BOWRAVILLE Community News

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When: 4 April 2025

Time: 2pm-4pm

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For any enquiries or to RSVP please contact: Kim-Maree Doolan (NSW Health) on 0412 211 670 or at mnclhd-disasterrecovery@health.nsw.ago.au





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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA ~ WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA

DAYLIGHT SAVING 2025 ENDS:



Date: Sunday 6 April 2025

Time: 3am Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)

What happens?: Clocks are moved back 1 hour to 2am

giving you more daylight in the morning.

Bowraville Chamber of Commerce

Next meeting will be at **5pm on Tuesday 1st April 2025** at the Bowra Hotel. For Chamber news see page 18.

Phoenix Gallery - "Bundanon to Bowraville", a solo exhibition by artist Edward Barnes. This is Edward's first major solo show, featuring stunning new paintings inspired by his journey from his 2024 Art Residency at Bundanon to Bowraville, where he creates work at Phoenix School of Arts. His works depict the animals, plants, and objects that have caught his eye along the way. Join us for the **opening on April 12th from 11 am.** The café will be open with delicious treats. Don't miss this exciting exhibition.

Save the date! 6th September 2025 - The Phoenix Ball is back for its 2nd edition - celebrating art, community, and inclusivity on the Mid North Coast. Get ready to shine and dress to impress in emerald green, black, and silver! Join us for a glamorous night with red carpet entry, canapés, dinner, DJ, photo booth, raffles, and surprise performances. Tickets are \$55, with all proceeds supporting Nambucca Valley Phoenix. Happening at Nambucca Heads RSL, don't miss out! For tickets, call 6501 0021 or email info@nvp.org.au. Let's make it a night to remember!

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2NVR Information for Autumn

We invite you to come along to our newly painted studios for Studio 3 Live Events over Autumn. Thanks to Fitzroy and the great job of painting he has done, the energy has had a real lift here.

Studio 3 Live is held 6 to 8pm on the 3rd Friday of the month at 834 Rodeo Drive Tewinga. It's free, live music for everyone.

 ${\it Ceri Wroble\ has\ found\ the\ following\ acts:}$

April 18th - Ethan Stewart & Grant D.W. Barnes - Blues in the style of Muddy Waters.

May 16th - The Redeemed from Bellingen - Raw Country Blues Rock.

If you cannot make it to the studios, you can listen to the live show at 2nvr 105.9FM on your radio or <u>2nvr.org.au</u> on the internet. Or download the free Community Radio Plus App.

Have you have ever wanted to be on radio? Find out how you can do our training at admin@2nvr.org.au

Bowraville Services Australia Agency

At the Bowraville Technology Centre we now offer a service for the entire community providing access to Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support through computer access.

We provide free fax and email as well as the downloading and uploading of documents to most Government Departments. Access is available from 9:30am to 3:45pm Monday to Friday.

Also available is <u>personal assistance</u> from one of our trained volunteers on <u>Mondays</u>, <u>Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am and 3pm</u>. Appointments are essential for this personalised service and can be made by ringing the Bowraville Technology Centre on 6564-7420.

This service is for rural communities to help reduce travel times and expense so please use this service to increase your on-line digital access to Australian Services.

Free WiFi access to this service is provided 7 days a week in the area around the Bowraville Technology Centre even when the centre is closed.





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Have you checked out the Bowraville Community Website?

www.bowraville.nsw.au

It's the place to go to find out what's happening and where . . . in our town.

You can get the monthly Bowra Community News, the weather, upcoming events and much more . . .

Major party politics is failing us

People often ask me, 'What are your top three policies?'

It's a good question, one that becomes easier to answer the more I speak to people. Everywhere I go, people talk to me about the rising cost of living, the failures in our healthcare system, and their concerns about the future we are leaving for our kids.

We need to meet these challenges head-on by:

Cracking down on price gouging and anti-competitive behaviour by supermarket, energy, and airline duopolies



Redirecting public funds from wasteful corporate subsidies to the essential services our community needs—like healthcare, housing, and local infrastructure

Supporting the next generation by building a housing system that is accessible to everyday people and taking real action on climate change

It's also critical that we move beyond the short-term politics that has come to dominate government decision making. One of my passions is preventative healthcare—because our system should focus on keeping people well, not just treating them when they get sick.

Major party politics is failing us.

The major parties, who have caused these problems, are unwilling to fix them.

They take millions from the same corporations hiking grocery prices, power bills, insurance, and mortgage rates. No wonder they won't stand up to them.

I'm running as an independent because we deserve better. I believe in a government that works for you—not party factions or their corporate donors.

I've been overwhelmed by the thousands of conversations, ideas, and feedback from this community. If we haven't spoken yet, I'd love to hear from you.

Authorised by C Heise, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

This political advertorial was paid for and authorised by C Heise, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

TECHNO LESSONS OPEN TO EVERYONE

The **Technology Centre**is open to <u>anyone</u> 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.

Absolute beginners are most welcome!



Counter Assistance
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for small fixes

You can ring the Bowraville Technology Centre on 6564-7420

"When you walk to the edge of all the light you have and take that first step into the darkness of the unknown, you must believe that one of two things will happen.

There will be something solid for you to stand upon, or you will be taught to fly.

- Patrick Overton

Would you like to volunteer or maybe you're required to volunteer . . .

Whichever, here at the Bowraville Technology Centre we're always looking for more volunteers to join the dedicated crew we have on board already.

You can improve your computer skills and assist others at the same time.

Call Karin on 6564 7420 for more information.

For your convenience, when paying at the Bowra Technology Centre, we now have

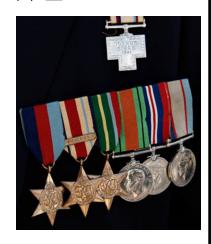
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Nambucca Anzacs WW2

Do you have a family member, or know of a person, who served in WW2? Did they live in the Nambucca District at any time during their life?

Your assistance is needed!

Research for the next volume of 'Nambucca Anzacs' has now commenced. This book will tell the stories of the men and women from the Nambucca District who served in WW2.



Who is eligible?

Any person who served in Australian uniform for any period during WW2. This includes all the women's services, the Merchant Navy, the Women's Land Army, the Volunteer Defence Corp, and men and women from other Commonwealth armed forces e.g. UK and NZ etc, who lived in the district.

Also, do you have any memories or stories of Italian POWs working on farms in the district during WW2?

If you have something to contribute, or have a question about the project, call Trevor Lynch.

Point of Contact is: Trevor Lynch – 0408 669 449
Email: trevorglynch@gmail.com

FB Group - 'Nambucca Anzacs WW2 Research'

If you are not sure, call Trevor at any time!

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Information Overload is Impacting Our Mental Health

In today's fast-paced world, we're surrounded by more information than ever. Through the internet, social media, and smartphones, we can access almost any piece of information we want in seconds.

However, having so much information at our finger-



tips is having big effects on our mental health. Understanding these effects and finding ways to cope with them are crucial.

Keep reading to learn some of the ways information overload is impacting our mental health as well as some coping strategies to live a more balanced and healthy life.

What is Information Overload?

Our journey from oral traditions to the current digital explosion has been long and transformative. The transformation in how information is shared, accessed, and consumed over centuries has drastically changed our interaction with knowledge, enriching our lives but also bringing forth unique challenges.

Information overload occurs when the flow and amount of information is too much for our brains to process. This bombardment can lead to confusion, indecisiveness, stress, and, eventually, mental fatigue. Deciding what is worthy of our attention becomes highly difficult in this flood.

In our current landscape, information is everywhere. From waking up to the moment we sleep, we are wrapped in a whirlwind of facts, updates, news, and media content. Access to an overwhelming amount of information is now just a click away, a reality with far-reaching implications.

Ways Information Overload Impacts Our Mental Health Psychological Stress and Anxiety of Information Overload

This constant bombardment of information leads to elevated stress and anxiety levels. The overwhelming need to process every piece of information and the inability to do so can create an unstable mental state.

People also may end up feeling lost and anxious, struggling to discern what truly matters.

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Kerrie's Legacy: 30 Years of Care Passes to New Hands

I first visited Bowraville when I was about 10 years of age and there was something about the place . . . I knew I'd be back.

Fast forward to 1994 when I took a job working for Isobel Moss delivering to the old Peachtree Surgery twice a day until she opened the pharmacy next to the theatre. I worked there on and off until I bought the store from John Palmer in February 2001.

Right from the start I have been blessed with wonderful staff and customers although they are all better described as friends. A special thank you goes to the lovely Nola Ryan for putting up with me for my whole journey as the pharmacy owner, 24 years!

On to the next chapter and I have been lucky enough to pass the store on to Mrs Bridgette Byrnes on April first 2025. This is coincidentally the same day we opened the new store 15 years ago. I feel so lucky that Bridgette is a beautiful person and cares the same way I do for the people of Bowraville. I wish Bridgette and her family all the best for their new adventure.

I'd like to say a special thank you to the people of Bowraville, my staff, my family and my late husband Ivan.

A bit about Bridgette:

I grew up an hour west of Tamworth, in a town with that same familiar country charm as Bowraville, I felt right at home when I first locumed at this pharmacy in 2021. The welcoming

community and the spirit of the pharmacy itself really resonated with me.

I pursued my pharmacy degree at Newcastle University after working in a pharmacy for a few years after finishing high school. I graduated university with first-class honours. I was then honoured to be named NSW Graduate of the Year and have since completed my clinical accreditation for advanced pharmacy practice (HMR and ACAP). As the first in my family to attend university, the opportunity to become a pharmacy owner is truly special. I'm keen to support local young people in achieving their own aspirations.

Taking over the reins from Kerrie is a big step, and I'm grateful she'll be here to help me. We'll be sharing the week, with me working the beginning and Kerrie at the end, so you'll still find her in the dispensary.

I'll be spending the other half of the week at home with my 1 year old little boy, Myles.

I love the existing character of the pharmacy and I don't have any big changes planned.

We've been fortunate to receive a Heritage Grant from Nambucca Council for a fresh coat of paint, which will start when the rain stops. In the future, I'd love to expand our professional services, including expanded vaccination clinics, public health awareness initiatives, and health promotion. We'd love to get a beautician and naturopath in the store too but small steps for now.

I look forward to meeting everyone and thank you for welcoming me into your community.



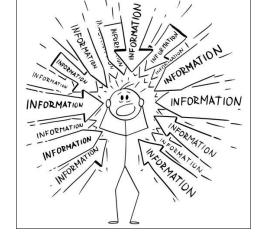
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The constant noise created by information overload has a collective effect on our minds, developing both anxiety and confusion. The perpetual tension and restlessness can rise, affecting our emotional well-being, which can lead to many psychological discomforts such as mood swings, irritability, and depression.

Sleep and It's Complications

The unwavering desire to stay in the know and the perpetual connection to the digital world endanger our sleep quality and duration. The constant



interaction with screens and the accompanying blue light disturbs our natural sleep rhythm, leaving us tired and mentally strained.

A disrupted sleep cycle not only impacts our physical health but also significantly impairs our mental abilities. The resulting fatigue worsens stress levels, decreases our ability to regulate emotions, and impacts our overall mood, creating a vicious cycle of mental unrest.

Struggles with Attention and Concentration

A world filled with information from countless sources divides our attention and makes concentrating on singular tasks seemingly impossible. The continuous distractions negatively impact our ability to maintain focus. Then, we have a decreased sense of accomplishment because it takes us longer to complete the tasks at hand.

A fractured attention span restricts our intellectual capabilities, reducing our efficiency and productivity. The struggle to concentrate because of information overload can lead to frustration and an increased sense of overwhelm. All of these effects can make the completion of even the most everyday tasks a challenge.

Social Comparison and Dented Self-Esteem

Social media is a breeding ground for comparison, which can lead to issues with self-esteem. The constant exposure to others' highlight reels can lead to feelings of inadequacy and lower self-worth, fuelling discontent and a distorted perception of reality.

The adverse effect of such comparison on our mental health is serious. It fosters a negative self-image and intensifies feelings of envy and dissatisfaction. This distorted sense of self can permeate our daily lives, affecting our behaviour, relationships, and overall outlook on life.

- https://mindfulhealthsolutions.com/4-ways-information-overload-impacts-our-mental-health-and-how-to-cope

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA

Blokes Brekkie

1st Saturday of the month at St James - ring Jeff to book on 0428 578 394

Cuppa and Chat

3rd Saturday of the month **10am** — Free

Everyone welcome

Bowra Country Markets

2nd Saturday of Month Pioneer Community Centre 9am to 1pm

St Jimmy's Kitchen

3rd Thurs of Month 5.30pm at St James Church Hall

St Jimmy's Food Hub

Friday 9-11am

Must hold a current Centrelink card.

For more info call office on 6568-9029

Bowraville Folk Museum

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Ways to Cope with Information Overload

The Role of Digital Detox

Regularly disconnecting from the digital world allows us to step back and live in the present, fostering mental clarity and reducing stress levels. A digital detox acts as a mental palate cleanser, giving us the opportunity to reconnect with our environment and the people around us. Ultimately, it helps us refresh our minds.

Mindful interaction with technology is critical. Ways to practice digital detox include limiting your screen time. There is more than one way to limit the amount of time you spend on your phone or screens, such as:



- Putting your phone in another room during meals or before going to bed.
- Setting time limits on using the apps you scroll through the most in your phone's settings.
- Assigning yourself one day each week or month where you don't use your phone or any devices.
- Turning off the tv at a certain time, or replacing watching tv altogether, to read before bed.

Being conscious of our digital consumption patterns can significantly lessen the adverse effects of information overload while also promoting mental peace and well-being.

Embracing Mindfulness and Meditation

Mindfulness and meditation serve as sanctuaries in the chaotic world of information. They help in developing a balanced and focused mind, which is essential in navigating the complex web of data surrounding us. Regular mindfulness practices can provide a sense of stability and peace in our cluttered minds.

Meditation allows us to observe our thoughts and feelings without being overwhelmed by them. It teaches us to approach our mental processes with a non-judgmental mindset, enabling us to deal with information overload more effectively, reducing stress as well as enhancing our overall mood.

Strategic Information Management

To navigate through the maze of information effectively, it is important to create a structured and strategic way to manage information. By regularly filtering and prioritising information, we can protect our minds from unnecessary clutter and maintain our mental equilibrium.

One great way to practice managing information is to dedicate certain times

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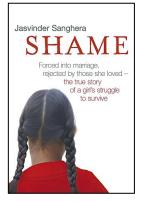


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Shame

by Jasvinder Sanghera

This is unfortunately a true story. It occurs in England which makes it a little harder to understand how it began. At the age



of 14 Jasvinder's parents arranged her marriage. With older sisters married off young to men they didn't know and didn't love she had a good insight into what her future would be and the distinct knowledge that it was something she did not want for herself. Frightened for herself and what her future would be she ran away.

Her parents disowned her, her sisters also cut off all contact. 'SHAME' is not just the story of Jasvinder's life but it encapsulates precisely the strength of its power on a culture where it rules quite highly. In Jasvinder's culture shame is not something that is overcome; it is passed down from generation to generation.

Despite the horrendous ups and downs, the challenges full of cruelty and grief, Jasvinder makes something of herself and leads a life to be proud of.

I won't say what she manages to achieve but this is a story of strength and resilience.

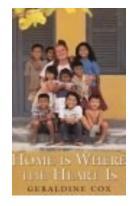
The cultural aspect is also interesting – family is extremely important, the beliefs are different, behaviour that is accepted (even 'the norm') being also different. It is not a story that I 'enjoyed' but I also could not put it down.

- Read and reviewed by volunteer Raewyn

Home is Where the Heart Is

by Geraldine Cox

More than anything, Geraldine Cox wanted to be a mother. Her dream came



true; just not in quite the way she expected.

Home is Where the Heart is is the deeply moving story of a woman who found her true purpose in caring for Cambodian orphans - the tragic victims of three decades of war and destruction. Geraldine tells with warmth and humour of an extraordinary life that, while it never lacked excitement, sometimes lacked fulfilment before her involvement with the children of Cambodia. Her story begins with her Adelaide girlhood in the 1950s and 1960s, and includes her time working for Foreign Affairs in Cambodia and other overseas postings in the 1970s and 1980s.

However, the place closest to her heart was always Cambodia. In the mid-1990s Geraldine returned there to live. As one of the few foreigners ever to be granted Cambodian citizenship through Royal Decree, Geraldine paints a vivid picture of the country, and of the risks and joys of living there. Most importantly, though, she introduces us to her unforgettable children and shares their stories.

Inspiring and uplifting, this is a book about how a mother's love can make a difference, and the surprises life has to offer.

- From the back cover.

BOOK NOOK NOTICE

We are extremely grateful for book donations but we do not accept old or worn books, text books or old non-fiction books as we have limited display shelving and even more limited storage space.

Act Against Allergies this Autumn

The Science of Hay Fever (Allergic Rhinitis):

Hay fever, or allergic rhinitis, happens when your immune system overreacts to harmless airborne substances like pollen for example. Here's a breakdown of what's really going on:

- 1. **Sensitisation:** When you first encounter an allergen (like pollen), your immune system mistakenly identifies it as a threat.
- 2. **Antibody Production:** Your body produces antibodies, a type of protector cell which remember this "threat"/allergen.
- 3. **Mast Cell Activation:** These antibodies attach to special cells in your nasal passages, eyes, and lungs to guard the body from these "threats"/allergens.
- 4. **Histamine Release:** When you encounter the allergen again, it binds to the antibodies on nasal passages, eyes and lungs, triggering the release of histamine and other chemicals. That causes the classic allergy symptoms of sneezing, runny nose, itchy eyes, and congestion. Those who experience asthma or dermatitis may experience a flare-up due to hay fever and allergens in the air.

Common Culprits:

- · Pollen from trees, grasses, and weeds
- Mold spores, especially after rain
- Dust mites, thriving in humid conditions
- · Pet dander due to animal fur shedding

Simple Steps for Relief:

- Keep windows closed: Especially during peak pollen hours.
- Shower and change clothes: After spending time outdoors, to remove pollen.
- Regularly clean your home: Focus on dusting, vacuuming, and washing bedding.
- Consider over-the-counter medications: Antihistamines, decongestants, and nasal sprays can provide relief.
- Monitor pollen counts: Many weather apps and websites provide daily pollen forecasts. The Asthma Australia website recommends the free <u>AusPollen</u> app and/or website.

Over-the-counter medications:

• Antihistamines: tablets or nasal sprays that block allergen symptoms like sneezing and itching. Some may cause drowsiness.

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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



Do you experience allergies?

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Natural mould removers that are highly effective

If you've found mould growing in your home – whether it be in the bathroom, in the wardrobe or somewhere totally unexpected – it can be tempting to reach for the harshest possible cleaning products to get the situation under control. But did you know natural mould removers can be just as effective at killing mould spores as commercial products?

Microbiology professor Dee Carter of the University of Sydney says the most important aspect of getting rid of mould is to check for sources of excessive moisture. "Mould could be growing in a wall or ceiling cavity if there has been a leak or ingress of water," she says. If the area you live in is experiencing temporarily high levels of humidity, this could also cause mould growth in the short term, and dehumidifiers may help in this scenario.

1. Undiluted white vinegar

White vinegar is said to kill around 82 percent of mould colonies. It's a natural, non-toxic product and is colourless, meaning it won't stain grout, clothing or carpet. Vinegar is best for small amounts of mould. Just pop some straight vinegar into a spray bottle, spray, leave for an hour, wipe off with warm water. Note: Vinegar will kill mould and its spores, but it may not remove mould stains. This is where a hydrogen peroxide cleaning solution could come in handy.

2. Tea tree oil or clove oil and water

This combination is usually the most effective method of naturally removing mould. Add 15 drops of your chosen oil into a spray bottle – prefer oil of cloves to all the others. Spray onto mouldy areas and leave for two hours, spray a bit more, wipe away.

3. Vodka

And now for something completely different, did you know vodka is great for cleaning? The cheaper the better. Pop some straight vodka into your nifty spray bottle. Spray, leave for an hour, wipe off with warm water.

How to prevent mould growing in your home

The best goal you can have is to try and prevent mould and mildew from growing in the first place. You can achieve this by:

- Ensuring your home and particularly water sourced rooms have adequate ventilation.
- Bring sunshine into your home at every opportunity. Open the blinds, the windows and doors.
- Direct water away from your home (check for leaks and water flow during heavy rainfall). Look for opportunities to install drainage.
- Dry wet areas immediately.
- Ensure drainage is kept free-flowing gutters, pipes and trenches. Look for leaf litter that might be clogging things up.
- Clean indoor plants regularly by dusting the leaves and making sure puddles of water are cleared up.
- Introduce mould-resistant products into your home (treated paints and building materials, non-organic fabrics).
- Air your home well after periods of rainfall or humid days. Be aware these are times mould breeds worse.
- Wipe condensation build-up from windows and walls after humid or wet days.
- Spray fabrics regularly with a mix of 3 drops Oil of Cloves in 5 cups water and leave to dry completely.
- Spray surfaces regularly with a disinfectant, antibacterial spray.

- https://www.bhg.com.au/lifestyle/cleaning/natural-mould-removers/

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WHAT'S FEATURING in APRIL 2025

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Doors open 7pm / Music starts 7:30pm

Tickets \$60 online / \$70 on the door

+ Bkg fee online @ trybooking

C.W. Stoneking is an Australian/American singer, musician, recording artist. Born in Katherine in the Northern Territory in the mid 1970s, he has lived and toured across Australia, the UK, Europe, and the U.S.A. C.W. Stoneking's music



and lyrics draw inspiration from a wide spectrum of musical styles and traditions which he combines to create his own unique sound.

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Sunday Afternoon Movie Sessions are coming back in March, please check our website for dates and details.







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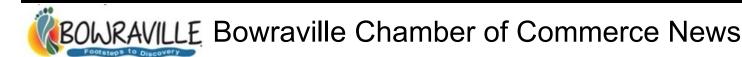
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Service funded by the Australian Government to create more child care in areas with limited supply.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA ~ WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA



To promote, encourage, support and assist in any matter or manner actions that will assist in the growth and development of the economy of Bowraville.

So many exciting developments at last months meeting as three of our newly elected Councillors came along with inspiring ideas and plans for the development of our tiny town.

These include a splash park for children and others in town, a new organisation to represent the growers and producers of our region and help with moving our strategic plan forward.

After speaking to the Mayor one of our Chamber members suggested inviting him and other Councillors along to meet the community so such gatherings are in the pipeline: time to think up concerns and ideas you would like to share with our fearless leaders. And there is the inspiration of a Christmas time celebration to excite and unite us in the planning - see below.

A larger notice board is being planned for outside the IGA, this is a great site as not only is it right in town but also there is total access when the store is open and security when the shutters come down at night. It will be a smooth surface so no thumbtacks to fall and enter bare feet or tyres, therefore tape or blue-tac are required. Sponsorships towards costs are being invited.

Next Meeting - April 1 APRIL FOOLS DAY, 5pm at the Bowra Hotel

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

CHRISTMAS IS A COMIN'.... IN DECEMBER!

We are planning a lights spectacular for the High Street in Bowra and we want your involvement as we create this great event – we are looking for any Christmas decorations and lights that you can donate; We have already received a generous donation from Donna Doolan at IGA.

LIGHT UP BOWRA '25

This event may evolve into a street party involving the whole town. So collect up your Chrissie paraphernalia and we will collect it later.

SHAME ON US

Australia is no.1 on the podium once again, though this time, it's not something to be proud of; for this year, our nation has reached the unenviable position of sending more textile waste to landfill per capita, than any other country on the planet.

- www.lovingspoonfulproductions.com.au

These Are the World's Happiest Countries In 2025

It's a good day to be a Finn—again. For the 8th successive year, Finland ranks no.1 on the annual World Happiness Report. The report is based on analysis of how the residents of over 140 countries rate their quality of life.

The report, published on the UN's International Day of Happiness, is based on analysis of how the residents of over 140 countries rate their quality of life. With 10 meaning someone is currently living the best possible life they can imagine, Finns came in first with an average score of 7.74.

"They're not happy, joyful, dancing in the streets type people, but they're very content with their lives."

While the rankings factored in a country's GDP per capita, wealth distribution, and life expectancy, they found social trust and connection help determine happiness more than people may think.

This year, the researchers found a strong correlation between someone believing in the kindness of others and their own perceived happiness. Across the board, too often, people underestimate the kindness of others, like, say, if someone will return a lost wallet. It affects well-being. Wallets are returned to their owner at almost twice the rate people assume. However, compared to the U.S., more people in Nordic countries believe a lost wallet will be returned - and more people are likely to return it.

Maintaining a strong sense of community with acts such as regularly dining with others, for example, improves social trust and happiness, the report found.

The world's happiest countries 2025 – 1. Finland, 2. Denmark, 3. Iceland, 4. Sweden, 5. Netherlands, 6. Costa Rica, 7. Norway, 8. Israel, 9. Luxembourg, 10. Mexico, 11. Australia, 12. New Zealand, 13. Switzerland, 14. Belgium, 15. Ireland, 16. Lithuania, 17. Austria, 18. Canada, 19. Slovenia, 20. Czech Republic.

- www.mindfood.com/article/these-are-the-worlds-happiest-countries-in-2025/







Will be celebrating an early Mothers Day Out, for carers for a much needed respite

Numbers will be limited so you need to register early.

There will be entry to the cottage and museum allow 45mins to an hour to look around add another half hour for morning tea. All food is home made served with tea and coffee in and on chinaware (no paper plates or cups)

It is smorgasbord style, all you can eat providing (weather depending) a cottage garden morning tea with table and chairs set up in the grounds.

Venue: Mary Boultons Pioneer Cottage and Museum

Address: 38 Gumma Rd Macksville NSW 2447

Date: Tuesday 29th April 2025

Time: 10am

No Cost for the Carers.

R.S.V.P Tuesday 22nd April 2025

For further Information and Registration Bev (02) 65694337

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2NVR News

Recently 2NVR was painted inside and out due to receiving State Government Grant.

The grant application was written by Beverly Gibbs, who donates her time at 2NVR and reads NOTA on air each week.

One of our presenters offered the lowest priced quote and he did the painting. Fitzroy Powell, who runs Sunshine Cement Rendering, when he is performing music not broadcasting, was able to work around all the presenters, as the radio station continued to function.



The photo is Michael Kemp MP inspecting the work, with Luise Pearson-Bernoth. President 2NVR and Phill Veness. Presenter on 2NVR. Photo taken by Elizabeth Newman. Presenter and Trainer.

Blokes' Breaky 1st Saturday of the month Ring Jeff to book on 0428 578 394

Cuppa and Chat 3rd Saturday of the month

Everyone welcome. 10am - Free

St Jimmy's Kitchen 3rd Thursday of Month at 5.30pm

St Jimmy's Food Hub

Fridays from 9am to11am Must hold a current Centrelink card. For more info call 6568-9029

ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL

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Ways to Cope with Information Overload — from page 12

of the day to consuming certain types of information. Here are a few examples:

- Check your email only at the beginning, middle, and end of the workday.
- Only scroll through or respond to messages on social media during lunch.
- Read news articles while drinking your morning coffee.

Information management sets us up to maintain a balanced routine and fosters a sense of control over our informational environment.

Healthy Lifestyle Habits

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle that includes regular exercise, balanced nutrition, and sufficient sleep, is fundamental to building mental strength against the negative impacts of information overload. Establishing such balanced routines provides the stability needed to face the challenges posed by excessive information.

Developing positive and supportive social connections is equally important. Healthy relationships act as buffers against stress and provide emotional support, strengthening our mental defences against the potentially harmful effects of living in a world flooded with information.

Handling information overload can be overwhelming and mentally draining. Effectively managing our interaction with information is a top priority to safeguard our mental health. It is essential for us to continually assess, adjust, and moderate our information consumption habits to maintain balance and mental wellness in this era of information overload.

- https://mindfulhealthsolutions.com/4-ways-information-overload-impacts-our-mental-health-and-how-to-cope

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A Garden of Joy



Garden joy is the birthright of every human, known and practised for uncounted millennia.

It's a simple recipe: find food and drink, choose a tree with grass or log, check there is no snake behind the log or panther up the trees, then sit and eat and talk and laugh, with the universe spreading above you and the whispering of tree leaves all around.

It is perhaps one of life's most profound pleasures, like holding a newborn baby in your arms, but it is out of reach for so many in the world now. Even more tragically, many who are quite affluent enough to have lunch in a garden have never realised that they need to.

If you are lucky, you will have a park, so someone else does the mowing. If you are very lucky, you will have a garden too.

What does a garden need to maximise the happiness?

A tree tall enough to give you shade. As a bonus, it may also give you fruit, flowers or you can climb it when life becomes too hassled. There is great calmness to be found looking at the world while sitting in a tree. In climates with cold winters and hot summers, the tree should be deciduous, giving you sunlight when you need it and shade to cool you, your home and, in a tiny but important way, the planet. Please plant a tree today. You don't need to buy one: depending on your climate, plant some apple seeds taken from the core of the last apple you ate, or the stone from

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WE NEED YOU



If you know your way around the latest technology and are able to assist others who may have queries or problems with their computers or phones, and you are in a position where your are willing or required to volunteer one or two days a week, we at the Bowraville Technology Centre would very much like to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions - we look forward to hearing from you.

Call in to the BTC on either a Tuesday or Wednesday and speak to Karin or email

admin@bctc.com.au

attention Karin Woods to find out more or call Karin on 6564-7420

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Dates in April

April 2 - Go Blue for Autism

World Autism Awareness Day promotes autism awareness by encouraging everyone to don blue.

April 7 - World Health Day

This event marks the establishment of the World Health Organisation. Each year, World Health Day rallies behind a specific health issue to raise awareness.

April 11 - World Parkinson's Day

World Parkinson's Day raises funds and awareness to help look for a cure. Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological condition that has a serious impact on an ageing population, with 25 Australians diagnosed every day. Around 80,000 Australians currently live with the condition.

April 13 - Undiagnosed Children's Awareness Day

Approximately 1 in 20 children are born with a genetic disorder, though diagnosis is often rare. Of the children who present to geneticists with syndromic features, 60% may not ever receive a diagnosis. Undiagnosed Children's Awareness Day works to change this.

April 13 - Wear Green for Premmies

The Wear Green for Premmies day is a day in which you can wear green to show your support for the 25,000 babies born prematurely in Australia every year.

April 24-30 - World Malaria Day

This campaign aims for a 90% reduction in malaria by 2030.

April 28 - World Day for Safety and Health at Work

Sponsored by the International Labour Organisation, this event aims to improve awareness of work-related safety, accidents and diseases worldwide.

April 1-30 - Adenomyosis Awareness Month

This campaign aims to educate and spread information about adenomyosis by encouraging others to speak up about their experiences.

- https://bankplace.com.au/health-calendar/

~ GARDENS & GARDENING ~

A Garden of Joy Continued from page 22

an avocado. Both apples and avocado trees make wonderful climbing, eating and sitting-under trees.

Grass or something green that is not artificial lawn. Artificial lawn is hot, smells almost everything horrible and kills beneath it. Paving is better and more beautiful, as long as you leave gaps between some of the pavers so water can penetrate. Plant the gaps with white alyssum or yellow calendulas or primulas or prostrate mint, to keep out weeds and cool the paving down as you water them. A ground cover for non-grassed areas is yellow flowered lamium, which grows ankle high but can be mown and tolerates quite dense shade as well as dappled shade. Thyme lawns smell glorious but do attract bees. They also need much weeding and top dressing by covering their stems with new soil or compost every winter, or they become woody, prickly to sit on and will also rot and die.

Flowers - grow rambling roses, clematis, wonga vine or grapes up your trees. It means the wallabies can't reach them. possums don't like to clamber through the growth and pests are confused by the double shape and scents. Plant your rambling rose or vine about a metre away from the trunk. Feed and water it well for about five years. After that, feed and water when you remember, especially on hot nights when the scent of cool water on hot soil is a blessing from the divine. You might also like to water yourself, your beloved, the kids and the dog — the water will still get to the tree and its companion. Do not water the cat.

This should be your inheritance from all your ancestors: the chance to sit under a tree and listen to wind play its song through the leaves.

- by Jackie French - www.wellbeing.com.au

Act Against Allergies - from page 14

Ask your pharmacists for more advice.

Nasal Sprays:

- Saline: washes out the sinuses which can assist in aiding removal of allergens.
- **Decongestants:** For quick stuffy nose relief, short term use only.
- Corticosteroid Nasal Sprays: Reduces nasal inflammation, very effective for allergies, safe for long term use.

Eye Drops: For itchy, watery eyes.

Natural supplements: antioxidants like vitamin C, as well as horseradish and andrographis bitters have traditionally been used to improve allergy tolerance.

For severe or persistent allergies, professional advice from a doctor or immunologist as well as testing can help identify specific triggers and treatment options.

Bowraville Pharmacy is open Monday to Friday 8:45am to 5:30pm and Saturday mornings 8:45-noon.

Come and have a chat with us to see how we can help.







LIGHTING A FIRE: QUICK FACTS

You must **notify** the Lower North Coast Burn Notification Line at least **24 hours** before burning at all times of the year.

You must **notify** any adjoining neighbours at least **24 hours** before burning at all times of the year.

During the **Bush Fire Danger Period** you must have a current Permit to burn issued by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

LOWER NORTH COAST ZONE

Council Areas

Kempsey - Nambucca

Fire Control Centre

Cnr North and River Streets West Kempsey NSW 2440

24 Hour Burn Notification Line

02 6626 6860

24 Hour Online Notifications

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify

General Enquiries

02 6563 7100

Email

lowernorthcoastteam@rfs.nsw.gov.au

Fire Weather District

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During a **Total Fire Ban** (TOBAN) you cannot light, maintain or use a fire in the open, or carry out any activity in the open that will cause, or is likely to cause, a fire.







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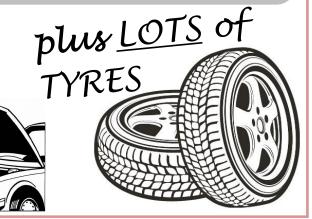
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	5	To Rock & Pop	Al Aussie artists All recent releases	See what's going down!	Maidensong Dianna Galbraith	Haunting ballads to electrifying beats with a dash of the unknown!	10 AM
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