** for anyone interested in meeting the new team and learning more about its mission.

On **2 September 2024**, the unit membership will deliver a presentation covering the various aspects of its rescue capabilities and support activities, followed by a question-and-answer session. A lite supper will be served.

The local community is invited to attend the **Rescue base from 6.30 pm**, to meet the new leadership and other members of the unit. Although RSVP is not required, it would be appreciated for catering purposes. If you are interested in attending, please

email: [membership.sussexinlet@marinerescuensw.com.au](mailto:membership.sussexinlet@marinerescuensw.com.au) or call the base between 7am and midday on 4442 8100.

MRSI looks forward to meeting as many members of our community as possible.

Kaz



Former Unit Commander Karen Lowry congratulating the incoming Unit Commander Brett Eurell.





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Men's Shed Inc.**



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44478634**

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**NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PRESENTS**

**Shoalhaven Choral Music Festival 2024**

**10 - 11 Sep**

Showcasing choral groups from public schools from across the Shoalhaven area and beyond.

**RUNNING TIME**

**Approx. 90 mins**

**TICKET PRICE**

**\$7.50 - \$17.50**

**RECOMMENDED FOR**

**Ages 2+**

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**GOOD COMPANY ENTERTAINMENT  
PRESENTS**

**The Joe Cocker Express**

**Sat 21 Sep, 7:30pm**

An unforgettable night of music with an 8-piece powerhouse band performing spot-on renditions of Joe Cocker's classic hits.

**RUNNING TIME**

**Approx. 2 hrs 20 mins**

**TICKET PRICE**

**\$49 - \$69**

**RECOMMENDED FOR**

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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

### 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](http://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: The involvement of young people aged 10 to 13 years in the NSW criminal justice system.**

**Link to report summary:** [The involvement of young people aged 10 to 13 years in the NSW criminal justice system](#) **Release date:** Wednesday 14 August 2024

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has released a new paper examining interactions between young people aged 10 to 13 years and the NSW criminal justice system. The study finds that most 10- to 13-year-old children who appear in court are from a disadvantaged background, have been a victim of violence, have had significant contact with the child protection system, and have a parent with a history of offending. Aboriginal children and children living in regional and remote NSW are disproportionately affected.

In terms of their criminal justice pathway, the study found that:

- Most young people aged 10 to 13 years are dealt with under the Young Offenders Act which aims to divert young people from the court system where possible. In 2023, NSW Police commenced 4,662 legal proceedings against young people aged 10 to 13 years; two-thirds (63%) were formal court diversions.
- Of the 719 criminal court appearances finalised in 2023 involving defendants aged 10 to 13 years, only 20% resulted in a proven outcome; half (53%) had all charges withdrawn and a quarter (25%) had a not-guilty finding. Even where an offence was proven, half (50%) resulted in a court ordered caution or youth justice conference.

There were 171 distinct young people aged 10 to 13 years who had an episode of youth detention in 2023. These young people all entered detention on remand, and three quarters (74%) of detention episodes were for 24 hours or less.

**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](mailto:bcsr@justice.nsw.gov.au) Copies of the report: [www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au](http://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
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

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NSW Police Community PORTAL — Check it out for yourself

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