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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA -- WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA

Missabotti Community Hall and Fire Brigade
Saturday l6th December from 6pm
Christmas Party/FUNraiser - at the Hall.
Join us for good cheer and support your local Hall
and Bush Fire Brigade.
Christmas festivities, Santa and more.
MARK THIS DATE!!

Bowra Country Markets & Boomerang Bags are both taking a festive season break. Last market for 2017 is Saturday Dec 9 - first Market for 2018 is Saturday Feb 10.

Last Boomerang Bags for 2017 is Wednesday Dec 7 and first Boomerang Bags for 2018 is Wednesday Feb 7. Eng Marion 6564-7908.

Bowraville Seniors

Bowra Seniors held their last meeting for the year in November but will meet again for a Christmas luncheon at the Bowra Hotel on Friday 15th December. Secretary Ruth will be in touch if plans change. The February meeting on the 3rd Monday, commencing at 11am, will also be the AGM. We already have a guest speaker invited for this meeting. A representative from North Coast Local Health District will talk about the benefits of walking and how to set up a walking group. There are other programs and grants available to keep us healthy. Please come along member or not. This should be interesting and motivating for everyone. If you are a Bowraville Senior come along to the Coach House Inn, have a cuppa, win the raffle and enjoy some friendship.

Bowraville Garden Club

Our November meeting, held at the home of member Dee Hunter, was the venue for our AGM and branch meeting. The present executives were re elected and all agreed we have had a happy social year with a variety of activities and 3 new members. There was stimulating discussion on plans for next year. As an



innovation members took ownership of various months and will plan outings and activities for that month. However keeping to tradition we will have our February meeting in an air conditioned venue. We also have plans for extra day activities. We welcome new members. Contact Barbara 6564-7039.

Bowra/Macksville Hospital Auxiliary

Our November meeting was held too late to include in this report. Three members attended the Annual State Conference where resolutions pertaining to health issues were discussed, reworded and later forwarded to the Ministry of Health. Our guest speakers included Linda Hurley, wife of NSW Governor General, and Patron, Bob Ansett and Andrew Abrahams of world rowing fame. Our next fund raiser is underway with raffle tickets for a bevy of prizes valued at over \$300 being sold in Bowraville and Macksville. This is a great chance to support your hospital. We have already been asked to provide a birthing unit valued at over \$30,000 for the new hospital. Members have been invited to attend hospital meetings to view the latest plans. An official announcement will be made when land acquisition is finalised and these plans will go on public show. We have already been informed as to where the coffee shop will be placed, its dimensions and asked our preferred colour. While the coffee shop and raffles are great fund raisers we want the Nambucca Valley Community to come up with other fund raising ideas. Bowraville Recreation Club started the ball rolling with its Hospital Charity day. Through fund raising and generous donations. Dorrigo UHA is closing in on their goal to raise \$50,000 to purchase special equipment for their hospital.

Bowraville Recreation Club

Bowraville Recreation Club held its AGM in November. We said farewell to present President

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Frank Partridge VC Military Museum Named in honour of Frank Partridge - the youngest and

last Australian recipient of the Victoria Cross in WW2.

The museum houses a fantastic collection of military memorabilia and artefacts including uniforms, medals, weapons, vehicles and much more.

This museum is a 'must see'.

Open Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 12 noon or by appointment.

Admission by Gold Coin Donation.

29 High Street, Bowraville 6564-7056 enquiries@militarymuseum.org.au

Weekly Activities

MONDAY

COMMUNITY GARDENS 9am to 12noon. Growing food, sharing seeds, cuttings, experience, laughter and stories. Contact Gai Nowland (0438 716 026). SENIOR CITIZENS 10.30am every third Monday at the

Coachhouse Inn. Geoff Chittick on 6568 5033 FREE POOL All day at Bowraville Ex-Services Club (6564 7304)

TUESDAY

AL-ANON 10.30 am at rear and under Catholic Church, Mann Street, Nambucca Heads (6568 7449) FREE POOL All day at Bowraville Ex-Services Club (6564 7304)

WEDNESDAY

BOWLS, Ladies 10am at Bowraville Recreation Club (65647349)

AL-ANON 7.30pm at Salvation Army Hall in Macksville, use rear entrance. Michael Watson (0499 106 261) MEAT RAFFLE DRAW 6.30pm pm Bowraville Ex-Services Club (6564 7304)

THURSDAY

GOLF Ladies 18 Hole, 9am Bowraville Recreation Club (65647349)

BINGO 11am Bowraville Ex-Services Club (6564 7304) BOWLS 1pm Men's Social at Bowraville Recreation Club (65647349)

DARTS 7pm Social at Bowraville Ex-Services Club (6564 7304)

FRIDAY

COMMUNITY GARDENS 9am to 12noon. Growing food, sharing seeds, cuttings, experience, laughter and stories. Contact Gai Nowland (0438 716 026).

PLAYGROUP at Bowraville Central School 9.30am-12pm Contact Danielle Ryan on 6564 8619.

POTTERY at Phoenix Pottery Studio, 9.30am-3pm. Contact Judi Belbin on (6568 9105).

RAFFLE & MEMBER DRAW 6.30pm at Bowraville Ex-Services Club (6564 7304)

<u>SATURDAY</u>

BOWRA COUNTRY MARKETS (2nd and 4th Saturdays) 8am - Noon. Pioneer Community Centre Bowraville. For bookings and enquiries call 6564 7908 or 0400 828 471. GOLF Men's 9am at Bowraville Recreation

BOWLS 1.30pm Mixed Social at Bowraville

SUNDAY

Club (6564 7349)

Recreation Club (6564 7349)

EUCHRE 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday 10am at Bowraville Ex-Services Club (6564 7304).

FREE POOL All day Bowraville Ex-Services Club (6564 7304).

EXPRESSION SESSIONS every 2nd Sunday from 3pm. Bowraville Recreation Club (0427 414 616)

ACTIVITIES ORGANISERS

Please note: It is your responsibility to keep Weekly Activities information current and to inform us of any change. Only activities with a contact number will be listed.

TECHNO LESSONS OPEN TO EVERYONE

The Technology Centre is open to anyone who would like to learn more about technology – computers/internet, mobile phones, emailing, social media, using digital photography with computers, assistance with using your home computer, ipads, tablets, etc. If your computer requires servicing or has issues, you need to make a booking and there will be a minimum fee of \$25.

Absolute beginners are most welcome!

TECHNO LESSONS

No official classes running at this time so contact the BTC to arrange a suitable time for assistance.

The lesson costs \$5 for the hour but students are very welcome to stay on and practice their new skills at our usual low rates.

For technical issues please contact BTC for an

afternoon booking.

You can also ring the **Bowraville Technology** Centre on 6564-7420

Special offer to community groups Save on paper and ink! Email your poster and we will place it on our big screen TV for only \$1.00. Your poster will remain on the big screen until your event or promotion has finished.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA — WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA

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Darryl Hughes and welcomed Peter Thompson in his place. Other directors included Jim Armes, Steve Johnson, Janine Fletcher, David Savin, Craig Doolan and Paul O'Neill. Congratulations and thanks to all. Lady golfers finished the year with a fun golf day and luncheon. Due to small fields neither Club nor Foursomes Championships were held this year but minor comps such as attendance, most birdies, most chip-ins and eclectic were handed out. President and Captain traveled to Wauchope to attend the AGM of the CNC where an annual report was given by each club stretching from Coffs to Bulhadelah. It was noted that most small clubs are not attracting new players and fields are diminishing as in Bowraville. Wednesday and Friday golfers provide all the humour for the weekly Rec Club Gossip Column (sorry Buck, now just what is the official title?). Saturday is the 18 hole competition day with women welcome to play. It is also very pleasing to see so many roll-ups social or comp on the bowling green. Check the board for times and results of competitions. The Christmas Party for all is to be on 16th December and there is a request for items for Christmas raffles. See Janine. Again, keep your eyes on the notice boards for all sport and social details in case of changes. There will be a working bee on the big green on 11^{th} and 12^{th} December. Mutti Day was started in the 90's when sometimes there would be

over 100 players to eat the corn and potatoes and perhaps play not very serious golf and bowls. For 2018 the corn is growing well and the day sponsored by Norco, will be on Saturday 27th January. So come and celebrate Australia Day the Bowra way!

St Jimmy's Kitchen

A free meal for the community on the second Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Anglican Church Hall in Young Street. Dietary needs taken into consideration. All welcome.

Hot Chocolate Talk

Are you lonely? Do you like to chat? Would you like to meet new friends? Well, come along to Hot Chocolate Talk every 1st Saturday of the month at 1pm in the Arena of Life Church at 48 High Street, Bowraville (opposite High School). You can meet with other ladies, enjoy music and talk about life issues concerning women of every age. You will be

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If you would like to let our readers know about a regular or upcoming community event, email your copy to: admin@bctc.com.au

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BOWRAVILLE HEALTHCARE CENTRE

Dr Edwina Guard MBChB BSC FRACGP

29a High Street Bowraville Ph: 0448 161 192 Fax: 8322 8095 email: edwinaguard@yahoo.com.au

Surgery Hours

Mon to Thurs 9am – 6pm Fri 9am – 4pm Sat by Appointment

Laverty Pathology Mon to Fri 9am – 1pm

> Psychologists by Appointment Physiotherapy by Appointment

<u>Proud sponsors of:</u> Pilates and Yoga classes There's growing evidence that well-designed brain training apps can offer some benefits in preventing the normal decline that happens in the brain as we age. However, not all programs are created equal so before you commit your time and money to brain training, you need to know if the program has been assessed to provide genuine benefit.

Brain training and older people

If you decide you want to try a brain training program you should know that they work on the principle of brain neuroplasticity which is the brain's capacity to reconnect and rewire. Brain training apps can work by targeting the speed of brain processing, memory, the capacity for reasoning and executive functions such as high-level organising, planning, sequencing and regulating behaviour. When someone is suffering from frontotemporal dementia, for example, it can affect their executive functions.

Brain training and dementia

There is no cure for dementia and the disease affects more than 413,000 Australians. That number is going up each year so it's understandable that there is interest in the potential benefits of brain training but there's no magic bullet and more research is required to assess the potential for brain training programs to delay the onset of dementia.

There is no evidence that brain training apps will stall the onset of dementia according to these researchers and longitudinal studies that follow people over time would provide additional evidence about the effectiveness of brain training and cognitive disease.

How do the programs rate?

There's been plenty of hype and excitement about brain training but not a lot of solid scientific analysis to support the claims that they can improve the brain – until recently.

A team of researchers from Edith Cowan University closely examined 18 brain training programs and found that only seven had clinical trials or studies to support their claims of providing brain improvement in people over 50 years of age and the other 11 did not make it into the ratings. These programs were then rated for their effectiveness as level one, two or three depending on the supporting evidence.

The highest rating is level one and a program needed a minimum of two well-designed randomised controlled trials, one of which had to be of high quality to qualify. The brain training programs BrainHQ and Cognifit met the criteria for level one.

Level two required only one high-quality randomised controlled trial and Cogmed, BrainAge 2 and My Brain Trainer were classified in this category. At the lower end level three required only one moderate or poorly designed randomised controlled trial and Dakim and Lumosity were in this category.

Tips to pick the most useful brain training program

Researchers from Edith Cowan University identified several important criteria that will help you choose a brain training program which is backed by clinical evidence that it's effective. In general, the advice is that brain training has the most benefit when it involves specific tasks that are designed to increase with levels of difficulty. We suggest you look for these criteria in a brain training program:

- Is it designed for healthy brain ageing,

rehabilitation, learning and concentration?

- Check for links to studies or clinical trials that

directly measure the impact of the program.

- Programs don't just have quotes about what it should do for brain improvement.

- The program is adaptive and engaging to encourage ongoing participation.

- Continuously challenging with levels of difficulty.
- Interactive through the audio and visual elements.
- Can set your own goals.
- Provides feedback about your progress.

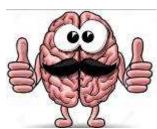
About BrainHQ and CogniFit

BrainHQ has free exercises that allow you to try the system before paying for full access. It works through a browser and there are also apps for iPhone and iPad. You can monitor your progress by seeing what you've completed each day and the level you've attained on each activity.

In all there are 29 exercises targeting attention, brain speed, memory, people skills, navigation and intelligence. You can design your own program of exercise or try them according to the BrainHQ's system. The free exercises are 'Target Tracker', which aims to improve attention, and 'Virtual Sweeps', which aims to improve brain speed. Target Tracker sets you the task of following one, two or three balls as they move through a group of balls to see if you can keep your focus on the designated objects. Virtual Sweeps asks you to tell if the pattern is moving inwards or outwards to speed up visual processing.

CogniFit has free exercises at cognifit.com/braingames. The program can be used through a browser

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JANUARY PROGRAM at the BOWRAVILLE THEATRE

20th January 2018 at 7pm The Greatest Showman

Inspired by the imagination of P. T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

Doors open 1/2 hour before screening.

Complementary tea and coffee.

Cafe open: ice creams, lollies, chips, drinks, popcorn etc. Prices: Adults \$12, Concession: \$10, BAC/Child under 14: \$8,



Thank you Bowraville . . .

On behalf of Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast I sincerely thank and congratulate the community of Bowraville for hosting a stellar event, IGNITE MNC last week. From our awesome local hosts (and hostesses) to our set design extraordinaire, the local food outlets, museums, shops and of course the theatre and its volunteers, the community bound together to welcome over 200 guests to town and accommodate them in true Bowradise style.

IGNITE MNC aimed to bring together leaders of community, business and government in conversations about the key themes to collaborate, innovate and self-determine. The audience was delighted and I'm still receiving messages from inspired and appreciative folks who loved the day. Again my sincere thanks - *Kerry Grace*.







MARKETS CALENDAR										
DAY OF MONTH	MARKET LOCATION and TIMES	CONTACT DETAILS								
THURSDAY Every Thursday	Coffs Coast Growers Market, City Square, Harbour Dr. from 8am to 2pm	6648 4087								
FRIDAY 1 st , 3 ^{rd &} 5 th	BELLOPY ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET from 8am to 1.30pm The largest 100% organic market in NSW. Bellingen Showground	0415 525 903								
SATURDAYS 1 st Sat (bi-monthly even months)	VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY MARKET from 8am to 1pm	6569 5410								
1 st	Kempsey Riverside Markets, Riverside Park from 8am to 1pm	0456 658 979								
1 st & 4 th	Marine Rescue Charity Market, Woolgoolga Beach from 8am	6654 0447								
2 nd	South West Rocks Market, Horseshoe Bay Reserve from 8am to 12 noon	6562 6671								
2 ND & 4 TH	BOWRAVILLE COUNTRY MARKET Bowraville Pioneer Centre from 8am to noon	6564 7908 0400 828 471								
2 ND & 4 TH	MACKSVILLE PRODUCERS MARKET, Riverbank Park	6568 3844								
2 ND & 4 TH	BELLINGEN NATURAL PRODUCE MARKET from 8am to1pm Bellingen Showground	6655 1279								
3 rd	BELLINGEN COUNTRY MARKET, Bellingen Park from 8am to 3pm	6655 2151								
4 TH	Gladstone Trash & Treasure Market - 8.30am to Noon	6567 4203								
SUNDAYS										
Every Sunday	Coffs Harbour Markets, Jetty Shopping Village from 8am to 2pm	6652 3813								
Every Sunday	Harbourside Markets, Coffs Jetty Foreshore from 8am to 2pm	0407 661 990								
1 st	Coffs Harbour Lions Boot Markets, Coffs Jetty Foreshore 7am to 1pm	0417 704 588								
2 nd	Plaza Market, Nambucca Heads Plaza from 8am to 1pm	6568 9655								
3 rd	Gladstone Community Market, Memorial Park from 9am to 1pm	0499 155 312								
Last Sunday (bi-monthly even months)	FUNKYA @ UNKYA MARKETS from 8am to 2pm Unkya Reserve,Eungai	0425 205 737								

Volunteers to make Poppies Knit, Crochet, Felt or Sew



Supporting the Australian War Memorial

~ All volunteers and poppy donations welcome ~

<u>Come to</u>: *Pioneer Community Centre, Bowraville* Wednesday mornings 10:30am till 12:00noon (Except between 21st December & 31st January) <u>Drop Donations at</u>: *Uniting Church Bowraville or Op-Shop at Uniting Church Bowraville* <u>For more details contact</u>: *Rev. Kate on* 1300 44 23 99

Email: poppies@greenmail.net

Or "Like" us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/RemembrancePoppies/



Christmas holiday reading by Aussie authors

Bad Debts by Peter Temple

Meet Jack Irish, criminal lawyer, debt collector, football lover, turf watcher, trainee cabinetmaker and one of the best crime characters ever created.

When Jack receives a puzzling message from a jailed ex-client he's too deep in misery over Fitzroy's latest loss to take much notice. Next thing Jack knows, the ex-client's dead and he's been drawn into a lifethreatening investigation involving high-level corruption, dark sexual secrets, shonky property deals and murder. With hitmen after him, shady expolicemen at every turn and the body count rising, Jack needs to find out what's going on—and fast.

The first novel, in the iconic Jack Irish series, *Bad Debts* was originally published in 1996 and won the Ned Kelly Award for Best First Novel. Peter Temple went on to win the Miles Franklin Award in 2010 for *Truth* as well many other awards and accolades both in Australia and internationally.

Secret Keeping for Beginners *by Maggie Alderson*

Even the closest families have secrets ... it's when they are shared that things begin to change. The lives of three very different sisters collide in this witty new novel from bestselling author Maggie Alderson.

Recently divorced Rachel is juggling her new dream job in interior design PR with the demands of two young daughters. She's full of creative ideas but even with a colourful childminder or two - some days she can't make it into the office in time and in matching shoes. Her life is balanced more precariously than she cares to admit. Tessa, a talented muralist, is feeling flat. Her kids are growing up and she's feeling upstaged by her husband's new-found celebrity as the host of a reality TV fireplace restoration show. But everything turns on its head when she gets a surprise from her past.

Youngest sister Natasha leads a glamorous jet-setting life - she's one of Vogue's favourite make-up artists who regularly creates the looks for the biggest shows in Paris and Milan. Single and childless, she's been focused on her career - but when the lie she's concealed for years threatens to come to light, the truth will make her question everything.

Meanwhile their mother, Joy, a hippy vegetarian caterer, is carefully ignoring the letters that keep arriving at her door.

Into the mix comes Simon, Rachel's urbane boss, hiding secrets of his own. And everything lurking beneath the surface of this seemingly happy family is about to come out ...

The Golden Land by Di Morrissey

Natalie is a young Gold Coast mother with a loving husband, two small children and a happy lifestyle. While helping her mother move house she finds a little box containing a Burmese artefact.

When Natalie learns its unique history, through a letter left by her great-great uncle, it ignites an interest in its country of origin and her uncle's unfulfilled plans for this curio. Her investigations collide with her own dramatically changing circumstances and create a catalyst for a moral dilemma that challenges the core of her marriage as she finds herself immersed in two very different golden lands.



🌣 Be Skin Cancer Aware 🌣

Protect your skin from sun damage

For best protection we recommend a combination of sun protection measures:

SLIP on some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.

SLOP on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ (or higher) sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.

SLAP on a hat – broad brim or legionnaire style to protect your face, head, neck and ears.

SEEK shade.

SLIDE on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

UV Index

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the invisible killer that you can't see or feel. UV radiation can be high even on cool and overcast days. This means you can't rely on clear skies or high temperatures to determine when you need to protect yourself from the sun.

The UV Index is reported daily by the Bureau of Meteorology. The alert identifies times during the day when the UV level is 3 or above and sun protection is needed.

As well as appearing on the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au/weather/uv the alert is published in the weather section of daily newspapers, on Cancer Council Australia's website www.cancer.org.au and as an app for smartphones.



Download the SunSmart app for iOS or Android keep track of the UV levels throughout the day.

Applying sunscreen

Sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before exposure to UV in order to create the intended protective barrier. It should be applied liberally and evenly to clean and dry skin.

For an adult the recommended application is 5ml (approximately one teaspoon) for each arm, leg, body front, body back and face (including neck and ears). That equates to a total of 35ml (approximately seven teaspoons) for a full body application.

Sunscreen should always be reapplied at least every two hours, irrespective of the water resistance of the sunscreen. Swimming, sport, sweating and towel drying can reduce the effectiveness of the product so sunscreen should always be reapplied after these activities.

Sun protection and babies

It is important to ensure that babies are well protected from the sun. Childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer and babies' skin can burn easily.

Cancer Council recommends keeping babies away from direct sunlight as much as possible when UV levels are 3 or above. Plan daily activities to ensure your baby is well protected from the sun and aim to minimise time outside when UV levels are at their strongest.

When this is not possible ensure your baby is protected from the sun by shade, protective clothing and a hat. Check the baby's clothing, hat and shade positioning regularly to ensure continued protection from UV.

The widespread use of sunscreen on babies under six months is not generally recommended.

Some parents may choose to use sunscreen occasionally on small parts of their baby's skin – if that's the case parents should be careful to choose a sunscreen that is suitable for babies – they may wish to seek the advice of a doctor or pharmacist. Sunscreens for babies usually use reflecting ingredients such as zinc and avoid ingredients and preservatives that may cause reactions in young skin. It's important to patch test first.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

BOWRAVILLE PHARMACY 31 HIGH STREET, BOWRAVILLE PHONE: 6564 7925 or FAX: 6564 7364 Monday to Friday 8.45am - 5.30pm Saturday 8.45am - 12 Noon





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Glenn, Garry & Paul at NORCO RURAL STORE Bowraville, wish all their valued customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. All the garden supplies you'll need for your Chrissy Season. Thank You to our valued customers, We will miss you all, wishing you a Happy & Safe Christmas & Best Wishes for a bright New Year Best wishes also to Katie & Leroy in taking over the

Bowra Takeaway

from Lyn and her crew

Kylie & Tanya from 🖊 Let's Talk Hair

wish all our lovely clients & friends a Happy & Safe Christmas & Best Wishes for a Happy & exciting New Year Gift vouchers are available for hairstyling & beauty treatments. As the new proprietors of Bowraville Post Office we wish all our customers a Happy and Safe Christmas and Best Wishes for 2018.

We look forward to meeting you all.

Chris, Russ and Katrina.

Happy Christmas This year make a New Year resolution to volunteer at

The Folk Museum

It's a gift which keeps on giving..... enjoyment to you & doing something good for your Community.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas & a great 2018 from all of us at the **COACH HOUSE INN**

Come in & get your cheap local honey & bananas We will be closed between Christmas & New Year. Ranae wishes everyone a very Sweet Christmas and delectable New Year. Visit

Ranae's Chocolatique

For a variety of Blissful chocolates in gift boxes and tins, and don't forget the Rocky Road

BOWRAVILLE LIONS CLUB

Extends their best wishes to the community for a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year Thanks for supporting the Lions in 2017 *We'll be out there again in* 2018.

The Management and staff of the BOWRA HOTEL wish all their customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Bring your holiday visitors in for a cool drink or a gourmet meal and enjoy our new extended outdoor dining area.

Greetings from BOWFA NEWS & COFFEE LOUNGE Wishing all our customers a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas from all the crew at **BOWRAVILLE PHARMACY** and

all our very best wishes for the coming year. The staff at Miimi Aboriginal Corporation wish everyone a Healthy Christmas and a Safe and Happy 2018.

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We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Board Members and Staff of the Bowraville Local Aboriginal Land Council.

About us: The Bowraville Local Aboriginal Land Council is an organisation which aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. We are the owners of 49 residential properties and four commercial

vve are the owners of 49 residential properties and four commercial properties with our registered office at 66 High Street, Bowraville.

Wishes for a Happy & Healthy Christmas go out to our unwavering suppliers of local news & events.

Thanks for keeping us informed of all the good things that occurred in our community during 2017.

From the team at the Bowra Technology Centre.

The Bowraville Technology Centre wishes all its Advertisers and Readers a very enjoyable Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. From Mark and the BTC Elves (volunteers) -Robynne and Michael, Raewyn, Geoff, Wendy, Karen, Ken and Karin.





The Staff and Clients of

NAMBUCCA VALLEY PHOENIX

and

PHOENIX TREASURES

wish everyone

a Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year.

GoBowra! wants YOU & your ideas

We are a group of Bowraville locals who have come together to:

Promote and foster community involvement in the positive future of our town

And to work together with other organisations and groups to deliver and enhance opportunities for the community

Be part of this group:

- join the GoBowra! Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/678786952261968/
- email us at gobowra2449@gmail.com

- come along to any of our meetings on the mornings of the Bowra Country Markets at the Pioneer Community Centre, 70 High Street Bowraville; that is, 10am on the second and fourth Saturday of each month (note: there will be no market in December or January)...Join the discussion.

Anyone who feels a strong connection to the town and its future is welcome - you don't have to live in town itself or even the surrounds.

An upcoming favourite event in Bowra is the **Christmas party** and this year the event is planned to be similar to last year with the gift giving, bands and giant lanterns but probably also with the addition of **a lantern parade** by school children and anyone else who would like to join in. If you would like to be involved please contact Erin (event planner) at Dr Guard's surgery or Karin (event co-ordinator) on 0414 523 407 (text for a call back.

GoBowra! members are interested in the proposed development of a **path from town to the skate park**. At this time the proposed route is from the side of the Chocolate Shop, down Belmore Street and over Adam Lane. It would then cross Belmore Street and follow the curb around to the fence at the side of the first house on Adam Street. It then passes along the side of that fence through some bush, across the gully and then around to the cleared area near the skate park. Probably the surface will be concrete. After having walked the proposed route GoBowra! members had several suggestions

- 1 if the project is unable to be well completed within the present budget we thought it may be appropriate to stage the project and complete the bush section first
- 2 the area where the path ends is part of a natural small amphitheatre which in the current plan will become a bmx track rather than be left as a flexible resource for the whole community. We have concerns with this.
- 3 It is important to ensure that the path developed now is compatible for future developments for the Bowraville Recreation area and for the interest of the whole of the community... it accesses not only the preschool but areas which may be used by walkers, bike riders, birdwatchers and?, as well as by sporting groups.

This development is important for us all and we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on <u>gobowra2449@gmail.com</u>. GoBowra! members are hoping to walk the route and discuss issues with the council engineer who has been very helpful.

As was reported in the October newsletter the Solution Brokerage process, aiming to improve ongoing resilience in Bowraville, was wound up on 20 October. The continuing Community Reference Group is targeting four key areas- holistic health, affordable housing, youth and education. The new health hub in the refurbished buildings opposite the top pub will initially have a drug and alcohol and a mental councillor. GoBowra! is hoping to become a part of this Community Reference Group.

We hope to hear from you soon with your ideas for our town.

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and there are also iOS and Android apps. In the paid-for program your results are



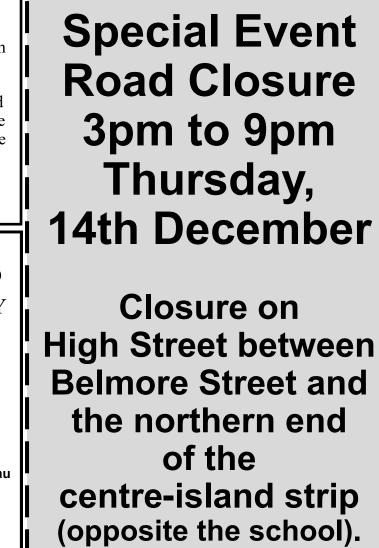
tracked to record the cognitive areas you've worked on and progress toward your goals.

The site offers optional 'cognitive assessments' such as concentration tests although some people may be uncomfortable with these and it notes that these are not 'medical diagnoses' but to assess a cognitive deficit or difficulty.

The system is grouped into adults and kids categories with apps that target 20 cognitive skills for improvement. In adults, for example, there is insomnia, memory, mental planning, stroke and driving focus. In kids, there is mental planning, ADHD, dyslexia, concentration and memory.

Each skill, such as concentration, is explained and the various training programs are shown as apps on the skill homepage for your account. You can get a 'cognitive profile' which is an overview of your skills ranking, progress and games completed. You can also take challenges with other people and link to apps such as RunKeeper to display physical exercise and sleep data.

- Adapted from choice.com.au article.





HEY BOWRA!

ironing activities. Whatever help you can give is hugely appreciated. BYO lunch; tea / coffee provided. Social networking too. Donations of fabrics also welcomed. Enquiries: 6564 7908 <u>marion.syratt@gmail.com</u>

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LIONS CLUB SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BOWRAVILLE LIONS CLUB



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RALLY 2017 The Bowraville Lions Club members and helpers did the catering at the North Arm Spectator site on Saturday 18th November. It was an early start at 5am and the day did not look promising weather wise but the rain stopped by the time we arrived and setup.
The morning started slowly cooking bacon and eggs mainly for the officials who were already on site plus a handful of fans.
However the fans poured into the site for the afternoon session and we ended up running out of food and bread by the end of the day and finished up around 3pm.



We would like to thank Rally Australia for the opportunity they gave us to fundraise and we look forward to their return in 2018.

LETTERS TO SANTA



Once again Santa's elf, Louise Richards is helping Santa to reply to all the letters sent to him. You can find the special letter box outside the Bowraville Post Office.

Please remember to include a name and address to receive a reply from Santa.

BOWRA STREET PARTY

The Bowraville Lions Club is pleased to be helping with the Christmas party in High Street on Thursday, December 14th from 3pm.

Look out for our raffle stall in High Street during the month of December in the lead up to Christmas. Some great prizes on offer!

> Bowraville Lions Club President: Ted Richards Secretary: Louise Richards Tel: 6564-8815

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February in your Garden

As your summer crop is having a little bit of a last hoorah it's time to start preparing your garden for autumn planting. Below are some tips and ideas of what you can do now to ensure your patch is ready to go. Wait until the heat of the day is off and then spend some pleasant time in the garden.

Weeding

Weeding is a good job to do when you have a spare hour to so. It cuts down the competition between your tasty treats and space invaders plus it's very rewarding!

Mulching

Top up the mulch on your vegetable patches, herb gardens and ornamental beds. A hot summer tip is to mulch after watering to a depth of about 7cm. Keep mulch clear of plant stems especially young seedlings. sustainable, low environmental Choose impact mulch that will enrich your soil as it breaks down.

Planning

Time to think about what wonders you will whack into your patch come April. Preparing beds and plots now means that when autumn planting time rolls around your garden will be ready and waiting. Removing spent plants, clearing areas of weeds and topping up organic matter is an excellent February job. A nail rake, some good organic compost and lovely sustainable mulch is the perfect recipe for productive patches of the future.

Shade for your plants

On non-gardening days head out to the shed and construct a couple of shade cloth tents. They don't have to elaborate, just a simple, moveable structure you can place over the top of some of the sun sensitive veggies (like eggplant, capsicum and others) as the heat becomes more intense. Position these around where required especially on high UV days, windy days and during your holidays.

Watering

Water smarter at this time of year and always first thing in the morning. A good, deep watering a couple of times a week is far beneficial than frequent. short more waterings.

- sgaonline.org.au

Norco Rural has a full range of garden supplies to suit all your needs.

Fertilisers need to be selected according to the nutritional requirements of the soil and the plants being grown, as well as the form and contents of the fertiliser itself.

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Bowraville Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc

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DECEMBER 2017



The Bowraville Chamber of Commerce and Industry wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

November was a busy month in Bowraville with the successful *Symposium Ignite MNC* being held at the Bowraville Theatre.



Thanks to Kerry Grace from Regional Development Australia for bringing this major event to Bowraville and showcasing our wonderful town.

Street Party and Lantern Festival 3pm to 9pm Thursday December 14th Market Stalls, Lions BBQ, Buskers, Drummers, Lantern Parade, Jumping Castle, Ice Creams and much more.





Ngiyaala garla-ngarraynggi waw guuyunga jurruya jalumbaw,giili waw. We would like to pay our respect to Elders past and present. "Ngiyaa Nyaaga mangga darrunda bambuurr ngaljarri barrmarranygu yilaami,manggagirr maana darrunda guunu julgaaganybiin.gu." "We aspire to facilitate change for generations to come, towards an improvement in life for ALL Australians."

OUTREACH SERVICES

- Monday Counselling Services Interrelate 1.00-200pm Miimi House Phone: 6659-4150
- Tuesday New Horizons 1st Tuesday of the month Phone: 5632-4800

Warrina Women's & Children's Refuge 2nd and 4th Tuesdays Phone: 6652-2400

Wednesday Baby Health Clinic 9:00am – 12noon All Mums and bubs welcome No appointments necessary.

Thursday Community Corrections Weekly 12.30-3.00pm Phone: 6561-3100

Legal Aid

1st and 3rd Thursday 10:00am to 12noon Phone: 6641-7899

BOWRAVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Child and Family Councelling Speech Pathologist Paediatric Occupational Therapy These services are available by apt. - 6656-7200

MiiMi is now an approved CSO Agency.

Volunteers are always welcome please come in and see us.

Miimi House 90 High Street, Bowraville Phone: 02 6564 8855 email: <u>admin@miimi.org.au</u>

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warmly welcomed - enjoy a free cuppa and cake. For further information call Christine on 6564-7160.

Gold Coin Donation Pilates Class

On Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm you can enjoy Pilates with Andrew or Tamara (6568 2185) at the Anglican Church Hall opposite the High School. Sponsored by Dr Guard at Bowraville Health Care.

Bowraville Playgroup

Bowraville Play-group meets at Bowraville Central School every Friday from 9.30am to 12midday and is open to all parents and carers with children aged 0 to school age. We engage in fun activities in a safe, family environment. Contact: Danielle Ryan 6564-8619 or Jane Thomasson 0474 325 337.

Macksville/Bowraville Uniting Church The Uniting Church Op shop at Bowraville is operating in a very successful manner and we wish to thank our 22 volunteers who turn up regularly to follow their rostered duties. We have been very saddened at the death of our organiser and friend Val McLeod but in honour of Val and her many years of service we will continue to work hard to make sure that the shop operates well.

The Op Shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 3 pm and for three hours on Saturday morning and deliveries and pickups take place on Wednesdays. If you require a pick -up for clean, good quality donations of furniture please ring Mary Ode on 65687485. We thank those who make donations to our shop and our volunteers for their continued support.

The Op Shop will close on Friday 22nd December and open again on Tuesday 8th January 2018.

Macksville/Bowraville Uniting Church Christmas Service at Bowraville will be held on Sunday 10th December at 2.00 p.m. and will be conducted by Rev. Katharine Winter and be followed by a cup of tea or a cool drink. Members of the community are most welcome to come along and share the Christmas message.

For more details please ring Mavis on 65682451.

Nambucca Valley Community Church Food Hub Anyone holding a Health Care Card or Pension Card can access this service. From 9.30am to 12pm non perishable food products will be on sale as well as other products. All perishables such as bread, vegies and fruit are free. Fee: \$10 for 11 items; \$20 for 22 items. Contact 6568-1647 or 0431 947 799.

Nambucca Valley Community Church

Sunday Church Service at 9.30am, Sunday School 10.15am and Prayer Group at 5pm. Women's Fellowship held at 10am each Wednesday. Youth Group is held each Friday for 12-18 year olds from 6 -8pm. Phone Keith Stage 0427 231 040. Food Hub is run by this church. Senior Pastor is Keith Stage.

Macksville Probus Club

Meeting at 9.30am at Macksville Ex-Services Club on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings

DON'T MISS OUT!

Come along and see Bowraville artist Myffie Coady's solo art exhibition "Drawn to Paint," currently on at the <u>Macleay Valley Community Art</u> <u>Gallery, 5 Kinchela St Gladstone, NSW.</u>

Open daily from 10.30am-4.00pm finishing on Sunday 10th December!







All paintings will be for sale along with cards, prints and 2018 calendars of her artworks

This is a great opportunity to buy a special Christmas gift and visit the local cafes and shops in the village of Gladstone which is an approximately 40 minutes drive from Bowraville. Take the turn off to South West Rocks from the freeway then onto Smithtown and across the river to Gladstone.

Website: www.myffiecoadyart.com facebook: Myffie Coady Art, Instagram: myffiecoadyart



A man was puzzled by the odd messages left on his answering machine. Day after day callers would leave their message then say 'Beep!' He discovered the reason for their strange behaviour when he listened to his recorded greeting. "Hi", it said. "I'm not in right now, so please leave a beep after the

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Create a beautiful life?

What is a beautiful life?

One of the definitions of beauty in Merriam-Webster's dictionary is "the qualities in a person or a thing that give pleasure to the senses or the mind". When it comes to thinking about beauty in life, however, it comes from those moments when life feels good, when you feel loved, when you feel deeply on-purpose and when your senses are engaged and you feel happiness and pleasure – like seeing your child smile, seeing the ocean, achieving long-held goals, having a beautiful bunch of flowers on your kitchen table - the simple things.

A beautiful life means a deep sense of contentment, no rushing, no frantic busy mind. When you feel grounded and happy you can see the beauty around you and you make time to do the things you love: enjoying coffee in the sun, yoga, watching a stunning sunset, enjoying a hug from someone you love. In these moments of beauty the heart fills. You feel happy, blessed, excited, content and a deep sense of gratitude.

Awareness and gratitude

These moments of beauty are happening around you all the time if you're conscious and aware of them. It's not always the case that you pay attention though particularly when you've made your life busy. In his book *Capturing Mindfulness*, Matthew Johnstone writes: "This may come as a surprise to some but we are constantly surrounded by beauty and incredible moments. The problem is we're often too busy, self-absorbed and distracted to notice what is going on in front of us. If we train ourselves to become more aware of the present moment, the ordinary can become extraordinary."

It was cartoonist and poet Michael Leunig who so insightfully said, "Nothing can ever be loved at speed." By slowing down and appreciating the beauty that is all around you, you prime your brain to perceive yourself and the world in a way that is positive.

Are you doing the things that reconnect you with yourself and which leave you feeling

amazing? Do you make time to get into the garden, have a warm bath, go jogging, enjoy a cup of tea, sit in the sun and read the paper, go to a yoga class, meditate, journal, make art?

Life becomes truly beautiful when you make time for these activities in your life and when you begin to see the extraordinary in the ordinary. From this place of awareness you can move your mindset and outlook on life to a place of deep gratitude which has a profound flow-on effect to all areas of your life.

Studies have shown that feeling thankful for your life wires your brain for happiness and changes the way you see the world. In a recent article on INC.com, Jessica Stillman writes, "Practising gratitude seems to kick off a healthful, self-perpetuating cycle in your brain — counting your blessings now makes it easier to notice and count them later. And the more good you see in your life, the happier and more successful you're likely to be."

Living a beautiful life is about being intentional in what you focus on, what you make time to do but also what you choose to surround yourself with because your environment greatly affects your mindset.

Creating a beautiful life is about resisting the need to be busy and "productive" and the temptation to devalue the experiences that bring you joy and spark gratitude. It begins by moving through the world more slowly, stilling your mind so you can notice, feel, sense, taste and see the beauty that exists around you. Creating a beautiful life is the art and magic of turning the ordinary into the extraordinary.

3 steps to a beautiful life

- Be aware. Slow down and take the time to observe, connect and reflect.
- Be grateful. Focus on and be thankful for all the wonderful and beautiful things you have in your life.
- Be free. Be intentional about what you surround yourself with and what you need to let go of. Have the courage to be you.

Adapted from universalwellnessmagazine.com article.



BOWRAVILLE STRONG FAMILIES

Women's Group



Join the Strong Families Women's Sewing and Craft Group held every Friday at the Nambucca Valley Phoenix Yurtz from 9,30am to 2.30pm. Lunch is included. Come and learn how to sew a bag or a dress with Jenny Sambrook or work on a craft project with Sasha Greenup.

Afternoon Sports



Want to learn how to play cricket, league, tennis or soccer? Training sessions and coaching is NOW available at Hennessey Tape Oval in Bowraville from 3.30pm - 5pm on Mondays. Ages 6 years and over are all invited. Come and join in the fun!

Men's Group 🦷



Strong Families host a Mens Outings each Thursday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. It's a chance for the local men to make a few friends, enjoy a social outing and a BBQ lunch. Each week local organisations interact with the group allowing for interaction and information to be given on local services. Contact Gary for transport and further information on 6564 7677 or 0499 002 141 if you would like to be involved.

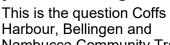
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Community Transport provide transport for the frail, aged, people with disabilities and their carers and those who are transport disadvantaged.

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Karen's TRIVIA for December

Many happy returns to all Sagittarians or

Capricorms who are celebrating their birthday in December . Famous Sagittarians & Capricorns include :

Nostradamus - 14 Dec 1503; Isaac Newton - 25 Dec 1642; Ludwig van Beethoven - 16 Dec 1770:

Henri Matisse - 31 Dec 1869; Miranda Otto - 16 Dec 1967; Ricky Ponting - 19 Dec 1963; Bill Collins - 4 Dec 1934; Bob Hawke - 9 Dec 1929; Keith Richards - 18 Dec 1943; Rebecca Gibney - 14 Dec 1964; Miranda Otto - 16 Dec 1967; Steven Spielberg - 18 Dec 1946; Brad Pitt - 13 December 1963.

In Decembers Past

6 Dec, 1877 - Thomas Edison spoke the verse "Mary Had a Little Lamb" to demonstrate his newly invented phonograph.

1 Dec, 1919 - Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman in the British House of Commons.

14 Dec, 1962 - Mariner II space probe sent back information from Venus, the first ever received from another planet.

3 Dec, 1967 - The first successful heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in Cape Town, South Africa.
8 Dec, 1980 - John Lennon assassinated in New York.

Originally the 10th month in the Roman calendar. From the word "decem" meaning tenth. When the Romans added January and February to the calendar it become the 12th month. The Narcissus and Holly are the traditional flowers for December. The birthstones are Turquoise, Zircon, Tanzanite and Topaz.

Don't Forget... Christmas Day -25th December (as if we could!)



The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336AD during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (the first Christian Roman Emperor). A few years later Pope Julius 1 officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25th December.

For all the pagans out there you can celebrate the Winter Solstice or the Summer Solstice in Australia.

If you are Jewish you can celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights

Night Before Christmas in Aussie land Twas the night before Christmas; there wasn't a sound. Not a possum was stirring; no-one was around. We'd left on the table some tucker and beer. Hoping that Santa Claus soon would be here; We children were snuggled up safe in our beds, While dreams of pavlova danced 'round in our heads; And Mum in her nightie and Dad in his shorts, Had just settled down to watch TV sports. When outside the house a mad ruckus arose; Loud squeaking and banging woke us from our doze. We ran to the screen door, peeked cautiously out, Snuck onto the deck, then let out a shout. Guess what had woken us up from our snooze, But a rusty old Ute pulled by eight mighty 'roos. The cheerful man driving was giggling with glee, And we both knew at once who this plump bloke must be.

Now, I'm telling the truth it's all dinky-di, Those eight kangaroos fairly soared through the sky. Santa leaned out the window to pull at the reins, And encouraged the 'roos, by calling their names. 'Now, Kylie! Now, Kirsty! Now, Shazza and Shane! On Kipper! On, Skipper! On, Bazza and Wayne! Park up on that water tank. Grab a quick drink, I'll scoot down the gum tree. Be back in a wink!' So up to the tank those eight kangaroos flew, With the Ute full of toys and Santa Claus too. He slid down the gum tree and jumped to the ground, Then in through the window he sprang with a bound. He had bright sunburned cheeks and a milky white beard.

A jolly old joker was how he appeared. He wore red stubby shorts and old thongs on his feet, And a hat of deep crimson as shade from the heat. His eyes - bright as opals - Oh! How they twinkled! And, like a goanna, his skin was guite wrinkled! His shirt was stretched over a round bulging belly Which shook when he moved, like a plate full of jelly. A fat stack of prezzies he flung from his back. And he looked like a swaggie unfastening his pack. He spoke not a word but bent down on one knee, To position our goodies beneath the yule tree. Surfboard and footy-ball shapes for us two. And for Dad, tongs to use on the new barbeque. A mysterious package he left for our Mum, Then he turned and he winked and he held up his thumb

He strolled out on deck and his 'roos came on cue; Flung his sack in the back and prepared to shoot through.

He bellowed out loud as they swooped past the gates... MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and goodonya, MATES!

-Author unknown

Compiled by Karen Bindoff

DO YOU NEED HELP GETTING YOUR LICENCE?

Coffs Harbour, Bellingen & Nambucca Community Transport (CBNCT) is offering a new driver support program enabling participants to gain valuable life skills and independence.

The L to P's Program includes support from professional driver instructors and time behind the wheel with qualified volunteer mentors.

This program aims to help Learners gain their driving qualifications in an encouraging and safe environment.

Ongoing mentor support will be continued, until participants have successfully obtained their license.

To be part of the L to P's program you must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and be a resident of Bowraville.

You also must hold a current Learners' Permit.

Please contact Jeffrey Blair on 0408 977 101 jeffblair@communitytransport.net.au

COMMUNITY TRANSPERT

COFFS HARBOUR, BELUNGEN & NAMBUCCA www.communitytransport.net.au - 1300 812 504 info@communitytransport.net.au

South Arm Hall Committee presents **Christmas Party 2017** South Arm Hall, 1039 South Arm Road, will host a Christmas party on Saturday 23rd December 2017 at 5.30pm. Santa will arrive at 6pm, and with the

arrival of all the new children in the valley we hope there is a big turnout for Santa.

This is a good time of the year to catch up with the community and meet new friends and neighbours, also an opportunity to catch up with folks you may not have seen since last year.

There will be a BBQ, the cost is \$5.00 and we ask that you bring a plate to share.

We look forward to you joining us. ALL are Welcome.

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Bowraville Central School News





A group of 17 Agriculture students in Years 8, 9 and 10 travelled by bus out to Armidale to participate in a Precision Ag. field trip. Students were introduced to the newest technologies being used and developed in Australia. Congratulations to Jannah Locke and Sally McPherson for receiving a World Teachers Day 2017 Certificate of Recognition



Bowraville Solution Brokerage

December 18th 2017

Save the Date

Bowraville Community AWARDS

The Bowraville Community Awards is an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of active members of the Bowraville community.

Sponsored by Secretary Carolyn McNally, this is an opportunity to acknowledge community members and government stakeholders involved throughout the Solution Brokerage journey, as well as other community champions.

Community and stakeholders are invited and encouraged to attend this event. There are four award categories with a winner selected from both community and government, these are:

- 1. Achievement
- Collaboration / innovation
- 3. Impact
- 4. Service
- Awards and prizes presented to all finalists
- Food and Drinks supplied
- Light entertainment

For further information regarding this event or for a nomination pack please contact solutionbrokerage@planning.nsw.gov.au or Phone (02) 9373 2831

VENUE: Bowraville Theatre TIME: 4.30 to 6.00pm

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	Saturday	The Early Birds	Australian Music-	Local Events Veather by Zoe	Hair Of The Dog Kim Smith & Mick Batles	Covers and Covers and Music Trivia	Michelle Smith	Todays Country Rob Davidson	Eighties Pop Playlist Rob Davidson	Concussion ZNVR Youth Radio	With Kian, Noah & Aedon	Two For The Money Double the Fur with	Paul and Rachel	Imagine This & The AntipodeanSF Radio Show	Į		Wolfy Wolfy III 11pm	Overnight Express overnight
	Friday	Green Eggs on Toast Part 2 Lawrie Medbury Music, Movies News, Weather Gig Guide Local Info		Talk Of The Town Ceri Wrobel	See what's going down! All things local	The Festival Circuit Greg Geisler Music from Aussie festivals		Outback Outlaws Paul Rowe	Old and new country music	Old and new country music Wind Down for the Weekend Stu 6 The Dew		Chille Chille	Reado ConTine Reado Swaching to Studio 3 from 6pm - 8pm on the 3rd Friday of each month for Are artists 3 studio audience		The Friday Night Rock Show Todd Wils		FIRS Continues wernight	
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	Wednesday	Bubble N Squeak Linda & Michelle	Bubble N Squeak Linda & Michele Afamity show with Christian themes Dver'a Loon		Dyer's Loop With The Dyers		Stella Bella 2MVR Youth Radio with Stella	Jazz Azz I Like It Heather Heywood	A mix of Jazz with lotza Oz	Carols J. Simons	Karola's Deutiche Musik Stunde 2000 Muteuting Radie		Q	Nambucca Valley Roundup - Ben Walters	With Phillinn	Mew Australian Blues and Indie/Folk/Rock	Ants Rocks Anthony Gamsey	Solid Rock
Radio Nambucca -	Tuesday	Tones of A		Popular Ballads	Infopinion Richard Laxton	An eclectic time with Richard	The Phoenix Crew Selected music & madness	Rob's Roving Robbie & Linda	9		All the tracks with Jack	Nambucca Valley Roundup Carola Simmons	Latest & Greatest Country Bryon Edwards		Prog Rock Playlist Frino til midnight	Progressive Rock BBC World Service overlight		
	Monday			Recycled Radio		Baby Boomers Donna Collins		The Weekley Fix Paul Weekley	S	Play It Loud Sky Fewings	Upbeat Music Aussie Artisti	Bowra Beats 2NVR Youth Fadio with Grace	Nambucca Valley Roundup P or R Burts & Grace	Reggae Mixtape With Fizroy	Music outside the usual	2NVR Recycled Radio	CRN overnight	
n	Time	6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	Noon	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM