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#### Editorial.

I am finally back on deck after three weeks with no computer. It decided to die on me and has had to be virtually rebuilt and totally upgraded. Now I don't know how to use it!

So, with hopefully no more black outs—another reason for the delay, the paper is finally ready to hit the printer and, fingers crossed, delivered by tomorrow (Friday).

Apologies to anyone who was going to Lyz Taylor's Iris show and missed because I had the wrong dates published. Hope you picked up the correct dates from her banners and the good old Nabiac grape vine

The year is galloping to an end and I will personally be glad when it is over. For some reason this year has been my "annus horribilis" as the Queen put it some years back. Just a year that everything seemed to go wrong in. Hopefully next year will be great!

Like everyone, the drought has cause problems at my place, with the trees pegging out from the wind and lack of water, the possums have stripped all of my roses to the point they are just sticks - I have taken to bringing two of the small ones in of a night so that I might get at least some flowers and fingers crossed that the others revive when the weather changes and the possums have other food to eat. They have already killed the 40 year old custard apple and seem to eating anything now, with soft leaves, including the magnolias.

The Taree Sinfonia is putting on a special concert to celebrate their 20th birthday later in the month and for music lovers, it should be a great afternoon.

Lots of articles this month, still a couple missing and if they had arrived it would have ended up a 32 page issue. It seems to go from me scratching to find enough to fill the pages to bumper amounts that need more pages. Never know what is coming.

Krambach is busy this month with the School's Car - boot Sale on 17th, followed the next week with its Country Music & Poets day.

Christmas is just around the corner, frightening how quickly it is approaching, so I suppose everyone is madly getting organised for that and remember, if you have anything happening between December and February, get it into the December issue if you need it advertised. Apologies to the two poem suppliers, they will go in next month.

I hope everyone survived the fires with no losses and that the smoke didn't cause any health problems.

Even out here at Firefly, the wind brought the smoke and fine grey ash which, for those of us with crummy lungs, was distressing time. My plaudits go to all of the firefighters and volunteers - a magnificent job done and under awful conditions. What would we do with out them.

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elcome November when the weather starts to heat up and the school formals and weddings are in the air. HAIR Every year summer brings with it the promise of warmer

weather. But it's also accompanied by renewed warnings about the power of the sun and the damage it can do to our skin. And while people are becoming increasingly aware of the skincare benefits of sunblock and sun protection creams, there's still surprisingly little knowledge about protecting hair from the sun's harmful rays too.

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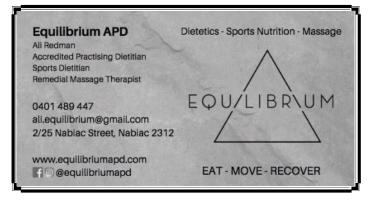
Gift Vouchers have been selling early this year for Christmas which is wonderful to see people organised so early.

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Please note: Both Shaz & Stace have very limited appointments left for December leading up to Christmas, so phone asap to secure your spot.

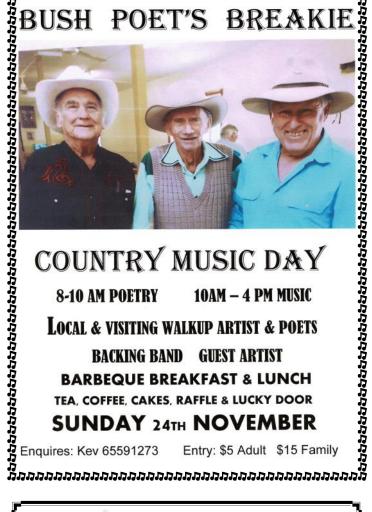
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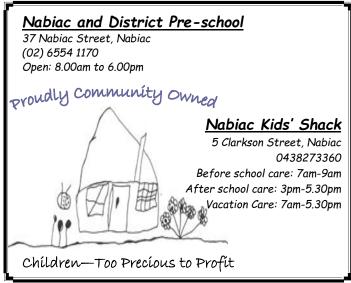
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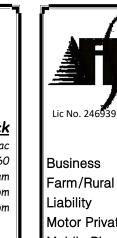




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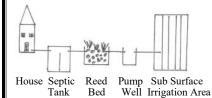
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**Local History - The Wallamba** — Another in a series of historical articles gleaned from the archives of the "Manning River Times, 1937 - 1938, by Bob Mann

Nablac: Mrs Wallis, of Nabiac, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 19<sup>th</sup> November with a happy gathering at her home. On her birthday, as well as two of her sisters, Mrs *Croker* and Mrs *Keena* were present and a joyful afternoon was spent by all. On the Saturday following three of Mrs Wallis's sons, Messrs G. H. and W. Wallis and three daughters, Mrs *Hancock*, Mrs *Phillips* and Miss *K. Wallis*, were with her as well as several grandchildren. All had a very happy time and expressed the hope that Mrs Wallis would see many years of good health

NABIAC SHOW: Big Increase In Gate Takings: - The Nabiac show was concluded on Friday last in fine weather. The attendance was very good and for the two days the gate takings amounted to the satisfactory sum of £156.10.00 which the Secretary, Mr A A.M Clarke stated is £26.00.00 better than last year. He also stated that horses entered for ring events were a record. It is stated that he dairy cattle section was the only weak one which the secretary attributes to sickness and death amongst some of the usual exhibitors, but he adds, that breeders have already phoned to say the competition will be back to its usual standard next season and will include E.W. Milligan's champions, also Jack Nixon and Mr Harry Croker, amongst the Jerseys with Messrs *H.J.J.B. Paff* and Theo *Paff* in the A.I.S. and Messrs *Charles Andrews* and *Joe Cox* in the Guernseys section. The grand parade on Friday afternoon was a most impressive spectacle and was watched with keen interest by a crowded ringside. A description of the animals comprising the parade was given over the microphone by Mr Jack Breckenridge. Immediately following the parade the show was opened by the member for Gloucester Mr. C.E. Bennett. Mr Horace Deer (President) thanked the public for their patronage and also the judges, stewards and all others who had contributed to the success of the show. He then asked Mr Bennett to perform the opening ceremony. Mr Bennett, who spoke at some length, first of all



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thanked the committee for inviting him to open the show. He made a complimentary reference to the progress the district had made. He commented on the quality of the stock in the parade and said the fact that the Wallamba Butter Factories were holding their own in regards to quality of the butter produced was evidence that the farmers of the district were carrying on in a most efficient manner. Mr Bennett paid tribute to the work of the pioneers and complimented the committee for its happy thought of recognizing the debt due to the pioneers by entertaining them at a special luncheon on the previous day. He also congratulated the committee on the harmonious way in which they had all worked together in the interest of the show districts annual show and also referred in eulogistic terms to the splendid services of the ladies committee in providing such a splendid luncheon. Mr Bennet then declared the show open and wished the society every success. Cr. H.E. Milligan, president of the Manning shire Council, was invited to speak and he also congratulated the committee and exhibitors on the wonderful effort they had made and mentioned the vast advance since the first show was held at Nabiac. The President, Mr Deer, moved a vote of thanks to Mr Bennett for his kindness in coming along to open the show and the Shire President for his address. The motion was carried by a heavy acclamation.

Nablac: Nabiac has not by any means missed any of "Jack Frosts" visits. His trail is very evident everywhere. Some say it's the coldest winter for years. Still it has been a remarkably good winter for growth and stock look well.

We regret to report the indisposition of Mrs *Cloud Wright*, so much that this lady has found it necessary to enter hospital. We all sincerely wish Mrs Wright recovery is a speedy one. Mr *Elder Pertens*, of Bungwahl Creeks, condition is causing his relatives and friends some anxiety. This old gentleman is far from well and being of the old hardy pioneering stock finds it hard to sit up and rest. Mr *Newton* is seriously ill at the home of his daughter. Mr Newton comes from the Bungwahl district where he is favorably known. His many friends wish him well.

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Sinfonia is proud to have provided the opportunity for several student players to have the experience of being part of an orchestra before going on to tertiary studies and careers in Music. The orchestra has also enjoyed taking their music to the people of the area by performing their concerts in various country halls, churches and schools of arts.

Sinfonia would love to invite you to attend their birthday concert at the Manning Entertainment Centre on *Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019* starting at 2.00pm.

Previous scholarship winners, past players and conductors will be joining us on stage or in the audience. Kantabile and Company of Voices choirs will join in as they have in the past to sing some opera choruses with Sinfonia. There is a programme of favourites from past concerts ranging from Verdi to Forrest Gump to Iain Pole.

To check for further information please check the Sinfonia and Manning Entertainment Centre webpages or check Sinfonia's Facebook pages.



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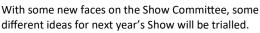


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#### Show News





Firstly, following recommendations from the Hall Stewards, it's been agreed that the Hall and Produce entry fee for adults will go from 50 cents to \$1, so no more digging for small change. With this comes an increase in the prize money to - \$5 for first place and \$3 for second place. Children's entries have not changed, it's still free.

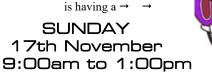
We are very happy to advise that in response to feedback from the community there will be a new submission time for Children. As they need to be on the School bus at 8am Friday morning when entries are usually submitted, this year a block of time will be made on Thursday afternoon for the kids to bring their own entries to the Show Grounds. Specific times will be advised later.

Should you wish to become part of the Show, we are more than happy for you to become involved. There are lots of jobs, indoors, outdoors, long hours or short hours; we're flexible, appreciative and welcoming to all offers of participation from volunteers. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Show Hall at 7.30pm, or ask around town, most know at least one Committee member they can put you in touch with..

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#### Krambach Garden Lovers News

ur October meeting held at Julia Schoenherr's home where 43 member and 6 visitors attended our meeting and were amazed at what had been created in just 20 months. Julia, with the help of others, 32 ton of white rock, and a truck load of soil has created some amazing gardens with different themes such as a Japanese garden, a French garden and an Australian garden, which is still a work in progress. With Geoffrey's great creative skills, he has turned unwanted items into garden structures and works of art and the garden has been created in such a way that it will be accessible by people who are less mobile.

We also have said goodbye to one of our founding members, Jill O'Riley, earlier this month. Jill was our first President and held other positions within the club and she was a tireless worker over many years; we always enjoyed our meetings held at Jill and Brian's home especially our evening meeting and BBQ held in January.

A special mention and 'thanks you' to Rosemary and John Butterworth, who hosted our September meeting. They have created a very interesting garden in just a few years with a Prunes Rex, propagated by Rosemary's mother, taking pride of place in the garden.

We are preparing for our Christmas party which will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> at Kings Creek Retreat at 4pm. Santa and his helper will be paying us a visit as usual. Kathy can be contacted on 6550 2590 if you wish to attend. This will be our last meeting for the year and there will be not competition or swap table at this meeting. For more information about our club contact Cindy on 6554 1916 or Val on 6554 9651.

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#### **Nabiac Village Futures Group** News



#### **Community Conversation**

The next round of community meetings will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm to 8pm at Nabiac Showground Hall. All residents of Nabiac and surrounding area are welcome to attend.

Information about the previous Conversation held at Nabiac in March 2019, and how to lodge a question for the November meeting is available at

https://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-**Engagement** 

#### **Connecting our Communities**

If you are interested in improved footpath and cycleway connections for Nabiac come along to give input at the Showground Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am.

The information from this meeting will be used to form a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and a Bike Plan.

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#### **WOOTTON NEWS**

Woottonites are keeping our fingers crossed for no fires as it gets warmer and drier. The local volunteer fire crews have spent some long days and nights helping out in several areas and want everyone to remember it's ILLEGAL TO LIGHT FIRES WITHOUT A PERMIT.

The hot days have brought out local fireflies, small flying insects with an amazing flashing light in their tail. They are putting on their annual magical lightshows in bushy areas around sunset after hot, humid days.

On the long weekend, the *Great Lakes Food Trail* was a great success where many locals and visitors enjoyed fine food and hospitality from volunteers at the Brush Turkey Café while admiring *Kym Kilpatrick's* beautiful artwork. Well done to everyone who helped!

On 19<sup>th</sup> October there was a community gathering to meet the new Wootton Community Network committee and gather input from the community. It was held in the hall and 20 of the community attended to hear from the new committee and offer suggestions and comments in regard to activities of the Network. The gathering was followed by afternoon tea. They welcome anyone to get in touch and find out more or add suggestions, contact brushturkey@live.com.au.

The annual "Wootton Cup" is on Saturday 9th November from 3pm at the Wootton Guest House. Dress for the occasion, expect to have fun, and gold coin donations will go to the fire brigade.

November's *Food Swap* will also be at the Guest House on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm following the Cup. Then stay around for supper and fun in the Café, \$10pp from 6pm, bookings essential.

The monthly community dinner will be held on Saturday 30th November; \$20/\$10 adults/kids, from 6pm - bookings essential – note the new starting time for families.

Wootton Library is open Sundays from 10-12, in the Hall.

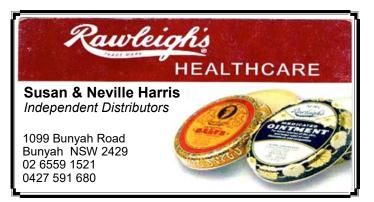
A new Yoga class is starting on Fridays at 9am with a quieter, restorative focus, in addition to the regular classes, every Wednesday in the Hall from 9.15am.

And "Claim the date" for the Wootton community *Christmas party* 21<sup>st</sup> December 4.30pm.

The October-November Wootton Valley News" is available online at <a href="http://wootton.org.au/wvn.php#">http://wootton.org.au/wvn.php#</a> and news updates will be posted on the "Wootton Community" facebook page.

Fred





#### **Nabiac Landcare**

The local bush around Lilypilly bend and Bullock Wharf is looking very drought weary but at least we haven't had fires there. As the drought continues, take the time to assess your patch of bush before going in and poisoning plants or disturbing the soil. Stressed plans do not take up poison well. Disturbed soil may wash and erode when we get the next heavy rain, especially on slopes.

My weed for this month is *Yellow Bells (Tecoma Stans*) another garden escapee. It is flowering at the moment and several "specimens" are showing along the highway between Nabiac and Taree and further afield. Tecoma is a small fast growing shrubby tree with light green leaves and copious yellow bell shaped flowers. It has the potential to spread



here like Senna (Cassia). The long cigar shaped seed pods contain numerous winged seeds that blow quite happily down the highway with the draft created by trucks and cars. Tecoma is becoming a serious problem in the northeast area of the state. Biosecurity information states that "The plant or parts of the plant should not be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.". In other words don't throw it over the fence, share it with your friends or take it to garden club. Consult Weedwise for more photos and information. (https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/YellowBells)

Small leaf privet is blooming at the moment in spite of the drought. It's pretty hard to miss along creek lines and fences, you'll probably smell it before you see it. If you can't deal with it at the moment, mark it with some bright surveyors tape and deal with it before it sets thousands of seeds. The Landcare team is working on a patch of privet along Woosters Creek. See Weedwise for control methods.

Nabiac Landcare work each Wednesday (weather permitting) 8-9am to 11am, followed by morning tea at the picnic tables at Bullock Wharf. Membership is only \$2.00 plus an occasional donation to the morning tea fund and new members are always welcome. Training, tools and safety gear supplied. Give us a ring if you are interested.

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Our October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Wallamba CWA began with the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at the Uniting Church Hall with a good attendance of 10 members together with 4 apologies and a very special guest, Donna Kemp our Branch Mentor who is a member of the Gloucester CWA Branch.

The meeting opened with the usual formalities and a warm welcome to Donna by President Margaret Weller who was back home after an interesting trip through the eastern states of this great country we all

After the confirming of the AGM minutes from 2018 by Sec Pam, it was time for President Margaret to give her report and she thanked everyone for the great times had at our monthly meeting days, the days worked together and chance to chat and socialize over our 'bring & share' lunches after the meeting. President Margaret thanked those members who had represented our branch at the various State and Group functions throughout the year and bringing back with them so much information. Margaret added her thanks to all for making her job so rewarding & wished all the best for the next 12 months ahead.

Secretary Pam then presented her report on the overall activities of the branch including the change of meeting venue, the involvement in the various groups days with Handicraft, International, Ag & Environment and Cultural along with the 'World Day of Prayer' service which has been a tradition by Wallamba CWA.

Treasurer Mary Webber then presented her financial report and it is pleasing to see we are holding firm after a number of donations made to the International work of ACWW and overseas women's organizations.

With the executive reports presented it was then time for the various interest Officers to present theirs and these were Ag & Environment from Jill Hammond, a verbal report from our busy Handicraft Officer Merle who this past year has been on the State Handicraft Committee and enjoying it very much.

Penny Britton, our International Officer presented an in depth report of the branch activities and how she had this year's Country of Study -Papua New Guinea, attending all the MNC branches International Days and also going to the state seminar at Dubbo and a highlight for Penny was attending the ACWW 29<sup>th</sup> World Triennial Conference in Melbourne coming back very enthused and with a better understanding of international work within women's organizations across the world.

Our new Catering Officer, Beth, gave her first report and said she was still learning but enjoying the job at hand and thanked everyone for their help – as she said we blitzed them all – and they included the International Day and the catering for the Nabiac Community Library upgrade opening.

Margaret (Weller) our cookery officer then gave her report with thanks to all for their efforts in the competition and even though we





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only scored a few placings during the year members gave it a go. Everyone loved the cooking hints Margaret gave at each meeting.

With all reports presented it was now time to have the elections for 2019-2020 and President Margaret invited to take the chair for the elections, with the results as follows:-

PRESIDENT: Margaret Weller elected unopposed for another term. 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Iris Cummings accepted this position as did Norma Flood for the position of  $2^{nd}$  VICE PRESIDENT. Pam Muxlow was again elected to the position of Secretary, with Penny Britton accepting the position of ASSISTANT SECRETARY. Mary Webber has offered to continue in the **Treasurer's** position with Jean Price being nominated for the position of ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Beth Brewster has once again filled the position of CATERING **OFFICER** saying she was happy to do so as she had just put on her 'training wheels'. Margaret Weller will fill the position of ASSISTANT CATERING OFFICER.

No one could fill the position so ably undertaken by Penny Britton as **INTERNATIONAL OFFICER** and she was voted in for another year with her **ASSISTANTS** being Pam Muxlow and Jenny Ang.

Merle Barber was again nominated and happy to accept the role of HANDICRAFTS OFFICER, a position she had enjoyed and dedicated herself to over the previous two years or so. Coral Gabriel was nominated to be Merle's **ASSISTANT HANDICRAFTS OFFICER**.

Coral also agreed to be our AG & ENVIRONMENT OFFICER with member Ruth Dawson saying she would give Coral a hand as

#### **ASSISTANT AG & ENVIRONMENT OFFICER.**

One of our good cooks Jean Price was nominated for the position of COOKERY OFFICER with Margaret Weller nominated to be her **ASSISTANT COOKERY OFFICER.** 

Our **CULTURAL CO-ORDINATOR OFFICER** is Penny Britton with all members to help her in this position.

PUBLICITY OFFICER is again Pam Muxlow whilst

**AUDITOR** invited is *Kerry Clout*.

Our **PATRONS** have grown to two, being Senior Patron Norma Flood and 2<sup>nd</sup> Patron Iris Cummings – both these ladies having given dedicated service over the years.

STATE DELEGATES nominated were Penny Britton, Margaret Weller with alternative Merle Barber whilst

**COUNCILLORS** are Margaret Weller, Merle Barber, Iris Cummings, Beth Brewster, Jill Hammond and Penny Britton.

Our meeting time and place remain the same – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except January, at the Uniting Church Hall, Nabiac commencing at 10.00am.

Mentor Donna Kemp congratulated everyone on accepting their positions and wished them well for the coming year and to keep going





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'gang busters'. Donna then had the pleasure of surprising Sec Pam



with recognition of her 30 years service to Wallamba CWA and several photos were taken of the moment.

The meeting then closed and was followed by the monthly meeting opening at 11.15am as follows with members pausing to remember departed friends including *Ross McKinnon* of Nabiac, *Jill O'Reilly* of Krambach, former Nabiac resident *Greyham 'Smithy' Smith, Shirley Snowden* of Tinonee and *Betty Eade* formerly of Wingham.

Mary Webber brought along the thought for the month and it was "A friend hears the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails." President Margaret to supply November thought.

Members who accepted to go to MNC CWA Group Conference at Forster on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> at Club Forster when Mrs *Ruth Shanks* AM was to be guest speaker were Margaret, Penny, Merle, Iris and Beth (at the time of writing this report the whole area had been battling devastating bushfires so hope it would still go ahead).

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Merle spoke about the upcoming workshop/seminar to be held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kendall showground when it will consist of Handicraft techniques etc. in the morning and in the afternoon Cooking tips and techniques will be demonstrated. Margaret and Ruth, together with Merle, are planning on attending.

The new Land Cookery Competition Schedules are out and these were given to Jean who will speak on them at the November meeting. We have been informed that the study topics in the Ag & Environment Section for 2019/2020 are *WHALES*, *WILD DOGS AND WARATAH* – so I am sure the members will be busy looking at items to bring along to the upcoming meetings and to help Officer Coral.

The meeting ended with President Margaret giving a very emotional account of her travels with husband Bruce especially to some of hard hit drought areas of Queensland and NSW outback areas where she spoke to many of the local women whose families are doing it really tough. Margaret said so many of these areas are just 'dust bowls' with very little water or feed available for stock etc. Margaret had brought back with her a delightful art work of a koala with a technique called scratch board art, from Gin Gin in Queensland – very cute and very different.

The highlight of the travels was participating in the High Wheelers Rally with vehicles dating back to 1908. "Queen Victoria" welcomed all the entrants at Dunolly. Margaret had a great time and brought back lots of great memories. Penny also showed us the article of Gloucester girl, Jodie Mackay, who is the current leader of the NSW Labour Party.

Finally a very happy birthday was wished for member *Merle* on her day October 23<sup>rd</sup> before all then enjoyed the 'bring and share' lunch with Donna.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Uniting Church Hall commencing at 10.00am.

#### Pam Muxlow

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#### **NEWS FROM BUNYAH**



Bunyah Hall president Neryl Simpson (2nd left) presenting palliative and cancer care services nursing unit manager Donna Nicholson with the donation. They are pictured with Niki Takhanal, Jessica Bonniface, Madeline Pascoe and Emma McLoud

Finding a vein in patients can be tricky at the best of times, but now thanks to a donation by the Bunyah Hall committee, this task will be made easier for nurses at Manning Hospital's palliative care ward.

The committee raised \$6,014 at the inaugural Bunyah Hall Charity Spring Fair in order for the ward to purchase much needed equipment.

"We wanted to raise funds for something that was local and was needed." Bunyah Hall president Neryl Simpson said. With the donation the ward purchased an AccuVein machine.

Palliative and cancer care services nursing unit manager Donna Nicholson said the machine will provide easier access for nurses to locate veins. "When they (patients) are undergoing palliative care, veins can be more difficult to find," Donna explained.

"Hopefully with the machine, nurses can get the vein the first time which is kinder on the patient."

Donna mentioned the ward's patient lounge is 'furnished by donations'.

"People are very kind," she said.

About 600 people attended the spring fair. From the raffles, stalls, prizes and items, everything was donated.

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### Between the Pages Nabiac Library News

Hello there to all our much loved Nabiac Library members and friends. What a month we have experienced this October, with the Minimbah fire; the Failford and Darawank fire and the shocking winds and dry weather that has added to these challenges. Our hearts go out to anyone these fires have impacted on, and we are eternally grateful to all those dedicated, hard working volunteer members of our Rural Fire Services, both local and from afar who have worked tirelessly to keep us all safe. And, of course, it would be remiss to not mention all the behind the fire front volunteers and community members who have assisted to help in these somewhat challenging few weeks. Thank you and hats off to all for ensuring our homes and community are kept safe. We have all been impacted in one way or the other, with power outages and smog inundation or possible and real evacuations; but as a true rural community we have pulled together and stayed strong in the face of adversity. It's no wonder we all love Nabiac and its surrounds for its true rural community spirit. Nabiac Library did have to close early at the October Farmer's Market, as the winds came up and blew away a few marquees at the Farmer's Market and suddenly the power was gone! Oh well! Best get out of here!

#### NABIAC LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Each school holidays Nabiac Library offers a 'crafty' event for children. These are advertised on the MidCoast Library website and bookings are, of course, welcome.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Nabiac Library held a felt hand puppet workshop which was well attended. Children came from as far away as Adelaide to attend, as they were staying with grandparents locally. Here are some photos from the day. As you can see the children are proudly showing off their final creations. A fun morning was had by all involved.



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However, there is more great news! Following on from the refurbishment and upgrade of Nabiac Library we now have two public computers available for members of the public to access and use for personal use. These computers are also now linked to our unique photocopier/printer (for Nabiac) which allows you to come in and use the computers and then print off what you need. Or you can just come in and print what you need.

#### JIGSAW PUZZLE CHALLENGE

Are you a lover of jigsaw puzzles? Well, Nabiac Library needs you. The next annual Midcoast Library Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge starts  $3^{\rm rd}$  -9<sup>th</sup> November as part of International Games Week in our Libraries.



November 3-9, 2019

The Puzzle Off Challenge commences at 9:15am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. We would love for you to join us at Nabiac Library to help us win this

challenge.

and much to enjoy

Can we beat Hallidays Point this year? The 1<sup>st</sup> branch to complete

the puzzle is the winner! Come on into Nabiac Library and help our Jigsaw Puzzle friends! We hope to see you there!



**General excavation** 

Here are our proud Jigsaw Puzzle friends smiling as they complete yet another puzzle at Nabiac Library. We always have one going on the table for anyone to work on. Also we have a selection of Jigsaw Puzzles that you can borrow to do at home. Come in and see! Looking forward to seeing you at our wonderful Nabiac Library, where you will find smiling faces

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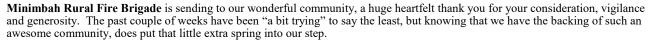
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#### MINIMBAH MATTERS





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If Minimbah is your Brigade of Choice, you can contact our Captain on **0428 935 537** or if you prefer to send our Secretary an email, the address is minimbahrfb@hotmail.com

Another handy telephone number to call when requiring information relating to recruitment, fire prevention, fire suppression etc., and of course, words of appreciation are always welcome.

# NSW RFS Mid Coast District Office on 1300 Mid Coast 1300 643 262

Now, about *The Fire!!* We were paged at around 10.30 a.m. to attend the *Minimbah Road Fire* when it started on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October down near the Coolongolook River. By that evening Brigades from all around the District were in attendance and our Fire Station was established as the primary Staging Area.

Minimbah Brigade has been assigned the area on the Eastern side of the Pacific Highway between the Wallambah River and Wang Wauk River, and extending down to the Coolongolook River. Quite a sizeable area, bound by three rivers and a highway. The area burnt in the Minimbah Road fire is just under 4,000 hectares, which, while significant, is only a small percentage of our area. The neighbouring Failford Road, Darawank fire has had almost 3,000 hectares burnt.

Knowing what was needed in our area, twelve years ago the RFS and Council built us our current basic Fire Station and the Brigade were then responsible for the fit out of the crew area/training room. With the exception of some beautifully constructed trestle tables, it is furnished mainly by hand-me-downs, but very handy hand-me-downs. It's functional, not fancy, but is the envy of many other Brigades, and is perfect for training and as a staging area. Our location can safely accommodate many fire trucks, bulk water carriers, support vehicles, catering vans, helicopters and Volunteers' vehicles. Mobile phone and RFS radio reception is available. We have a small efficient kitchen, a bathroom, tables and chairs, whiteboard, projector screen (working on a projector) making catering and briefings comfortable. It ticks all the "staging area" boxes. It was put to the test with this current fire, and came through with flying colours.





People passing by at around 7.30a.m. each day would have noticed around 10-12 RFS vehicles there. Change-over day shift crews would meet

here early each morning to be briefed, have a cuppa, grab some fruit and a snack pack etc., and then move out to the fire-ground to relieve the previous night shift who would then go back to their Stations.

Around 6pm that night, new crews would assemble here for their evening meal and briefing before going out to fight the fires. As they were leaving the tired and dirty crews who had been out working hard and in difficult conditions all day, would come back to our Station for their meal and debriefing before returning to their Brigade Stations. They would also receive a big thank you for their efforts and some would even get a hug. That's not sexual harassment, and not discrimination – it's gratitude











During the course of the day we would have around 100 firefighters making the most of our facilities and hospitality. That's a lot ofcoffee, sugar, milk, hand-wash, paper towel, toilet paper etc. to provide, and it has been a drain on our resources. The Mid Coast RFS Catering Crews have been fantastic with the catering – delivering lunches to the fire ground and evening meals to the Station. That is all provided by the NSW Rural Fire Service so we have not had o provide sustenance in that form.

Today is Day Thirteen of this fire, and strike teams from Lower Hunter, Sydney, Central Coast and all points surrounding us are here to help us. The NSW Fire and Rescue crews are also a vital part of this campaign, as are the SES and several other agencies. This fire has shown no regard for rivers, roads or villages. At times like this, the vigilance and common sense of the community is especially vital.

Big Fire. Big Team. Big Effort. Big Hearts.

"Where the bloody hell are we?" That's not an original question, but those of us who are still in the same general location as we were five years ago, have every right to be confused. We used to be in Great Lakes. Then we merged and became Mid Coast. Oh yeah – Barrington Coast needs a mention also.

So let's be clear .... We are in the Mid Coast Council.

Our **Fire District is North Coast**, so when they announce areas of <u>Total Fire Ban, North Coast</u> is what you are listening for. Clear as mud? Perhaps, on a day like today we should say *clear as a smokey day*!



#### Fires Near Me.

That's a fact, but it is also the name of a very important **FREE** app you can get for your phone. We recommend you download the app, and once you have it and made yourself familiar with it, set your Watch Zone and turn on your notifications. If you are going away for a few days, set another watch zone for where you are going. That way you will receive notification of fires near your home and also near where you are going.



**Date for your Diary**. Our Brigade will be holding our *Community Christmas barbeque at our Station on Saturday*  $23^{rd}$  *November*, 2019, commencing at 12 noon. This year it will be a combined Christmas/Community Appreciation gathering, and we are hoping to see many of our terrific and generous supporters on the day. If you are planning on joining us, for catering purposes, would you please let Verena Johnson know by Wednesday  $20^{th}$  November. Verena's phone number is 6554 1492. We will all need a bit of light relief by then, so hopefully *Millie* will be joining us.

Speaking of Big Hearts. This is being written about three hours after we posted a message on the Nabiac News and Chat FaceBook Page. We are bowled over by the generosity of the biggest hearts imaginable. Asking for toilet paper, hand wash, disinfectant etc., doesn't make for exciting reading, but the responses we have received are unbelievably exciting. Truly awesome. General day to day running of a Fire Brigade usually falls on the generosity of their volunteer members, but in certain exceptional circumstances, we do need and greatly appreciate external assistance.

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#### **Artists of Wallamba**

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We met in October at Carmel Spark's property at Nabiac for an 'en plein air' or 'drawing outdoors' session. En plein air was popular in France in the mid 1800's with people like Renoir and Monet looking to capture natural light, shade and colour in the art. It really took off around Europe once paint tubes were invented so artists didn't have to grind and mix pigment and linseed oil balanced on their knees outdoors! Even more so when the wooden box easel with legs was

invented around the same time. We did less drawing that we thought and more talking on 'What is Art?' - which proved to be an endless discussion!

#### Carmel Spark is our feature Artist for this month:

Like many artists who love painting outdoors Carmel has a passion for nature and drawing. She remembers primary school clearly and the day she first drew a plant stem and

flower - sparking in her a love

for science, nature and drawing that remains today. Carmel finds drawing a different way of representing something in nature without the need for words. After initial studies at Randwick TAFE, she had a business career and raised a family - so it was many years before she could return to art studies, finding a brilliant teacher and mentor, and beginning to exhibit her work. Purchasing 240 acres in Rylstone NSW, Carmel and her husband built a sustainable home running the property on permaculture principals, with the Mid North Coast always a loved holiday destination. After 20 years in Rylstone, involved in diverse community arts projects, Carmel moved to Nabiac in 2017 and was a founding member of Artists of Wallamba. She is currently in the process of putting 30 of her 35 acres under a Voluntary Conservation Agreement to ensure the preservation of the natural environment and habitat in her care. She is excited to be working toward a number of exhibitions and retains her lifelong passion for nature, science and drawing with her property and the area providing "endless inspiration!"

Our next gathering/meeting will be by the river at Failford, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. So please call Carmel Spark on 0419 273 849 or Kate Landsberry on 0402 287 244 for location details and what to bring.

If you'd like to join our very active Facebook Page, look up Artists of Wallamba and request to join. We have ongoing details of many exhibition and competition opportunities that our members share, along with inspiring quotes and ideas.

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Afternoon Light. Watercolour. Carmel Spark





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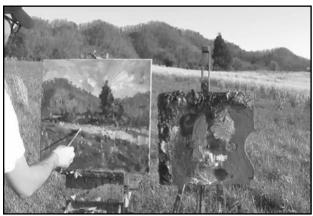
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# Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc. will be holding an Annual General Meeting

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#### <u>Agenda</u>

Auditor's Report

President's Report

**Sub Committee Reports:** 

Nabiac Village Futures Group; Nabiac Second Chance Opportunity Shop; Nabiac Community Technology Centre; Aub Ferris Sports Complex Redevelopment; Nabiac Landcare; Nabiac Farmers Market

#### **Review of Constitution**

Review of the Preamble, 2. Objectives (see <a href="https://www.nabiac.com">www.nabiac.com</a> > Publications > NMNCA Inc. Constitution > page 1)

#### **Election of New Committee:**

President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members.

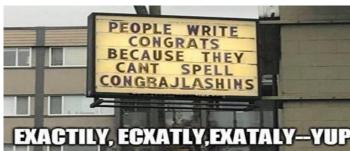
Appointment of Public Officer and bank signatures Meeting dates for 2020

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All financial members are welcome to attend. A Committee meeting will be held immediately following the AGM.

#### **Louise Collins**

Secretary, Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc.  $5^{\rm th}$  November 2019







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Please call *Bill* on 6554 1080 or *Renee* on 0438 680 105 for more information.

We have built this garden and supporting infrastructure with a small grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, with a lot of great community support. We rely on ongoing community support to sustain this productive community asset, and are always on the lookout for local seedlings and sources of manure and mulch.



**Our Community Composting** Hub is now contributing biologically rich compost to the garden beds, and we are very keen to grow our composting operations, which have been supported by Mid-Coast Council. If you are throwing away any food scraps, please consider throwing them our way! To pick up a free compost caddy and for details on the Hub, please contact Joël from KGL Landcare on 0401 932 533 or joel.dunn@glcr.org.au

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There were 80 teams that rode and they made it into the top 20 to ride off for a place.

They came  $\mathbf{3}^{\text{rd}}$  in the "Rex Fernancs Memorial Shield".

#### "Congratulations Riders".

Our next days will be 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November a the Nabiac Show Ground. Canteen open both days so why not come along and have a look. It is fun for the whole family.

For more information contact Sandy Holden on 6558 0230.

So, 'til next time

**Happy Penning** 

Dí Standen

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- who you hate." Nikka 6
- 4. "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." *Tommy* - 6



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#### Nabiac Farmer's Market

November Nabíac Farmers' Christmas



The last market for 2019 is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 8am-12pm at the Showground. This day marks three and a half weeks to go, until Christmas Day!

The November Market is set to be fun and festive. In addition to the great vibe, fabulous music, food and coffee, this is a perfect opportunity to have an enjoyable morning, shopping for gifts and sourcing local produce! Stock up on meat for the freezer, and create delicious, locally-sourced hampers ... Wine; condiments; honey; olives; nuts; jams; relishes; beer; honey; gingerbread and more.

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- -"Paint the Town Red" art activity
- -"Sandwiz" art activity

**Entertainment:** Past Masters- with 3.5 festive weeks to go, there will be Christmas music!

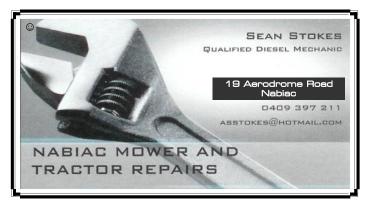
Best-dressed Christmas stall competition: Prizes sourced from market vendors.

Gift of giving: There'll be a Christmas tree, near the market BBQ, where kind donations (non-perishable) can be made, for the Taree Women's refuge Centre. The donations, which can be cash or gifts, will be presented to **Susie Rowe**, the centre's coordinator at 11am on market day. Note: if the gifts are wrapped, please label to indicate who it would be appropriate for.

Community: Nabiac RFS will be at the November market, providing advice on bush-fire safety. They'll bring a truck if there's one available. Come along and say hi to these amazing fire-fighters who volunteer their time.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you for attending October's Market. The RFS have had a massive challenge fighting so many local fires. Our volunteer fire-fighters are truly amazing. We can't thank them enough.

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www.nabiacfarmersmarket.com

Products are hand-made, hand-baked or hand-grown. When you buy from the market, you are supporting local business, the environment and are enjoying natural, unique products. This creates a highquality shopping experience.

Thank you to all our customers who realise the importance of supporting local growers, makers and bakers, come rain or shine.

Next market: Saturday 25 January 2020.

By Laura Pennington ©

#### MAHIONG

A group of local people have just started playing Mah long once a week in the Nabiac Neighbourhood Centre.

If you would like to learn how to play, or already enjoy playing Mah-jong, you would be most welcome to join us.

We meet every Tuesday evening, starting at 6:30pm and finish at 9:30pm. Sometimes a bit later if we are at the end of a game.

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Hi everyone!

For those of you who don't know, I am currently writing to you from the very small village of Baguia in the mountains of East Timor where I've come for a job setting up a demonstration/community garden in an old Portuguese colonial fort in the centre of the village. It is an 8 hr drive from Dili, 4 hrs of which are up a very windy 4wd track. I have come here through the organisation 'With One Seed' which runs a reforestation project in Timor in an effort to meet some of the challenges facing Timorese communities. Timor, being in the tropics has only 2 seasons - wet & dry. Due to climate change however, the seasons are not what they used to be with an extended dry season and an abnormally wet season causing a myriad of problems for communities.

The garden that I am creating in the fort (and I mean proper fort with turrets and all) is about making a place where people can come and explore new ways and ideas of growing food all year round, even when the springs run out of water. It will be a place where farmers, women, children and students alike can come to participate in workshops, purchase fresh food or just have a look around.

Like most places I go for work, there is not a huge amount of understanding or appreciation of soil and the importance of keeping it healthy and like many places, they tend to take more from the land than they give back, so my focus in the garden is exploring ways to keep soil healthy, conserve water in the dry season & use materials they have around them in the garden setting. I have been busy setting up chicken tractors, cover crops (or green manure crops), compost systems, no dig beds, food forests and mulching as there is a strong culture of burning all dry carbonous materials.

I'm 2 months in and it's been a hard slog - my biggest challenge yet as a permaculturalist. I have been thrown in the deep end having to create a garden with almost no water whilst also having to learn about Timor's culture, the language and its history - all very quickly. They are incredibly resilient people considering what they've been through (the war was pretty horrendous) and many of them recognise that their environment is changing and they will need to adapt or face further hardships. Things are already difficult for them. Sadly, what I feel I'm learning here about problem solving through permaculture and adapting is ever more applicable to our own situation at home but I'm feeling inspired. If anyone wants to know more about what I'm up to you can find me on social media through Free Range Change or email me at freerangechange@gmail.com.

Lauren 🔞





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#### Summer of Fires.

Barring any major change, when you read this the fires we've been experiencing will all be out.

We'd like to acknowledge the massive efforts put in by local and visiting volunteers from the RFS, in particular the Minimbah mob, of which one member, Bruce Weller, turned 80 during the event, were the Primary Staging Area during the fire that changed directions and ran before the wind faster than a politician on an election campaign.

So that meant Minimbah had personnel, trucks, helicopters and a multitude of shiny buckles utilising the facilities.

Some of us were bought up familiar with regular and frequent burn offs, as a consequence it's more than a little disconcerting to see volunteers called upon to work in such dangerous conditions and I guess it'd be too much to expect that there will be a change of process.

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Well, there's been a lot of water pass under the bridge since you and I last spoke, though that's not technically correct: I talk to you but you don't respond! Am I concerned? Not really. It was Simon and Garfunkel who sang: *The words of the Prophets are written on the sub-way walls, tenement halls.* My day will come!

The major football codes have held their grand finals (please, MP, I have no idea when or even how the soccer season begins, is run or finishes so enjoy it by all means but spare me a letter) and The Chooks just managed to sneak by The Raiders. So much for the local fan who insisted The Sea Budgies were going to romp it in. Down south, the local fan got it right (and that means he's going to laud it over me for the next 12 months) and The Tigers took down The Greater Western Sydney team, who were making their first grand final appearance. As regards Rugby Union (aka Cross Country Wrestling) I do truly think they have lost their way here in Oz. It was only a couple of weeks ago that our Wallabies faced off against The English Lions in a quarter final of The Rugby World Cup in Japan and they got well and truly slaughtered. Former Randwick teammates Michael Cheika (the Oz coach) and Eddie Jones (the English coach) were pitted against each other and Michael has now resigned. As I write this the grand final is imminent but as *The All Blacks* (New Zealand) lost in the quarter finals, I predict the bottom will fall out of the New Zealand economy and you're on your own if you choose to make a snide remark to any New Zealander for the next four years!

You should be aware The Child Bride and I did hie ourselves off to Coffs Harbour to watch one of our grand daughters play in the Australian OZTAG championships. We'd never seen the game played before - or seen our granddaughter play - so the weekend was an eye opener. There were age groups from Under 10s through to Under 18s, both boys and girls with games played over 27 fields with two minutes between matches! The pace was frenetic but we wouldn't have missed it for quids! All the games we watched were played in good spirits except for the older players who took it far too seriously and several games saw a bit of biff come out.

The **BIG** story of the last few weeks however, was *The Four Corners* report on horse racing here on the east coast of Oz! Their report several years ago on greyhound racing and what happens to dogs that don't have the speed expected from their breeding, was a real eye opener. Well, did we think horse racing was any different? No,





it's not, and it was fascinating to watch the interview with the NSW heavy who tried to defend his organization's stated record of what he said was going to happen to retired racehorse in the face of footage taken of former racehorses being killed in abattoirs! Semi trailer loads of former racehorses were being driven to the facilities. Their brands could easily be read, footage of that particular horse running was shown and then footage was shown of the killing. All this was shown in the week prior to the running of The Everest, a new horse race at Royal Randwick (with prize money of \$14 million, would you believe) where the "beautiful people" come to be seen as Sydney tries so hard to upstage The Melbourne Cup. The rivalry is pathetic and to also be subjected to the same NSW heavy telling (yes, telling, not asking or suggesting) that the running of The Melbourne Cup should be moved to the end of November so mumble, mumble, mumble. I never did understand why he felt the race - that has been run on the first Tuesday of November for some 150 years - should moved but you can bet it was going to be for the benefit of NSW racing!

The really interesting scene of the report was to see greyhound owners/ trainers pull up at either of the two Sydney abattoirs featured (with their little dog trailers behind their cars) to collect fresh mincemeat for their dogs. The wastage of the horse racing industry is literally feeding the greyhound industry! I don't think we've heard the last of this issue vet.

Sadly, you'll have missed it by the time you read this rant but as soon as I finish cobbling this together I'm off to my seat in front of the TV to watch what could be the last game in the World Series! Don't know what I'm talking about? You folk really do need to get out more. The World Series is the Grand Final of baseball in the Hew Hess of Hay. Yes, yes, I know, it's a stoopid name given only teams in the USA play in the comp but in my younger days I played both baseball and softball so I'm prepared to overlook a little bit of poetical licence with the title. The Washington Nationals started with a bang but then the wheels fell off (in a best of seven series) and the Houston Astros have stormed back. After the game is finished (and if The Child Bride doesn't notice) I'll delve into the recorded programmes and watch one of the games of American football I recorded last Monday. I have a busy day in front of me.

Talk at you next month,

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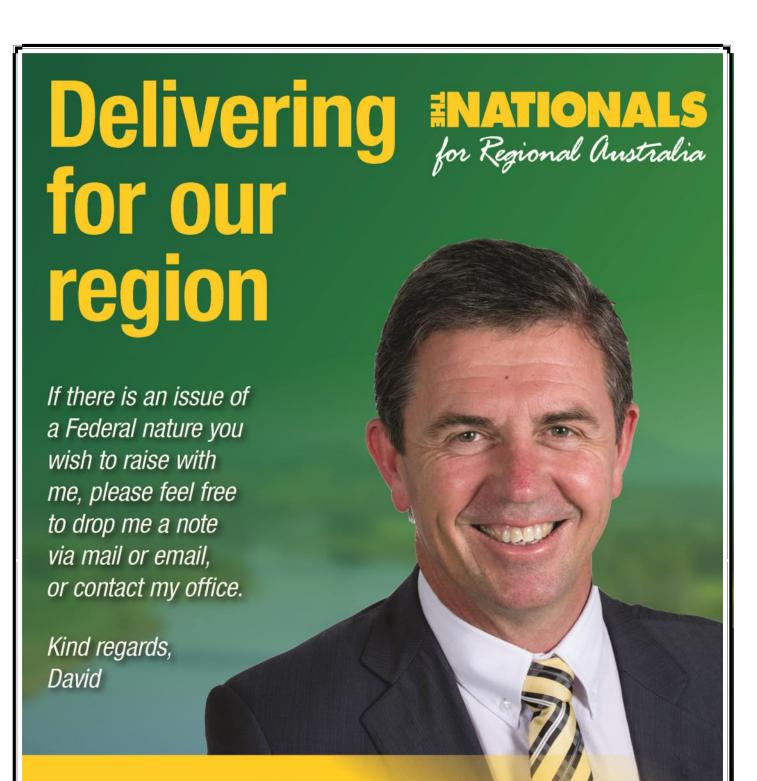
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After the 3 months I filtered the tea with a mesh sieve to take out large pieces, and then a stocking filter, leaving a fine tea. This was diluted 5:1 with water as the 5 parts, and sprayed back out onto the paddock. I've sprayed 4 times in the 2 years. The last one was in February this year. On my walk around the trial paddock a month ago, I counted only 100 plants. I have just completed another spray and will keep you updated. There has been a great reduction in the two years. Certainly, it is a longer process, however if it can begin to change the dynamic of weed growth, improve the quality of soil, paddocks and feed, I am convinced it is worth the effort initially and contributes to more sustainable practice.

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In case you are as yet unaware, the pub Courtesy Bus is now running on Thursdays instead of Tuesdays. So why not pop in to the pub and chance your luck with some raffle tickets.

Money raised aids local needy causes, and provides our members with inexpensive social outings to enjoy during the course of the year.

Hope to see you at the local.

Maureen

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We grieve to see the effects that lack of water has on farmers and their livelihoods, on animals and the environment.

Water is mentioned many times in the Bible right from the first day of creation to the river of God (full of water), showers of blessing and the water of life. Jesus transformed water (into wine) and walked on water. There were also droughts and breaking of droughts.

Interestingly the first recorded drought in Australia happened not long after the first settlers came. A church service was held to pray for rain. Reports of later times mention schools being closed so children could take part in these.

But drought happens in other ways, it's not just about water. It can be isolation from family, distancing of friendships and other supports ... loss of job ... illness ... which can bring their own griefs, struggles and sense of helplessness.

Can we do anything to make it rain? No, we are not in control of the earth. As necessary as water is to life, life is more than water, working, eating and drinking. You may have heard it said 'we do not live on bread alone'. Jesus offers living water<sup>1</sup>; keeping our lives flowing with living water is more critical to our survival than even climate-change!

I believe that God gives us life and will not forsake us whatever drought we are going through. And that's the best hope to hold in dry times or flood.

Ref. <sup>1</sup> John 4:10

The Counsellor

## News From The Pews

#### Nabiac Uniting Church

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

#### St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Krambach

November Mass times are Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:pm

December Mass Saturday 7th at 6:00pm Could be subject to change - check with Helen Legg on 6559 1211

#### St Thomas' Presbyterian Church, Krambach

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Christmas is fast approaching, so we all need to think about your future dates and give us a call.

I will now leave you with the saying of the month:

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