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Editorial.

Hi all,

Spring hasn't yet sprung as it is still quite chilly and windy at my abode.

I am really looking forward to some warmer mornings. The heater has been working overtime (Tilley Cat's poor old bones really feel the cold & so do mine!) and I might be even considering relenting and getting solar put on to counter act my next electricity bills.

Groups and clubs are slowly trying to have meetings—difficult when you have to be a distance apart and yell at each other if there is a long table accommodating the sparse numbers allowed to attend.

CWA has sent in its first report for four months, Bunyah ladies had to cancel their Spring Fair, Team Penning is still not allowed so articles are thin this month. Not sure what happened to the Krambach Gardeners—maybe their next meeting house wasn't large enough to keep their social distancing. Hopefully they will be back with a report next month.

Miss the chemist's information. I understand Tim has been flat chat with his change over to new group he has joined.

Once again, fire permits have been brought in early and with the winds that have been blowing over the last couple of weeks who would be mad enough to light a fire. My gutters and gullies are full of leaves and twigs blown down during the winds and cleaning them is number one priority tomorrow after I finish printing the paper.

Work is progressing on Bunyah Road's new bridge at Firefly and the road has been sealed on the northern approach to the Wallanbah Road bridge at the end of Waterloo Road. Very nice to drive on sealed road there as it is a steep drop and was very slippery in the rain.

The work on Avalon Road up at Krambach seems to be slowly getting more expansive. Should be good once completed.

A couple of new ads again this month. Still amazes me the number of businesses being run from properties that you would never know were there unless told.

Not sure what is happening with the local markets. I usually get my information from the council web site, but it doesn't seem like they are all back on deck yet.

My best wishes to all of the dads in the area for a fabulous Fathers Day. I hope the weather is perfect so that you can enjoy it outside in some sunshine with your families.

Note: Would the gentleman who sent me a note saying to add his name to the list of JP's please resend in your name. I have "filed it" somewhere safe and lost it. Apologies

'til next month, stay warm and keep well

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MARKETS - September

Still unsure of open markets.

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The Manning Valley website shows the names and phone numbers of the different markets.

Might be easier to look them up and double check if they are open if you wish to attend any.

Hopefully I might have more details next month.

Remember if you want to know what is happening in Nabiac, just look it up on the web - **nabiac.com**

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HAIR by Shaz **Month of September has come so fast and the warmer weather is on its way.**

Happy Father's Day to all you wonderful Dads out there and hope you enjoy your day.

Shaz will be on a short break from Friday 2nd October and back to work on Monday 11th October; she is asking if any one is in a need of Hair service before this please phone direct on **0410 541 672** and **PLEASE** leave a message and she will get back to you to arrange a time suitable.

Covid 19 has seen a change within the salon procedures now and to protect our wonderful community and ourselves, there is no walk-in appointments available. Please know that just by a phone call Shaz can arrange an appointment for you.

Until next time ☺



NABIAC RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Wow who would have thought the fire season would be back upon us already; 12 months have passed since the 2019-2020 fires began.



A few pointers this year in the process of preparing your property, house and family for the bush fire season of 2020-2021.

1. Permits are required as of 1st September 2020. This means that no burns can be conducted without a permit issued by your local brigade. Nabiac RFS permit officer is **Brian Styles ph: 0427541072**.
2. Your local fire brigade must also be notified. Captain Brian Penton ph 0481169495, and all fires must be registered with NSW RFS. This can be done through the website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify. By registering through this website landholders who intend to burn will be notified if there is any change in weather conditions and whether their burn is allowed to go ahead.
3. Neighbours must be notified of your intention to burn and given at least 24 hours of intent.

Nabiac Rural Fire Brigade will be holding its 'get ready' weekend at the Nabiac Farmers Market in September on Saturday 26th September. There will be members of the local brigade with information for landholders and anyone interested in how best to prepare for the upcoming season. There will also be fun packs and handouts for children to teach them about the dangers of fire. Come down to the market and ask Brian or any other brigade members for any advice you may require.

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Nabiac Landcare

This month's weed jumped the queue in our weed control list when we discovered a very large patch of it hidden in plain sight. The weed is *Chlorophytum comosum* better known to house plant lovers as spider or air plane plant. Spider plant is a minor environmental weed originating in sub-Saharan Africa. The most likely source of the infestation in Bullock Wharf Reserve is dumped garden refuse.



Spider plant has all the hallmarks of a successful weed. Waxy leaves prevent water loss and water storing tuber-like roots help it survive drought. The roots form solid mats and compete very effectively for water and nutrients crowding out more desirable plants. The plant sends out arching flowering stems that also have small plantlets (the spiders) which take root when the stems touch the ground. Spider plant comes in two main forms—a green and white/yellow stripe leafed form that is the more common house plant and a very vigorous all green form. We've managed to remove several patches of the more visible variegated form before but the green form is much easier to miss. The green form also sets lots of seed.

We're removing spider plant by hand weeding even though this is very time consuming. The good news is that you do not need to remove all the water vessels from the ground. It is sufficient to remove the stem above and below ground from where the roots emerge. A stout serrated knife is the best tool. We try to avoid spraying with broad spectrum herbicides because they tend to kill the 'good stuff' too and would leave quite a large area open to weed invasion. As well, there are many newly emerged seedlings hidden under the main plants that would probably be missed by the spray.

So—keep this one in your house where it can (according to scientific research) help clean the air. Please don't dump it in a corner or over the fence because it will not die!

Nabiac Landcare works 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.

Remember, even if you can't help in the bush, you can do your bit for our lovely area by removing weeds from your own backyard and removing fruit and seeds from exotic plants that the birds and wind will spread. Most of all enjoy the local bush!

Liz Rees 6554 3196

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We provide advocacy, educational, financial and mentoring assistance to families.

**We missed you this year.
Did you miss us?**

The first week in September is Legacy's "Badge Week". This is our heavily relied-on main annual fundraiser. For many years you will have seen volunteers at shopping centres and smaller independent shops such as "The Old Bank Centre" in Nabiac on the first Friday of the September, selling badges, bears, biros etc. This year we could not be there.

2020 will always be a memorable year, for several reasons, including the 75th anniversary of the ending of World War 11, and of course Covid-19. Had Covid-19 not upset our plans, we would have been able to show/sell you our new \$10 badge which will be of particular interest to those of you who collect the badges, as it is proudly emblazoned with "2020". Now that has to be a collector's item! Also, a new Bear has been added to our collection. This one is a very handsome and impeccably dressed Bear honouring the Light Horse Brigade.

We had all our supplies in stock, ready to go, so instead of being highly visible and out and about in the community, they are on display and available through our **Forster Tuncurry Legacy Office, 11 Mills Parade, Tuncurry**, which is open on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm**.

If you would prefer to make a donation (either electronic transfer or cash), or if you are planning on calling in for a badge or bear, it might pay you to give the office a call on **6555 4011** because emergencies do happen from time to time and the office may be unattended.

On behalf of our Volunteers and those who we support, we take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your generosity in previous years, and if you can't manage to get what you want this year, we hope the world is a happier and healthy place next year, and it will be business as usual for us.

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CTC on Tuesdays.

Nabiac Community Technology Centre will be opening on Tuesday 28th July for Club Members.

Members will need to book so that we can limit numbers to maintain Physical Distancing Requirements. Please ring **02 6554 3032**.

Members coming to the centre need to bring their laptop and also a mask.

Opening will be limited to Tuesday mornings from 9:30am to 11:30 am at the moment.

CTC @ Nabiac have registered a Covid 19 Safety Plan with Service NSW.

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In the past month there has been much happening at the rear of the Neighbourhood Centre. Visitors and volunteers will have noticed the disruption to pathways and the difficulty accessing the rear of the building, the Shed and the Community garden. 12 months ago the Committee were investigating a subsidence issue on the western side verandah floor. It was evident that the floorboards needed replacing but also that the problem included much dampness under a very low lying rear of the building.

We proceeded with an engineers report and then a civil engineer to advise us on what actions we should take. As with many old buildings it was no surprise that as we investigated, the problem grew and grew. As for the small verandah floor, we've accepted a small heritage building grant from MidCoast Council to assist with the cost of replacing the floor boards. This work will be undertaken soon. We apologise for the disruption and hope that all access is soon restored.



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MINIMBAH MATTERS



Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade were given permission under the NSW Rural Fire Service's exceptional circumstances rule, to hold a Meeting last month, and said meeting was held on 8th August. You may have noticed that there is no "From the Captain" section of our article this month. At the meeting our esteemed Captain **Bruce Weller** stepped down from his position and has agreed to hold the position of Senior Deputy Captain. The round of applause he received was not because he had stepped down, but rather for our appreciation of what he has brought to and done for the Brigade. The mark of a good leader, be they in big business, government or a volunteer organization, is to have a succession plan, to develop that plan, and to implement that plan. Gold Star and many thanks to Bruce on all fronts.

While it is important to have the right person for the position, it really is the team, and how that team has been trained and handle themselves both on and off the fire-ground that determines the success and "health" of a Brigade. In all modesty, we are in pretty good shape. Our new Captain is **Mal Gray**. As a result of the upgrading of their qualifications, we now also have two Deputy Captains. This all means the Brigade is much better placed to respond to callouts.

Over the past month or so several of our crew have been undertaking training and assessment for further qualifications. We are proud to announce, and must congratulate our new Crew Leader, new Advanced Fire Fighter and new Rural Fire Driver. To drive an RFS Truck you must have the required Driver's License. However, driving to and from fires and on the fire-ground is not for the faint hearted, so the RFS runs special courses for their drivers. Our lady driver passed her test with flying colours – we never doubted her for one minute.

Get Ready Day

Unfortunately, as suspected, we have been faced with too many restrictions and guidelines to successfully and comfortably hold our Get Ready Day as hoped on 12th of this month. We may be able to get away with bending some rules from time to time, but during the pandemic is not the time to push our luck. Our team, their families and our general community mean far too much to us to put them at risk. We will be doing a *Season Update* letterbox drop in the next couple of weeks, so keep your eye on your letterbox/front gate/front door for some information.

If it's information you are requiring, about joining a Brigade, contact details of your local Permit Issuing Officer, or even how many Brigades there are in the Mid Coast District (91), you can always ring the NSW RFS Mid Coast District Office
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The 2020 Bush Fire Danger Period for the Mid Coast District commenced on 1st September.

Regardless of the time of year, if you are planning to burn on your property, there is always the requirement to let your neighbours and your local Fire Authority know, at least 24 hours before you light up. This is a legal requirement and you can expect more than a rap over the knuckles if you ignore or "forget" to do it.

You can advise the RFS by telephoning **1300 643 262** and your information will be entered onto a central database which can help reduce unnecessary emergency call.

On-line Notification of your intention to burn.



A more convenient way of notifying is on-line. You enter your details directly onto that same database, and receive a receipt of having done so.

Simply go onto www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify and follow the prompts.

By using the new tool, you will be notified of any Total Fire Bans and will be advised to not proceed with your burn.

Do it at 3.00am if you can't sleep, then you can go back to sleep knowing you have ticked that off your "to do" list.

What do these dates have in common?

3rd October. 7th November. 5th December.

Well this year they are the **First Saturday** of the month and they are the days the NRMA are promoting in their new television advertising campaign.

The ads were filmed in July around Goulburn and Braidwood and feature real NSW RFS volunteers and some of the tense situations the volunteer firefighters go through when responding to fires.

The NSW RFS worked with the NRMA on this campaign as we have common goals of getting communities across NSW as prepared as possible for the fire season.

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- Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Remove material that can burn, including door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, outdoor furniture, thereby giving firefighters a cleared and safe area to work;
- Prepare and Practice your Bush Fire Survival Plan,
- Clear and remove all the debris and leaves from your gutters. This is a favourite landing area for burning embers;
- Download the Fires Near Me NSW app;
- Join your local Rural Fire Brigade.

We thank you in advance for your help.

QUILTING NEWS

.We have been very busy sewing and delivering quilts.

Earlier this month we were invited to **The Tinonee Community Outreach** group who, each Friday, distribute food hampers to the people affected by bushfires, floods and isolation. They do a wonderful job, collecting and packaging the food. We were able to leave them with 30 quilts, and we saw 3 people select one that appealed to them. Their losses were devastating and they face many problems, trying to rebuild their lives.

On a lighter note we celebrated the third birthday of our Quilting Machine, it has notched up about **725** quilts quilted. Thank you **Nabitac Memorial Neighbourhood Association**.

We have distributed **443** quilts so far this year, only 10 less than the whole of 2018.

We have been able to supply masks to "The Nook" and this has boosted our income to enable us to purchase wadding for the quilts. This has been a lifesaver as many community groups who have supported us in the past have not been able to meet and have Fund Raising Events.

After our last posting in Across The Fence we were gifted some lovely fabrics from a lady who was down sizing her stash. Thank you so much!

Jenny Fletcher.

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CCC'S provide a forum for open dialogue between the proponent and representatives of the local community, stakeholder groups and local councils on issues directly relating to the project.

We are looking for a mix of people from the local community or stakeholder groups (eg social, environment, Aboriginal or industry) to join our new **PACIFIC BLUE METAL QUARRY CCC**. Further details of the project can be found on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's major project website. Employees and contractors are not eligible for appointment to the committee as a community representative.

Your role as a committee member will be voluntary.

You will be expected to contribute constructively to committee discussions, attend two to four meetings a year, and communicate information about **PACIFIC BLUE METAL QUARRY** between the committee and the broader community.

To apply, please address the selection criteria that can be found in the nomination form at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Community-Consultative-Committees>

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I would like to start with wishing all the fathers in our wonderful community very Happy Fathers day. Have a wonderful day on Sunday 6th September 2020.

Spring is in the air and hopefully the days will start to get warmer. So Come on in and check out what we have in the clothing range for Spring and Summer.

The shop and shed has more new treasures on display as well.

A great big thankyou to **Jim** who made leg extensions for our work tables. We all love them as this has made sorting all the donations so much easier without having to bend over and saving our backs.

DONATIONS:

The Op Shop is accepting donations. We appreciate all your generous donations, without your generosity we wouldn't have our wonderful Op Shop and Shed. A big thankyou to you all.

In saying that please be mindful of what you donate.

We can only accept good, **clean** saleable goods/clothing as the costs to dispose of any rubbish is large and once again we want all the profits to go to our community not rubbish disposal.

Please bag your clothing/goods that can be put in the donation bin as we empty the bin every day and any clothes/goods that are just thrown in the donation bin makes our job harder. Clothing/goods that are not bagged becomes damp and unsaleable.

If this isn't possible please bring in your donations during opening hours Mon-Sat 9.00am to 12.00pm where your donations will be gratefully accepted with a big thankyou and a smile from all our wonderful volunteers.

A friendly reminder that The Op Shop is unable to accept prams, all baby and child car booster seats and capsules, cots, high chairs, all mattresses, bean bags and all bike helmets.

This has been a problem for a long time and we ask for your co-operation when donating.

We are in need of clean sheets and blankets. These items would be gratefully accepted.

All large items, such as furniture for the shed, are to be brought in during business hours and not left at the shop or shed. These items are to be inspected by our shed co-ordinator **John** before accepting your donations.

John works Thursdays, Fridays and every 3rd Saturday of each month, please call the Op Shop on 6554-1876 during shop hours to arrange a time with John.



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Thank you all again for your co-operation in advance as we appreciate all donations.

A friendly reminder - The Op Shop has registered a Covid 19 Safety Plan for protection of our volunteers and our customers.

Please continue to be responsible and observe the 1.5mtr distance rule and only 3 people in a room at a time in the Op Shop and roughly 20 in the shed and please respect others near you.

If you are unwell or showing any signs of Covid 19 please stay home for everyone's safety.

We ask that all customers and volunteers wear a mask. As we have a lot of travellers coming into Nabiac it is very important we all stay safe. So far this has been very successful.

A big thankyou to our wonderful customers for their co-operation adhering to these restrictions.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Op Shop.

Kathryn and all our wonderful and dedicated volunteers at Nabiac Second Chance Op Shop.



Nabiac Village Futures Group



Sustainability Nabiac Action Committee (SNAC)

met Saturday 22nd. The Committee members are Christal Pearce, Kerry Clout, Phil Costa, Kirrily Hill, Renee Plevy, Colin Henderson, Bruce Weller, Del Thomas, and Louise Collins.

SNAC plans to set up a community meeting with the aim of revising the Vision for Nabiac as stated in the Nabiac Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and prioritising 2 or 3 projects to begin to work on.

The Community meeting will be held in October. See October Across the Fence.

The Strategic Plan and the Sustainability Working Plan can be found on our website nabiac.com

Nabiac Showground

Have you noticed the great job that local volunteers have been doing at the Showground? The entry from Showground Lane is looking very impressive. Thanks to all involved.

NVFG Meetings

Our group hasn't met since early March. We hope to have our next meeting 7th October.

We have been following up the plan of Management for Nabiac Showground, Nabiac's Footpath and Cycleways Plan, and funding for Town Creek (weed removal and native vegetation restoration).

Louise Collins, Secretary NVFG ph 0409 585 635

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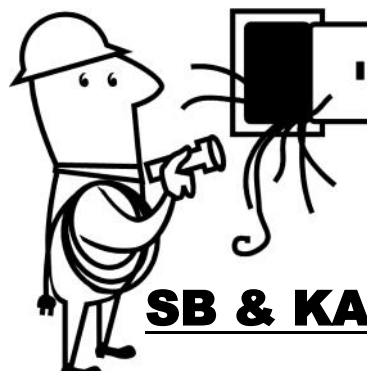
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Hopefully many of you have seen the finished ring and fencing works financed by an NSW Government grant. The final touches were added this week by a Show member's working bee in the form of painting new timbers and setting up new garden beds. Thanks to a generous pile of mulch donated by *Andy's Tree Service*, three new beds by the Showground Lane gate are well defined. Planting will happen over Spring.

At our last meeting, it was agreed unanimously that a gesture of thanks be passed to some of the Show Association's long standing members. I'm pleased to advise that five new Life Memberships are being awarded to; **Lyn Reid, Janice & Ray McDonald and Judy & Mark Farley.**

Lyn Reid gave to the Show and our Community for 13 years. She took over from her husband, Paul on his death, as Treasurer in 2006 and kept up this role until her retirement in 2019. That not being enough, she also took on the additional role as Secretary in 2012. Lyn's aim was to ensure our Show kept it's country focus with a broad range of activities, entertainment and attractions to draw members of our community from far and wide to enjoy each Show Day.

As Lyn said "I have had the pleasure of meeting very many wonderful souls who have worked hard to keep the Show's integrity as an Agricultural and Horticultural Show."

Janice and Ray McDonald moved to the area in June 2002. As new folk they looked for ways to become involved with their new community. They heard of the Show and thought this would give them a way to meet the locals and provide an avenue to get involved in the community.

Their involvement with the Produce Shed was resolved on their first day. As Janice said "We went to the Grounds on the Friday of Show set up, offered to help and were directed to the Produce Shed." And there they've remained. With minimal direction, they worked up systems, new categories, display practices and entry numbers that we

see in place today. They have regularly attended Show meetings, have submitted produce and rose entries when the garden provided. Additionally Ray added flower judging periodically in the Hall.

Janice and Ray have thoroughly enjoyed the give and take this form of community involvement has granted them over the years. They will be stepping back a little from now, but remain keen members of our Association.

Judy and Mark Farley have been locals for a long time with their Show involvement starting in 1993. In talking with Judy, I learnt it has really been the Farley Family working at and for our Show over the years.

Mark joined the Committee in 1994, became Treasurer in 1999, and handed that role to Paul Reid in 2004 to take on the role of Cattle Steward, which he still performs today. Until recently, additional to the Show, were the Junior Rodeos and Campdraft events each year, which Mark contributed to.

Judy started out in the Hall about 2000 helping with the photo exhibits, prompted by family interests and entries. Later she took on managing Hall entry submissions on the Friday. In 2010, Judy moved over to the Cattle ring and became the administration and support half of the Farley Cattle Steward Team. And an even team it is as the both get on the microphone over the course of Show Day.

The current Committee is thankful to be able to offer this recognition to each of these people on behalf of all the Association members they have worked with and the vast number of Community members they have shared their generous gift of involvement with.

Sally Henderson
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NB: Show's AGM is on Tuesday 8th at 7:30pm in the Showground Hall.

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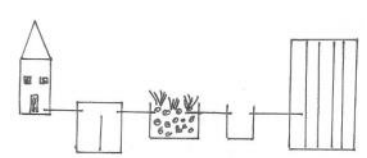
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Between the Pages

Nabiac Library News



Welcome to the first month of Spring. The August winds have brought a strong blast from the South to say farewell to Winter. Now the sun is shining and we've had some good rainfall. The wattle is in bloom; as are the peach trees, citrus trees, bulbs and jasmine. The land is recovering and hopefully we are also, after a very difficult year thus far. It is time to get out into the garden and enjoy its rewards after being in 'lock down' for near on 6 months. Come on into the Library and discover our wide range of gardening books and magazines for children and adults to bring you the fruits of the garden and good health as well. Did you know that Nabiac Library stocks a number of Gardening Magazines; namely Gardening Australia, Better Homes and Gardens and PIP? (Possibly meaning permaculture in practise?) Why buy when you can borrow?

Nabiac Library (located in the Nabiac Showground for those folk who haven't discovered us yet) reopened in early July. We have enjoyed a steady trickle of our members venturing in to access our Covid safe library in the few months since we re-opened. It would be great to see all our Library members coming back in to enjoy our country facilities. We miss you!

We have hand sanitiser at the door and inside. We limit our entry to 12 people at any one time and ensure social distancing occurs. We have strong quarantine procedures in place for any items returned or reserved, following recommended guidelines for all NSW Libraries. Our public computers are still available for use on limited times, depending on demand and are thoroughly cleaned after each use. We are open and ready for you! Please come and visit!

NEW MEMBERS

Nabiac Library would like to welcome our latest new members and hope you will enjoy the wide range of reading, audio and video resources that we offer through our Libraries.

Welcome firstly to **Kiesha**; our first post Covid lockdown applicant. We do hope you enjoy the freedom of accessing all our libraries, and we look forward to seeing you in Nabiac Library.

Nabiac Library would also like to welcome the grand children of a long time member.

We welcome **Fenella, Freddie** and **Zachary** and do hope that while you are here you will enjoy coming into our libraries.

NOT A MEMBER: WHY NOT JOIN?

If you are not a member of MidCoast Libraries and would like to become a member it is so easy! You can just visit any one of our 11 Libraries in the MidCoast Library network and request a membership and our friendly staff will assist you. Once your membership is logged into the system you can even borrow on that day.

Or you can do it online by going to...

<https://library.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Home> and clicking on the "Join the Library". This will give you a temporary membership and allow you to reserve items in the library catalogue and access our downloadable eBooks and eAudio.

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| Halliday's Point | 87 High Street | Ph: 6559 3066 |
| Harrington | Caledonia Street | Ph: 6556 1652 |
| Nabiac | 44 Nabiac Street | Ph: 6554 1355 |
| Old Bar | 49 Old Bar Road | Ph: 6553 6535 |
| Stroud | 6 Church Lane | Ph: 4994 5204 |
| Tea Gardens | 135 Marine Parade | Ph: 4997 1265 |
| Wingham | 20 Wynter Street | Ph: 6553 4555 |

With so many Library options available, why not take a road trip in our local area and check out some of these great locations for sightseeing, a browse of shops, a visit to the local Library and maybe even brunch, lunch or coffee/tea and cake in a local café or restaurant. Our local economy would certainly benefit. And hey! We live in a beautiful environment here. Enjoy it!

HEARD ABOUT A BOOK AND WANT TO SOURCE IT?

Over the year we read or hear about new releases or books that are the latest part of a series, and wonder if the book is available in our local libraries. If the book you are after is not available in our catalogues search what can you do?

Did you know members are able to make a suggestion for purchase? All you have to do is come into the library and request a book be purchased. Our staff will check that the book is not already in our library catalogues; and if not will help you complete a "Suggestion for Purchase" form. You can also make a reservation for the book on the form, when it is filled in. Some of our regular members already avail themselves of this service. They will come in to borrow and then make a request for a book they have heard or read about and ask for it to be ordered and/or reserved. Mostly these requests are for new releases; but sometimes they are subject or genre specific or a book missing from a particular series the reader is following.

SPEAKING OF SERIES OF BOOKS.

Our current display in Nabiac Library is about travel in time. Included in this display are the first two books from **Meg and Tom Keneally** (Dad and daughter duo) **Monsarrat** series. Yes this is the well renowned Keneally author family. This series of books are focused on penal colonies in Port Macquarie and Parramatta and follow the convict **Hugh Monsarrat** and his housekeeper **Hannah Mulrooney**. They are well worth a read, as they give a good historical insight into our NSW penal history and where we developed from there.

That's all for now! See you in our Libraries!

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WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

After 4 months of lockdown and isolation, it was finally time for us to be able to have our first meeting since March and come together once again.

Many thanks go out to member *Merle* who made her large workroom at her home available, giving us the required distance needed for the eleven members to obey the Covid-19 regulations, complete with the hand sanitizers etc. Apologies were received from four members.

Our meeting was declared open by President *Margaret Weller* with the usual acknowledgement of the National Anthem, CWA Motto and Prayer before pausing to remember departed friends and local folk who has passed since our March meeting.

Those remembered included *Helen Wooster* (nee Holden), Mrs *Mim Foster* (formerly Stockdale nee Bowers) a former teacher at Nabitac Central School, *George Spence Hockey*, *Kevin Lambert*, *David Pankhurst*, *Hazel "Biddy" Murray*, *Max and June Wright* (Life Members of Great Lakes Historical Society) and Mrs *Mary Gollan* of Mondrook.

Members also paused to remember the upcoming 75th Anniversary of the End of WW11 or VP Day (Victory in the Pacific) which fell on Saturday 15th August, 2020.

A number of items of correspondence included receipt and thanks from the Wallamba Show Committee for the Branch's donation for prizes. Receipt from World Day of Prayer for the collection taken at this year's service held at the Uniting Church, Nabitac

There had been quite a number of emails received from HO re the Covid-19 issues.

An invitation had also been received from Forster CWA who were organizing a whale watching trip on 18th August but there were no takers. Whales are one of the various topics being studied this year in our Ag & Environment Segments.

As this year's Royal Easter Show was cancelled the Branch made a donation of \$200 to the CWA Virtual Scone Appeal and this was reported in Treasurer's *Mary's* financial report.

Merle's handicraft report mentioned that as the State Conference had been cancelled also, this meant there was no Handicraft competition and that the items entered for this year can be re-entered next year.

The upcoming Group competition will be 4 Aprons to be made by 4 members in each branch and Wallamba ladies have chosen as their theme – *The Four Seasons* – so we look forward to seeing their designs. The State Committee is hoping to meet in September, probably in a country town away from Sydney due to the virus.

Penny's International Report informed members that this year's Country of Study is Ecuador, South America and the seminar to bring International Officers together to learn about this country, which had been planned for Dubbo, had also been cancelled and competitions have not yet been organized. Wallamba's own International Day for September 16th was also cancelled due to the restrictions. October 15th

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is Rural Women's Day and Women Walk the World but our Branch's hasn't planned anything for this event at this date.

Ecuador sounds a very interesting country and we all hope we can learn a lot more about it.

Jean's cookery report outlined the various cakes etc. on this year's schedule and one is a Banana Bread competition and most of branch ladies were happy to be involved in making one for the competition next March.

Other cakes needed for the competition - hopefully to go ahead in November - are a Light Fruit cake, Sultana Cake and a Carrot and Ginger Cake and several ladies have volunteered to try their hand at making these.

Another item of interest in this segment was from President Margaret who had brought along two old Cookery Books belonging to her late mother-in-law & Wallamba CWA member, *Doreen Weller*, that had some good recipes - "Harvest of Good Fruit - Jams, pickles, spices and preserves" and "Scottish Teatime Recipes".

The meeting concluded with general business when member *Jill* spoke of the "Buy Oz Made" to help our economy - Penny and *Beth* both spoke on the purchase of flat pack cupboards being purchased from Bunnings which had been made in Australia - a refreshing change from imported items.

Member *Pam* showed off her recently finished photo book of 2019 International Day on Papua New Guinea, which brought back memories for all.

Happy birthday wishes were extended to member *Jean Price* for her special day on August 18th and she was presented with a hand-made card by Sec Pam on behalf of the members with their best wishes.

The September monthly meeting of the Branch was to have been held at President Margaret's home but unfortunately she will be away, so it will now be held back at the Uniting Church Hall, Nabitac with all the Covid-19 restrictions still in place re social distancing and no sharing of food etc.

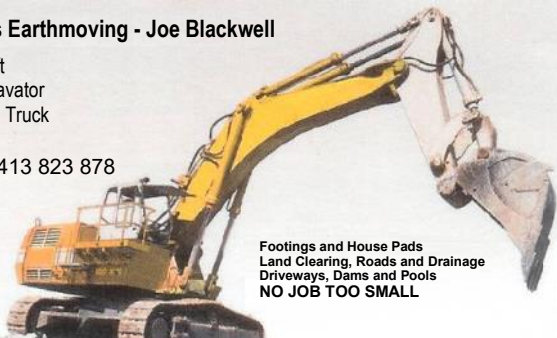
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Last year Nabiac Farmers Market was featured in Focus Magazine. One of the questions posed to the committee was; "What's the future vision for the Nabiac Markets?" Despite the recent challenges, the answer below still very much rings true:

- * To celebrate sustainable, regional living and hold special themed events.
- * To increase use of eco-friendly packaging.
- * To continue to offer a range of high-quality goods in a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere.
- * To continue providing a dynamic attraction in Nabiac to boost the township, its businesses and attract tourism.
- * To uphold the motto "Hand Grown, Hand baked, Hand Made".

We wish to thank all vendors and shoppers for adopting the changes we have had to make in order to keep the market open. We are looking forward to holding events and live music again and thank everyone for their continued support.

STALL-HOLDER FEATURE – KINspirit Iris and Daylily Farm-Krambach.

Lyz and John's stunning award-winning Irises create beautiful displays during the Spring months, and they have been a delightful part of the Nabiac Farmer's Market since it was founded by Helen Smith in 2003. Other blooms colour the stall, such as gerberas, and the ever-bright Easter daisies.



Lyz with Helen, who encouraged them to start a flower show 14 years ago.

Lyz knew she wanted to be in farming, she just wasn't sure what. A moment of serendipity may have planted the first seed (...well, the first bulb) when her friend (now husband, John),

gifted her a pink vase with bearded iris painted on it, for her 18th birthday. Lyz didn't realise it was a bearded iris until many years later! (photo next column)

A merchant banker in Sydney, one of Lyz's weekly pleasures was buying a bunch of Dutch Iris, after cleaning the house every Saturday.

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A hankering for the countryside grew until Lyz and John moved to their tranquil property at the top of the Krambach Cutting in 2001, realising their country dream atop breathtaking views. A few Irises already resided in the garden and from there it grew into a successful specialist mail-order nursery.

John's beautiful nature-inspired greeting cards capture the essence of our beautiful local wildlife and farmlands. These popular cards are lovely for all occasions. Tourists love to stock up these unique cards and the

natural hand-made goat's milk soap, from Kate the Soap Lady.



There are two, true varieties of winter flowering Iris, which are *Evansia tectorum*, commonly known as a crested Iris & *Iris unguicularis*, commonly known as Algerian Iris. KINspirit specialise in evergreen-frost hardy-perennials. These species are both drought tolerant & water-loving respectively, being alkaline or acid loving. These Iris are often available bare-rooted at the markets - sometimes potted, particularly when in flower and also by order when available.

April and August are the best times for fertilizing Iris. Bearded Iris should be lifted and divided after flowering, mostly between December and March, in order to promote optimum flowering. When bearded Iris are left undisturbed, they flower less but continue to increase foliage as more moisture is retained by the spent rhizomes rather than retaining heat to enhance flower production.

Lyz is a trade-certified Horticulturist and general plant freak, who loves to answer your questions and enjoys providing useful gardening tips.

Come and see Lyz at Nabiac Farmers Market. The stall is filled with colour from the flowers, natural soaps (from Kate the Soap Lady) and the beautiful greeting cards created by John. Her passion and drive for flowers, and her community, are inspiring.

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beautifully arranged flowers can also be found seasonally at the Greenhouse Cafe.

This article will be printed after the August market, so I missed the chance to put in a reminder about shopping for Father's Day at the market!

Happy Fathers' Day for 6th September!

See you at the next market, Saturday 26th September – remember your re-usable bags!

For Stallholder applications, simply go to the website and download the vendor information forms: www.nabiacfarmersmarket.com

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By **Laura Pennington** ☺



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Artists of Wallamba Inspire ~ Create ~ Connect



Lots going on this month in the Arts...

Manning Regional Gallery will run **Puppets and Paint** until September 20th. This is a fabulous exhibition by Newcastle Artist **Bruce Rowland**, who is an accomplished award-winning figurative painter, who is also a highly skilled puppeteer and puppet maker. Bruce and his puppets have toured with the famous 'Tintookie' Marionette Theatre Troup performing throughout Australia and Overseas. Well worth a visit! Opening on September 25th, **Material Sound** will showcase handmade instruments, electronics, recycled components and more to challenge your approach to how sound is made and experienced.

Three local Artist groups/galleries will be staging their **Annual Member Exhibitions** in September: **Gloucester Art Gallery** opens on September 9th and runs until October 5th, **Great Lakes Art Society - Lake Street Gallery**, in Forster opening September 11th, and **Taree Artists** opening September 28th - October 9th at the Taree Craft Cottage. Many artists have used the lockdown times to explore new ideas and direction, with each exhibition promising vibrant and varied work from local artists and beyond.

Membership with these groups is open to all and provides a great way to keep up with the local Arts scene and people. Also, on offer are workshops, classes and links to events. It's not too late to become a member and enter your work!

Forster Arts & Crafts Centre and our own **Nabiac Nook** have work available from many of our local artists. As does **Lake View Gallery** near to Tallwoods Village. 10% of all sales is donated to Great Lakes Women's Shelter.

DFUNK GALLERY on Isabella Street, Wingham has a new exhibition beginning September 3rd. **Christina Hall** works in a variety of mediums including oils, acrylics, pastels and charcoal, and a variety of subjects. Christina also teaches adult and children's classes.

Artist supplies can be found at **The Edge Gallery & Art Supplies** in Taree, and **Memory Lane** in Forster.

For those looking for Artist Competitions and Art Prizes, check out **artistsnetwork.com**. Looks an interesting resource for artists with a wealth of information.

Artist of the Month: Philippa Bird

If you visit **Nabiac Markets**, you will likely have seen the **Frog in Sock** stall with a wonderful array of ceramics for your home, garden and for that special gift! Manned by potter Philippa Bird and her husband, **Simon**, from Nabiac.

Born in Leicester, in the UK, and with her Dad an RAF officer, Philippa and her family moved frequently, living sometimes in small villages in England and Scotland, and sometimes on the large RAF bases, where children and community thrived. It was always difficult to pull up roots and move on however, the excitement of adventure in a new home and town far outweighed any regret for Philippa. Following retirement from the forces, the family purchased a large guest house on the seaford in Suffolk, where Philippa worked through her school years, loving the constant variety of life in hospitality. Ceramics and art weren't on the agenda straight away. It was music and drama with Philippa developing a passion and talent for the clarinet, performing in orchestras, and acting in school musicals and local pantomimes.

When her father sold the guesthouse, he became a potter, building up a pottery studio, which acted as a catalyst for Philippa. Inspired by Flockfield Pottery in Scotland, she began creating quirky and whimsical clay characters, developing a love of the medium and its magic in fashioning fairy-tale gnomes and quirky gifts for family and friends.

Philippa and Simon met during her final year of school, moving to Wales to pursue tertiary studies - and each other! Philippa became a teacher majoring in music and she and Simon married in 1990, with Simon a healthcare professional.



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Her first teaching position was in a brand new school in a small village called Reyden, where she set up and ran the music department for the primary school for 4 years, then onto another primary school, becoming team leader and eventually acting deputy. But Simon and Philippa were looking for a new adventure, choosing Australia over Dubai, as their new home in 2001.

The next years for both were filled with great jobs in Education and Health, with Philippa working first at TAFE and then at St. Andrews School in Sydney as Community Relations Officer, liaising with the school community in organising major events and fundraisers. A huge job ... and finally time to discover their creative selves with evening art classes in oils – which they both loved.

In 2002 Philippa set up **whatsonsydney.com** an online guide to events in Sydney that is still running today! It proved an excellent link when Philippa started The Hubhub – a 'what's on' show with Triple H 100.1FM, Hornsby, interviewing actors, directors, singers and bands touring and performing in Sydney. Later she took on a dream job as station manager. But still, the quest was for a new adventure!

Selling their Sydney home, hitching up a van, Simon and Philippa took off travelling, ultimately discovering their perfect block of land on Minimbah Road in 2016 and building their dream home. Teaching part-time has allowed Philippa to develop her skills and knowledge in ceramics. She and Simon are working together to create a home studio and experiment with a diversity of techniques in the creation and firing of their work, including pit firing and wood firing in the future. It's been a huge learning curve aided by working with artists at the Forster



Arts and Crafts Centre where Philippa exhibits and sells, along with Nabiac Nook, an exhibition coming up at Macleay Valley Art Gallery in Gladstone and one in January 2021 at Gloucester Art Gallery.

For two people who have moved and travelled so much, Philippa says the only way they'll leave their property, 'Frog in a Sock', is 'when they're taken out in a box!'. The excitement now is in developing their property and ceramic business. There is always a thrill when the kiln door is opened, or the pit is uncovered. So much hope that the result will be amazing – but ultimately the material itself and the process has the final say. It's a bit like Christmas – with the possibility of wonderful surprises. The magic of theatre and pantomime, of fairy-tale beings and quirky animals is still enchanting Philippa and providing ongoing creative inspiration.



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

Our next meeting is at Firefly on Sunday September 20th at 10.30am, so please call for address details! We love to welcome local artists and art supporters and guarantee creative company, delicious food and warm hospitality whenever we meet.

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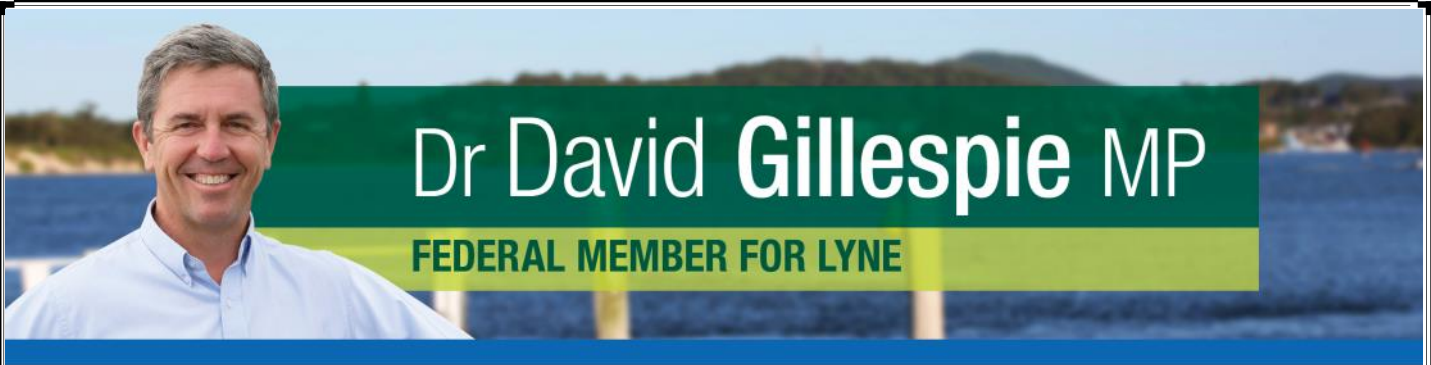
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The Regional Agricultural Show Development Grant program is supporting the Wallamba District Show Committee in upgrading the entry to the Nabiac Showground.

This funding will create a sense of arrival at the Showground and improve the safety for pedestrians at the entry.

Currently during events such as the annual Wallamba District Show, visitors are forced to line up along the edge of the road while traffic makes its way past.

Country shows like the Nabiac Show bring and keep communities together and provide a key injection into the local economy.

Wallamba Show President, John Baker said Our vision for this project is a more aesthetically pleasing and functional entry point to the Showground off Nabiac Street.

ACCC INQUIRY INTO THE MAJOR RETAILERS TREATMENT OF FARMERS

Last week in Canberra the government directed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to conduct an inquiry into Australia's domestic perishable agriculture goods supply chains.

This will include looking at beef, lamb, pork, chicken meat and eggs, seafood and parts of the horticulture supply chain.

I will continue to fight for a fair go for our farmers. This inquiry is in response to my long-held concerns about bargaining imbalances that currently exist and the misuse, and in some cases the abuse, of this power by some sections of the fresh food supply chain.

Our farmers take considerable risks and work incredibly hard to grow the fresh and affordable food we all take for granted.

But there are concerns that once farm produce is harvested or processed and sent off to market, producers have little bargaining power and are at the mercy of the powerful supermarkets when it comes to the price they are paid.

Unfortunately, not all interactions between farmers and the major supermarkets are conducted fairly and in good faith and there are bargaining imbalances and other serious issues that need to be looked at.



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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, October, 1939, by Bob Mann

DYERS CROSSING: Recently two local boys, *Tom Startin* and *Eric Newell*, embarked on a new adventure, a holiday to Queensland by pushbikes. The journey was accomplished in five stages and three weeks were spent in the northern state. They called on *Horace Bowers* late of Koribar school and now of Kyogle and Eric spent some time with his uncle, Mr *A. Newell* contractor of Kedron. The lads met with no difficulties and recommend it as the ideal holiday.

We regret to record the death of Mr *George Reeve's* father. He was a retired teacher and had reached the 89 mark. We also regret the death of Mrs *Donaldson*, wife of the local road and bridge builder. Mr *Donaldson* has been working locally for some considerable time. Our sympathy is extended to all concerned.

The influenza and measles epidemic are abating and it is likely the changed weather conditions may prevent a recurrence of the maladies. In many instances very few of the children escaped one of the complaints.

JUNIOR FARMERS: DISTRICT COUNCIL FORMED. At a meeting convened by Mr *Sims*, the District Supervisor of the Junior Farmers Movement, at Dyers Crossing last week it was unanimously decided to form a district council to be known as the Wallamba District Council of the Junior Farmers movement. Representatives were present from Nabitac, Dyers Crossing, Cocumbark and Karkatt clubs and it was stated at the meeting that at least three more clubs could be formed in the district. Mr *Sims* outlined the aims and objects of the movement and the duties of the Advisory Council and the District Council. He pointed out that the success of a club depended largely on the interest and enthusiasm of the Advisory Committee with the co-operation of the parents. He said the Wallamba District was an ideal centre for the movement and had a large number of young people who would benefit greatly by the movement. Mr *H. Croker* was elected the first President of the council and Mr *Whyte Butler* and Mr *Higgins*, Vice presidents. Mr *Findlay*, the teacher in charge of the Karkatt School, was elected Secretary. A further meeting is to be held at the Nabitac School on Monday December 4th at 7:30 pm to draw up a constitution. The council decided to conduct a number of tours during the coming year as well as a combined judging day.

COOLONGOLOOK: Since the end of October when there was quite good rains, the weather has been very dry and farmers and others are looking forward to another fall to freshen things up. The council grader commenced work on Tuesday on the Coolongolook - Curriki Road. The settlers on the creek have been agitating for many years to have their road in order and the fact that work now started should give satisfaction to those who use it. When finished it should prove a boom.

The measles epidemic is still affecting some of the children and several children have been laid up with the complaint which is in the sever form.

Sport is very quiet at present, there being insufficient interest in cricket to form a team. If the present dry weather continues the call of a river will be heard by swimmers.

DYERS CROSSING: Owing to the drying up of the creek it has been found necessary to carry water for the local factory. It is some considerable time since this procedure has been found necessary.

The new church has been opened and is quite an adornment to the village. We are told that the furnishings are being constructed and that the Dedication will take place after Easter. We are sorry to hear of Rev. *Bird's* departure from our district and in admiring his call as Padre to the military forces we wish him well.

Mr *Bill Gollan*, late of the M.R. Dairy, has moved to Dyers and taken charge of the factory store.

Mr & Mrs *Syd Abbott* spent an enjoyable months holiday at the Old Bar during the holidays. Many local residents also visited the beaches for shorter periods. Mrs *Abbott* mother, Mrs *Murray* of Wingham, has not been at all well during the past weeks.

Mrs *George Paff* returned home on Monday last after spending a few weeks in hospital as the result of being kicked by a cow. Mrs *Paff* spent her convalescent under the guidance of Mrs *Fred Else* of Cundletown and is now on the way to recovery. *John Murray*, who it was thought had contracted diphtheria and was admitted to hospital for observation, is expected home this week. *Glen Martin* cut his foot rather badly with an axe last week and had to see medical attention.

Congratulations to four scholars who passed their intermediate examination *Bruce Murry* and *Dallas Lynch* with 4 A's and 3 B's and *Billy Murray* and *Hector Mackaway* with 1 A and 6 B's. We are pleased with their fine effort.

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Is the lock-down starting to get to you? Well, it is to me and it's not in a pretty sight. We can't visit anybody and nobody is visiting us. In fact, I think The Child Bride and I are so far off everybody's "must visit list" that our only hope of contact with anybody will be if one of The Lost Tribes Of Israel stumbles across us! There are advantages though; politicians and Jehovah Witnesses don't visit either.

On the various sporting fields – though not in Victoria, of course – the seasons stumble forward. To be truthful though, we're really only talking about the major level of sports. Competitions down at the local level have been gutted. Why? Well, when you think about it, how are the local teams supported financially? Normally, major sponsorship monies come from local social clubs but with COVID 19 running amok, they're hurting now too, with numbers allowed to enter limited and given no crowds are allowed to attend the matches either, there's no gate takings or cash in through canteens. Many teams took an early long hard look at the season and decided to give it a miss so any competitions that are taking place, are seeing minimal numbers participating. Next season can only get better.

Both The Heavenly Cohorts (St Kilda and St George) are doing well and while the latter has lost it's coach (Mary finally decided his roses needed him more than The Big Red V did) but stand-in coach Dean Young got the side over The Broncos this weekend. Mind you, there has to be some kind of quirk in the calculations because the way they've been playing they should be on the bottom of the comp but incredibly, that position is occupied by The Bulldogs! There's still a way to go in both comps so anything could happen.

And what are we doing at home during the lock-down? Ask me nicely and I'll e-mail you the latest photographs of my fingernail clippings collection. No, it's not just a pile of clippings, I've had plenty of time so I've carefully stuck each clipping in a line above a photograph of each finger they've been taken from. Given I'm seven months into the collection, it's proving to be a fascinating way of spending my time and who knows, I might even be able to turn it into some form of University Degree because they're not doing much either given there are no foreign students! Next month we can discuss my collection of belly-button lint and how my tests have gone converting it into knitting yarn.

The other big news around Sydney at the moment is the return of Money Bill Squillions but not to The Bulldogs (who he walked out on

some 12 years ago, trashing a contract) but rather to The Roosters. How they'll fit him into their salary cap is anybody's guess because quite a number of their current playing group are injured. Squillions has done a lot of travelling in those 12 years of course, and ended up playing for The Toronto Wolfpack in The English Super League. If you're on top of your game you'll have immediately registered that Toronto is in Canada! Well done, that person. Yep, The Wolfpack was based on the other side of the Atlantic and the travel involved for them to play must have been horrendous. With the arrival of COVID 19 and the subsequent ban on travel, The Wolfpack folded and Squillions is now back in Sydney trying to ply his trade (and get an income) from our ARL again.

Upfront and no beating around the bush, I'm not a swimmer: in fact I worry about possibly drowning in the bathtub! So, when Chloe McCardel, from the northern beaches of Sydney, swam The English Channel a week ago for the 35th time, I'm super embarrassed! And to add just a bit more of redness, that was her 4th crossing in 16 days! Chloe now lies second in the number of crossings behind British swimmer Alison Streeter, who has made 43 crossings! I have to admit when I thought of Australians swimming The English Channel, my mind immediately clicked to Des Renford. His record of "just" 19 crossings however, now looks quite small and it also crosses my mind that the two current record holders are both women! Can we learn something from that?

More COVID trivia I've been working on: I have just extended to 27,405 the number of days I have gone without a cigarette! Also, our car has just topped 47 days between fill-ups: who still checks the boring kilometres per litre now days? Bet a Prius doesn't do that well.

With the AFL moving slowly towards the finals the **BIG** question most of the fans are pondering is, where is the Grand Final going to be held? The AFL was possibly leaning towards Brisbane because that's where so many teams have decamped to during this crisis (by the end of August there'll be 15 teams in residence) but the new big stadium in Perth still has a great deal of lure. By the time you read this item the AFL will have made their decision.

Oh yes, the number of days I've gone without a durr? It was a trick question – I've never smoked. See what COVID has reduced me to!

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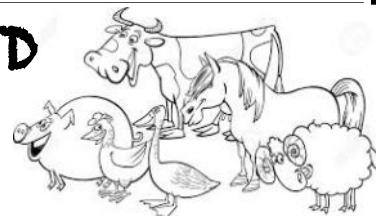
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The importance of fathers cannot be over - emphasised as stated in this quote by Billy Graham ... *A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.* Men are sometimes the objects of jokes when, in fact, they are desperately needed by their families as the head of the household ... by sons who wonder what it means to be a man and daughters who wonder what makes a good relationship.

The origins of Fathers Day go back to the 15th century when churches celebrated St Joseph's Day in honour of Jesus' earthly father, Joseph; but modern Fathers Day was founded in the early 1900's by a girl who wanted to honour her father. When **Sonara Smart** was 16 her mother died in childbirth, leaving her to help raise her 5 brothers, including the baby. She held her father in great esteem and, while hearing a church sermon about Mothers Day, she suggested the idea of a memorial to fathers. Sometimes we are deprived of our father's relationship by death, breakup or other reasons. If that is you, you might find it harder to relate to God as your heavenly Father. However God still wants to be your father and He wants you to be His child, *John 1:12*.

Our parents gave us life and honouring your father and mother is one of the Ten Commandments, *Exodus 20:12*, and the rest of the verse says ... *so things will go well with you.* Personally speaking, my parents were divorced and I thought of my dad as inconsequential, so I didn't follow that commandment. The Bible has a lot to say to us whether as parents or children ... e.g. children are a gift from God, children obey your parents, fathers treat your children well. Orphans are not left out either.

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Some 'father' sayings make us smile ... *By the time a man realises that maybe his father was right he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong,* and others make us think ...

The greatest thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.....Any man can be a father but it takes someone special to be a dad.

Once a man heard his son pray *dear God make me the kind of man my daddy is;* then the father prayed *dear God make me the kind of man my son wants.*

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The Counsellor

News From The News

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Hi there,

Barb, Jess and myself would like to wish all the dad's out there a wonderful Father's Day.

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I leave you with the saying for September,

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