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You can ring the Bowraville Technology Centre on 6564-7420



Simple joys, litte pleasures, Laughter and smiles in big measures. Friends, family, **togetherness, love ...** The choicest blessings from above. Peace, prosperity **and happiness too ...** All these and more are our wishes for you!

Merry Christmas from Bowraville Technology Centre Team.

Mark, Robynne, Michael, Raewyn, Wendy, Karin, Cherie and Cynthia.

Check out the Bowraville Technology Centre's DVD Library

The DVD Library operates on the same basis as our very popular Book Nook,

ie: an honesty system - and if borrowers would like to make a donation of \$1 each time they borrow it would be appreciated.



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

St. Jimmy's Kitchen invites you to Bowraville Christmas Day Lunch December 25 Arrive at 12 noon for 12.30 Lunch

At Bowraville Central School (Entry at the Cook Street gates)

EVERYONE is welcome at this FREE community event for FUN, FRIVOLITY & CHRISTMAS CHEER

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~ TECH TALK ~ TECH TALK ~ TECH TALK ~ TECH TALK ~ Technology and the environment

Technology and the environment play an integral role in each other's existence. The environment influences technology. People are affected by technology. The question is, how technology and the environment affect each other and how they will continue to affect each other in the future.

Technology and the environment cannot be separated. Both affect each other and each must be maintained in order for the other to be successful. People need to be able to use technology to their advantage this will



allow them to progress and prosper. In order for technology to be successful there must be technological advancements that benefit society as a whole. A harmonious relationship between technology and the environment is essential in maintaining a technological society.

Technology and the environment complement each other. They work together in order for technology to thrive. Humans cannot survive without the earth. It provides food, air and shelter. All of these are provided through various forms of environmental quality.

Pollution affects the environment negatively. Industrialisation and increasing levels of population have led to an increase in pollution due to the increased use of technology in everyday life. The pollutants produced during the process of technological advances can pollute the environment permanently if not removed. This is one of the reasons environmental history has become so important in understanding the impact of technology on the environment today.

Global warming is another possible effect of technology and the environment. A major cause of global warming is carbon emissions. Carbon emissions are the result of a technological advance such as the combustion engine. Other forms of pollution that can be attributed to technology include nitrogen oxide from the burning of fossil fuels and methane and chlorofluorocarbons from the manufacture of refrigerators and gas bottles. Automobile emissions rank high in this category although there are efforts being made by automobile producers to reduce this problem.

Another effect of technology on the environment comes through the creation of environment plans or strategies. The objectives of an environment plan for human sustainability are many. One of these objectives is to reduce the rate at which new sites for technological advancements are being developed. This objective also supports the creation of renewable land use. In addition the reduction of the generation of harmful greenhouse gases and the encouragement of a sustainable development of the land use economy support this objective.

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The Origins of Christmas in Australia

When the English colonists arrived in January of 1788 they would have been shocked at how warm it was. Starting from their very first Christmas it was clear things were going to be different.

Many Christmas traditions such as pine trees, reindeer and snow were not available so they had to improvise with what they could find in the Aussie bush.

The Aussie Christmas traditions of today took years to develop. However the British roots of early settlers and government continue to be a strong influence to this day.

Australia's First Christmas

According to historical records the first Christmas in Australia was celebrated in December of 1788, almost one full year after their arrival at Sydney Cove. Reverend Johnson conducted services for Governor Arthur Phillips and his officers before they enjoyed Christmas supper. Unfortunately for the convicts they only had their daily rations of bread and water. But the prison guards did lessen the sentence for one unlucky fellow named Michael Dennison who had stolen a bag of flour. He only got 150 lashings by the whip instead of the usual 200.

Australian Christmas Plants

In Britain the practice of decorating with evergreen plants such as holly and mistletoe during the winter holidays had been common since the days of the Celtic Druids. By the mid-1800s putting up Christmas trees and sending Christmas cards had come into fashion. It was not practical for the settlers in Australia to import live fir trees but they continued their traditions using the native plants found in the area. They gathered tree ferns, palm fronds, eucalyptus boughs, Christmas bells, Christmas orchids and Christmas bushes from the forest.

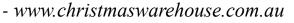
Traditional Meals and Dishes

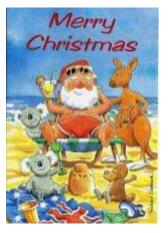
The British influence on Australian culture can be seen in the traditional Christmas dinner which still includes fare such as roast meats and vegetable with fruit mince pies and plum pudding for dessert. In more recent decades, serving an array of cold ham, turkey and other cold meats has come into favour, as it is considered more appropriate for hot weather. There is also barbeques of local seafood as well as cold salads and other traditional side dishes. Christmas dinner is very important. Basically everyone in Australia eats as much as they possibly can to celebrate Christmas.

When Father Christmas Visits Australia

Santa's reindeer cannot legally enter the island of Australia due to issues of quarantine. But the image of Santa's sleigh being pulled by kangaroos appears on Australia's earliest Christmas cards. Santa still comes down the chimney, leaves presents and has a drink or a piece of cake.

To learn more about the early history of Christmas in Australia, watch classic films such as *Bush Christmas (1947), Prince and the Great Race (1987)* and the 1987 tele-series *Bushfire Moon (Miracle Down Under).*

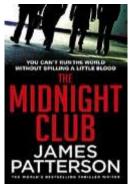




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The Midnight Club

by James Patterson From the bestselling author of Along Came a Spider and Cat and Mouse, a mesmerising tale of non-stop action and suspense.



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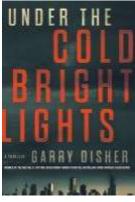
underbelly of the city like New York cop John Stefanovitch. He's out to get Alexandre St-Germain, the most powerful member of the Midnight Club -- a secret international society of ruthless crime czars, all of whom are 'respectable' businessmen.

And Stef's the ideal man for the job -until he's levelled by a blast from St-Germain's shotgun and left for dead. Now, Stef is back, wheelchair-bound, yet sworn to destroy St-Germain.

With the help of a beautiful journalist and a Harlem cop, Stef is determined to crack the Midnight Club. And he's up against odds that are as unknown as they are deadly!

Under the Cold Bright Lights By Garry Disher

The young detectives call Alan Auhl a retread, but that doesn't faze him. He does things his own way and gets results.



He still lives with his ex-wife, off and on, in a big house full of random boarders and hard-luck stories. And he's still a cop, even though he retired from Homicide some years ago.

He works cold cases now. Like the death of John Elphick - his daughters still convinced he was murdered but the coroner not so sure. Or the skeleton that's just been found under a concrete slab. Or the doctor who killed two wives and a girlfriend, and left no evidence at all.

Auhl will stick with these cases until justice is done. One way or another.



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Christmas Self Care

Christmas can be a stressful time, especially after the ups and downs of COVID19 and especially if someone in your family lives with mental illness. So, following are some tips for taking the stress out Christmas.

Make sure you fill your cup!

As Christmas approaches, many of us feel stressed by all the things we think we 'have to do', but it's just as important to incorporate self-care during these busy times – because you can't pour from an empty cup. Some handy tips:

- It's ok to say no and only participate in activities that are significant to you
- Attend a meditation class or download a free relaxation app
- Make a Christmas budget and stick to it
- Listen to calming music or watch your favourite movie
- Go to bed early and get a full 8-hours sleep (every night!)
- Eat and drink in moderation and plan healthy meals for when you're not celebrating
- Don't forget to move! Walk, run, swim, cycle, roller-skate, dance aim to be active for 30 minutes everyday
- Find gratitude for small and simple things
- Acknowledge that the festive season isn't a happy time for everyone Christmas might be an upsetting or difficult time for yourself or someone close to you, and that's okay
- Visit the HelpingMinds[®] website and find a support group

Self-care is not selfish! Make it a priority this Christmas.

Start a new tradition

Often, we get stuck doing the same thing over and over. If Christmas in its current form is a stressful event for you mix it up and start a new tradition.

Try a family outing such as a trip to the beach or a bushwalk. Get out of the house and enjoy a relaxed picnic or BBQ outdoors. Perhaps you could do something crafty together or make music. Is there a local event you could attend or somewhere you could volunteer? Think outside the box and see if this year you can start a new tradition that brings you joy.

Make a safety plan.

Having a safety plan in place can bring ease of mind and can make you feel confident about what to do if things aren't going as smoothly as you had hoped.

What is your plan B if something unexpected happens? Who will you call? Check what services are open over Christmas and make sure you have another option if

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What's the difference . . between Christmas and Xmas



Key difference: Christmas is the Christian holiday for commemorating the birth of Christ as celebrated on December 25 annually. 'Xmas' is a common abbreviation of the word Christmas,

in use for over a thousand years.



Christmas is the Christian holiday for commemorating the birth of Christ. It is celebrated worldwide on December 25 by billions of people. Christmas is a civil holiday in many of the world's nations it is also celebrated increasingly by non-Christians.

Christmas is the holiday of gift giving, Christmas music and caroling, an exchange of Christmas cards, church celebrations, a special meal, and the display of various Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, Christmas lights, nativity scenes, garlands, wreaths, mistletoe, and holly. It is also when Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas or Christkind bring gifts to children during Christmas who have been good throughout the year. In addition to a religious holiday, Christmas has become a heightened economic activity among both Christians and non-Christians, due to all of the gift-giving.

The word 'Christmas' originated as 'Christ's Mass'. It is derived from the Middle English Cristemasse, which was originally Crīstesmæsse in Old English. The phrase was first recorded in 1038. 'Xmas' is a common abbreviation of the word Christmas. Contrary to popular belief, the word has actually been in use for millennia. The word originated as X comes from the Greek letter Chi, which is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ. The word X was often substituted for



Christ in the Greek version of the New Testament. So, logically, Christ's Mass was also shortened to X-Mass and eventually Xmas for Christmas.

A common misconception today is that Xmas is a secular attempt to remove the religious tradition from Christmas by taking the 'Christ' out of 'Christmas'. However, they fail to realize that X is actually an abbreviation for Christ, one that has been in use for over a thousand years. Xmas has just gotten a lot of recent popularity as it is shorter to write, and is often used by youngsters and by advertisements targeting youngsters.

Still, it is considered informal to use Xmas instead of Christmas and many Christians find it rude. In the 1948 Vogue's Book of Etiquette, Millicent Fenwick stated that "Xmas' should never be used" in greeting cards. Furthermore, The Christian Writer's Manual of Style, while acknowledging the ancient and respectful use of 'Xmas', states the spelling should never be used in formal writing.

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Bowraville Lions Club Christmas Raffle Tickets \$1.00

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Thursday 23rd December 12 noon Outside Bowra Pharmacy Winners notified by phone Fickets available in High St throughout December

Letters to Santa

Once again Santa's elves are 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.

The Bowraville Lions Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Don't forget to buy your Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings from the BTC or the Pharmacy in High Street. We also have 2022 Australian Lions Hearing Dog Calendars available at the BTC.

	iid North Coast	offs Harbour)	An Early Linker will assist with:	General development concerns	Information and support for families to find out	about their children's disability needs	Identify concerns, set goals	and development plans for the future	Connecting with other parents, community and service providers	Build confidence to achieve your goals Develop your existing support networks and create new networks Look at ways you can participate and be a part of you community.
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COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON 4 DECEMBER

After a delay of over a year due to covid concerns it is almost time to elect our Nambucca Valley Mayor and Councillors for the next 4 years.

There are a total of 13 candidates. One will be elected as Mayor and eight Councillors will be chosen, therefore four of the candidates will not be on the upcoming Council.

At the election there are two candidates for Mayor - Rhonda Hoban, the current Mayor, and Susan Jenvey, currently a councillor. Both candidates are also on the ballot to select councillors.

Rhonda Hoban	Independent	Newee Creek
James Angel	Independent	Tewinga
Troy Vance	Independent	Macksville
Barry Clow	Independent	Scotts Head
John Wilson	Independent	Nambucca Heads
David Jones	Independent	Nambucca Heads
Trevor Ballangarry	Independent	Yarranbella
Susan Jenvey	Labor	Bowraville
Peter Sobey	Independent	Valla rural
David Hall	Independent	Eungai Creek
Michael Scafidi	Independent	Gumma
Ricky Buchanan	Independent	Bowraville
Martin Ballangarry	Independent	Bowraville

The candidates for councillor positions are

From the information provided to the NSW electoral commission and available on their website none of the candidates are developers.

Locals were invited to learn more about the candidates at the Meet the Candidates event on Thursday 18 November at Macksville Showgrounds. Unfortunately Troy Vance, Michael Scafidi and Barry Clow were unable to attend.

Rhonda Hoban, John Wilson, David Jones, Susan Jenvey, and Martin Ballangarry are currently on the NVC.

At the election itself How to Vote cards will not be given due to the pandemic.

For your vote to be valid you must number at least 1, 2, 3 and 4. But numbering beyond this still gives your choices some power under our complex quota and distribution rules, so give every one of the candidates you would like to see elected a consecutive number.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE – DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON IT Compiled by the Bowraville Chamber of Commerce ~ GARDENS & GARDENING ~ GARDENS & GARDENING ~

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Christmas gardening tasks

Being able to enjoy the outdoors over the holiday period is one of the greatest things about an Aussie Christmas.

If you're planning on hosting family and friends at your place this year get your backyard looking spic and span.

Green up your lawn

A well-kept lawn provides a green place for playing and lounging. Give it a good mow and tidy up the edges. Do it in the early morning or late afternoon so you're not outside in the heat and humidity in the middle of the day.

Use a hose-on fertiliser for a quick boost and green up. Continue giving the grass a good watering as often as you can between now and Christmas. This will make a big difference. If your lawn has disappeared, cover the area with some form of mulch, such as bark or gravel.

Tidy up

You've probably got gardening stuff that 'might be useful one day' but really haven't been used in years. Chuck it out or move it to the shed. If your kids have grown out of that bike or the baby swing then it's the perfect time to pass them on to someone else ... or take them to the tip.

Clean up furniture

Clean up paving, peeling paint or faded woodwork, re-stain the deck and clean the barbecue. Outdoor plastic furniture comes up well with a bit of a wipe or scrub down. Timber furniture can



be quickly cleaned and refreshed with furniture wipes which you can get at the hardware store. For an instant lift, buy new outdoor cushions or a festive tablecloth. **Tidy up your plants**

Go around with secateurs and snip off dead leaves, flowers and anything that's been badly heat affected. Cut back annuals or perennials that have flowered as they may come good and re-flower.

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BOOK FAIR



BOWRAVILLE PIONEER COMMUNITY CENTRE

Annual fundraiser for the hall

70 High Street, Bowraville

Saturday, January 8th 2022 from 9am to 2pm

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Beware of Online Scams this Christmas

Scammers will pretend to be genuine online sellers, either with a fake website or fake ad on social media to catch unsuspecting shoppers. It is important to be aware of the risks of shopping online and take steps to safeguard your personal and financial information.



How to spot an online scam

Fake retail websites, online auction and classified websites are the three major channels for scammers to access victim's money and personal information.

Fraudulent websites are designed to capture your information and take your money and run. They use stolen logos or a false ABN to gain trust of consumers.

Each time you provide your details such as an email address or a credit card, your information becomes prey for cyber criminals.

Online Shopping Tips

- Ensure the website is secure look for https:// (s is for secure)
- Be wary of unprofessional looking sites
- Use a secure payment option such as PayPal, BPay or your credit card
- Use a secure computer and a secure network to protect your money and personal information when shopping online, avoid public computers and networks
- Beware of a site asking for more personal information than they need
- Avoid storing your credit card details on websites for future shopping; this may leave it open to a compromise
- Before purchasing check the retailer's return or refund policy and complaints handling policies
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- Always install antivirus software and ensure you keep it and your browser up-to-date

When shopping goes wrong

- Contact your financial institution immediately
- Your state's Fair Trading or Consumer Affairs Office
- Report it to the ACCC's Scamwatch

~ GARDENS & GARDENING ~

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Spread mulch everywhere

Mulch covers up a multitude of sins and adds a finishing touch to garden beds. Sugar cane, lucerne, bark chip and tea tree mulch are all great choices.

Add a little colour

If there's no time to plant seedlings you're going to have to go for potted flowering plants. Petunias, asters, daisies, orange Gaillardia and marigolds are great choices for sunny spots; try impatiens or begonias in the shade. Look for lots of buds rather than fully opened flowers, as they will open over the next couple of weeks.

Grow your own salads

Keep planting seedlings of salad greens such as lettuce, rocket and spinach every couple of weeks so you always have fresh salad at hand no matter how many people drop in.

Grow green gifts

Gardeners and plant lovers love presents they can plant, decorate or use in their garden and, for many gardeners, the more practical the better. Take a visit to the nursery – you're sure to get lots of ideas for every member of your family. Buy a punnet of seedlings or a small potted perennial then plant it into an attractive container as the perfect growing gift.

Plant up pots

To enliven dull spots, pot up flowering gardenias, hydrangeas, geraniums or agapanthus and place them strategically so they can be seen by guests. If you prefer native plants, Christmas bush, grevilleas and kangaroo paws are all looking amazing at the moment and do very well in sunny spots. You can buy ready-planted hanging baskets or pots that are overflowing with flowers. It's worth spending that little bit extra and buying a couple. Position them either side of your front or back door to really make a statement.

Last minute tidy up

A day or two before Christmas, do a lastminute clean-up - trim edges, mow and sweep everything including all paths and paving. Look up, too, and get rid of all the spider webs. And, don't forget to fill the gas bottle if you're barbecuing.

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- deposits
- balance enquiries.

These services are available at Bowraville Post Office with more than 70 banks and financial institutions.

Bank@Post is an agency service provided by Australia Post on behalf of over 70 financial institutions. Bank@Post is available at participating Post Offices. Services available are cash withdrawals, deposits and balance enquiries.

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your go-to service is closed. Ensure you have medication and other necessities. Plan for various scenarios to ensure you won't feel alone or unprepared.

Write it down.

Get your notebook out in the lead up to Christmas and just write. Write down everything you think and feel or everything you 'have to' do and worry about. Don't write it for anyone to read. Just write to get it out of your head and onto the paper.

This simple practice can help you in the lead up to Christmas. With a clear head it's much easier to decide what is a priority and what needs to be done.

Practise self-compassion

COVID-19 may have affected your Christmas plans. You may not be able to spend it with some, or all, of your loved ones or you may not have been able to travel to your preferred destination.

Acknowledge if this year has been a difficult one for you. It can be helpful to remind yourself of the things that have gone well particularly when times are difficult. What are some of the things you are grateful for this year?

If you are away from loved ones this doesn't mean you can't connect at Christmas. A phone call or a good old-fashioned Christmas card are good ways to keep in touch with people you care about.

If you need to talk to someone during the Christmas period, we recommend you call a confidential helpline such as Crisis Care 1800 199 008. There will be people with a listening ear who can help you cope if you feel overwhelmed.

Stop comparing yourself to others.

You are unique – your story is unique – your personality is unique – your family is unique. Don't compare yourself to others and the Christmas they are having or talking about on social media. Family situations can be complicated especially when someone in your family is living with mental health challenges or you are struggling yourself. Accept YOU as you are. Accept your family as they are. Set boundaries and take action towards creating the Christmas you would like to have by communicating this to the people around you. Then, let it go and take Christmas as it comes. Without expectations. Without judgement. With acceptance.

What matters most?

Although Christmas means different things to different people for most people it's an opportunity to connect with family and friends or to take a break. It can be a time to be together, to relax and celebrate. It may also be a time to honour your religion and faith.

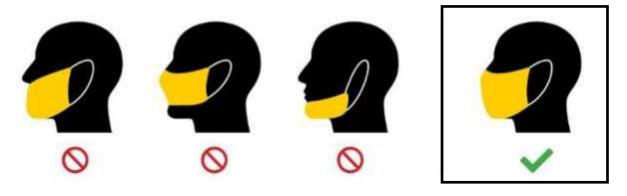
Have a think about what it means to you and what your intention is this year and keep that in mind during the Christmas festivities. It will also help you to stay centred if things don't go to plan.

Crisis Care 1800 199 008 Rurallink 1800 552 002 Lifeline 13 11 14 Mental Health Emergency 1800 676 822

- helpingminds.org.au/christmas-selfcare/

How to wear and use a mask properly during COVID-19?

Protect yourself and others by wearing a face covering correctly.



The proper procedure for wearing a face mask during COVID-19?

- wash or sanitise your hands before putting your mask on or taking it off
- make sure your mask covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face
- do not touch the front of your mask while wearing or removing it
- do not allow the mask to hang around your neck or under your nose
- do not reuse single use masks
- wash and dry reusable masks after use and store in a clean dry place.

- <u>www.health.gov.au</u>

Clocktower facelift complete thanks to local efforts

With a grant from the Nambucca Valley Council and the efforts of volunteers from our local community and Bowraville Lions Club our beloved clock tower has been restored to its former glory.





The original clock tower was built in 1987 but the original time piece was unreliable so in 2007 the Bowraville Lions Club started a fundraiser to update the clock and raised over \$12000 which included a grant from council for \$5000.

Since then there has been some upgrades and repairs to the clock faces in 2017 but the recent repair work has been the most

signification to make the structure safe again. Former Lion Chris DÉlboux and current Lion Greg

Lamberth replaced the rotting timber and gave the clock tower a fresh coat of paint.



Former Lion Alan Boyd built and painted the Wagon Wheel and Wayne Noble used the lifter of his truck to put the wagon wheel into place.

Thanks to these awesome locals and to our local council.

Historic St James Anglican Church High St. Bowraville



The 10am Sunday Service has resumed.

Unfortunately with the Covid19 restrictions you now have to 'book in' as space is limited.

Phone: 6568 9029

email: nambuccaanglicans@tpg.com.au

Blokes' Breaky 1st Saturday of the month at St James - ring Tony to book on 0456 257 757

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

Bowra St Jimmy's Food Hub Monday, Friday and Saturday 9am until 11am for all people who hold a Centrelink card.

Save our native wildlife from drowning

Summer is coming and with this season comes a range of difficulties for our native animals, thirst and drowning are two common problems they face every year. With hot days and little rain more natives will be searching for a water source as our



creeks dry out. Some of us will be getting our pools ready, taking off the pool cover preparing for hours of enjoyment. Sadly, our pools are a regular danger to our native wildlife but there is a simple solution you can use to remedy the danger. You can make a DIY pool ramp for native animals to escape drowning when they fall in, and this ramp may even save your pet too. Echidnas, bandicoots, frogs and antechinus are often found needing rescue, sometimes it's too late but let's give them a chance; yes some of these animals can swim but not for hours, they become exhausted and drown. Items you probably have around your home can be turned into a nifty pool ramp, a rubber door mat and rope will make a good ramp you can drape over the edge of the pool, secured to your pool fence to hold it for their hasty escape.

Another danger is the simple bucket of water that you might be saving for the garden or the rain has filled it. Put a long stick into the bucket, so that sticks out above the water then any frogs, birds or lizards that fall in can escape. We all

love our beautiful colourful native birdlife and often will put out containers to help them during summer, put a rock or stick in so no little creatures drown, or if you are on the land/ acreage think about your water troughs having a good size stick available for escapes when animals get into strife. No-one wants to find native wildlife drowned.



If you do find a sick, injured or orphaned native animal call WIRES Wildlife Rescue 1300 094 737

4 SIMPLE STEPS to making your Bush Fire Survival Plan Preparing for a bush fire is easier than you think. It's your responsibility to prepare yourself, your home and your family. Follow these 4 simple steps to get ready for a bush fire: 1. DISCUSS 2. PREPARE 3. KNOW 4. KEEP what to do if a all the bush fire your home and the bush information numbers. bush fire get it ready for fire alert bush fire threatens your levels. websites & the smart home. season. phone app.

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One way to achieve sustainable development of the environment is through technology implementation. There are many programs and projects supported by the environment plan for sustainable development. These projects involve the use of technology in the areas of waste water management, community forestry, and carbon dioxide removal from the



atmosphere. Through technology implementation, environmental problems can be addressed. It also helps to create a cleaner earth.

Today's world faces a variety of environmental problems. Many of these problems face the poor in the developing world, those who live in rural regions, and those with little access to electricity or clean water. It is true that technology has helped to relieve these problems in some cases. However, the type of technology used is not limited to clean energy, water purification, and improved forestry practices. There are more environmental benefits to incorporating technology into society as it pertains to technology and the environment.

Environmental advocates applaud the increased use of clean energy, water conservation, and technology implementation. They claim that technologies can and should be developed to help with the environmental problems that face society today. While technology may not solve all environmental problems, technologies developed specifically to combat specific environmental issues such as air pollution, water pollution and pesticides can potentially save the environment.

As indicated earlier, the environment has been affected by technology since the dawn of man. One can trace the impact technology had on the environment back to the Stone Age. Technology has continued to impact the environment in new ways as well. Technological developments in areas such as telecommunications have created new environmental implications. A telephone network is an enormous amount of electricity generated over a very long time. The energy produced by a phone network has implications for the environment that go beyond the impact it has on the individual who owns the equipment.

Technological change and its environmental impacts must be considered in today's society. The key to a sound environmental policy is to recognize and determine the sources of technological change, and the societal responses to those changes. It is essential that the key questions are asked, and adequate research done to evaluate the impact of technological progress on the environment.

Effective environmental policy requires flexibility and a willingness to work closely with citizens, local governments, and nongovernmental organisations to build and manage an environmental policy that advances the goals of environmental protection while protecting the environment and the sources of natural resources.

- www.techbusinessnews.com.au/technology-and-the-environment/

Radio Nambucca 2NVR 105.9 fm and streaming via www.2nvr.org.au

2NVR seems to be going from strength to strength. The station has been nominated for the CBAA's Outstanding Small Station Award. This may well prove again that 2NVR is indeed the best little station in the nation!

We have new presenters who will start training soon and it will be exciting to hear some new voices and new shows in the New Year. Why don't you join our team? Please call 0419 707 874 if you are keen.

Our live Studio 3 sessions have been wonderful and our offering on 17 December will be one of the best! Studio 3 Live will present 'The Wild Women of Anywhere Beach'. They are two revolutionary older women who have been delighting audiences for over 30 years, singing their way through numerous political upheavals, social revolutions and just plain standing up

against injustice! Cathy (Fast Fingers) Welsford and Angie (Random Chords) Smith write original songs and fearlessly adapt others to their own unique style.

You can come to the studio and be a part of our live audience, please bring your own refreshments and a chair. You can also listen on 105.9 FM or stream via www.2NVR.org.au from 6:00 pm on Friday 17 December 21.

Our Facebook page is great for keeping up to date with what's happening at 2NVR.







Citizen scientists can help explain why Christmas beetles seem fewer in number

For many, Christmas means Mariah Carey songs on repeat, hot weather and flashes of green and yellow insects in our gardens.

But in recent years Christmas beetle sightings appear to be dwindling.

A new online study is hoping to recruit community scientists and budding entomologists to help track and count the beetles.

Tanya Latty, an entomologist from the School of Life and Environmental Science at the University of Sydney said there

had never been a dedicated long-term study in the decline of Christmas beetles.

"While everybody feels like numbers are going down and people claim that we don't see them in the numbers that we used to we don't have that data," she said.

"There is reasonable anecdotal evidence to suggest that there has been a decline in Christmas beetle numbers. This is why we have launched the Christmas beetle count through the iNaturalist website in the hope of getting some good numbers on what is happening with Christmas beetles."

Associate Professor Latty said the possible decline could be due to several factors including the increased use of broad-spectrum insecticides and pesticides in gardens. "Applying any sort of curl grub killer or insecticides to the soil is generally not a good idea for any gardener," she said.

"Most of those chemicals are broad-spectrum which means they will affect a large range of insects and it also mucks up the soil ecosystem."

Scientists believe other reasons for the decline could be habitat change as a lot of the native bushland and grassland the beetles would spend time in as larvae have disappeared or been destroyed.

"Things like climate change can also mess around with when the insects come out," Associate Professor Latty said.

"We don't have enough data to point us in the direction of what is the major factor in the decline in numbers."

"Drought is probably a principal reason why we haven't seen as many over the past few years. If the ground is too dry the adults can't emerge from the soil. There have also been changes in the urban environment and the expansion of urban areas."

Associate Professor Latty said a big entomological study would traditionally take a lot of time and money with trained people outside collecting data.

"What's changed is websites like iNaturalist can harness the power of citizens and community members to go out and get the data and post it online for us enabling us to receive data from across the county in real time and at almost no cost," she said.

By contributing to this project you will be helping determine whether Christmas Beetles are declining and, if so, what might be causing that decline.

"Christmas beetle is a general name; their scientific name is *Anoplognathus*, in which there's about 36 species," says Chris Reid, a principal research scientist at the Australian Museum.

To participate go to https://www.inaturalists.org/projects/christmas-beetles

- www.abc.net.au



Bowraville Central School News

Financial Wizz Kids

Year 4/5/6G have been learning financial literacy this year, using a free program called 'Banqer'. They each received virtual bank accounts - an everyday and a savings. They learned about budgeting and had to rent their desk, tote tray and laptops from their teacher, Mrs Lane. They were given some pocket money each week to cover these expenses.

In Term 2, the students wrote job applications to apply for various jobs in the classroom. These jobs came with an income, which helped them to save. They learned that keeping their money in a savings account attracted interest. Students were also able to purchase assets (bikes and cars) which were then leased out to earn them more income.

Last week, their total net worth was converted into 'Banqer' dollars for them to spend at the fair organised for their class. Groups of students collaborated to decide on the nature of their stall, resource requirements and the design of their sign.

Mrs Lane said she was so proud of all the class. 'They were impeccably behaved and I saw some natural sales people rise up, trying to sell their remaining wares.

Congratulations 4/5/6G!'



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



Pioneer Community Centre B.C.D.A.I.

70 High Street, Bowraville ~ In the heart of Bowraville ~

Every Saturday - Saturday Café - 9am to 1pm Every Saturday - Sewing Circle - 10am to 2pm Every Saturday - Painting of the front of the building - 2pm to 4pm Every Tuesday evening - Line Dancing with Rhonda Every Thursday - 3 classes, morning, afternoon and evening -Watercolour classes with Hanh Every Saturday - Watercolour classes with Hanh, 3pm to 5pm 2nd Saturday of the month - **Bowra Country Markets** - 9am - 1pm A special Xmas Market on Saturday 11 December Seeking donations for our BOOK FAIR in January (used books and raffle items) Seeking a volunteer Markets Manager, volunteer Hall Manager, volunteer Grants writer and volunteer Secretary and, last, but not least Seeking contact with all NFPs / community organisations in Powraville for discussion regarding how your group cap work and

Bowraville for discussion regarding how your group can work and share with BCDAI for the benefit of the whole community.

Find us on Facebook. Enquiries to Marion 0400 828 471 bcdainc@gmail.com



New Exhibition at Phoenix Gallery & Cafe RESILIENCE: Advancing Despite Adversity Exhibition

Celebrating individual and collective resilience in our region



Brentyn Lugnan --- Denise Delaney --- Sarah Wade --- Villi Berkhof-Ober Julie Nash --- Pam Levy --- Sally Hook --- Georgia Baker --- Nick Warfield Paul Miller 10AM - 2PM Wed to Fri



Know Your Herbs & SPICES

Following is a list of spices every home cook should have in their kitchens along with descriptions of their flavours, aromas and how they're typically used.

Hot Spices

Red Pepper Flakes

Red pepper flakes make it easy to add a spicy kick to any dish without changing the overall flavour profile or adding additional moisture. You can incorporate them early in the cooking process or sprinkle some on top as a garnish before serving.

Paprika

The flavour and aroma of paprika can vary widely from warm and delicate to hot and smoky. It's great on most meats, vegetables and legumes.

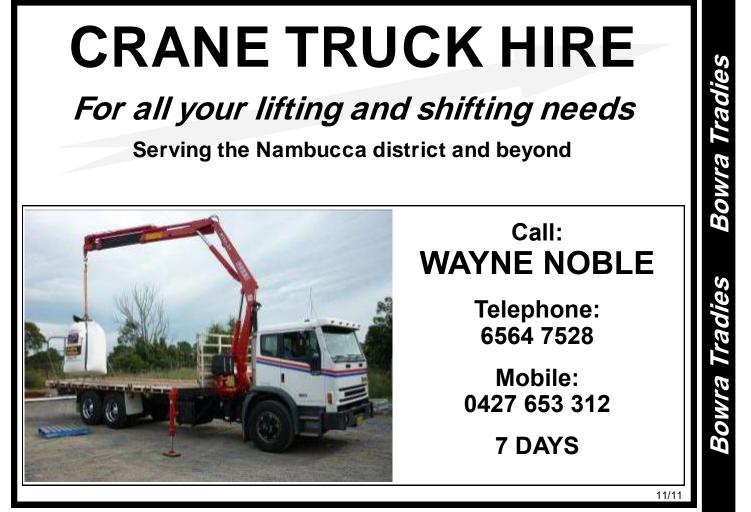
Cayenne

Cayenne is the most common ground chili worldwide beloved for its slightly smoky flavour and heat-boosting abilities. It's a staple in many chili powders, curry powders, seasonings and other spice blends.

Chili Powder

Chili powder is typically just a blend of popular spices used in Latin-American cooking like ground ancho chili, paprika, cumin, coriander and cayenne. Great in chili, enchiladas and many other recipes.

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