

Across The Fence - July, 2025 - Circulation approx. 1010 - Nabiac, Krambach, Coolongolook & Bunyah



#### Editorial.

Didn't think that I would get this month's issue out. Lost the internet and my phone connection again for a couple of days and had to go through all sorts of meandering about the place to get emails from other people's computers and then get them copied on to mine viz usb sticks. Wery trying couple of days and thanks go to my neighbours who helped me sort out the switch overs.

I am assuming it is all to do with the rain and winds and flow on from the floods.

Good news is I have managed to get it done for you.

We have lost a couple of advertisers this month = great news is they are too busy for more clients for a while.

We have two new advertisers - Patchwork, a new business now in the house next to Modern Motors. Sally is the lady running it and she has done an item explaining her goods on page 7.

I did mention the other shop, Odditorium a few issues back, next to Shellie's. Bit of a mixture explained in her article on page 3, but she sells old fashioned 'lollies' from bulk jars and is a danger to my sweet tooth.

Big bit of bad news, details on several pages, especially page 5! We have lost our lovely Library; it is apparently closing on July 31<sup>st</sup> Seems we haven't used it enough or have enough Library members to warrant its repair and running costs.

Those who did use it frequently will sorely miss it. Bit hard having to drive to Forster or Taree, especially for the kids and older folk.

Huge plaudits to all of those lovely 'library ladies' who helped us all find books and have a chat with us for the last 30 odd years. They will be sorely missed.

Yikes—School holidays are here again—half a year has vanished and I don't know where it went.

The weather has decided to play at being Winter, and brought fierce winds and *more rain.* Just what is not wanted at the moment. The grounds need to dry out to be mown and look presentable and my house looks like it is vacant and unloved. Need at least a weeks more dry and I can get out and mow!

Timidthy is settling down to having his injections, not liking his new 'diet' much but is healthy and happy and will be helping me do the paper for some years to come, hopefully.

That's all from me, until next month, keep warm

#### Lyn & Timidthy





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•	Blackhead Bazaar	(1st Sun)	6 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 12 noon
•	John's River Country	(2nd Sat)	$12^{\text{th}}$	9am to 1.30pm
•	Wingham Farmers	(1st Sat)	$5^{\text{th}}$	8am to 12 noon
•	Myall Quays	(3rd Sat)	19 <sup>th</sup>	9am to 1pm
•	The Hub Taree Showgnd	(3rd Sat)	19 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 12 noon
•	Krambach	(3rd Sun)	20 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 12 noon
•	NABIAC	(Last Sat)	26 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 12 noon
•	Old Bar	(Last Sun)	$27^{\text{th}}$	7am to 1pm
•	Pacific Palms	(Last Sun)	$27^{\text{th}}$	9am to 1pm
•	Forster Town	(2nd Sun)	13 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 2pm
•	Halliday's Point	(1st Sun)	$6^{\text{th}}$	8am to 11am -?
•	Town Head	(every Mor		8am to 2pm
•	Mt. George	(4th Sat)	$26^{\text{th}}$	8am to 2pm
•	Forster Farmers Marke	et (3rd Sat)	$19^{\text{th}}$	8am to 12 noon
•	Bobbin Community		th	9am to 2pm
•	Tuncurry Markets	(4th Sat)	$26^{\text{th}}$	8am to 1pm
•	Burrell Creek	(2nd Sun)	13 <sup>th</sup>	9am to 12.30pm
•	Gloucester	(2nd Sat)	$12^{\text{th}}$	8am to 12 noon
•	Wingham Markets-sh	owgrounds		

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In addition, shoppers can browse the second-hand wares section, which offers a curated selection of affordable items providing great value.

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Show News

.The Show's AGM is on next month on 12<sup>th</sup> August. All current Committee members will be standing down on the day for new ones to be elected.

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Contact me on 6559 1811 ) or phone the show's number 0403 012 309 or email Secretary\_WDAH@outlook.com and I will send you one.

Further details will be in August's issue of ATF with times & venue. Meanwhile, think of what YOU could do for the show if you are not a member and became one. We need members and helpers to keep the show going. If it closes it will NOT open again.

You could bring new ideas, your artistry, love of caring for animals and just good bon homme to make each show a fantastic success.

It is a great feeling when the day is fine and you see all the visitors enjoying themselves. I am sure you have attended one of the shows so know the feeling.

Lyn Reid Secretary 6559 1811





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Welcome to our July edition of Nabiac Library News. Thankfully, after such devastating floods in May, and the huge recovery efforts since, we have finally been blessed with glorious sunny days in the past week or so. Not only has it helped to dry out the boggy ground, the sunshine helps lift our spirits on the long road to recovery.

By the time you are reading this the July school holidays will have started, and Nabiac Library has just what you need to help keep your children busy and entertained. We will be offering a free school holiday craft activity at Nabiac Library on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am.

#### FOIL ART WITH BEADED HANGER



Come along and have fun making a Foil Art with Beaded Hanger! It looks awesome! This activity is suitable for 5+ years, and it is free! Bookings are essential, so please go to MidCoast

libraries website and follow the links to events, school holiday programs to register.

We look forward to your participation, as every time you enjoy Nabiac Library and what it has to offer, you increase the usage of our beautiful local library space and this is important to us.

Nabiac Library's children's section is a bright, warm and colourful space with games, puzzles and books to share with your children. We have had a recent intake of new books come into our junior fiction and picture books, so come on into the warmth, enjoy the resources and entertain your children. We would love to see you!

Speaking of resources for the holidays, we do have this fabulous book to engage your children, and the family for these winter holidays.



300 step-by-step cooking & gardening projects for kids: the ultimate book for budding gardeners and super chefs with amazing things to grow and cook yourself, shown in over 2300 photographs Nancy McDougall and Jenny Hendy



#### WARMING WINTER COOKING

Winter is the time that we look forward to cooking up warm, nutritional dishes to satisfy our body's needs for heart warming food. Good food for the body, mind and soul! Nabiac Library has just what you need to inspire you, with a variety of cookbooks, covering a whole range of recipes and ideas. Come on in and grab these great resources before it is too late!



Modern Slow Cooker by Alyce Alexander

This book gives you 85 vegetarian and vegan recipes to make life easy, including tips about choosing a slow cooker and how to get the best out of it.



Best Recipes for Crockpots and Slow Cookers By **Robyn Martin** 

Offering a variety of recipes which includes recipes for soups, chicken, meat, mince and sausages, and vegetarian one pot meals. It even includes desserts!



#### Mum's Favourite Recipes

Traditional classics that bring back nostalgic kitchen memories. This book includes recipes for soups, stews, savoury pies, family favourites and hot puddings. Let's start a new generation of families delivering favourite recipes.



#### The Great Potato Cookbook

This book explores the history of potatoes, the many varieties of potatoes available and how best to utilize them in your cooking. It also offers 250 sensational recipes for the world's favourite vegetable.

#### Please come in and support Nabiac Library

Libraries are the gateway to life-long learning! Nabiac Library may be only a small library compared to other libraries; but it is a vibrant, warm and welcoming environment where our dedicated volunteer and library staff offer you a truly personable service. We offer you a



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wide variety of books across all genres for our adult readers. We also have an extensive range of early childhood picture books, junior fiction and youth fiction, including graphic novels. Nabiac library's non-fiction sections are large and cover an extensive range of topics.

We also have a great range of DVD's with movies, TV shows, documentaries, music, travel and so much more on our carousels.

Plus we have a variety of up to date magazines available for loan and a large section of Talking Books. Members enjoy these for when they are travelling in the car, or at home when they are crafting or relaxing. The talking books are particularly beneficial to those members who find reading hard for various reasons, as they still give them access to quality literature.

If you can't find what you are looking for, our friendly staff will help you locate and reserve it from our other MidCoast libraries. We also have free WIFI service and two public computers for your use for free!

#### So, as you can see Nabiac Library is a vital service to our local community as it offers so much. As the old saying goes, "USE IT OR LOSE IT!"

We look forward to seeing you and helping you to enjoy our wonderful local library service.

We are currently open in the Nabiac Showground at 44 Nabiac Street on the following days:

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#### NABIAC LIBRARY TO CLOSE

MidCoast Council made the difficult decision to close Nabiac Library at its meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.



The Library branch was flagged by the State Library of NSW in 2023 as not meeting public library minimum standards which triggered Council to undertake a review of the facility.

Approximately \$100,000 in building works, \$96,000 in connectivity upgrades and almost doubling Council's annual investment would need to happen within five years to keep the Library open.

"Library usage figures are extremely low. Only 8% of the Nabiac community are library members," said Paul De Szell, Council's Director of Liveable Communities.

"Over the past five years there has been an average of only 44 individuals who regularly use the Nabiac Library each year."

Council acknowledges the ongoing commitment of the small and passionate team of volunteers who have done a great job in providing the service to their community.

"We cannot justify the large expenditure that would be required to improve the facility and the ongoing investment to meet minimum standards when it has such low usage," said Mr De Szell.

Council has approached local community partners to explore alternative delivery models to maintain a library service at Nabiac. There have been no viable partnership options identified.

With Hallidays Point Library 19km, Forster Library 23km and Taree Library 27km away, there are other options available nearby.

People from Nabiac and surrounds who are unable to visit the library due to age, illness or disability can access the Home Library Service.

Call **7955 7001** to find out more or head online at library.midcoast.nsw.gov.au [1].

#### MidCoast Council Media

(Apparently it is closing on July 31<sup>st</sup>. ED)



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### WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

allamba CWA President, *Margaret Weller,* welcomed 10 members to the June meeting including our new members Colleen Sorrensen and Gai Emmerson - we hope they will enjoy time with the branch.

Members paused to remember departed friends and locals including Shirley Clarke formerly of Krambach, Delilah Amos - member of Kendall CWA, Garry Ladmore of Mondrook, (friend of member Pam), Dheera Smith - MCC Councillor, and Loretta Swit (TV star of "MASH"). Thoughts were also expressed for those persons affected by the recent area floods and the volunteers who have given their time as first responders and the many support organisations helping out.

The thought for the meeting was given by member Moya Harris and it was "You cannot make a cloudy day into a sunny day, but you can embrace it and decide it will be a good day anyway" -most appropriate for our current weather.

The first item for discussion was the up coming Handicraft & Ag & Environment Group Day being hosted by Wallamba on June 17<sup>th</sup> <sup>1</sup> and with 11 branches attending with a total of 66 members to be in attendance.

Thanks to Nabiac Nook for allowing the branch to place the CWA Cook Books there for sale and Treasurer Jenny reported sales have been excellent - 9 in total with 5 left.

Many thanks were received from the Children's Deaf Camp for the Branch's recent donation of \$100 – we hope they participate enjoy their camp experience.

Next year's CWA State Conference will be held at Forster which will allow most of our members to participate in, either as delegates or observers/helpers.

Many thanks were extended to Stella Holz (daughter of late Past Wallamba President, Edna Holz, for many years) for her generous donation to assist with flood relief of victims in our local area. This is still to be investigate as to how best we distribute this generous gift.

In the AG & Environment segment member Jill gave her report on the Indian Myna bird – taken from "What Bird is That?" by Neville Cawley giving description of the bird, its origins, and introduction to Australia where it has now become invasive, competing with our native Noisy Miner for breeding and habitat - making it a definite FOE!





Merle presented her handicraft report and it focused on the upcoming Group Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at the Showground Hall and the demonstration workshops including applique, knitting hints, Kantha stitchery. The day will also include entries and prize winners from MNC the recent 2025 Conference which included our own member, Merle, who received her award  $\rightarrow$ medal and certificate for her beautiful beaded pendant placed 1<sup>st</sup> that was in the top 10 awards - Well done and congratulations to our "Champion".

Congratulations also were extended to Merle and husband Fred for their 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary – a great milestone for them.

International Officer, Pam, gave a report on South Korea's car industry and their cost for hybrid or electric cars. South Korea is a major producer of cars including Hyundai and Kia. Pam's brother and his wife recently had a trip to South Korea and he is sending a parcel of items/information to her and we look forward to seeing it soon. Members spoke on a number of personal happenings with our new member Gai telling of her recent membership as a FAWNA Wildlife Carer and described some of her experiences in rescuing and rehabilitating native birds which is her focus - recently she rescued a kookaburra which had been caught in barbed wire and helped it back into it's home environment.

President Margaret recited a lovely poem titled "Insects Fold their Arms."

Congratulations to members Jenny and Margaret who both shared their shared their birthdays on the  $2^{nd}$  June – may you have many more.

Margaret spoke on the recent new sections in the Cookery schedule for 2025-26 which now include 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake and Alison's biscuits - the recipe for these will appear in the June 2025 journal that will soon be received by all members.

Members then discussed the upcoming Group Day they were to host on 17<sup>th</sup> June before closing the meeting and enjoying lunch and chat.

The next meeting of the branch will be held Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Nabiac Uniting Church Hall commencing at 10.00am and new

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members are most welcome.

Pam Muxlow Publicity Officer Wallamba CWA



Merle being presented her award by Elizabeth Watson Mid North Coast Ag. Officer & Group Handicraft Officer



President, Margaret Weller Opening the Mid North Coast State Handicraft and A&E day photos







**Sally Rowley** is thrilled to officially open the doors to **Patchwork Nabiac**, your new go-to destination for all things quilting, sewing, and creativity! Nestled in the heart of our charming Nabiac village, the shop

is a warm, traditional and inspiring space designed for makers of all levels—from beginner stitchers to seasoned quilters. Sally is a passionate quilter with a lifelong dedication to the craft. The store reflects her commitment to quality, creativity, and community, and it is quickly becoming a cherished destination for sewing and quilting enthusiasts in the Mid North Coast region.

As an authorised dealer for both BERNINA and Brother sewing machines, Patchwork Nabiac offers a curated selection of industryleading machines renowned for their precision and innovation. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced sewist, the store provides expert guidance to help you find the perfect machine for your needs.

Beyond machines, Patchwork Nabiac offers a diverse range of highquality fabrics, machine accessories, and sewing notions. Sally's keen eye for quality means that customers can trust the durability and beauty of the products available.

Understanding the importance of reliable equipment, Patchwork Nabiac also offers comprehensive sewing machine servicing. Routine servicing helps prevent costly repairs, improves stitch quality, and extends the life of your sewing machine. They offer expert sewing machine servicing for all major brands, including BERNINA, Brother, Husqvarna, PFAFF, and Janome. Their technician is experienced, reliable, and passionate about sewing technology, so you can trust that your machine is in good hands.

Drop your machine off in-store, and Patchwork Nabiac will take care of the rest.

Sally has an extensive history working in and around the textile industry, and she holds qualifications in Apparel Production and Design.

Her passion lies in sewing and quilting, and she has over 16 years of experience in the fashion industry, working as a designer and pattern maker for Mr. K and Dolina. Having worked in retail sewing shops, she has a deep knowledge of sewing and overlocker machines from all major brands. Sally enjoys sharing her skills, covering all aspects of garment creation, from pattern drafting and fitting to construction and quality control.

Patchwork Nabiac serves as a hub for local crafters, offering weekly workshops and classes that cater to a range of skill levels. These events provide the opportunity to expand knowledge, share techniques, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. Through her store, Sally has created a space where quality products, expert advice, and a passion for the craft come together, fostering a vibrant and supportive environment for the sewing and quilting community.

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#### MINIMBAH MATTERS



Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade held their Annual NSW RURAL FIRE SERVI General Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June, and we are happy to announce that Phil Costa has been re-elected as our Captain. Given the excellent service provided by our previous field officers and other office bearers, there was minimal change this year, however, several other volunteers were elected to positions. This is always good to see and

is a sign of a healthy Brigade.

Whilst on the subject of healthy Brigades, we have a few new Members who are making the most of the off-fire season to undertaking their Bushfire Training. Amongst those new Members, we are excited to have a couple of young ladies who have joined us as **Young Members**. The NSW RFS are very mindful and understanding when it comes to **Child and Youth Participation**.

The old adage of "Get them when they are young and train them" never goes out of fashion.

People between the ages of 12 and 18 are special and need to be mentored and protected with respect, equality and understanding. In the RFS they are under the watchful eye of an elected adult **Brigade Junior Member Coordinator** who is directly responsible for their management and welfare.

<u>Young Members</u>. Children and young people can join the NSW RFS from 12 years of age, with parental consent, and begin the training required for roles they would like to pursue within the Service.

When a Member is 16 years of age, they can transition, with parental consent, to become an **Ordinary Member under 18.** At the conclusion of a six-month probationary period and, once they have been awarded the appropriate NSW RFS minimum qualifications, they will be able to attend operational incident.

At the age of 18 they obtain adult status, and there is no turning back from that point.

From an age point of view, there is no specific time when you should "retire from volunteering" and hang-up your fire boots, which might explain why it is not unusual to see RFS Volunteers receive Long



Service Medals for 60 years' (and over) service.

If you are, or know of, someone who has a bit of time on their hands and would like to put their energy and talents to a great community use, plus learn some wonderful new skills, please call the Minimbah Brigade **Captain Phil Costa on 0429 000 814** 

or send an email to minimbahrfb@hotmail.com

The past month or so has seen various opportunities to help the community come our way. The clean-up following those terrible floods called upon a huge number and variety of resources, and we were part of that. It's not our "bread and butter" so to speak, but it comes under the community service umbrella, and that's what we do. It was absolutely heart-breaking to witness the devastation and we wish those affected all the very best for a much sunnier future.

The RFS has recently received feedback that several fire trails across the District may require maintenance. If you're aware of a fire trail in need of work, you can help by emailing details directly to **midcoast.district@rfs.nsw.gov.au** and an inspection will be scheduled.

#### What is AIDER?

**AIDER** is a one-off free service provided to infirm, disabled and elderly residents who live in bush fire prone land, to better prepare their properties for bush fire, in conjunction with the development of a bush fire survival plan.

**AIDER** services may include thinning vegetation; removing leaves, sticks and fallen branches; trimming branches from around and overhanging the home; mowing or slashing long grass or cleaning gutters. An assessment of your property will be completed by NSW RFS staff and all works are completed by NSW RFS Mitigation crews.

To find out more, visit the **AIDER** page on the RFS website

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#### COOLONGOLOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



It's hard to believe we are heading into the final

stretch of Term 2. With just a few weeks to go, we've been reflecting on how much our students have achieved already this year. Across all year levels, we've seen impressive growth, increasing confidence, and a wonderful willingness to step up and give things a go. It has been a joy to see students challenge themselves, support each other, and truly make the most of every learning opportunity.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our recent school assembly. Your support means so much, and it is always a proud moment seeing students shine as confident, capable learners. A huge shoutout to our student leaders, *Lily, Brock, Charlette, Natalie* and *Hannah*, who have been doing an outstanding job hosting assemblies with pride and maturity. Our final assembly for the term will take place on Wednesday  $2^{nd}$  July at 2:15 pm, and we would love to see as many parents and carers as possible there to celebrate a great term together.

Recently, our students took part in the Manning West Small Schools Carnival at Tuncurry Oval, and what a fantastic day it was. We are proud to share that our school placed second overall, a huge achievement for our small but mighty team. More important than the results was the way our students conducted themselves throughout the day. They showed incredible sportsmanship, cheered each other on, and gave every event their best effort, all while keeping big smiles on their faces. It was a day filled with laughter, team spirit, and many proud moments for students and teachers alike. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support. Your encouragement from the sidelines, help with organising students, and positive energy made the day extra special. We truly appreciate your involvement and the way you helped make the carnival such a success. Days like this remind us how lucky we are to be part of such a supportive school community.

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, students will visit Bungwahl Public School for a special NAIDOC Week celebration. This is an important time to



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recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students will take part in a range of cultural activities designed to deepen their understanding of First Nations perspectives. If possible, students are encouraged to wear red, yellow and black, the colours of the Aboriginal flag. Please also ensure they bring morning tea, a water bottle and a warm jumper. Lunch will be provided.

Semester 1 reports will go home on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. You might notice a change in the report format this year. These updates were made in response to feedback from families requesting clearer, more concise information. Reports will still outline each child's progress, strengths and areas for growth across key learning areas. Parent teacher interviews will take place early in Term 3 for those who would like to discuss their child's learning in more detail. Booking information will be shared soon.

It has been a big term, and we are so proud of everything our students have accomplished. We are looking forward to the final weeks of fun, learning and celebration, followed by a well-earned break.

Warm wishes, The CoolSchool Team



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### LIABIAG PUBLIG SCHOOL

e have enjoyed a busy and engaging term, filled with exciting learning opportunities, a variety of sports activities and lots of social events here at the best little school...anywhere!

Our Silly Hair and Pyjama Day was a great success, raising \$400 to go towards Nabiac RFS, Nabiac SES and Need for Feed.

In week 8 our Stage 3 students participated in Rystem. Rystem is organised and run by Rotary and is held at Great Lakes Tuncurry Campus. It aims to provide positive experiences of Science Technology, Engineering, Maths and Art. Students had an amazing time, participating in challenge and competing with one and other.

We have some exciting news - some of our talented students have been selected to perform in this year's School Spectacular! For those who may not know, the School Spectacular is a huge performing arts show run by the NSW Department of Education, featuring thousands of students from school all over the state. It's a celebration of music, dance and creativity, and it's a real honour to be part of it. Congratulations to our amazing performers - we are all very proud of you.

This semester, through our HPGE programme Stage 3 students were offered the opportunity to compete in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations to **Chloe Brady** and **Noah Spychala** who were our NPS finalists. They represented our school in the local finals at Forster Public School on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, while they didn't make it through to the next round, they both walked away with big smiles! It was such a great experience for them and we are all so proud.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will hold our annual NAIDOC Celebrations and Assembly, a significant event dedicated to honouring the history,



culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme is" The Next Generation: Strength and Legacy.

This year we will be joined by Nabiac Preschool and Nabiac Early Learning. The day will include rotational activities for students and an assembly at 12:15pm followed by a community bbq lunch at approx. 1pm. We invite all families and community members to join us for the assembly and lunch, we ask that you please RSVP for catering purposes.

There has been a number of reports made to the school of people being on school grounds at night or over the weekends. Please understand that no one should be on grounds at these times. Nabiac PS is sometimes (when there is no contracted work occurring on the school grounds) a share our space school. This means that during school holidays within school hours, our school grounds are open for children to use, if accompanied by a parent/carer. The Department of Education has a list of schools participating in the share our space program which is made available to the public at the start of each holiday period. If you see people on school grounds at night or on weekends please call the police. We thank you for your support and help keeping the community safe.

We wish everyone a joyful and relaxing holiday break, and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 3! As always you can keep up with the best little school anywhere via our Facebook page "Nabiac Public School" we also publish a weekly newsletter on our website.

Kind Regards, Amelia Bridge School Administration Officer Nabiac Public School Ph: 02 6554 1247





#### **NEWS FROM BUNYAH**

WOW - WOW what a night!!

#### THE HOWLERS take a bow!! ☆ 52

The incredible band that kept the party going all night long was simply phenomenal!!

From the moment they took the stage, their talent was exceptional, their energy infectious, and they definitely had everyone vibing without letting the energy drop for a second. And FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!! **FOOD**! A big shout out to the entire catering team for providing an endless feast and great service throughout the night, and the Supper ladies who never disappoint in providing amazing treats after 9pm.

The **Q** decorations **Q** were brilliant and added that special touch to the wonderful atmosphere, creating a magical setting for the evening.

Many hugs and thanks to the dedicated design team for doing such an amazing job.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners of our lucky door prizes, proudly sponsored by the Mobile Service Station, Coolongolook, and the winners of our raffle proudly sponsored by Bunyah Botanicals and Nelson Bay Central Motel. ENJOY!!

We also want to extend our extreme appreciation to everyone who supported us by advertising our event, helping us draw such a fantastic crowd: Great Lakes FM 101.5, Max FM 107.3, Myall Coast Radio, and Across the Fence.

A huge ♥□THANK YOU ♥□to all who came and partied with us—you made the night unforgettable.

The Bunyah Public Hall is thoroughly blessed to have such a wonderful community support network to keep the tradition of country dances alive for years to come.

#### 🕲 🛣 WE NEED YOUR HELP 🛣 🔗 🛛

We are looking for photos, memorabilia, stories, and any other items that can help us create a wonderful book to commemorate this special milestone.

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated and warmly welcomed. We are particularly interested in memories of day-to-day life, events, celebrations, and even adversities or struggles relating to the Bunyah



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If you have anything to share or any questions, please contact:

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0411 305 089. We are looking forward to hearing from you and making these celebrations unforgettable.

Warmest Regards, **Bunyah Public Hall Committee** 









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#### **Nabiac Landcare**

It's been very pleasant working in the local reserves for the last few weeks, a pleasant temperature and the soil is just damp enough for weeds to pull out cleanly. Last week we did our annual follow-up visit to the small reserve between Hoskin and Nabiac Streets. We began working on this block about ten years ago and spent almost every Wednesday morning for about six months clearing out a privet forest at the Hosking Street end and a mix of the usual suspects throughout the block. There are still weeds on the block but it is so pleasing to see an understory of native shrubs and a ground cover of basket grass (Oplismenus sp), lomondra and scurvey weed (Commelina cyanea) that protect the soil and hopefully out-compete the weeds. The basket grass also affords protection for small ground living creatures.

In addition to playing spot the weed, I've been playing spot the orchid. It's so rewarding to see the native greenhood orchids only centimetres from the pathways in our reserves. Yes, they are tiny and bloom for only a short period but if you take the time to slow down, take out the earbuds and walk slowly you'll be surprised what you see, hear and even smell.

The weed calendar lists a couple of candidates for control in July, Bitou Bush (Chrysanthemoides monitifera subsp. rotuondata) and Yellow Bells (Tecoma stans). The usual rules apply—pull the small ones and dig out the larger, bag and dispose of seeds in the red bin. If you choose to use herbicides, consult NSWWeedwise and follow the directions on the label!

Bridal veil creeper (Asparagus asparagoides) is another garden escapee that is growing at the moment. It's a deceptive little weak stemmed straggler that has the ability to smother other plants. Pulling doesn't work because stems break from the corm that stores ample food and water for another day. It takes a patience, a keen eye and a stout knife to dig out the crown.

Remember, even if you can't help in the bush, you can do your bit for



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our lovely area. If you have a garden remove fruit and seeds from exotic plants that the birds and wind will spread. When you prune, compost your prunings or use your green bin. Over the fence or across the road in the bush shouldn't be an option. Most of all enjoy a quiet walk in the local bush!

Nabiac Landcare normally works each Wednesday (weather permitting) 8-9am to 11am, followed by a very yummy morning tea. New members are always welcome. Training, tools and safety gear are supplied by Midcoast Council.

If you're interested in joining us, having a look at our projects or just having a chat, give me a ring on **6554 3196** Liz Rees



#### Nabiac Community Technology Centre

is open on Tuesday, & Friday mornings (Wednesday photo copying only – see Suzie in the OP-Shop) from 9.30am until 12 midday in the Neighbourhood Centre, 37 Nabiac Street.

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#### NABIAC LIBRARY'S POSSIBLE CLOSURE!!!!!!

In a meeting held with volunteers of the Nabiac Library on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, a MidCoast Council representative presented a document titled, *Review of Nabiac Library*, dated March 2025.

The review concludes with this statement: "It is recommended that the Nabiac Library is closed as a service point with the stock, resources and service offering merged with the Forster Library".

I am told this was a great shock to the volunteers, some of whom have volunteered their services for more than 20 years.

Prior to the meeting, there had been no indication that such a review had taken place, or that such a proposal was being contemplated.

It goes without saying, that the Nabiac community and the greater catchment area that it services, will be equally dismayed upon reading this news.

The Council proudly states in its own corporate documents, such as the MidCoast 2025 – 2035 Community Strategic Plan, under the heading of Social Justice, *"Everyone can have their say in decisions that affect their lives"* 

However, it is clear that this review has been conducted and recommendations formed without the community being consulted in

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#### any way.

As stated, the review is dated March, 2025. The meeting was held with the volunteers on 20<sup>th</sup> June and by the time you are reading this article, the library may already be closed.

As I am writing this article, efforts are being made to stall the final decision until the community is fully consulted and all options are explored.

In the hope that these efforts have been successful and you believe, as I do, that rural areas such as Nabiac are as deserving of a library service as much as Forster or Taree, please contact a MidCoast Councillor to express your concerns.

Alternatively go onto the MidCoast Council web site, you will find on the opening page the heading <u>Contact Us</u>. Click on that link and the dropdown will have a heading of Compliments and feedback. Make your feeling known.

Libraries are a source of information, knowledge and serve as an important community hub. They play a vital role in promoting literacy and education by offering programs and services for children, teens and adults.

Don't let our library simply disappear without having your say! A very concerned library user

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#### June Market News:

The June market was another goodie. With shoppers pouring in around 9am, it was great to see baskets loaded up with fresh winter produce, meat, plants and cakes. Locals and tourists enjoyed shopping for skin care, jewellery, wood crafts, honey, wine and much more.



way, adding individual pieces to

interesting to watch it grow

throughout the morning.

lovely market day.

Connecting with the makers, bakers and growers is a key part of market shopping, which was plain to see as customers tasted produce or learned about products from stallholders.

Artist Julia Jay set up materials for a Collaborative Earth Art Mandala.



Nabiac Farmers Market is part of the heartbeat of our local town,



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providing a relaxed space, for people to chat, shop, eat and enjoy being part of commuthe nity.

Camel rides were a big hit, with smiles all round.



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#### Paper Bags:

We would welcome any spare paper bags! Our bag box was empty on the weekend





Wild Olive Store had a good day and loved hosting a cute vase from 👖 Ebsworth Pots

Grumpy's Ginger Beer has a proud new owner. The new and previous owners are working together during the handover.

Unfortunately, the pizza guys' truck broke down en route to the market, so they didn't make it. Two stallholders were taking a break, recovering from hip operations.



Palm's Bakery was back, a welcome

site for customers, with their classic sourdough bread range, croissants and pastries.

All in all, another fabulous market day.

#### Nabiac Farmers market's local producers:

\*fresh produce, \*seedlings \*microgreens \*flowers \*wine \*goat's cheese \*plants \*woodwork \*leather goods \*macadamia oil \*boutique gin \*chutney \*specialty honey \*gingerbread \*culinary delights \*art \*hand-spun wool products \*unique artisan wares \*pasture-raised meat & eggs \* specialty teas \*plants \*crafts \*textiles \*baby clothes & toys \*skin care \*natural products \*magnesium oil \*garden art \*dog collars and horse halters \*ginger beer \*jewellery \*sourdough bread \*cakes & treats \*market BBQ \*delicious ready food \*Live music \*coffee



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Thank you to everyone in our community for making our market great: Stallholders, the committee, our customers, and the shop owners in Nabiac who promote us to their patrons. We appreciate you all.

Market enquiries, including new stallholder applications: www.nabiac.com nfmcoordinator@gmail.com 0438 012 781

By **Laura Pennington**, on behalf of the Nabiac Farmers' Market committee.



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. A big thank you to Colin Henderson, Ross Dearing and John for installing the welcome signs on the Shelter Nabiac Op Shop donated to the community.

#### The History Book of Nabiac and Districts.

A friendly reminder we still have books available.

They can be purchased from Nabiac Op Shop and The Nook in Nabiac. If you would like a copy for yourself or a family member/friend call in and ask one of our volunteers.

The cost \$30.00.

The Op Shop will post them to anyone who isn't able to come in personally for a copy.

Postage is \$15.00 to anywhere in Australia. Total cost being \$45.00. Please message or call Kathryn on 0414 836 414 with your name and address. I will get back to you with payment details.

#### Volunteers

Looking for volunteers to work in the Shed, please call into to the Op Shop and speak *John* in the Shed or call us on **6554 1876** and leave your name and phone number and Kathryn or John will be in contact with you to organise a day to meet.

(Kathryn – Manager available on Wednesdays) and (John – Shed supervisor is available Thursdays and Fridays) please call in between 9.00am to 12.00pm.

It's a great way to give back to the community with projects that will improve Nabiac and the community as well as having a lot of fun volunteering.

#### Friendly reminder:

Speed Limit in our carpark is 5km. Please adhere to the speed.No smoking around or on the grounds of the Nabiac MemorialN/Hood Centre/Op ShopN/

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

#### Kathryn and all the amazing volunteers from Nabiac Second Chance Op Shop.





#### **REAL KULTCHA**

Yo - and before we knew it - July! What happened to the first half of the vear?

All right, while we're in a nostalgic mood, I should mention the passing of a couple of our heroes. I say "ours" - the "boomer" generation - because I have no idea who the younger crowd worship and I'm too old to do the research. Anyhoo, Brian Wilson has passed away at just 82. He, a couple of his brothers and two mates made up The Beach Boys and they were HUGE in the 1960s. Brian was the leader of the group and their chief songwriter and if you want to know how huge they were, check the net. The other hero to pass was Loretta Swit? Who? "Hot Lips" Houlihan, the head nurse in M.A.S.H. She and Alan Alda starred for 11 years in the show about the 4077<sup>th</sup> Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, set during the Korean War. She was 87.

For we Boomers, as we grew up, there was always football, tennis, horse racing AND the puppies aka The Dogs or the dish lickers. We saw no problems with the sport as it meant the man in the street, the battler, could breed and own a champion and maybe make few quid on the side. Part of the romance of doing that was also knowing there was no chance the battler could own, train and run a thoroughbred horse - you had to be loaded to do that! Then the Four Corners expose revealed what actually went on behind the scenes and the sport began a slow slide to who knew where. Well, we know where now. As the interests of society changed, the sport of dog racing has taken a hit and in early June we learnt The Dapto Dogs were to be the latest change. Yep, after 89 years on the site, the track will close next year and while there'll still be several tracks around, Dapto was the jewel and with its demise, the sport will take another body blow.

As I mused in a previous rant, the word had it that Ange Postecoglou was on a slippery slope and that has proven to be correct. A week after guiding Tottenham Hotspurs to victory in the Europa League, the club has fired him! Why? Well, he may have taken the team to a victory and managed Tottenham's first bit of silver ware in almost a generation **BUT** the team is way, way down the ladder in the English Premier League and that's not good enough, so he had to go! If any Hotspur fans out there can explain that logic to me, please do so as I'm at a loss.

Does the name Vaibhav Suryavanshi ring any bells? No? Well, he

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plays for the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League and he recently managed an innings of (wait for it) 101 runs off just 38 balls! Not a bad effort when you consider he's only 14 years of age! We're going to hear more about him, I'm sure.

As I also mentioned in an earlier rant, the Enhanced Games (read, drug boosted) are to happen in Las Vegas next year and our own James Magnussen (aka The Missile) is the poster boy for them. He's a former Olympic swimming champion and in a recent post he was quoted as saying: We tried a few different things .... The base of it was testosterone and then peptides. We used BPC-157, CJC-1295, ipamorelin and thymosin. What comes next, eye of newt or maybe wart of toad? A little bit of this and a little bit of that and before you know it, the athlete might literally die on their run to the line.

I mentioned some time ago the NRL was thinking seriously about purchasing an aircraft to move teams (and quite possibly some fans) about the country when normal air schedules couldn't do it in a timely fashion. Well, the idea of NRL Air is still on the agenda and it seems, with the entry of teams from PNG and Perth and also the need to fly to and from New Zealand, the idea could be gathering pace with a decision possibly later this year.

What's happening with the Tassie Devils? Nothing. The State Government has fallen and an election is set for 19<sup>th</sup> July. I hope there'll be some intelligent people elected and they'll tell the AFL to stick their requirement for an enclosed oval in Hobart where the sun don't shine! The State can't carry the billion (yes, billion) dollar plus cost of the stadium. If the AFL was contributing half the cost of the build it might make sense but they're not. Tell 'em they're dreamin', Tassie!

The Galahs are in the West Indies and as I write this their batting has been revealed to be as brittle as a Violet Crumble Bar. Their hopeless and many aught to be gelded. I'll buy the razor blades, metho and cotton wool!

What is a "youth"? Well, 162 years ago when Newington College was established to educate "youths", the term seemed to mean young boys! However, now they intend to go co-ed some old boys are not happy! Everybody's lawyered up with dictionaries wall-to-wall and enough newspaper clippings to cover the Opera House! Beam me up, Scottie. There's no intelligent life down here!

Talk at you again next month The Hillside Critic



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#### INGREDIENTS

1 tbs	Olive Oil
2 Large	Brown Onions, thinly sliced
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	Brown Sugar, firmly packed
<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup	Cider Vinegar
12 slices	Prosciutto (could substitute lean bacon rashers)
1 kg	Minced Beef - not too fatty
1	Egg
1 cup	Stale Bread crumbs
2 tbs	Tomato Paste
1 clove	Garlic, crushed
1/3 cup	Tomato Sauce
1/3 cup	Barbecue Sauce
2 tbs	Wholegrain Mustard
2 tbs	Brown Sugar - extra
1/4 cup	Water

#### Метнор

- 1. Heat oil in large frying pan; cook onion over low heat, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes or until soft. Add sugar ad vinegar; cook, stirring, about 15 minutes or until caramelised. Remove from pan.
- Meanwhile, preheat oven to 200°C/400°F. Grease 14cm x 21 cm loaf pan; line base and long sides of pan with prosciutto slices, allowing 7cm overhang on long sides.
- 3. Combine mince, egg, breadcrumbs, paste and garlic in large bowl. Season with salt & pepper. Press two thirds of the beef mixture into pan; top with onion mixture and cover with remaining beef mixture. Fold prosciutto slices over to cover the beef mixture.
- 4. Bake, covered 40 minutes. Remove loaf from oven and drain excess juices from pan.
- 5. Turn the meatloaf pan upside-down onto a foil lied oven tray; remove pan. Combine half the sauces, half the mustard and half the extra sugar on small bowl. Brush loaf with sauce mixture and bake 20 minutes or until cooed through. Stand 10 minutes. Slice thickly.
- Stir the water with remaining sauces, mustard and sugar in a small saucepan over low heat until sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and sinner 2 minutes. \\

Serve meatloaf with mustard glaze and mash and vegetables.

#### This is often served with Parsnip Mash

Boil, steam or microwave - 3 medium potatoes (600g) and 2 medium parsnips (500g) until tender, drain, Mash in a large bowl with 40g butter and 1/2 cup hot milk.

#### Secrets of a long happy marriage

An old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says,'

"I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you." Her husband asks, 'Is that you, or the wine talking?" She replies, "it's me talking to the wine."



Wrong weather but a good tip. Add this item to your beach bag. Baby powder gets sand off your skin easily, who knew?!

Pick up broken glass shards with a slice of damp bread or damp wad of cotton wool/ tissue!

Short of space in the garden or live in a flat? Use guttering to plant some vegies or flowers. Use the plastic ones and they won't rust!

The Health Minister, visiting a mental hospital had difficulty getting the telephone connection in London. Experasperated he shouted to the operator, "Young Lady, do you know who I am?" "No," was the calm reply, "but I do know where you are,"

#### Pest Control

A woman was having a passionate affair with an Irish inspector from a pest-control company. One afternoon they were carrying on in the bedroom together when her husband arrived home unexpectedly.

'Quick,' said the woman to the lover, 'into the closet!' and she pushed him in the closet, stark naked.

The husband, however, became suspicious and after a search of the bedroom discovered the man in the closet. 'Who are you?' he asked him.

'I'm an inspector from Bugs-B-Gone,' said the exterminator.

'What are you doing in there?' the husband asked. 'I'm investigating a complaint about an infestation of moths,' the man replied.

'And where are your clothes?' asked the husband.

The man looked down at himself and said, 'Those little buggers'

*Two well know locals enjoying a camel ride at Saturday's market, Leonie Paterson (front) & Margaret Burton (rear)* 



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## Application period for Water Wiser Grants extended

Interested schools, community groups and

sporting organisations now have until Thursday 31 July 2025 to apply for a Water Wiser Grant.

Originally due to close on Monday 30 June, MidCoast Council has extended the application period for the program by a month to account for the impact of the recent flooding.

Council's Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Services, Rob Scott, said it was important to give people more time.

"We understand there was a lot of interest in the grants when we launched the program back in May, but then the flood hit and people obviously needed to put their energy elsewhere," said Mr Scott.

"We're hoping that by giving those groups that were looking to apply another month, they'll have the time they need to get their applications in."

The program offers eligible organisations grants of up to \$10,000 to co-fund projects and activities that increase water conservation or sustainability through education, efficiency improvements or awareness-raising initiatives.

More than \$45,000 was awarded to schools, sporting groups and community halls in 2024 during the program's first year. Mr Scott said he would love to see the positive impact the program had delivered continue.

"The Water Wiser Grants program is great because it gives not-forprofit organisations across the MidCoast access to the funding they need to improve the way they do things," he said.

"Whether it's as simple as installing rainwater tanks in their gardens to reduce reliance on town water, or large-scale irrigation improvements at sporting fields, it all contributes to making our region more sustainable and resilient."

Applicants are encouraged to read the full guidelines for eligibility and criteria before submitting their applications.

To apply or find out more, visit

www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/water-wiser-grants

Marriage Humour

Wife: 'What are you doing?'

Husband: Nothing.

Wife: 'Nothing . . . ? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.' Husband: 'I was looking for the expiration date.'

#### The Alphabet

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her slowly, then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K.

"She asked, "What does that mean?

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot."

She smiled happily and said, "Oh, that's so lovely. What about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

His eye is still swollen but it will get better!

So there's a job going for a Fork Lift truck driver in Dublin and Paddy applies for it with a Norwegian guy Hans and they both attend an interview where the Manager gives them a test paper and tells them there's 20 questions there and the one of you who gets the most correct will have the job so he gives them the question sheets and tells them to go into the room sit down answer them and return their papers.

About 15mins later they both come out and hand them in. After checking their answers he approaches them both and says "Well, I've checked your answers and you both got 19 out of 20 correct but I'm going to give the job to Hans"

Paddy is upset and immediately says, "Hold on a minute ... if we both got the same score then surely you give the job to me being the local man here ?"

To which the Manager replies "Yes Paddy I would but the thing is you both got the same question number 8 wrong and where Hans wrote "I don't know the answer" you wrote "Well neither do I "

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, a German, an American, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian and a South African went to a night club.

The bouncer said: ``Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai."

So there I was walking along the road when I came across a very long grey building and inside it I could hear a group of voices all chanting "Twelve....twelve....twelve" so I carried on walking wondering what was happening when I saw a small hole in the wall and looked through it and some blighter poked me in the eye and the chant then changed to "Thirteen...thirteen...thirteen"

There I was sitting at the bar in my suit staring at my drink when a large trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig much to the amusement of the girl with him.

"Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says menacingly as I burst into tears.

"Come on man" the biker says "I didn't think you'd cry. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life." I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late for a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the car park, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home with over £500 in it. I found my old lady in bed with the gardener and then my dog bit me."

"So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to end it all. I buy a double whisky, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve and then you, you jack-ass, show up and drink the whole thing!"

"But enough about me, how's your day going?"



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A raisin dropped into a glass of champagne will bob up and down continuously until the champagne goes flat





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#### Welcome to Deb's Gardening

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the vegetable garden for the first time in months. Not that there is much happening or to water in the vegetable garden. I have had to re-sow a lot of vegetables as not much germinated after all the rain we had. When the moon was in the waxing stage a few weeks ago I re-sowed the peas, lettuce and broccoli, and they are all starting to germinate. As I am typing we are now in the waning stage of the moon, so I have just sowed the below ground crops such as carrots, beetroots, turnip, radish and garlic. I should have planted the garlic last month because they have been sprouting prior to getting them in the soil but better late than never and I am glad I waited as they probably would have rotted.

Each year I plant garlic from the bulbs that I save from the previous year's crop. They are an easy crop to grow; it's just a matter of separating the bulbs into individual cloves, plant them in full sun, pointy end up about 2-3 inches deep, 10cm apart in well drained soil, with added manure or compost. Keep the garlic weed free, water regularly especially in dry times and when bulbs are ready to harvest in late spring early summer try to avoid watering to prevent the bulbs from rotting. You can tell when they are ready to harvest as the lower part of the leaves start to turn yellow. I plait my bulbs and hang them in the kitchen. Plaited garlic also makes a great gift idea, my kids love receiving plaited garlic as part of their Christmas presents.

What has survived in the vegetable garden is the Brussels sprouts, broad beans, strawberries, rhubarb, celery, kale, spinach, asparagus, mizuna (salad green) and of course the chokos. The onions that got planted in autumn are a hit and miss, few and far between. So my vegetable garden isn't really a complete failure, it's just that I am used to having the garden full this time of year.

A disappointing result is that the sweet peas have not germinated; I planted a row on the fence line just outside the vegetable garden and there would be about only ½ dozen geminated from 50 seeds that I sowed. It is going to be a dismal display of sweet peas.

I have still been spending time, as I said in my last article, helping my friend recover from the flood; she is almost ready to move back into her house but will need to put in a new kitchen at some point as the cupboards are swelling but she is going to make do for the time being. I also said that I am going to redo her small garden for her before the



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winter is over but the house is the priority at the moment. In the mean time I have been taking cuttings of lavender, New Guinea impatience, buxus, pig face, crotons, and geraniums ready to plant when the time is right. I used to propagate plants a lot many years ago and it's nice to get back into it. When I first started propagating I used a rooting hormone powder to dip my cuttings in until my grandfather gave me a tip to use honey. Rooting hormone powder is used when taking plant cuttings to encourage and accelerate root development. It contains synthetic or natural compounds that mimic the plant hormone auxin, which stimulates root formation. This can significantly improve rate and speed propagation, especially plants that are difficult to root. Honey has those same compounds and works just as well, so I only ever use honey and always get a good strike rate.

I also mentioned in my last article that my friends are cattle farmers and lost the majority of their herd in the flood. I was concerned with how will the paddocks recover and if any feed will grow back with all that mud covering the property? Well, like I said, what a difference a month makes. It still must be warm enough that the kikuyu is slowing coming back through the mud. They had big bags of winter seed that got saturated in the flood which was germinating in the bags and instead of throwing them out, they had a drone spread the seed directly over the mud in the paddocks, as they are still unable to get machines onto the paddocks without sinking, but there are signs of a green tinge everywhere, there is defiantly something to be said about uncontaminated mud and silt and how beneficial it can be in the end.

After a 6 month hold up on our renovation it has finally started back up again this week, and it has been full steam ahead, I can see the light at the end of a long dark tunnel. Our fireplace went in this week, the gyprocker has finished and all the doors are going on. So for the rest of the winter I will be nice and warm. It just means I am going to have to get back to painting the rest of the house. So the garden will be put on hold again. Oh well such is life, lucky it is able to look after itself for a while.

Until next time: A weed is but an unloved flower.

#### Deb





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In the 1890's as a teenager, John Flynn felt called by God to do something for people ... he went to Bible College because 'he couldn't afford Uni', then rode on horseback around Gippsland preaching and holding services and Sunday Schools for bush people. He was a visionary with no money ... realising the effect on people of isolation and lack of communication. Sometimes women with families were on their own for long periods while husbands went shearing or droving (eg. read The Drovers Wife by Banjo Paterson).

He wrote 'The Bushman's Companion' ... containing first aid, home medicine, funeral services, hymns and Bible passages ... and the Flying Doctor service grew from this book.

The pre – WW1 planes were very basic ... think Wright Brothers ... but a medical student on his way to war suggested using planes as ambulances. What a wild idea! Several innovators worked out how to fit a stretcher and doctor in the plane ... but the pilot had be on the outside!

Meanwhile many church leaders opposed Flynn's ideas, asking 'why are we flying planes and building hospitals instead of preaching?'

He drove through the outback putting aerials on trees to work out how to equip the outback with the new technology of radio ... to defeat isolation. Eventually the idea of using bicycle pedals to power

## Rews From The Pews

#### Nabiac Village Community 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 Nabiac Community Church please contact **Margaret Weller** (0427 570 039),

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

July Mass times are Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, August Mass Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00pm

(contact Helen Legg on 6559 1211)

\*Note: Mass times back to 5:00 from May with the end of daylight savings.

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a Morse radio was born and people got used to pedalling while tapping ... bush people finally had a voice! This then led to School of the Air.

All from one little idea 'What can a man with a heart for God do for the people of the bush?'

Flynn knew that Jesus first helped people and then they listened to Him, just like the many organisations which help in times of crisis. Samaritans Purse is a Christian charity who were one of those helping in the recent Taree floods.

The Flying Doctor and many other inspiring stories of the outback can be found at olivetreemedia.com.au on Faith Runs Deep Anthology in book or DVD form.

What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God, *Micah 6:8.* 

As the Flying Doctor was leaving Cloncurry with a seriously injured young boy, one old bloke said to another, 'you know what that is mate? ... that's the Flying Christ.'

Quotes from Faith Runs Deep Anthology

The Counsellor

A **paraprosdokian** is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re frame or reinterpret the first part.

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Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

#### Krambach Bible Church (a ministry of Wingham Presbyterian

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#### St Isidore's Catholic Church, Nabiac

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#### Hi Everyone,

"The most beautiful things in life are not things. They're people and places and memories and pictures. They're feelings and moments and smiles and laughter."

Belinda, Barb & Jess

A man had all his fingers cut off both hands in an accident at a saw mill. He was rushed to hospital. On the operating table, the surgeon turned to the man and said: "Well Mr Smith, no need to worry, we can do wonders nowadays. What with plastic surgery, we'll have your fingers sewn on in a jiffy, You did bring your fingers with you, didn't you?"

"No! I couldn't pick them up!"

An airman had to bail out, and landed battered and bruised in a field just outside Belfast. A crowd had gathered round, and on of them said to the airman, "What happened?"

He said, "My parachute wouldn't open."

The Irishman said, "Ye should have known. Nothing opens here o a Sunday

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