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St. John's Ladies Guild  
Dyers Crossing

## Annual Spring Luncheon & Fashion Parade

Friday 28th September at 11:15am

*More details page 4*

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The bargains at  
Krambach Public School

Sunday 9th September

Starts at 10am-2pm

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## Editorial

Don't know if it is because I am getting older and feeling the changes in temperature more, but this winter the cold has really been seeping into my bones and the little digits really don't like typing at the moment. Spend more time correcting errors than typing the articles.

*A belated Happy Fathers' Day to all the dads in the district. It is the first time in a couple of years that I haven't been able to wish you all a great day on the front page. I hope you all had a fabulous day and that the kids and family spoiled you all as was your due.*

From the information in the articles it looks like September could be a very busy month for those of you who like to do things.

Dyers Crossing Church Ladies have their annual Spring Fashion Parade on, Krumbach School has a car boot sale, (on top of all the other markets held every month), the MNC Sinfonia is having 3 concerts in the local area, Old Bar's Festival is on again at the end of the month. If you have a liking for old Kombi Vans, that is apparently to place to visit.

The NABIAC Ball committee is busy getting things in order for their October "do". I hear it is a great night to go to. Would go if I still had my other half, but don't like going solo.

NABIAC is also busy with different shops/people raising money for the drought affected farmers. Keep a look out to see where you can help.

I understand that the Op-Shop donated all of their takings from last month's sales to the programme and the Country & Western Day at Krumbach raised a fair amount which is being donated as well. If my information is still correct, Earth Body & Soul is taking collections to pass onto the relevant organisations. (If not, I apologise)

I have had a busy month clocking up a couple of thousand kilometres with trips to Sydney getting my face sliced and diced from the removal of cancers which looked minute, but required LARGE slices to get them removed. Feel like Frankenstein's monster at the moment and my son said I looked like I had been "glassed" in a bar brawl. Don't you just love your kids??? Really made me want just go crawl in a hole and hide somewhere. The surgeon assured me the scars would blend into the "wrinkles" (he is still alive) and wouldn't be noticeable. If you don't see me about town for 6 months, I am in hiding!

Word of advice - use a hat, sunscreen and stay in the shade.

The front page this month was designed by a talented lady who also coloured the floral border so it would great on the web page, but, unfortunately I couldn't transfer it from the file to the paper, so have made a concerted effort copy it onto the ordinary front page. Will have to seek advice on how to get it transferred over for next month, maybe. Computer literate, I am NOT!

On that happy note, I will bid you all the best for the rest of the month

Lyn & Tilley Cat

## WHAT'S HAPPENING SEPTEMBERST, 2018

### Markets & Events.

• Bulahdelah	(1st Sat)	1 <sup>st</sup>	8am to 1pm
• Blackhead Bazaar	(1st Sun)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am to 12 noon ?
• John's River Country	(2nd Sat)	8 <sup>th</sup>	9am to 1.30pm
• Wingham Community	(2nd Sat)	8 <sup>th</sup>	
• Myall Quays	(3rd Sat)	15 <sup>th</sup>	9am to 1pm
• The Hub Taree Showgnd	(3rd Sat)	15 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 12 noon
• <b>Krumbach</b>	(3rd Sun)	16 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 2pm
• <b>NABIAC</b>	(Last Sat)	29 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 12 noon
• Old Bar	(Last Sun)	30 <sup>th</sup>	7am to 1pm
• Pacific Palms	(Last Sun)	30 <sup>th</sup>	9am to 1pm
• Forster Town	(2nd Sun)	9 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 2pm
• Halliday's Point	(1st Sun)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am to 11am -?
• Town Head	(every Mon)		8am to 2pm
• Mt. George	(4th Sat)	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8am to 2pm
• Forster Farmers Market	(3rd Sat)	15 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 12 noon
• Bobbin Community		— <sup>th</sup>	9am to 2pm
• Tuncurry Markets	(4th Sat)	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8am to 1pm
• Burrell Creek	(2nd Sun)	9 <sup>th</sup>	9am to 12.30pm

**These dates are from the council web site so could be subject to change**

**Burrell Creek Hall has Bingo 1st Monday of the month @7:00pm**

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Just a foot note to wish *Glenn*, from Possible Solution Computers, all the best in his bigger and brighter new premises and know he will do extremely well as he had outgrown the front shop.

**Best of Luck Glenn.**

Now this leaves an empty space at the front so for anyone who may be interested in renting this space, please phone the salon on 6554 1585 and have an informal chat with **Shaz** for further details.

Bye for now :) 



## Results of Krambach's Country & Western Day last month

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August Krambach Hall was full for the very popular Country and Western day. Everyone enjoyed themselves singing along with the artists.

There were singers, instrumentalists and poets, some travelling from as far as Tamworth, Gloucester, Bulahdelah and Port Macquarie.

It was a full day affair with a barbecue lunch and morning and afternoon teas.

A collection and raffle (with all prizes being donated) was held for the **Farmers in Drought** with a total received of **\$816.85**; this will be spent buying goods for both farmers and animals and will be deposited at Earth, Body and Soul, NABIAC to be forwarded on with the NABIAC collection.

Our next Country and Western concert will be held on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2018** (last Sunday in the month).

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**THANK YOU Nabiac** - your support is overwhelming. We are blessed to be living in such a strong caring region.

We will be advising after this week on the tally of all funds raised.

**nabiac.com** - Our local website. Has everyone got their businesses and clubs listed yet? It's FREE!! Have a look online, it's impressive.

We've just had a rush for Book week costumes, and it never ceases to amaze how creative our shoppers are. In the next few weeks we will be getting stock ready for Father's Day and Nabiac's Black and White Ball. Then Racing Season and Formals. We have quiet a few wedding gowns in a range of sizes, and Men's Suits too ..just ask in store.

A few things we are striving to support :-

- Keep a lookout for the fancy new signage / History Boards being erected in Memorial Park.
- Solar Heating is still on the discussion table, in the hope of extending bikini season for the aqua aerobics team.
- The bike track is now complete .. who's been for a lap?
- The new play area will hopefully be approved for a couple more upgrades. These being - shelters and tables, and a water bottle filling station.

If you're a facebooker, please LIKE and FOLLOW **Nabiac Second chance Op-shop**.

Come on in, find some bargains, get creative, donate your unneeded and inspire others. Thank you again for your support and helping to make a difference in this beautiful part of the world.

*Vanessa*

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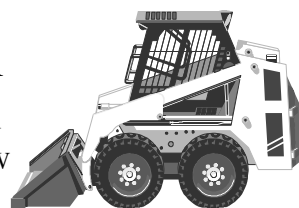
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**Volunteers and Committee members welcome to join.**

**HALL MARKETS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. 8:30am to 1pm  
Come and choose from a wide selection of craft, woodwork, hand made cards, fresh produce & plants, bric-a-brac, 2nd hand books & kids toys. Enjoy a hot breakfast or Devonshire tea or coffee. "Lucky Tree" Hall Raffle. New stall holders welcome.

Krambach Hall (School of Arts Inc.) has spaces available and is looking for more Stall Holders. One table costs \$11.00, two tables are \$16.00 and 3 tables are \$22.00.

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Fires throughout the State have already told us that, and so has the Bureau of Meteorology.

As from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2018 you will need a free Fire Permit from the NSW Rural Fire Service before you are legally permitted to do any burning. It doesn't matter how large or how small that pile is - a burning pile is a burning pile.

Strict enforceable rules come with this free permit and they will be explained to you when the permit is issued, and also printed on the permit. One of the main rules is to give at least 24 hours' notice to the RFS and to all your neighbours. It is not rocket science, it is just common sense and downright neighbourly.

Don't forget, our Mid Coast District Office now has a single point of contact phone number for things such as Fire Permits.

**NSW RFS Mid Coast District Office**

**1300 Mid Coast.**

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Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think, and to show you what we mean, we are holding a **Get Ready Open Day** at our Fire Station on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 from 10am to 3pm.**

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serious. There will be giveaways for everyone. Fun fire helmets for the children, and for those whose childhood is a distant memory, there will be information and help with preparing your Bush Fire Survival Plan.

Oh, there will also be a **free sausage sizzle on the go from around 11am to 2pm**. That's for everyone, no-matter your age. Bring your family. Bring your friends.

Having a Bush Fire Survival Plan, and practicing it, is not a sissy idea. It's rather an attempt to protect your family in the event of having to evacuate your property or vehicle in an emergency. Things to consider would include escape routes if you live in a dead-end road; is your vehicle always ready to go? What needs to be in your "grab bag" - personal items, medications and prescriptions, photos, important papers. Don't forget to keep your phone charged up and to take it, and the charger, when you leave.

We have "upped" our preparation for this fire season, with members attending Permit Issuing Officer workshops, Asbestos Awareness workshops and a Rural Fire Driver Course. At our Open Day we may be able to help you "up" yours.

Knowledge is power (so they say). We will be happy to talk to you about all these things **so come down to the Minimbah Fire Station on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**, and get yourself some more of that knowledge - Free of charge. A couple of other great places to get more free information are [www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au) and [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

In these cooler months please take the opportunity to clean out your gutters, shift the rubbish from around buildings, slash the paddocks, especially close to the assets you need to protect. **Handy Hint:** Don't park your vehicle in long grass. The extremely hot exhaust can set everything alight as soon as your back is turned.

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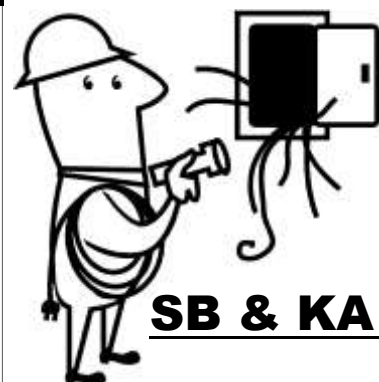
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## WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

President *Iris Cummings* chaired the August meeting of Wallamba CWA Branch and welcomed 11 members and accepted 2 apologies. It was great to welcome home our well travelled member *Margaret Weller* who, with husband Bruce, had visited Canada to visit family members then off to the UK to have a look about. Margaret loved the holiday but reckons Australia is still the greatest country to live in.

Following the opening formalities of Anthem, Motto and Prayer members paused to remember departed family members and friends and they included **Leonie Bell** of Nabiac, *Trevor Mavin* formerly from Nabiac, *Sue Slade* (daughter of Tom Paterson), *Shirley Smith*, *Vera Martin*, *Vicki Smith*, *Don Macinnes* OAM of Taree, *Marjorie Spence* of Taree and Mrs *Ruth Rankin*, aged 100 years, of Wingham with sympathy extended to their families.

Our though this month was a *Tibetan Proverb* ‘**The secret to living well and longer is Eat Half, Walk Double, Laugh Triple and love without Measure**’ and it was supplied by member *Jill Hammond*.

It was pleasing to learn that former member, *Norma Frieden*, has recovered well from her recent surgery and that she and husband *Ross* are both enjoying good health and living in Nambucca Heads but hope to be in their new home in a couple of months. Our members *Penny* and *Merle* caught up with them during their overnight stay in Nambucca Heads when they attended that CWA Branch’s International Day in August.

Our correspondence included notification of the 2019 World Day Prayer of Service which has been prepared by the Christian Women of Slovenia will be held March 2019 at St. Paul’s Anglican Church Nabiac – further details on this service as the time gets closer.

There was quite a bit of email correspondence dealing with attendances and apologies from Branches within Mid North Coast Group for the Group Cultural and International Day which Wallamba Branch hosted on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Wallamba Showground Hall. See report at the end of meeting notes.

Sec *Pam* also has the task of compiling a History of the Wallamba since its formation March, 1964, for a Group Branches History which is being put together by Group Cultural Officer *Colleen Yates*, of Gloucester Branch, for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being celebrated this year.

Treasurer *Mary Webber* reported on the financial position of the branch and informed members of the success of the International Day on Poland in May and from that the branch will make donations to Salina Dutt Memorial Clinic, Fistula Hospital & Clinic, Doctors Without Borders and the work of Associated Countrywomen of the World of \$100 each and \$104 to Coins for Friendship which goes to under-privileged countries to assisted the women and clean water projects.

Our Cookery officer Margaret has received notification of the cakes etc. to be made for the next cookery competition in November and is bringing along copies of the recipes to be used and is geeing the ladies up to all have a go and show how good the Wallamba are with their cooking efforts.

Jill Hammond is off to Narromine during September with *Gael Mackenzie*, of Kempsey CWA, to attend the State Ag & Environment Conference and we can expect to find out lots on what we will be studying next year as primary product, flora and fauna as well as foes. Jill also brought to our attention the recent article in the NOW

magazine on the work being done at ‘Devil Ark’ in the Barrington Tops with the Tasmanian Devil – all very interesting and so worthwhile. We were given a demonstration on the **Onya Plastic Bags** that are made from recycled plastic drink bottles and are selling online for \$20 for 8. We were informed that Gloucester Branch are making similar bags from recycled curtain net only slightly bigger but the great news is that our own member Mary is making similar bags and they are selling at the Nabiac Craft Nook for 6 for \$15. Member Pam’s daughter, *Fiona* is making shopping bags from heavy duty plastic animal feed bags and is doing well and then we were shown a similar bag that Wallamba member *Coral* has also produced from the colourful heavy duty feed bags. We certainly have a group of very crafty ladies in our branch who can their hand to most things.

Merle Barber, our Handicraft Group and Branch Officer, is continuing to gain further experience and knowledge and has achieved the halfway mark with her Proficiency Certificate and we hope will soon become an accredited judge. Merle is enjoying her position and has learnt much of what is involved in both the position and what is involved in the judging side of things. Merle has in mind for next year’s Branch/Group Project for members to make 4 aprons so we will wait and see what creations come about.

Our International Segment with Group and Branch Officer *Penny Britton* gave us some updates on International work by CWA saying that they will no longer be collecting used spectacles as the Rotary Clubs will be taking on this task but CWA will still collect used stamps, make up school packs for children in South Pacific and also Mother and Baby packs.

Penny was pleased to have secured a guest speaker, *Teresa Siminska*, a Polish born lady, from Forster, as the Guest Speaker at the Group Day on Poland. Penny had also put together a program on the day and this we were to discover was very interesting.

In the Cultural Section for group day, members were invited to bring along a favourite dress with a 60’s theme and the cultural acts were to be themed on ‘The 60’s TV Shows’ and we were not disappointed when the day came along.

No birthdays or wedding anniversaries were celebrated by our members in August so the meeting was then declared closed and all indulged in the lovely spread of sandwiches and slices for lunch brought along by members bringing the meeting to a close.

Penny & Teresa Siminska (R)



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Members had an early morning start the following Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> when it was all hands on deck as they prepared to welcome the 64 members and guests from within Mid North Coast Group who arrived from 9.00am onward for the Group Cultural and International Day. Many thanks go to *John Baker*, Penny's partner, who had done so much the afternoon before with setting up the tables and chairs in the main hall for the visitors and again putting them away in the afternoon after the event was over.

The morning was devoted to Cultural activities and this was compered by Group Cultural Officer *Colleen Yates* and it included Bush Poetry, story telling, several Skits and mime all very much appreciated by those in attendance.

Lunch of warming chicken and vegetable or pumpkin soup was much appreciated by all as it was a rather chilly day in the hall that has no heating, and this was followed with sweets of rhubarb and apple crumble plus ice cream washed down with tea or coffee with date loaf and ginger Polish biscuits which had been left over from morning tea.

After lunch Teresa Siminska spoke of her travels back home to her birth country - **POLAND** and provided a powerpoint presentation showing us her friends, family, the housing, countryside, cities, lakes and beaches, traditional dancing and life in Poland.

Well known Gloucester lady and a talented lace maker, Mrs *Marie Lawrie*, also spoke about her love of lace making and showed us a number of her beautiful creations. The guest speakers were presented with 'Thank You' gifts by Penny and shown appreciation by acclamation by those in attendance.

The Branch's F & V Tray Raffle was won by a Taree Member with 2<sup>nd</sup> prize going to a Wauchope member whilst a Bulahdelah lady took home the Group Raffle prize – these had been drawn during the luncheon break.

The fitting finale which brought the day to a close, was a power point presentation on the well known Australian song 'I am, you are, we are Australian', it was very emotional for many in the Hall as they sung along. Well done to everyone involved in making the day so successful.

**Pam Muxlow**

Sec/Publicity Officer

Wallamba CWA Branch

Display of arts and crafts, photos and articles on POLAND at the Group International Day



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Hay fever is the common name for a condition called allergic rhinitis, which means an allergy that affects the nose. It is caused by the nose and/or eyes coming into contact with environmental allergens, such as pollens, dust mite, moulds and animal hair.

Hay fever can occur at any time of year, particularly in Spring when airborne grass pollens are at their peak.

Some symptoms of hay fever include – sneezing, runny or stuffy nose, itchy throat, nose and ears, red, itchy and watery eyes and headaches.

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## Education Week at Nabiac Public School



Education Week is a chance for the school community to recognise a staff member, student, volunteer and School Program that is worthy of an Education Week Award. Congratulations to the following award recipients at our Education Week Assembly.

**Award for Excellence in Student Achievement – Zoe Penfold.** Zoe is Captain of Nabiac Public School. She received her award for being a friend to all. Zoe has gone above and beyond in her role as a buddy to the Kindergarten students. She makes sure that her buddy and all her buddy's friends are happy and safe in the playground each day, which has certainly made settling into school routines very easy for the children and the parents. Zoe is a remarkable students who puts others first.

**Award for Excellence in Teaching – Dana Perram.** Dana is the Learning and Support teacher at our school. She has been instrumental in delivering many valuable programs to support students' learning and growth in all areas of their schooling. Dana works tirelessly setting up meetings with parents, individual programs and lunch time activities to promote a safe and happy environment for all students.

**Award for Excellent Service to the School – Brit Myers & Christine Ryder.** Britt received her award for managing our school uniform shop efficiently and successfully. She has spent many hours on site in her own time to ensure that the uniform shop is well stocked and runs smoothly. Christine received her award for her tireless work in the library, helping with book covering, stock-take, borrowing and many other duties. Christine has volunteered for over 4 years in our school library and quietly goes about her job each week.

**Award for School Achievement – Samuel Brett Nelson Kickstart Soccer Program (Jeff Summers accepted)** Jeff has presented this program successfully at Nabiac Public School for 2 years. He has worked with all the students from Kindergarten to year 6 developing their skills in soccer, which have had an added bonus on their interactions in the playground and their enthusiasm in the classroom. Jeff's enthusiasm, friendliness, passion and compassion for all has made this program so very special and one that Nabiac would like to continue well into the future.

After the awards were presented the performance was held. The theme for this year's Education Week Performance was *'We're all little Aussies'*. The choir and each class performed an item around the theme showcasing their acting, singing and dancing talents.

The four little vegemites left to right are:  
Marlee Howson, Marlee Gulliver, Allira De Sousa,  
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## Coolongolook Public School News

### Education Week - Open Day

On Tuesday 7 August, our school held our Education Week 'Open Day' in which parents and carers were invited to visit our classrooms to view some of the exciting ways we are using technology in our school. The day was a great success and we thank the many parents and carers who came along and actively participated in the activities. A big thank you to our P&C members Jenny Gough, Rachael Elms and Janelle Page for your organisation of our yummy morning tea!



Four generations of the Ede family.  
From left front Chloe Roberts, Kelly Ede, Myla Ede.  
Back from left Joanne Ede, Beryl Ede and Neil Ede



Sebastian Hutton-White showing mum Lisa the Sphero Ball in action using the iPad app.



Ayva Elms with her brother Tyler and Grandparents Mr & Mrs Ryan and her mother Rachael Ryan



Mrs Simpson, Mrs Ede, Mrs Gordon and Ms Hutton being served morning tea by Mr Tindall (Principal)



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**Local History - The Wallamba** — Another in a series of historical articles gleaned from the archives of the "Manning River Times" 1930, by *Bob Mann*

**NABIAc - MARCH, 1930:** Mr and Mrs *Maurice Schneider*, who have taken up residence at Bunyah, were entertained by a large circle of friends at the residence of Mr *Fred Schneider* of Firefly Creek on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> ult.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral of Mr *Hugh McKinnon* of Glenora, Wallamba River, will leave Taree this morning the 8<sup>th</sup> March, catching the ferry at 10:30am for interment in the Failford cemetery.

**NABIAc SHOW - BIG ENTRIES, FINE WEATHER:** Fine weather favoured the recent NABIAC Show. The attendance on the opening day was not large, but that never is the case, the majority of people waiting for the second and bigger day. Mr *A.E. Carey*, Secretary, informs us that the number of entries was above the average. For the ring events there were large entries and competition was sure to be keen on the second day. There was a big showing of beef cattle, some of the animals being exceptionally fine. A pen of cows was considered by a butcher being too fat for commercial use. Mr *F. Schneider* was very successful in this section carrying off most of the prizes. Jerseys and Illawarras chiefly composed the entries in the milking classes. Pigs were fairly well represented. Poultry was only poorly competed for, but for some years this section has not been a strong one. Farm produce was an improvement on that of the preceding show but there is room for improvement before justice will be done to the rich agricultural soil of the Wallamba River District. The absence of *Joe Paterson* and other well known Wallamba ring horse men, who were competing at the Maitland Show, made a difference, but nevertheless competition was keen. The various officials carried out their work with the usual attentiveness. Mr *J.A. Campbell* had his school duties to attend to but on the Friday (public holiday) the President devoted the whole of his time and energy to the work of the show and meeting visitors. Vice Presidents, *J.W. Breckenridge* and *J.W. Startin* were also very busy. Mr *F. Hosking*, in the absence of Mr *Dane*, attended the treasurers work and in this he was assisted by a number of NABIAC Bank officials. Mr *A.E. Carey* carried out the duties of Secretary in his usual capable manner. To him the "Times" newspaper wishes to convey thanks for the assistance he gave in gathering the material for our report of the show. Mr *Clyde Magennis* assisted the Secretary very materially in attending to the recording of awards and issuing of

award tickets in the cattle section, which was a great help to the secretary. The work was carried out in the cattle shed where the judge and stewards were working. The idea is one which all societies could emulate with profit. The rights on the ground were as under:-

Publicans Booth - *F. Walden*; Fruit and Cordial stall - Mr *Andy Foster*; Ice-cream and Fruit Salad - Mrs *Small*; Oysters - Mr *L. Ralston*. The ladies connected to the Methodist Church had charge of the luncheon room and provided an excellent meal which was served with that promptness so much appreciated by show visitors. Mrs *R. Croker* was in charge of this with Miss *Jean McKinnon* as secretary.

**BULBY BRUSH PUBLIC SCHOOL - MARCH, 1930:** The Hon. *Walter Bennett*, Minister for Gloucester, has received the following communication from Mr *Smith*, the Director of Education:-

*Dear Sir, Representation has been made to the Department by Mr J. Sambell, Hon. Secretary Bulby Brush Parents & Citizens Association, relative to the need for the erection of a teachers residence at that centre. In reply thereto, I desire to inform you that the need for a residence at Bulby Brush, has been noted on the building programme, but in view of the heavy demands on the funds available, I regret to advise you that it is not possible to set apart money for this work at the present time.*

**WANG WAUK - APRIL, 1930:** "The Glen Ken" tennis players journeyed to Coolongolook on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April and all enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. The "Glen Ken" players won by one game. The Coolongolook players returned the match last Saturday when another enjoyable afternoon was spent. The Coolongolook players won by seven games.

On Saturday night a very successful and enjoyable dance was held in the School of Arts for Miss *Connie Stevens*, who is in the popular girl competition in aid of the new convent at Krambach. Mr *G. Stevens* was M.C. and music was supplied by Miss *Stevens*, Mr *A. Tagg* and others.

Master *Walter Holden* had the misfortune to have his arm broken last week when he was thrown from a horse and is under treatment by a NABIAC doctor.

The direction boards which have been lately placed at Flaggy Crossing will be a great boon to strangers travelling on these roads.

Mrs *W. Mills* and Mrs *H. Holden* are staying in Taree with their parents, Mr & Mrs *Bussey*, who both have been very ill.



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## Between the Pages

### Nabiac Library News



#### Nabiac Library History 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Who would believe that Nabiac Library has been in its current location for 25 years?

Nabiac Library quietly celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at its current location in the Showground building. It was only by chance that an astute observer in the Library that day noticed the plaque in the library, stating that it was officially opened by **Mayor Sandra Machin** on the **4<sup>th</sup> August, 1993**. Library volunteers quickly went and purchased a banner and cake to share with our regular Saturday morning clients to celebrate the day.

However, this is not the full story of Nabiac Library. For many years Nabiac Library operated as a Community Library out of the Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre. In 1988 the library declined an offer to join the newly formed Great Lakes Library Service. However, in 1991 talks were held between the Great Lakes Shire's Chief Librarian, **Andrew Braybrook**, and the Nabiac Library Committee and it was agreed Nabiac would become the 5<sup>th</sup> branch of the Great Lakes Library Service; thus offering a greater range of books and services. At this stage Nabiac Library was still operating out of the Neighbourhood Centre. Many of you would remember this.

However, in March 1993 a decision was made to move from the Neighbourhood Centre to the old "Supper Room" at the Showground. Previously this building had operated as the kitchen/supper room for the Showground Hall. We still have many local residents that can relate tales about how this 'heritage building' operated as the Showground Kitchen. Poor old building was deemed no longer suitable as a kitchen supper room and a new addition was added to the hall; this being the current kitchen and supper room we have today; albeit with many additional upgrades of these facilities over time.

A letter to the Nabiac Neighbourhood Centre dated 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1993 indicated that Council was aware of the steady population growth of the Wallamba district and had achieved capital works funding to assist with upgrading public library facilities in Nabiac by modifying the Supper Room to become the new library premises; thus increasing the library space by 100 square metres. This included rewiring of the building, repainting and remodelling (including the removal of the old coppers! That's a story in itself!); installing carpets, shelving, furniture and signage and making the straightening

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the access road. WOW! WHAT AN ASSET!

It then opened with great fanfare on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1993 with Mayor Cr Sandra Machin performing the ceremony. Other speakers included Andrew Braybrook - Chief Librarian Great Lakes Library Service, Member for Myall Lakes - Mr *John Turner*, Ms *Jeanette Wright* - Director of Public Libraries State Library of NSW and, Mr *Don Miller* - Principal Nabiac Public School, along with the students who gave a performance!

*No wonder we all love Nabiac Library! It has a long history; it is an integral part of Nabiac's community history and is housed in an historic Showground building! Even better, it has not lost its community spirit!*

#### What's happening now at Nabiac Library?

**DVD Display:** Have you come in lately? Remember our old DVD displays, so overloaded and so hard to find what you were looking for. The good news is we now have some fantastic carousels installed that have all our DVD's in an easy to access format! Spin it round and read the labels! Thank you Great Lakes Library Service! It makes it so much easier for us all to locate the DVD's we are looking for.

**Chess @ Nabiac Library:** Nabiac Library has recently responded to a suggestion from a member of the library to offer Chess Games at the Library on a regular basis. We now have Chess, Backgammon and Checkers available at Nabiac Library on Saturday mornings for members of the public who would be interested in starting up a group, or just coming in to enjoy a game with a friend. No bookings required. Just come on in and enjoy playing. Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12noon. We look forward to you joining us on Saturday.

#### Upcoming Events

##### My Health Record:



Confused by all the media coverage of the advantages and disadvantages of the **My Health Record** proposal.

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### Children's Spring School Holidays Program at Nabiac Library

This is an advance posting. Nabiac Library will be hosting another crafty morning at our Library for children in the Spring School holidays. This event will be held at Nabiac Library on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 10am.**

We will be making a woven wall hanging similar to the model shown. Please check out Great Lakes Library Service for further details or just call into Nabiac Library and ask our lovely volunteers!



Please come and visit our Library! It is a wonderful space where you can browse DVD's, books in many genres, Talking Books, Nabiac history and so much more. If you can't find what you desire our friendly volunteer staff will be happy to help you source it. Or you could just come in to read the local news; play a game or help with our ongoing jigsaw challenge. Come on into Nabiac Library. You may be surprised at what you find!

### NABIAC VILLAGE FUTURES GROUP

#### Nabiac Library

NVFG has written to MidCoast Council in support of a grant application for Nabiac Library. MidCoast Council would like to install new mobile shelving, new carpet and some new comfortable relaxing seating. Mobile shelving would allow the library space to be better utilized for displays and events, and new carpet and seating would contribute towards a more attractive library for users and volunteers. Let's also give a big thank you to our library volunteers.

#### Memorial Park

Our new sign about the local War Memorials has been completed by Barrier Signs. This sign is part of the works funded for the 100 year centenary of ANZAC. The sign measures 1.8m x 0.8 m, it's quite large and we are now talking to Council about its installation.

#### nabiac.com

Have you looked recently at the Directory on nabiac.com? Local businesses and organisations can enter their details into the Directory. This is a free advertising opportunity.

**Nabiac Village Futures Group meets** at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Neighbourhood Centre. Next meeting is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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## Artists of Wallamba Inspire~Create~Connect



Artists of Wallamba Facebook page offers a vibrant online community for local practising artists, artisans and creatives to connect, inspire and share the process of making our art!

A great place to share challenges, quotes, thoughts and techniques, gain an opinion or feedback on a piece you may be working on, or to post upcoming events, grants, competitions, workshops, retreats, employment and exhibition opportunities. Also a place to share our experience of the business side of art – our approaches to marketing and promotion, business cards, artist statement, CV's and websites.

Artists of Wallamba has a vision to link local artists who may or may not normally meet up and provide a space for art chat, an opportunity for collaboration and a pool of local creatives for community events and opportunities that may arise.

We welcome new members to the online community. Just enter 'Artists of Wallamba' and the group will come up. We also meet face to face at times for coffee or drinks. Our next meeting will be at Dyers Crossing at **2pm on Saturday 22nd September**. Come along and share a coffee, creativity and conversation!

Contacts: Message Gemma at 'Gemma Stylz Art' on Facebook, email Diane at [fotografsbydiane@gmail.com](mailto:fotografsbydiane@gmail.com) or telephone Carmel on 0419 273 849 or Kate Landsberry on 0402 287 244 for further information and details of our September meet-up.

Salvador Dali said: "A true artist is not one who is inspired but one who inspires others." Artists of Wallamba aims to be a group that inspires each member in their creative work, journey and pursuits."

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## Sinfonia MNC September Concerts

Great news! Sinfonia MNC is giving a series of concerts in September. These concerts fulfil one of our stated aims, to bring orchestral music to our community's cultural life. They somewhat replace our usual June concerts – but not quite. We were not absent from the music scene in June – we were heavily involved in the Manning Winter Festival – both as a complete orchestra, accompanied by Kantabile and Company of Voices, and also through individual members' performances.

We will be presenting a *Classical Collection* – many of our audience's old favourites. One new piece is Paul Hindemith's 1922 German Christmas musical play, *Tuttifantchen*. Tuttifant is a wood carver who makes a puppet (a Kasper – a Punch like puppet) which comes to life. Akin to the *Nutcracker Suite*, the music describes the many fantastic adventures which befall the puppet and Tuttifant's daughter and her eventual heroic rescue by Tuttifant's apprentice. We will hear such movements as *Musik zum Kaspertheater* (music for a puppet show) and *Tanz der Holzzippen* (dance of the wooden puppets).

Contrasting to this highly adventurous piece we will hear Johann Sebastian Bach's 1712 *Sheep May Safely Graze*, from *Cantata No 208*, orchestrated by Clark McAllister. This was originally written to celebrate a birthday and was not published until after Bach's death. Everybody's favourite.

Another fantastic piece *Night on the Bare Mountain*, also known as *Night on Bald Mountain*, by Modest Mussorgsky will bring us out of our pleasant reveries. It is based on the Russian legend of the witches' Sabbath which was said to occur on St John's Eve (23<sup>rd</sup> June). Mussorgsky completed this work on 1867 St John's Eve in 1867. This abridged version was arranged by Gareth Glyn. And of course Walt Disney "borrowed" the work for *Fantasia*.

We are not off the mountain yet, as the next piece will be Edvard Greig's 1875 work, *In the Hall of the Mountain King*, also arranged by Gareth Glyn. This piece musically describes the fury of the mountain king, a Norwegian folk tale troll, because a human – *Peer Gynt* - has seduced his daughter.

The second half of the programme will be much less dramatic, though no less interesting, commencing with the beautiful *Adagio in G Minor* by Remo Giazotti/Tomaso Albinoni, arranged by Alan Arnold. This highly controversial, much loved piece, may well have nothing of Albinoni in it at all, but Giazotti claims he completed Albinoni's 1708 work in 1958. Whatever the truth, it is a much loved piece. Almost as controversial as to the possible musical references to his friends are Edward Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, composed between 1898 and 1899, arranged by Iain Farrington. All the concert's arrangements by Gareth Glyn, Alan Arnold and Ian Farrington have featured in the latest *London Proms*.

What *Classical Collection* would be complete without something *From a New World*? We will play a piece from Antonín Dvořák 1893 *Symphony No 9*. We are in good company, Neil Armstrong took a copy with him for the 1969 moon landing. Back to Europe and Georges Bizet's 1867 comic opera *Carmen*, which shocked and scandalised the Parisians. We will hear the music for Escamillo's *Toreador Song*, where he proclaims love awaits him and Carmen's *Habanera*, where she tells of love's capriciousness. Aha! Poor José and poor Micaëla. These pieces were arranged by Gareth Glyn and Andrew J. Smith.

After all this excitement we will end with simple musical passion, an abridged version of Johann Sebastian Bach's pre 1708 *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*, orchestrated by Clark McAllister. A suitable ending for an exciting afternoon.

Come along and join us at 2pm on 9<sup>th</sup> September at Krambach School of Arts, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at the Upper Lansdown Community Hall and on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St John's Taree.

Tickets available on line or at the door. Please check our webpage [sinfoniamnc.com.au](http://sinfoniamnc.com.au).



(Photo - Iain Pole who will be conducting *Tuttifantchen* at all the September concerts" )



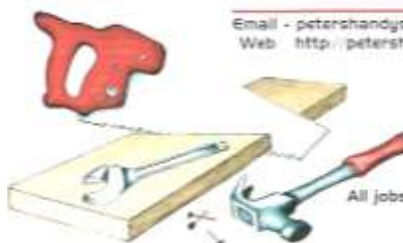
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Jo has just turned 90; an historical event in anyone's life and cause for celebration. This year, however, history will show that three generations of Karsenbargs reach milestone birthdays - **Jo - 90**, son **Peter - 60** and grandson **Nathan - 30**. All were joined by family from Sydney and Queensland, together with local friends, at a celebratory lunch in NABIAC.

As it should be, family is top of Jo's priority list, but community involvement comes a close second. Lifetime Membership was bestowed on Jo a few years ago by the Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade and he is a stalwart of his local Church. Woodturning, and working with wood generally, is Jo's specialty, and his bespoke works will be found around the world.

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We also welcomed 2 more members to our group which takes our membership to just shy of 80; at our first meeting/get together 16 years ago there were 16 people in attendance, 12 are still members today. Welcome **Maree and Maria**.

The demonstration of flower arranging was much admired by all and 2 lucky people were fortunate enough to have the winning tickets and a new flower arrangement for their homes. Many thanks **Sandy**.

After last month's meeting (July) we sent 3 bales of hay to drought stricken farmers and another will go this month. Not a bad effort as our funds only come from raffle money raised at our meetings

The delightful variety of home made cakes for morning tea was a joy to the pallet of our members and guests, many thanks to those who

brought along this food, we appreciate it.

There are many events on this coming month. *A Day in the Country at Killabakh* on September 1<sup>st</sup>, a trip to *Abundance Nursery* on September 17<sup>th</sup> where we will meet at 10am and enjoy lunch in the restaurant over looking the water. Then its a trip to *Densy Clyne's* garden on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Despite the cold days and nights our display of blue flowers made an interesting show. For our next meeting it will be potted succulents and we will have a swap table of succulents as well as our usual swap table.

The next meeting will be at **Chris and Bill Cartwright's** home in Nabiac on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Visitors are always welcome so why not come along and join in the friendship, bring a chair, a hat and enjoy a cuppa. Contact **Jenny** on 0400 105 333 or **Val** on 65549651

Till next time. Let's hope for the rain to continue, especially where it's needed.

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Further cash donated can be placed in the collection tin at the Op Shop.



Hallidays Point Lions Club have asked us to support their **Drought Relief Concert**, at Taree 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 8pm. Tickets are on sale at our Op Shop.

### COMMITTEE NEWS

Op Shop volunteers have requested installation of **solar lights in the building**. This work should be completed by mid-September and will provide much needed extra light.

We are **reviewing our building insurance**. Our buildings are owned by the Nabiac community and managed by this Committee. Buildings include the OP Shop shed, and the premises we rent to the Nabiac and District Preschool, Petra's Pantry and Karuah Great Lakes Landcare.

The **Neighbourhood Centre Committee meets** at 7.30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at the Neighbourhood Centre. Next meeting is **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

**Donations are being made to this new project.** Kit Carson has donated and delivered a **rain water tank**. Paul Berman Plumbing have donated a **pump for the tank**. Bruce Weller has offered to seek community support for the **formation of a graveled roadway around the rear of the shed**. Tim Hill from Eat My Farm has offered to donate some **seedlings**.

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare have started a **ground plan of the site**.

**Call in and have a say, let us know your ideas** between 10am to 12 on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Contact **Joel** if you are interested in volunteering in the community garden. 0401 932 533

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For further information about Irlen Syndrome or to do a self-test, go to [www.aaic.org.au](http://www.aaic.org.au) or call Irlen Dyslexia Centre Taree on 0409 653 700.

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**Wednesday Mornings:** Suzie will help with the basics, emails & internet searches

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Membership fees remain at \$10 per person and this entitles you to entry into the show and Camp Draft when it is held.

Gate fees remain at \$30 per family, \$10 per adult & \$5 for children and pensioners (with valid concession cards)

The 2019 show is on **23rd March**, so a fair warning to start on any handy crafts you might like to enter in the Hall Exhibits.

I will start hunting up donation for our new raffle. Many thanks to all who purchased tickets last show. We had a great result to add to the show's coffers to help keep things up to scratch and I still hold prize which was never claimed - the two show cook books. This was because the phone number was insufficient and only a first name was given. Bit hard to find the owner! Remember to give a clear number!

Unfortunately there will be no Camp Draft again this year. Cattle are impossible to borrow in the numbers we need and due to the ghastly weather conditions we are having, their owners are more than a little reluctant to lend them out anyway.

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## HUNTER PRODUCERS RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

Hunter Local Land Services wants to pay tribute to the local farming community as the region heads into a second spring severely affected by drought. Drought now affects 100 per cent of New South Wales and in the Upper Hunter Valley in particular the conditions have been very difficult for in excess of 18 months.

Upper Hunter District Vet Jane Bennett said the longevity of this drought has led to many having to make tough decisions.

"The Hunter is traditionally considered a safe region but unfortunately the ongoing dry conditions have led to the worst drought in living memory, forcing many people to have to sell nearly everything, including core breeding stock," said Dr Bennett.

"I want to give credit local producers for the huge effort they have put into maintaining their stock, and the majority of cattle coming through the sale yards locally are in remarkably good health considering the season.

"Given the challenges in sourcing quality feed and the cold, harsh winter we have just faced the fact so many producers are still turning off quality cattle is a sign of how robust local farmers are."

The Hunter Local Land Services team is assisting landholders to make important decisions regarding animal health and nutrition, as feed is becoming increasingly scarce.

"A lot of people who were trying to hold onto stock are now choosing to destock further, often cutting into their core breeding herd or fully destocking and we know this is an incredibly difficult time," said Dr Bennett.

"With many animals now calving and the cows requiring additional nutrition to feed offspring, it is more important than ever to be making those tough decisions early.

"As with last spring we will be advocating for producers maintaining breeding stock to wean early where possible, as it seems we are facing an uncertain forecast in the near future."

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Many producers in the Lower Hunter and Manning Great Lakes are now also implementing their drought plans as the seasonal conditions have again deteriorated during winter.

Hunter Local Land Services district vet team and agricultural extension officers are available to discuss your herd's health and nutrition needs one on one. Regional Livestock Officer Kirstin Bisley is also being supported by independent beef industry expert Bill Hoffman who is available to discuss individual producers situations in light of the ongoing drought. The Upper Hunter team will be holding another round of 'drought drop in sessions' in coming weeks for producers wanting to discuss their weaning and feeding plans for spring. More information about times, dates and locations will be released soon.

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## REAL KULTCHA

“Rebuilding? Rebuilding? You couldn’t rebuild that team if you started with Gary Ablett! They’re hopeless. The Dyers Crossing Under 12s girls team could take *St Kilda* out and probably do it with 16 players!”

Normally, I’m quite good (and quick) when defending either my football teams’ pathetic play or how they’re sliding down the ladder at an inordinate rate of knots is all part of a clever plan not known to those outside the inner circle. But in this conversation (with SWMBO) I’m in a corner.

First, she doesn’t understand the finer points of the game and the dark and intricate art of team selection is just a fog to her – mind you it’s only slightly more visible to me but I’m not about to admit it. Second (and this is the really crucial point) she doesn’t barrack for any team in either the AFL or the ARL and if push came to shove, she probably couldn’t name more than a couple of teams in either league. So, it’s impossible for me to counter with a telling and slashing comment about her team’s less than competent play. But the comment certainly hurt because she may be right: they’ve been hopeless since “Boofy” Barry belted a couple of our more delicate little cherubs in a Grand Final a few years back and copped the equivalent of a thrashing with a slightly moist lettuce leaf for his completely unprovoked retaliation. And the reference to 16 players actually happened a few weeks ago when *The Giants* found they were streets in front of *The Blues* (who, quite justifiably, occupy the lower most rung of the ladder) so they began pulling players off the field but not replacing them and at one point in the final quarter they were easily holding the inept *Blues* with only 16 players on the field!

But I digress.

It’s the business end of the season and both my Heavenly Cohorts have not done well this year. I’ll say no more about *St Kilda* ‘cept they’re in front of *The Blues* but then that’s not saying a lot because everybody’s in front of them and that would probably include the Dyers Crossing Under 12s, if they existed! *St George* on the other hand were actually on top of the ladder at one stage and doing it easy. In the last month or so however, they’ve wobbled a tad and dropped a couple of games to teams they should have streeted and that’s put the wind up we fans but has given SWMBO plenty of ammunition to chortle about. Life’s so unfair!



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I see Usain Bolt has begun training with the *Central Coast Mariners* in an effort to begin a soccer career. I’m curious as to why he chose a team in our league given he comes from the West Indies and I’d have thought he could have tried out for a spot in a team there or in the US? He does of course, join a number of other athletes who have tried to jump to another game and Michael “Air” Jordan springs to mind. He played basketball with the *Chicago Bulls* but really wanted to have a go at baseball – so he did. There have been several movies made in the US of teams in the league just below the top level but life there isn’t fun: playing at least a game a day (and possibly two), staying in seedy motels and travelling the rest of the time. I do recall a news item during Michael’s attempt and it related he didn’t like the bus the team travelled in so he bought the club a brand new luxury one! Very quickly however, he realised it wasn’t for him and went back to what he knew. There have been several successes where athletes changed sports but for the most part they don’t end well. The word is Usain has been made no promises so it’ll be interesting to see how he goes.

Have you heard of Wendy Tuck? Well, she’s an Ozzie and she skippered the yacht *Sanya Serenity Coast* to recently win the Clipper Round The World Race in Liverpool, England. It took nearly a year to complete with 13 separate races over more than 40,000 nautical miles! I think she did good.

Talk at you next month,

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FISHING REPORT WEEKEND 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST



Our fishos made the most of Saturday's favourable conditions, with Sunday turning out to be less than ideal.

Ray Pascoe topped the table, with a 2.14kg snapper in his catch. Well done Ray!

The following catches were recorded:

### BLUE WATER

Ethan Williams	3 x Snapper	1.30kg
	2 x Morwong	0.73kg
	3 x Flathead	1.26kg
Rod Thomas	5 x Snapper	3.00kg
	1 x Flathead	0.46kg
Ray Pascoe	6 x Snapper	5.87kg
	2 x Flathead	0.57kg

### ROCK AND BEACH

Brett Brown	4 x Tailor	1.63kg
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Fishing weekends are the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month.

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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September,  
2018 @ 1.00pm**

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2018 Presentation Day Activities.  
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Winter has slowed down a few events and DONK is no exception. We have done Forster Keys and a couple of events earlier and are now gearing up for spring and eventually summer. By the time this illustrious publication is read we will have displayed at the Rusty Iron at Macksville. This annual event is one of the largest in NSW and certainly on this part of the coast.

An event not to be missed is the National Chevrolet Festival to be held in the area on September, 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. The first day will be at the Motor Cycle Museum where a huge display of Chev's and related stuff will be able to be viewed by the general public. Ford owners are also welcome.

We hope to be at the Old Bar Festival (September 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>) with vehicles and mechanical stuff and Taree Show of course on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, so call and say hello.

So a bit happening with this group of sometimes old smelly mechanical misfits who meet at the Museum the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

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## WALLAMBA FOOTBALL CLUB AGM NOTICE



**Where :** Nabiac Hotel  
**When :** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018  
**Time :** 5.30pm

All welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting for Wallamba FC.

Come and be a part of a growing local club, have your input into the 2019 season.

All volunteers welcome to attend, stay around afterwards for the meat raffles.

## WALLAMBA FOOTBALL CLUB

### End of Season Presentation Day

 Celebrating the 2018 Season  
**Saturday 8th September @ 1pm**  
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## News From The Pews

### Nabiac Uniting Church

**Please note your new Start time from May, 1st**

Services are held every Sunday at **10:00am**  
 Holy Communion is celebrated with the service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.  
 For information regarding the Uniting Church, Nabiac please contact Margaret **Weller** (6554 1212), Jill **Hammond** (6555 7747)

### St John's Anglican Church, Dyers Crossing

A Contemporary Service is held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at **11:30am**. Families & children most welcome  
 Services of Holy Communion will be held at **11:30am** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

A non-denominational Bible Study group meets fortnightly. Ring Peggy **Sawyer** on 6559 1238 for details re times.

### St Isidore's Catholic Church, Nabiac

**September Mass time is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm \***  
*\* (to work out dates, your service is the Saturday BEFORE the THIRD Sunday of the month, ie August 1st was a Wednesday, 3rd Sunday was 19th so Saturday before is 18th!)*

### Note that time is back to 6:00pm

### St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Krumbach

**September Mass times are:** - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.00pm, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm & Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm  
*\* Note time back to 6*

Could be subject to change - check with Helen **Legg** on 6559 1211

### St Thomas' Presbyterian Church, Krumbach

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Now for the saying of the month

*Sometimes good things fall apart, so better things can fall together.*

*Belinda & Barb & Jess ☺*

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