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## Editorial.

Hi all,

Here we are at the beginning of another year and most of you, like me, are probably wondering where the last year went!

Let's hope this year is a good, healthy, safe year for all.

After the devastating fires and the awful drought that ended 2019, it is time for the gods to look favourably down on us and give us a year of clement weather, rain and health and happiness.

The land about looks lovely and green after the bit of rain we have had and the grass seems to be sprouting, so that is the beginnings of relief for the cattle owners in the district, but to keep their stock, we need at least another 100 mls of rain to get below the topsoil and start regenerating the ground.

I have lost a number of my "ornamental" trees and the gums don't look all that happy, dropping carpets of leaves and branches all over the paddocks.

On a brighter note, there are a couple of events coming up next month, so mark them on your calendars.

Our show is looming, 14th March, so get to work on your entries, not long to finish them off now, followed the next weekend (21st March) by Dianne Lindsay's annual Country Music Festival in the NABIAC hall.

**Barb**, from Barb's Hair Care, is running a raffle at Krambach pub on 14th February, to raise money for **Beyond Blue**, and as it is also Valentine's Day, why not hit the pub for a night out and help Barb's collecting efforts at the same time. She is also doing a 15 klm Coasttrek walk in Sydney in March for the same charity fund raising

There are a few missing ads this month - good to hear that their owners are busy enough to drop out for a while, but if you need them I can supply their phone numbers still.

The kids are back at school so I expect their parents are heaving a sigh of relief and life is back to normal routines.

I received an email from Council re the desalination plant at NABIAC being put on hold and must admit, I didn't know we had one under construction there. I must get out more!

From all of the Christmas articles, it seems everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. May your New Year be a great one

My own was nice and quiet surprisingly, even though I had the kid, kidlet, daughter in law and the mutt with me for 10 days. Kidlet is now 8, so "grown up" enough to enjoy and talk to and they spent a lot of time in Forster with friends at the beach while I stayed home and "dog sat". Also ended up with a new pump house for the huge dam pump which was finally installed (after 6 years sitting in the shed) a demolished verandah (as yet to be rebuilt), and lots of lovely BBQ's meals compliments of the kid & d-i-l.

Now, Bring In Autumn, I am over the heat.

Until next month

**Lyn & Tilley Cat, & Timidthy**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING FEBRUARY, 2020

### 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>Krambach</b>	(3rd Sun)	16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am to 1pm
• <b>NABIAC</b>	(Last Sat)	29 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 12 noon
• Old Bar	(Last Sun)	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7am to 1pm
• Pacific Palms	(Last Sun)	23 <sup>rd</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—Council has changed its web page and I can't find it. Not sure if these dates are on for December**

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

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**HAIR by Shaz** Welcome the month of February 2020.....Lovely to see some greenery around the area; the time has come to settle back into routine with the children back to school and most of us back to work or routine of some kind.

For the month of February we are running a few specials for your loved one, male or female, the special person in your life, to celebrate Valentine's day. The season of Love.....

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*Cassie*, our beautician, is offering the following special for this month as well:

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#### What is Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day (or Saint Valentine's Day) is observed on February 14<sup>th</sup> each year. Today Valentine's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, mostly in the West, although it remains a working day in all of them. The original "St. Valentine" was just a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. All the modern romantic connotations were added several centuries later by poets.

The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

Bye for now

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## NABIAC Landcare

Isn't it great - we have something new to whinge about - the humidity! Not much growth has happened in the bush in the past six months but be ready for an explosion of annual weeds after the lovely rain.



In my last article I wrote about the effect of the drought and then fire on the local bush. Many of us who have had fire through our properties are now watching to see which plants recover, which come back from seed stock in the soil and which ones are gone. It is important not too disturb the soil unless absolutely necessary and to leave as much debris in place to protect the fragile fire and drought ravaged soil and provide habitat for the small creatures that have survived. It may be necessary to build sediment traps/fences to prevent water washing unwanted sediment, ash and fire debris into dams and water ways. An excellent video on Youtube by Agriculture Victoria is *How to build sediment fences*. You can access it through the Karuah Great Lakes Landcare Facebook page or on Youtube.

In areas heavily infested with woody weeds, the fires may have done us a favour by doing the heavy lifting of primary clearing of the weeds. To take advantage of the work the fire has done it is important to walk the land, monitor the recovery and then control weeds as they emerge. With a little 'luck' the weed seed stock in the soil may have been reduced especially since plants like privet were seeding when the fires went through. Many Australian plants are adapted to fire and may, with a little encouragement from the rain, take advantage of the reduced competition. Of concern are areas of rainforest that have burned. Rainforest plants tend to be less well adapted to fire and will have to rely on plants 'moving in' from unburned areas. This can be a slow process.

The Australian Association of Bush Regenerators has an article that may be of interest. It may be accessed at [aabr.org.au](http://aabr.org.au). Look for *AABR's Postfire Wildlife Habitat Regeneration Response* on the website and there are several articles under *Resources*.

The NABIAC Landcare team returned to the bush on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January with plenty of mossie and fly repellent!

NABIAC Landcare work each Wednesday (weather permitting) 8-9am to 11am, followed by morning tea. 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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## NEWS FROM BUNYAH

We held our **Community Christmas Get-Together** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 which was a really enjoyable evening, with some new residents coming along and taking the opportunity to meet some locals. We welcome **Robert Sweegers** and **Kathryn Kent** from Lindhurst, New South Wales; it is always good to welcome new people to share and enjoy living in our lovely area which is certainly looking so much better after our recent four days of rain; the dams have had some run-off and there is some 'green' appearing all around us.

The entertainment was provided by the **'Grass Cutters' Band** who played a wide selection of music to dance to or just sit and enjoy. They really were the 'lights on the tree' which topped off an excellent evening. Then at the end of the night, the members of the **Band** donated their fee of **\$350.00** to the Bunyah Fire Brigade which was a very welcome and unexpected gesture for the Brigade members and very much appreciated by everyone in attendance.

We were then able to add to the Band's Donation to make a total of **\$711.25** from Door donations and a 'Bucket Whip Around' which was presented to **Grahame Watson, the Senior Deputy Captain of Bunyah Brigade**, who gave thanks saying it would be put to good use. Everyone is so appreciative and proud of the members in our local Brigade and what they give and do, to keep our community and other neighbouring communities safe. Thank you all so very much!

**Some News from Grahame Watson** .....The Bunyah Brigade has not been required to attend any fires recently. There were a couple of lightning strikes, however the local landowners were able to successfully extinguish them.

The Brigade is well aware of the **ongoing fire threat** with all members keeping an eye out for any fires and they encourage our **community members to be vigilant also**.

Bunyah Brigade has welcomed three new members, two of whom are experienced fire fighters from the Lindhurst Brigade namely, **Robert Sweegers** and **Kathryn Kent** who have recently moved to our area. **Beau Holden**, who is an existing member of the local community, has also joined Bunyah and will undergo training in the near future.

The Bunyah Brigade is always looking for new members and anyone wishing to join, should contact **Grahame Watson on 6559 1647** - please note that **this number is for prospective members only**.

The Brigade members would like to thank the local community for their kind donations at our community Christmas party and also thanks to the **'Grasscutters Band'** who not only gave us a great night's entertainment, but very generously donated their fee for the evening which will be put to good use by the Bunyah Fire Brigade.

The recent rains have provided some temporary respite, however, the **FIRE SEASON IS NOT OVER YET!**

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An **Australia Day Breakfast** was held at the Hall with everyone bringing their own choice of breakfast to cook on the BBQ. We had a very pleasant morning with plenty of chat. Even though the weather was very oppressive, the Hall was comfortable with the fans cooling us.

The **'Grasscutters' Band** may have been 'instrumental' in bringing the rain in January because no one has mowed or seen any grass for many months and now we have green hills and paddocks and dams with water; such a beautiful sight!

*Neryl Simpson*

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We have very limited vacancies remaining for this year so if you are interested in enrolling please come in to see us to see if the days we have available suit your needs.

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### News from Nabiac Kids' Shack.

Happy New Year to all the "Across the Fence" readers and welcome back to all our Kids' Shack families and a particular welcome to the new kindergarten children enrolled for 2020.

Our educational program this term has included the celebration of Chinese New Year with art and cooking activities, participation in *Clean Up Australia* (Nabiac) and art works for the Nabiac Show.

We still have limited vacancies for before and after school with Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons heavily booked.

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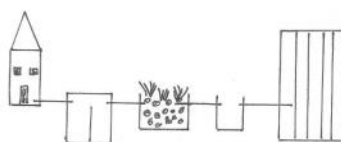
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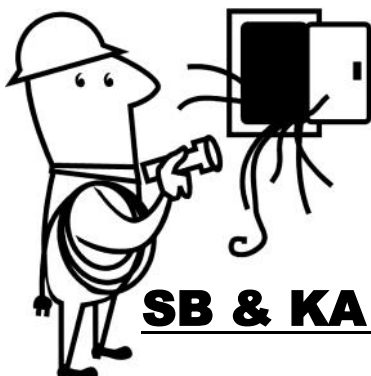
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Tim



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## Krambach Garden Lovers News



It was a very pleasant evening for our twilight meeting held at the home of **Brian O'Riley**, Kings Creek, where we welcomed a new member, **Megan**, to our club. Welcome Megan, we hope that you will enjoy the friendship of our club.

It was again a good roll up of members who enjoyed a sausage sizzle following the meeting and many thanks to all who brought sweets to share. To the two men who cooked the BBQ, **Rod** and **Col**, we thank you for without your help our club does not function so consider standing for a position at our **AGM**. This will follow our February meeting held at the Church hall on **February 24<sup>th</sup>** where we will have a guest speaker on climbing plants, a photo competition of 3 different categories. They will be of flowers, gardens you have visited or garden art/novel creations in the garden. This is limited to one entry per member per categories.

Following this we will have our shared luncheon so bring a dish to share and have a chat with our members. The flower colour competition for this meeting is Red or Orange or a combination of both - remember 5 stems only. The flower competition colour for January was of members choice and despite the weather there were many different types on display.

Preparations are well on the way for our friendship day in May so get potting up some plants to sell on our trading table but don't forget to label them. We are aware that there are water restriction in place but hopefully we will have had some much welcome rain by then.

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Sadly, in a recent ABC article it was reported that a dozen agricultural shows in NSW have been cancelled this year already, due to the bushfire and drought crises. In line with this the ASC declared "Safety, community welfare and the sustainability of agriculture are the main priority of our shows."

With the worst of the fires behind us (fingers crossed) and some varying levels of rain across our district, we are looking forward to showcasing the best of our animals, produce and crafts on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

Of course the ongoing drought has certainly had a big impact on farms, so cattle, horse and goat numbers are expected to be down. Water restrictions and shortages have impacted home and commercial gardens; no doubt this will have a flow on effect to some of our exhibits in the Flower and Produce Sections.

Still, let's all put in some effort and entries, to ensure 2020 Wallamba District Show is the best it can be. Remember, last year's jars of preserves and conserves still in the cupboard may be entered this year.

Also, a reminder of the new delivery time for Children's entries at the Showground between **4.00pm and 5.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**, or Friday as usual.

**Sally Henderson**  
Wallamba District Show Secretary.

## KRAMBACH HALL HAPPENINGS

**HALL MEETINGS:** Monday following the Krambach Markets each month at 3.00pm. Next meeting on **Monday 17th February, 2020.** **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, 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.

Phone: **Judy Bonnifin-Wright** on 6559 1375 to book a stall

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## CTC@Nabiac

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

**Thursday Mornings:-** Deb will help with the basics, emails & internet

Jillian Wood

## Heartfelt Thanks

I would like to express the gratitude of my family, who are my wife, my daughter and two granddaughters, and myself, to the neighbours who went to a lot of trouble to control the bushfire which was threatening our home in Pipe Clay Creek Road, Nabiac earlier this month.

These kind neighbours, as well as the fireies, saved our home from the fire and we are very grateful for their kindness and efforts.

Also many thanks to **Garry and Robert Channon** for their outstanding help

**Lindsay Carvan**

(this was submitted in December - Ed.)



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## WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

The last meeting of 2019 was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Uniting Church Hall Nabitac and it was to be our Christmas Luncheon as well – our attendance was 13 members with 2 apologies and we were later joined by 4 other friends for the luncheon.

President **Margaret Weller** welcomed all and declared the meeting open and after the usual formalities members remembered the passing of friends including **Tony Engel & Alan Wilkinson** both from Nabitac, Sec **Pam's** friend **Mary North**, **Caron Spinney** (the voice of Big Bird from Sesame Street) and 'Greedy' Smith.

**Jill** gave us this month's thought and was as follows:

**"Life is like a camera, Focus on what is important, Capture the good moments, Develop from the negative, and if Things don't work out, Just take another shot!"**

Our business arising centred on the latest Group Council Meeting which had been held at Gloucester at the end of November and our various branch officers reported on their portfolios and the results of the handicraft and cooking competitions. Wallamba member **Coral** took out a 1<sup>st</sup> with her Honey Jumbles and member **Ruth** was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with her Strawberry Jam.

Wallamba Branch was once again the winner of the Landers Trophy for Best Attendance for Branch with 15 members or under over the past 12 months.

The Branch had recently made a donation to the Deaf Camp for School Children within the region – this year they enjoyed their time around the Coff's Harbour area and a delightful letter was received from young **Harley** who thanked the branch for giving him the opportunity to attend the camp – and he had a ball doing some very adventurous things.

The Branch also received Certificate and letters of thanks from Nabitac, Coolongolook and Krambach for their donation towards the schools End of Year Presentation assemblies.

Treasurer **Mary** gave her report and told us she had received the CWA car stickers which were selling at \$2 as a fund raiser for the organisation.

In Handicraft Officer **Merle's** report she notified members that the egg project had been withdrawn and has been replaced with coasters and placemats and had organized a workshop at her home for early January when members would be working on these using materials featuring whales and waratahs which are our topics of learning for

2020. We are looking forward to seeing their efforts at the upcoming meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. After several attempts to hold a tips workshop on Handicraft and Cooking at Kendall Show-ground before Christmas – which had to be cancelled due to the devastating bushfires throughout the region it has now been set down for February 15<sup>th</sup> at Laurieton. Several of the members are planning on attending the day.

Our Ag & Environment Officer **Ruth** had been very busy researching our study topics this year which are The Effect of Wild Dogs in our region, Whales and Waratahs and informed us on all three topics. Ruth is hoping to have a guest speaker come and speak about Wild Dogs and she has also put forward a suggestion we might take a whale watching tour when the whales come along the coast again. This year's Primary Product is Pork so members are sourcing information on this also.

**Penny** our Branch International Officer – who is also one of our Group Vice Presidents – read out her Group Officer **Fran Adams'** report which had been presented at the recent Group Council meeting. Penny had pleasure in advising members that our member **Merle** had been place 1<sup>st</sup> with her beautiful beaded Hibiscus flower and **Coral** took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with the Bilum Bag – these items being part of 2019's study on Papua New Guinea. Well done to these creative ladies.

**Jean** gave her first report as our Cookery Officer and firstly thanked President **Margaret** for delivering the cooking across to Gloucester in her absence. Numbers were down across the whole class with only 7 branches within Mid North Coast Group participating but as mentioned earlier in this report Coral and Ruth brought home a couple of place cards for their honey jumbles and strawberry jam. Jean advised a new schedule is being worked on for 2020 and will again include the Donna Latter Chocolate Cake. The next competition date is March 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be at Gladstone Branch in the Northern part of the Group. Member **Merle** has her Pickled Pears ready to go!!! A call has also gone out for members to assist with supply of fruit cakes, date loaves and jam to stock the CWA famous Sydney Royal Easter Show tearooms 2020.

In our Cultural segment Mary spoke about attending a wonderful picture theatre – The Regal at Birmingham Gardens, Newcastle – just like the 'good old days' – great atmosphere and they served scones, jam, cream, sandwiches and tea/coffee/juice etc and the cost of seeing the movies was only \$8. Mary highly recommended the theatre if any was going down that way. Mary also told us about her daughter's dance school at Emu Plains which celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup>

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anniversary with a special concert.

A group Friendship Day is being planned at Harrington on February 5<sup>th</sup> by Group Cultural Officer *Colleen Yates* but at this time I am not sure if any of our members are planning on attending.

Penny spoke of a new version of Dorothea McKellar's "My Country" which has been written by a Tamworth man and with the drought and bush-fires being experienced of late is very poignant and fitting.

With the meeting completed President Margaret declared it closed and reminded all that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the same venue, the Uniting Church Hall, Nabic.

Members were then joined by our 4 visitors, *Kerry, John, Kevin and Jeannie* for our Christmas banquet – there being such a wide variety of dishes both savoury and sweet that no one went home hungry and we even had some leftovers to take home.

Member Jill gave us a couple of items that she had collected during her recent trip to UK and the continent and Merle showed us a unique recycled basket made for a plastic bottle and some other bits and pieces.

#### Pam Muxlow

Secretary/Publicity Officer

Wallamba CWA members and guests enjoying the Christmas Lunch (L to R - left side) Pam Muxlow, John Baker, Penny Britton, Jenny Ang L to R (right side) Beth Brewster, Moya Harris and Margaret Weller



Jill Hammond (cent) reading a few items from her recent overseas trip giving laughs to members Beth Brewster (left) and Mary Webber (right)



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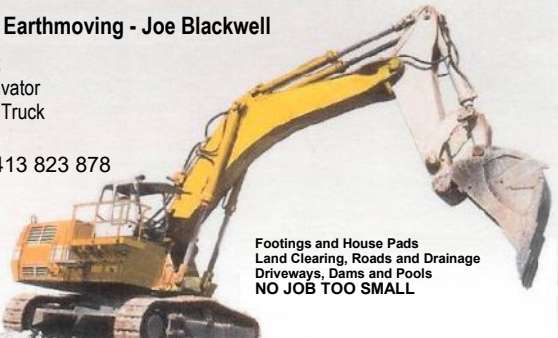


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## Between the Pages

### Nabiac Library News



Welcome to the first edition of Nabiac Library News for 2020. What a torrid time we have all experienced over this 'festive' summer season. Not sure about how festive it may have been for many; given the horrific bushfires across so many areas, and still so many in severe drought as well. We do hope your families and friends have managed to find time to share love and care in these very difficult times. On a happier note the rain has finally found its way through to us and delivered at least some hope, with greener pastures and yes! high humidity!

However, Nabiac Library still managed to hold two very successful free Craft Holiday Programs for children; complements of MCC Libraries and our local Nabiac Library Coordinator, *Yasmine*.

### SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOP

The first one was a scrapbooking workshop held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January which involved children making their very own personalised scrapbook; using a supplied scrapbook template and resources to which the children and parents could then create their own version. This was an absolute fun filled morning with high participation and people keen to explore more of what Nabiac offers. Thank you Yasmine and Midcoast Libraries for highlighting Nabiac.



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### BEE HOTEL WORKSHOP

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop was very exciting and most informative. It was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January and once again was fully booked out. This workshop was led by the wonderfully inspiring *Chelsea Hands* from *Sticky Tips Honey* in Bobin. Chelsea walked participants through the variety of stingless, native bees in our area and explained that most of our native bees are solitary bees and do not produce enough honey for human consumption. There is only one native bee that does produce enough honey to harvest and that is the "sugar bag" bee. It can produce up to 1kg of honey a year, compared with the more common European honey bee which can produce up to 50kgs of honey a year. However our native bees do have a very important role to play in our environment, in so far as they help pollinate our eucalypts and other native flowering shrubs and plants, thus ensuring their survival and provision of food for our wildlife. Since the devastating droughts and fires much of the bees natural habitat has been destroyed; thus the need for bee hotels which provide homes for these important little creatures. They are so simple to make, and use recycled plastic bottles, twigs, bark, and cones from banksias and grevilleas.

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This is an annual Summer Holiday challenge offered to children to inspire them to keep reading, meeting various challenges along the way, and enjoying the Library. The theme this year was "*Stories are Everywhere Waiting to be discovered.*" Nabiac Library would like to congratulate **Jacob** and **Maddison Yarnold** who completed the challenge of reading 40 books in 40 days, as well as the additional activity challenges. We do hope they enjoyed the celebration party to complete the challenge. Well done both of you, and a big thanks to Mum and Dad for supporting and encouraging you.

#### Volunteers Needed

Once again Nabiac Library is seeking volunteers to help keep our beautiful library open, particularly for the 9-11am Thursday morning shift. We sadly farewell volunteer Kate who now has other commitments and thank her for her time with us. Please if you love Libraries, know how to shelve a book and have a few hours to spare we would love to hear from you. Our coordinator, Yasmine, would explain all that you need to know and our other volunteer staff would be delighted to share their skills and love of our Library.

As this is being written the school holidays are at an end, the children will be back at school and no doubt parents will be able to breathe a sigh of relief! Now is the time to set some targets for 2020. Would you like to have a water wise garden? Who wouldn't you say! Well come in and check the display at Nabiac Library to get some ideas. Oh, and by the way we do have books on native bees if you would like to learn more!

Look forward to seeing you at the Library. Don't forget its air conditioned, comfortable and has free WIFI. There are books, magazines, newspapers and a copy of the 2020 Nabiac Show programs for your perusal. What more could you ask for?! See you soon!

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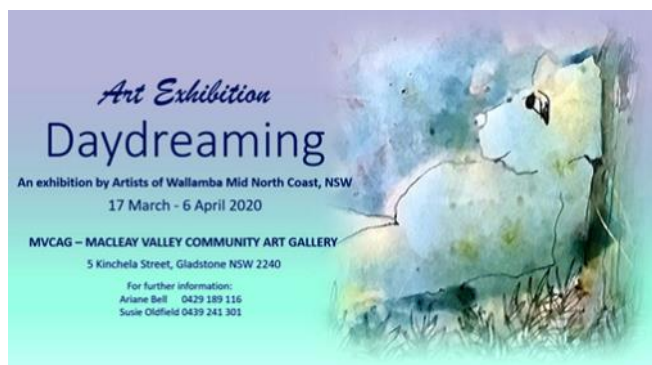
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### Artists of Wallamba Inspire ~ Create ~ Connect



Fabulous meeting on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> January with around 16 creative people sharing artwork, ideas, stories and conversation – often all at once! A number of our members have had some great wins with prizes, exhibitions and sales including: *Philippa Bird* – ceramics, *Diane Willey* – photography, *Susie Oldfield* – painting and fibres, *Ariane Bell* – Mixed Media works, *Beate Brooks Tracy* – book, and *Di Smith* and *Jeri McElroy* – upcycled pieces. It's always inspiring to see the diversity of the work being produced!



Artists of Wallamba have an exhibition coming up in March at MVCAG – Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery, at Gladstone. The title is 'DAYDREAMING'.

Artwork of any type generally starts with an idea, a vision...a daydream. We have 12 artists already and a large gallery space to fill for 3 weeks. Work is to be delivered to Wang Wauk and we will take it from there. So please, if you'd like to be involved and contribute, contact **Kate** on **0402 287 244** for details.

#### ARTIST OF THE MONTH IS ARIANE BELL

Ariane Bell's studio in Nabiac is an Aladdin's Cave of artistic treasures, with

every corner overflowing a wonderful array of materials, works-in-progress and finished artworks! Ariane is a prolific and diverse artist with a passion for materials, mixed media and the technical aspects of her art. Growing up in Sydney's southern suburbs, not far from Cronulla Beach in a time when life was safer, Ariane loved the freedom of taking off all day with friends exploring local creeks and bush, and making it home "just in time for dinner".



A piper of the area, she would gather up the younger children on her way to school, dropping them off to kindergarten. Perhaps this led her into teacher training after school? Topping her year in Art, was still not enough in those days when a 'sensible' career with 'something to fall back on' was what parents sought for their children. For 2 years after graduating from teacher's college, Ariane worked with intellectually disabled children at Dunrossil School in Merrylands, using the opportunity to bring art and creativity into the children's lives.

Leaving Dunrossil, she headed off to adventure, living in Kathmandu, London and then California for nearly a year. Art was never far from her heart, however she needed space and time to create. Moving back to Australia, Ariane fell into administrative work with 8 wonderful years at Sydney's Powerhouse Museum. Here she combined her



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And here finally, working often connected to the Fine Arts department, she decided to begin her degree. For 3 years Ariane was totally immersed in art, fulfilling the dream she had held since teenage years. Moving to Nambour in 2002 has been an excellent choice for Ariane. She has established herself as a part of the arts community. Over the years, she has travelled widely and contributed to exhibitions in Newcastle, the Hunter

Valley, Gladstone, Tuncurry, Port Stephens and Wingham achieving several prizes and commendations.

Ariane's major influences are *Margaret Olley* and *Henri Matisse* for their joy of colour and their ability to make "something ordinary look extraordinary". She loves *Jeffrey Smart* for his technical prowess, *Donald Friend*, *Kaffe Fassett*, *Ben Quilty* and *Anh Doh* for their lush use of paint where they may use "14 tonnes of paint to make an eye!" And *Rosalie Gascoine*, assemblage artist who died, at the age of 83, having used every bit she had collected.

Ariane is working toward a number of exhibitions this year, including a collaboration with 4 other Artists of Wallamba for Gloucester Art Gallery at the end of 2020. "Growing up working with my hands, working with materials, gave me a sense of control over my life and world". Ariane is looking forward to new challenges, projects and focus.

Please call **Carmel Spark** on 0419 273 849 or **Kate Landsberry** on 0402 287 244 for more details of **Artists of Wallamba** and if you would like to join our very active **Facebook Page**. We have ongoing information for many exhibition and competition opportunities that our members share, along with inspiring quotes and ideas.

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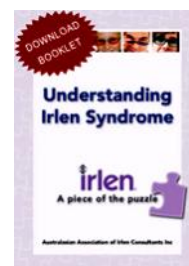
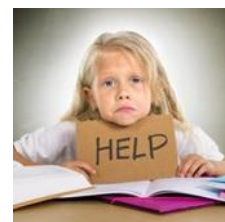
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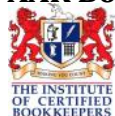
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On 4<sup>th</sup> January we received the sad news that our former Captain and Lifetime Member, **Robert McMaster**, passed away. Robert had been unwell for several years and could fight the good fight no longer. In recognition of his service to our Brigade, his name has been added to our Honour Board, which also lists his father, **Elliott**, as a firefighter of honour. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends.

What is usually referred to as "the silly season" was this year the "sizzling serious season." With still two to three months of the current bush fire season to "look forward to", as a District that has been in an Emergency situation for 120 days since all heck broke loose on 18<sup>th</sup> July, we are making the most of the not so hectic period, and the rain. That's four months out of six and over that period, records will show that Mid Coast District Brigades have responded to an average of 35 incidents per day. So, what do we do in our spare time?

Over the Christmas/New Year period we managed the Driver Reviver station at the Wang Wauk Rest Area and noticed a considerable change in the conversations we had with the travelling public. They were very concerned about the fires because at that stage many families had come from south of Sydney and Canberra, which was well and truly alight. Questions about our safety, fear, training etc. were many, and praise and appreciation flowed freely. This all means a longer rest break for the drivers, and hopefully safer driving, and that's why we do Driver Reviver.

Spare time over the Australia Day long weekend? Heaps of it (as if).

Saturday morning we were called to a Motor Vehicle Accident down towards Wang Wauk.

Sunday morning (Aussie Day) we were called to a local property to help rescue a horse that was stuck in a dam. No fires as such, but remember ... variety is the spice of life.

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great deal of attention, praise and thanks to individual Members of the NSW RFS and also to several Brigades, and indeed the Mid Coast District as a Group. Our District Manager, **Kam Baker**, AFMS was the Australia Day Ambassador for our District. Local "lad" **Nathan Birchall** was nominated for the *Volunteer of the Year* award. A quick glance at the local newspapers and the dreaded Facebook will give you some idea of how many RFS personnel were recognized for their achievements. Congratulations to everyone.

There has been a flyer distributed around our area with regards to the hopeful sealing of Minimbah Road up to the Fire Station. This would make driving much safer and more pleasurable, and who doesn't want that. We are not against the idea but do not know who published and distributed this leaflet, and we can assure you it was not instigated or actioned by Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade.

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### FROM THE CAPTAIN:

Beautiful rain, and the only real solution to the devastating fires throughout our country. This is some respite, however, summer has a little time to run so we are not quite out of the woods yet.

Our truck, *Minimbah 7*, is still in hospital with abdominal pains, hopefully returning soon. Although considering the number of damaged and broken fire vehicles that litter the countryside following the lifting of the Section 44, it may be a while before we see ours again.

In the meantime, we are using Bunyah's redundant truck and whilst it's well past retirement we have been running the wheels off it with calls it seems from every corner of the district and beyond.

So, if you see an old fire truck with Bunyah on the side, that's Minimbah. Confusing? Certainly for the radio operators we talk to at Fire Com. We call in as "Bunyah 7 Bravo with a Minimbah Crew". "What?". All good fun.

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## Nabiac Village Futures Group

### Cycleway and Footpaths Planning

A community meeting was attended by 5 residents in early December. Popular current routes used for riding and walking were plotted on a map. There was discussion about linking areas, including the old Wallamba River crossing, the two Highway underpasses, the walkway to Glen Ora Road, Lillypilly Bend and the Bullock Wharf/boat ramp area. We agreed on a recommended priority of pathways. The priority areas for planning and funding pathways will be the recreational precinct (that is the area bounded by Clarkson, Hoskins, Farnell and Nabiac Streets), the Showground area (inc. Aub Ferris), and the Neighbourhood Centre/Community Preschool area. This was our first planning meeting and we wish to thank MidCoast Council and the consultants who conducted the workshop. Hopefully we'll see some opportunity to apply for grants and extend the small amount of existing pathways and cycleways.

### Town Creek News

We attended a meeting with MidCoast Council and Karuah Great Lakes Landcare in December. We agreed to focus our efforts on the part of Town Creek between the vehicle bridge and the footbridge. Costs are now being worked on ready for a grant application in April. Watch this space for information about community participation in creating a healthier and more attractive creek.

### Sustainability Planning

Our group has been joining with *Sarah Langdon* to work on Sustainability planning for our area. Lots of ideas are being discussed and some meetings held with community groups. More information to come.

### Highway Service Centre DA

Frequently asked question..... "*Whats happening with the proposed Service Centre?*"

Its our understanding that additional safety design concerns were identified during the approval process. When the additional requirements are met the project can move forward.

And lastly, it's so good to see groups of people using the new BBQs near the playground!

Contact Secretary  
**Louise Collins** Ph: 0409 585 635



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## Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre Assoc. Inc.



NMNCA held an Annual General Meeting in December. We elected a new committee.

**Kit Carson** (President); **Colin Henderson** (Vice President);  
**Ross Dearing** (Treasurer) **Louise Collins** (Secretary);  
**Kathryn Murphy**; **Carol Grace**; **John Baker**; **Bob Glover**; and  
**Christal Pearce**.

As an Association we will pursue the following purposes:

- to promote respect and consultation between residents and Local, State and Commonwealth governments through a Community Strategic Plan;
- to advance the health and wellbeing of the local community through the ongoing support of (but not limited to) local facilities such as community gardens and parks, playgrounds, and sporting, recreational and cultural amenities;
- to promote the wellbeing of residents through opportunity for sustainable lifestyles, care of our environment, opportunity for volunteering, and participation in arts and crafts;
- to work towards the provision of affordable and accessible facilities for community groups and activities;
- to manage the operation and maintenance of the Neighbourhood Centre property for the benefit of the Nabiac community.

Sub Committees of NMNCA are Nabiac Village Futures Group; Nabiac Second Chance Opportunity Shop; Nabiac Community Technology Centre; Aub Ferris Sports Complex Redevelopment; Nabiac Landcare; and Nabiac Farmers Market. We currently have 89 members. Interestingly, our members live over a wide area of Mid-Coast with many travelling to Nabiac to volunteer and join in with the activities of our sub committees.

**The Committee meets on second Thursday of second month at 7 pm at the Neighbourhood Centre.**

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

### DYERS CROSSING BRIDGE AND TUNCURRY BATHS – SEPTEMBER, 1938:

Under the date of August 24<sup>th</sup>, Mr E.S. Spooner, Minister for Works and Local Government, wrote to Mr C.E. Bennett, M.L.A. as follows. "I refer to your personal representation and to the letter from Mr L.C. Parker, Secretary of the Upper Wallamba Co-Operative Society Limited, Dyer's Crossing, who forwards an invitation to me to officially open the new bridge at Dyer's Crossing. I would be very pleased indeed to perform the ceremony, but I regret to advise that I am booked up for appointments and country visits till the end of October. I understand, however, that the Tuncurry Baths will not be completed for some considerable time in which the committee may feel disposed to leave the matter in abeyance for the present. If arrangements can be made at a later date for me to perform the ceremony I would be pleased to do so."

**WANG WAUK - SEPTEMBER, 1938:** Hot weather is here again and we are looking forward for a good summer. The dance held at Mr J. Carter's on the 19<sup>th</sup> August was a great success for the school. The novelty dance was won by Miss Edna Mitchell and Mrs Les Slater of Wang Wauk and Miss Alma Bourke and Mr Ivan Rowe of Nabitac.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs D. French is on the mend after a serious illness

**COUNCIL ROADS - SEPTEMBER, 1938 - Roads in C. Riding:** At a meeting of the Manning Shire Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September the following roads and their condition was discussed. *Dyer's Crossing—Brown's Creek Road.* This road has been considerably cut up by the traffic during the recent wet weather. Repairs are in hand by Benhards gang. The pot holes and scours between Browns Creek and the junction of the Nabitac—Krambach are being filled with gravel prior to the reconditioning with one of the petrol graders. *Krambach-Nabitac Road.* Work of scarifying and reforming the road is well in hand, six

miles has been completed from Nabitac towards Krambach. The remaining length will be completed in a few days by the number 11 speed petrol grader. *Failford-Possum Brush Road.* The portion of the road between Failford and Main Road No 110 has been reformed by the old caterpillar plant in charge of W. Brown. It is intended to continue this road beyond Bungwahl Creek if conditions are favourable. *Failford Wharf Road.* The reforming of this road has been completed and a part of it has been gravelled. The graveling will be completed when the truck returns from Dyer's Crossing and a causeway will be constructed at the junction of the road.

**FAILFORD SCHOOL JUBILEE - SEPTEMBER, 1938:** This month the Failford School will attain its Jubilee. It was established 50 years ago. The teachers who presided over the destinies were, in order, the following. Mr E. Debunham, Mr Lockray, Mr E.E. Kenny, and Mr C.H. Cook and now Mr D. Dudgeon is carrying on the good work having succeeded Mr Cook who had charge of the school for 36 years and two months when his time came to retire. Now the P & C Association, with Mr C. Spooner as secretary, intends to celebrate the Jubilee on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October with a basket picnic and sports programme. Former teachers and ex pupils are specially requested to be in attendance to commemorate the occasion.

**FAILFORD - OCTOBER, 1938.** The friends of Mrs Ann Cheers, better known as Granny Cheers, will regret to hear that she has been ill in bed during last week. Sunday last was her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday and some of her relatives went to see her and wish her a speedy recovery. Her sister, Mrs Dean of Newcastle, and a friend came up from Newcastle by car to see her and returned the same afternoon. Mrs Fenning also came from Taree and is staying for a few days. Some who visited the old lady were Messrs John Cheers (Topi-Topi) Allen (Bundook) Archie (Taree) & Joseph who lives with his mother. Daughters present were Mrs J. Hardy (Failford) Mrs G. Stace (Langley Vale) also many grand children and great grand children. Mrs Hardy, her eldest daughter, is nursing her mother and Mrs Joseph Cheers gave all present a quiet dinner in honour of her birthday.



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The host asked why that name? He replied,

**"Absolutely no interest for 36 months."**

.....  
A young woman woke up, got out of bed, put on her dressing gown and slippers, went to the kitchen and turned on the jug, pulled back the curtains, opened the window, took the cover off the cocky's cage, folded it up and put it away.

Just then the telephone rang.

"Hello darling," said a male voice. "My ship just docked, I'll be around in half an hour."

So the young woman closed the window, pulled back the curtains, turned off the jug, unfolded the cover, put it back on the cocky's cage, took off her slippers and gown and got back into bed.

And the cocky said: "Jeez! That was a bloody short day!"

***Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.***



"All right! Who used up all my leg wax?"



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## Putting a hold on desalination plant at Nabiac

With good rainfall across the region in January, and predictions for more in February, MidCoast Council has decided to cancel plans for a temporary desalination plant at Nabiac. After good rainfall a week ago, the project was suspended while Council assessed the situation across the region in regards to water security. Relevant authorities have been advised of the decision this week, and Council is confident that with the changing weather conditions and the expansion of the Nabiac borefield, the desalination project is not likely to be required in the near future.

The bushfire emergency water access points will also be closed and capped from next week, as demand on these sites has dropped significantly and water is now available from other sources.

Rainfalls have also allowed the refilling of Bootawa Dam, with levels increasing from 30% just two weeks ago to above 50% this week. With more rain predicted for next week Council will review water restrictions, with a view to easing restrictions in February. Council is thanking the community for pulling together and working hard to conserve water through this prolonged dry period.

**More information:** [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Recent-rain-cases-water-shortage](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Recent-rain-cases-water-shortage)

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2. Soak rusty tools in it to remove the rust.
3. Remove chewing gum from kids hair. Put some coke in a bowl, dip the hair with the chewing gum in it and leave for a minute and then just lift the gum off!
4. Spray your plant with it to kill bugs.
5. Descale your jug. Pour some coke in, leave for a while then rinse clean.
6. Clean the grout in the shower stall. Pour on, leave a while, wipe and rinse off

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## Nabiac Farmer's Market – "Buy from the bush".

After months of drought and fire, January has seen thirst-quenching rain across much of our region. Many growers and businesses who suffered set-backs are now dusting themselves off and getting back on their feet. There are positive stories of resilience across the country.

I was just reading an article about the social media movement, "Buy from the Bush". A concept which began to highlight ways for investing in regional NSW.

Back in September last year, Grace Brennan was burdened by the drought affecting her community and watched her farmer husband's despair. She began an Instagram Account @buyfromthebush to promote regional businesses. It has been a resounding success, generating \$2.6m of business. It has been life-changing for many business people in rural communities.

The essence of why these vendors do what they do, is shared with small business owners and market stall holders across rural Australia. We all play a part in keeping regional businesses alive.

Come to Nabiac market and buy from the bush. Purchasing goods and wares from your local market is good for the environment, the community and feels good!

### Market news...

**Reducing plastic:-** The Market has ongoing resolve toward a lower eco-footprint. We are committed to further decreasing the use of plastic at the market. Stall holders are increasing use of sustainable packaging and bags. Boomerang bags are available at the info tent. It's great to see shoppers are bringing calico bags and baskets. Pull-along trollies are perfect for market shopping too. With fresh pasture-raised meat, kombucha, chocolate, eggs, pesto, fresh flowers and cheese available, remember the cool bags and ice-bricks too!

### Fund Raising:-

RFS - The market committee is in the process of distributing funds-

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raised to various fire-brigades and organisations related to helping those who suffered due to the recent bush fires.

Red Bucket Appeal donations have been matched by the Nabiac Farmers Market.

\$680.00 is going to each of the following brigades - Burrell Creek, Krambach, Nabiac, Minimbah and Firefly. It was fantastic to speak with one of the fires at the January market. He explained how they would use the money; specifically for items which are not supplied by the RFS.

**The Giving Tree** at the November market was a heart-warming success. The Great Lakes Women's shelter was thrilled with the response and extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated for their generosity.

**Blue bucket appeal – drought relief.** Donations collected during the market are all very much appreciated. This will continue for the coming months.

**Workshops:-** Come along to the macramé workshop. All materials supplied to create your hand-crafted plant holder. \$50.00 per person. Arrive by 9am.

**Market Volunteering:-** We are looking for volunteers to help set up or pack up on market days and to do the BBQ. Contact details below.

Produce at the January market was plentiful. It was great to see so many long-term vendors and new stalls continuing to emerge.

The next market is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Enjoy a great morning out, browsing a wide range of stalls, at our thriving local market. Socialise and select the finest produce, from vendors who: "Make It, Bake It, Grow It!"

*By Laura Pennington*

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## Lyn's Larder

.As it is too hot to spend time in the kitchen here is a recipe to do quickly.

### MOROCCAN CHICKEN WITH LEMON COUCOUS

#### INGREDIENTS

600g Chicken fillets  
4 tbsp Lemon infused olive oil  
2 tbsp Moroccan spice mix  
1 clove Garlic, crushed  
2 sprigs Mint, chopped  
1 small Sweet potato  
1 med Onion  
1 med Capsicum, red  
1 med Zucchini  
500ml Chicken stock  
Pinch of Saffron  
1 Lemon (finely grated zest and juice of )  
2 cups Couscous  
Extra 2 tbsp Lemon infused olive oil  
Natural yoghurt and fresh mint to serve.

#### METHOD

1. Dice the chicken into cubes and place in a large bowl with 2 tablespoons of the lemon infused olive oil, the Moroccan spice mix, crushed garlic and chopped mint. Mix until the chicken is well coated and set aside for 2 hours to marinate in the fridge.
2. Dice the sweet potato, onion, capsicum and zucchini into cubes, Heat remaining oil in a large frypan over a medium heat, add sweet potato and sauté for 10 minutes. Add onion, capsicum and zucchini and sauté for 5 minutes. Add stock, saffron and lemon juice and zest, then bring to boil.
3. Put couscous in a heat proof bowl and pour in hot vegetables and stock. Mix well and cover for 3 minutes.
4. Thread the chicken cubes onto 12 skewers and grill (BBQ) for 4-5 minutes on each side over a medium heat. Keep warm.
5. Stir extra lemon infused olive oil through the couscous and serve with chicken skewers, natural yoghurt and torn mint.



The multi-millionaire beer baron had a brilliant idea to extend his empire.

He obtained an audience with the Pope.

"Your Holiness, he said, "if you will change the Lord's Prayer to 'Give us this day our daily beer', I'll donate five million dollars to the Church."

The Pope said that such an alteration would not be possible, but when the offer was increased to \$10 million - cash - His Holiness hesitated, called one of his aides over and whispered: "How long does our contract with the beer people have to run?"

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I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower.

He shook his head and said, 'You need a 1/4 horsepower.'

I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used that repairman since...

*I live in a semi rural area.*

*We recently had a new neighbour call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.*

*The reason: 'Too many deers are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'*

It is not widely known, but Sherlock Holmes, the world famous detective, had a secret vice.

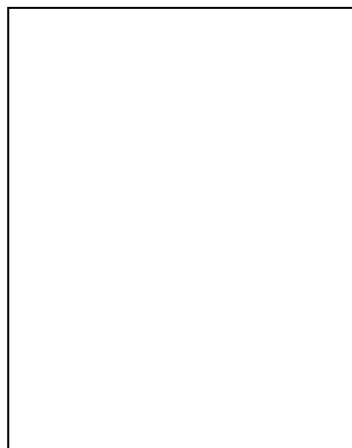
One afternoon, when Dr Watson arrived at 221B Baker Street, the housekeeper told him that Holmes had a visitor, a young schoolgirl.

Dr Watson settled down to wait, but hearing lot of strange noises coming from the study and fearing that the schoolgirl might be one of Moriarty's assassins in disguise, he flung open the door.

"Good heavens, Holmes!" exclaimed Dr Watson. "What sort of schoolgirl is this?"

And Holmes said: "Elementary, my dear Watson."

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## HOW TO DEAL WITH POST-FIRE WEEDS

We all know how devastating this season's fires have been. They've had a massive effect across our own area, and well beyond. I've written this article for those who are struggling with the impact of post-fire weed growth. Now's the time to act, and I hope this article can help you with that. I'd also encourage you to call me if you'd like to discuss anything to do with the weeds that may be invading your paddocks.

### The effects of fire on weeds:

After a wildfire or other major soil disturbance, noxious and invasive weeds are often one of the first plant species you will find. These aggressive weeds use the opportunity to gain a foothold in the newly disturbed ground. Therefore, it is important to survey your property to locate noxious weeds, and create a treatment program as quickly as possible.

Bushfires fall into 4 categories: Cool burn, moderate burn, hot burn and very hot burn. Many fires this summer fell into this latter category where all plant material and seeds are destroyed leaving an almost sterile soil surface. Soil becomes 'baked' with reduced ability to absorb moisture and will repel water.

Some perennial weeds, including Bracken, Blady Grass, Serrated Tussock, Coolatai, African Lovegrass, Chilean Needle Grass, Dock and Sorrel will survive the hottest of burns. Blady Grass, Bracken and Coolatai Grass are actually germinated by fire. Blady grass is rhizomatous, so it spreads underground like running bamboo. Most of the other grasses are high in Silica which is largely indigestible for stock. Bracken is also highly toxic to animals. These weeds will grow out of control if given the opportunity. All these plants can rapidly regenerate or re-establish to dominate pastures weakened by fire and drought.

### Environmental effects:

Destructive weed species compete with desired native species for space and nutrients, as well as eliminating wild-life/livestock forage, and choking wildlife habitat. In addition to spreading by seed, some weed species can regenerate from roots and root fragments. Typically, most severe fires will only damage roots to a few inches below the soil, therefore noxious and invasive weeds, often with deep root systems have an excellent chance of surviving and the roots can actually be stimulated to produce more plant material.

### Goals of weed management:

A combination of control methods, soil treatment and re-seeding as necessary, makes for a well-rounded and integrated weed management program. The primary goals of weed control in burned areas is to keep weeds from spreading from road shoulders into the recently disturbed soil, keep "new invader" species from gaining a foothold in the burned area and to keep previously known weed infestations



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### Taking action:

Firstly, assess your property to identify the weeds to be treated  
Secondly decide on the method/s of treatment – chemical or  
natural

Create an Integrated weed management program by yourself or in  
consultation, beginning with immediate actions and prioritising  
worst affected areas

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to reduce the amount of weed growth

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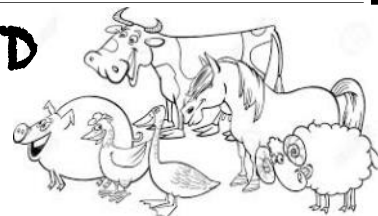
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## REAL KULTCHA

Here we are, it's 2020! And for all you nay-sayers who didn't think we'd make it – pphht!

Of course, there are a number of “firsts” that should be acknowledged at this point so here goes: this is my first rant for the new year and also the new decade but I can't remember how many of these I've actually cobbled together because my memory is not as good as it used to be and, on top of that, my memory's not as good as it used to be! Mind you, this year will also see me turn 75 and that could be a reason for my memory loss. I'd also argue I was sprayed with DDT and possibly Agent Orange in Vietnam, so there's another excuse.

“Another excuse for what?” I hear you bleat.

Well, a new year means we have the grand vista of new, untouched sporting competitions spreading out before us and the chances of my teams winning some or all of them are now quite valid. IF I HAD A GOOD MEMORY, I'd probably be in a funk because I'd be able to recall failures in the past but with synapses a rarity in my memory banks, I move blissfully and ignorantly forward, buoyed by several hit songs of my youth such as Bobby Darin's, *Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' A Flash*, Procol Harem's, *A Whiter Shade Of Hair* or even the classic by Willie Nelson, *On the Commode Again*. Ah, 2020 has great possibilities.

You should also be aware *The Heavenly Cohorts* have now been expanded to three: *The Glorious St George*, *The Fabulous St Kilda* and now *The Wondrous St Kilda Women*. The year has all kinds of possibilities.

But, by looking so far ahead I have overlooked some of the events that have already taken place. *The Galahs* have been doing pretty well and that flies in the face of the name I gave them! Pakistan and then New Zealand were trampled underfoot and then the ODI team headed for India. The first game was a blinder (only Warner and Finch batted) and then the quicks bowled the Indians out. One up! In the second match they were brought back to earth with a loss. Even. In the third game last night Smith had a brain fade, ran Finch out and they didn't recover. Two One win to India. *The Galahs* have restored my faith in them.

The things I do for my readers! I've had a busy day (doing what is none of your bees wax) but I've chosen to sit at my computer and cobble this together rather than sit in front of the TV and watch *The*

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*Fed* demolish a young American first round opponent in the Oz Open. *The Child Bride* did keep me informed of the score though what made it all the more painful was Jim Courier (the ubiquitous US dribbler The Oz Open has engaged to provide “expert” commentary) trying to enhance the ability of the player (Johnson) relating how well he played in college and many other places. It didn't matter, *The Fed* sent him packing in three sets.

Serena Williams also wiped the court with her opponent and I was gob-smacked when one of the dribblers (where do they get these idiots – out of a corn flakes packet?) commented the young girl had done so well returning Serena's shots. Being able to return a shot is NOT enough! You've got to return the shot with some venom and make the other player (in this case, Serena) move. None of the returns did that and Serena then angled her returns to the corners and in no time at all, the young lady was leaving the court. By the time you read this, the Oz Open will probably be over and I have no idea who will triumph. The old guard (in both competitions) are still strong but there are a host of talented, hungry and very young players who could cause any number of upsets this time around. I'm not betting on anyone.

We also saw the “running” of The Sydney-Hobart and as I grow older I guess I'm becoming more cynical or maybe it's the Agent Orange kicking in. In years past the race used to take about a week but *Comanche* won it in one day, 18 hours, 30 minutes and 24 seconds and the race record is a nine hours faster than that! In sporting terms you'd have to say *Comanche* didn't even raise a sweat. I've given up on the event and I'll not watch it again. We only get to watch the start and that's got several dribblers using nautical terms I don't understand (and they never explain them either), the boats exit the heads (and the TV coverage only ever follows the big boats, anyway), a helicopter then swoops in so we can see a reporter jump off a boat (it would liven up the coverage a tad if a Noah's Ark took one of them one year) but that's it. There's an occasional report of the boats “off Eden” or “in Bass Strait” and then it's all over, they're in Constitutional Dock, the bubbly flows and the winning skipper is thrown in the water. But that's not it – there are boats still “off Eden” and still “in Bass Strait” and the handicap winner won't be known for days! I still say, send the big boats round New Zealand and have them come up the Derwent with the smaller boats: that would be something to watch! Bet it don't happen though.

Talk at you next month,

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### RESULTS FOR SATURDAY

1st Beau Holden, Maddy Avery, Aylssa Hay	42.21 sec 3 head
2nd Chloe Bennett, Taylor Coleman, Jacob Sharpe	45.14 sec 3 head
3rd Vanessa Hawkins, Greg Pillage, Norm McFayden	51.34 sec 3 head

### RESULTS FOR SUNDAY

1st Danny Standen, Sandy Holden, Asha Holden	40.47 sec 3 head
2nd Josh Wells, Savannah Wells, Felicity Fyfe	42.18sec 3 head
3rd Hayden Eather, Paul Flett, Rochelle O'Brian	42.25 sec 3 head

Our Jack Pot Run is always fun to watch as all the teams have different riders in them.

### THE JACK POT WINNERS WERE:-

Vanessa Hawkins, Paul Flett, Jess Cooper	35.47 sec 3 head
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We have a few young riders who compete and some that have just started. These young riders are good to watch and seem to have lots of fun and when they leave the arena there is always a big smile on their face.

These young riders are our future Team Penners.

Well done to these young riders.

The raffle was won by the **Kelly family**

Thank you, **Cathy Amos**, for donating the horse print doona.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped on the day to make it another GREAT week end.

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So, till next time

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## Good Medicine

### Enjoy your Life

When did you last take time to laugh, to dance and to love? Can you even remember?

In the words of an unknown poet: 'This is the age of the half - read page; the quick hash and the mad dash. The bright knight with the nerves tight; the plane hop and the brief stop. The lamp - tan in a brief span; the big shot in a good spot. The brain strain and the heart pain; the catnaps until the spring snaps

... and the fun's done!'

Sobering words, but does it have to be this way?

No, if it's that way in your life today, chances are it's because you made it that way. And you're the only one who can make it different! You say you're busy ... we're ALL busy. Who says you can't enjoy life even when the pace picks up? Certainly not God!

If the fun's gone perhaps it's because we didn't want it around - not because it didn't fit.

So even if your 'to do' list is as long as the horizon, you need to get back in balance and take the time to laugh ... to dance ... and to love. Why?

Because the Bible says so!

Furthermore, your family and friends will enjoy you a lot more when you do.

(Ecclesiastes 3:2, 4) 'To everything there is a season ... a time to laugh ... to dance ... a time to die' is a Bible quote we sometimes hear - at funerals!

So go ahead and enjoy your life the way God intended - it will be over before you know it.

From **THE WORD FOR TODAY.** [vision.org.au>the-word-for-today](http://vision.org.au>the-word-for-today)

*The Counsellor*

## News From The News

### Nabiac Uniting Church

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 Bernadette's Catholic Church, Krambach

**February Mass** times are Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:pm and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**March Mass Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

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

### St Thomas' Presbyterian Church, Krambach

A Family Service is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to join in. Any enquiries please phone Robert on 0400 310 357 .

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Hi everyone, welcome to 2020.

To start the year off, we have exciting news from Barb.

I would like everyone to know that 15 girls and myself are doing the **Coastrek** walk in Sydney on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We are madly raising money for **BEYOND BLUE**.

The Krambach Tennis Club has allowed us to do the raffles on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at Krambach Hotel, as one of our fund raising events. We will be having some extra things to raffle, as well as some other activities. We are hoping for some good music as well, or we can make our own. It is also **VALENTINES DAY**, so bring that special person out for a fun night and great cause.

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