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Service NSW is coming to our community



We're bringing NSW Government services to: **Bowraville**



on: Thursday 12th December 2024

at: 1PM - 3PM

Find us at: 29 HIGH STREET



Keeping the memories alive.

Do you have **old VHS tapes** holding precious memories of weddings, christenings, parties etc?

Bring them into the Bowra Technology Centre and we will **transfer them to digital format**.

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.





Australian Government
Services Australia

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 . . .

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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Pharmacist KERRIE SAVINS



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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.

Absolute beginners are most welcome!



One-on-One
Technical support
\$30 per 1/2 hour
(Thursday & Friday only)

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for small fixes
\$2 per 5 minutes

If your computer requires
servicing, or has issues,
you will need to make a booking
and there will be
a minimum fee of \$35.

For technical issues contact BTC for a booking.

You can ring the Bowraville Technology Centre on "Christmas
is a necessity.
There has to be
at least one day
of the year to
remind us that
we're here for
something else
besides
ourselves."
- Eric Sevareid

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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Caz Heise, Your Independent Voice for Cowper

Do you feel like regional communities like ours have been overlooked? Do you feel like our representatives don't listen to our needs? I certainly do.

Where is our representation? Where are the voices that truly understand the challenges we face?

It was this frustration that drove me to end my time working as a regional health director and seek community endorsement to run as your independent candidate - I'm here to reaffirm our values of local governance and community engagement.

My years spent working as a nurse and healthcare manager have given me firsthand insight into the issues that affect families and individuals across Cowper.

I believe our community deserves better representation - someone who genuinely listens and actively works to address our needs.

The major parties have consistently failed to deliver on their promises - from neglected infrastructure and a lack of support for local businesses, to a crumbling healthcare system and a severe shortage in affordable housing.



I'm running for office because I believe our community deserves better.

How can we run businesses and farms, or stay connected to the wider world, if many of us can't even access decent internet or get a phone signal in our houses?

How can we build a better future for our kids when our schools and local infrastructure remain underfunded?

Our campaign is about putting communities first. It is based on the belief that local voices truly matter and must form a part of representative decision-making.

By running as an independent, I'm free from the constraints of party politics. There is no party line to tow or corporate donors to keep happy. This means I am free to ensure that our concerns are not only heard but addressed.

What I am hearing over and over again is that people are sick of the squabbling and simply want representatives to address our everyday needs - access to decent and affordable healthcare and housing, mobile and internet that works, and help reduce skyrocketing power and grocery bills.

So that is what I will do if elected as your representative. I'll work to remove mobile blackspots and improve our local infrastructure, support local businesses and households struggling with rising cost of living, and advocate for better access to healthcare. I'll fight to improve educational opportunities for our youth, so they can thrive in our region without feeling the need to leave the area for work or study. And finally, I'll work tirelessly to build a sustainable future, where the ecosystems and local industries we hold dear are protected.

I believe that when we come together as a community we can solve problems and support one another. This means actively engaging with local groups, farmers, businesses, and all residents to create a roadmap that reflects our shared goals and aspirations.

This is a critical moment for our region. We can build a future where everyone is heard, and where everyone has access to the care and services they need.

I invite you to reach out to me directly and let me know about the issues that matter to you, and together we can work on solutions that benefit our community, and our country.



Disconnect to reconnect

Christmas is all about quality time with family and friends.

This Christmas practice keeping your phone in your pocket and really being present.

Make time for you

Make sure you take time to pamper yourself or just take some time on your own to give yourself a much needed break.

The 80-20 rule

Try to eat natural foods 80% of the time and 20% of the time relax and indulge. Really enjoy and truly savour every mouthful on Christmas Day.

Keep active

For both your body and your mind.
15 minutes of exercise a day increases the norepinephrine in your body - the chemical that moderates the brain's response to stress and stressful situations.

Take time to reflect

It's easy to get swept up in Christmas festivities however it's important to pause and reflect.

Take 10 minutes out of your day to jot down the things you are thankful for.

Stay hydrated

Drink a glass of water when you first get up of a morning and continue to drink water between Christmas drinks.

Get out and into nature for a family walk

The benefits include reducing depression and anxiety to lowering blood pressure and even helping with ADHD and autism in children.



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Bring the Family to Bowra's Youth Fest!

This event invites all the Nambucca Valley community from Macksville, Bowraville and Nambucca plus surrounding areas to join us for an exciting and fun-filled day.

The DJ on the day will be Bowraville's local Gumaynggirr Artist Kapital J. We will have performances from the Gumbaynggirr Dancers, a Fijian Dance Group, the Headline act Random Panda, local youth performances, and local singers Alicia Parry, Laura Graham, and Gabby Stadhams. There will be lots of fun activities to enjoy on the day, such as food trucks, face painting, a misting tent, a photo booth, basketball and netball workshops, a Totem skating workshop, a Kiddies Corner for kids aged 5 and under, an Elders Tent, and a Coffee Van, plus much more.

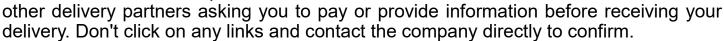
This day is to celebrate Youth - we want this event to be youth-led, and we are looking forward to this year's Bowra Youth Fest. We also hope to continue to run this event at the same time every year.

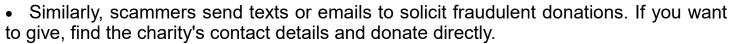
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How to avoid scams this holiday season

Find out about popular scams during the holiday season and what you can do to protect yourself against them.

- · Scammers try to exploit our festive moods during the holiday season with tricks like 'too good to be true' offers and fake goods and services.
- When shopping online, look out for imposter websites imitating legitimate businesses.
- Book directly with hotels and airlines to avoid travel scams.
- · Watch out for texts or emails relating to parcel deliveries - scammers pose as Australia Post or







When our focus shifts to gift-giving, online shopping, and travel, scammers can take advantage. Here's how to keep your celebrations bright, cheerful, and safe.

It's true that online fraud is a year-round problem, but statistics tell us that opportunistic scammers seize on the chance to exploit our cheer around the holidays.

CommBank's General Manager of Group Fraud Management Services, James Roberts, has a simple message before you book that cheap flight to Europe, or buy a surprisingly well-priced designer handbag to go under the tree for your sister: "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Christmas is a time of opportunity for scammers. While most people are thinking about buying gifts or seeing loved ones, scammers are busy targeting their next victim."

Here's how to stay vigilant and protect yourself against scams this holiday season.

Online shopping scams

As summer holidays approach, technology connects us with family, helps us research festive wish lists, and makes the burden of Christmas shopping a breeze. Unfortunately, more time online makes it easier for scammers to slide under our radar with websites that mimic authentic retailers and online marketplaces. The products may be non-existent, but the repercussions aren't – a purchase can allow scammers to hack the credit or debit card details you provide and take your money.

In the market for some luxury pyjamas, Melbourne-based public servant Gabrielle logged on to a favourite brand's website and paid \$250 for a new pair. Unfortunately, the website was a clever imitation. "I thought fake websites would look cheap but this one was well-designed and the pyjamas were correctly priced. When they didn't arrive, I emailed the site a few times but got no response, so I called the real company's head office and they had no record of my order." She cancelled her credit card and the company did end up sending the pyjamas "but it's made me wary of shopping online again. It's too easy to get sucked in when dodgy sites look so real."



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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, Saturday 9-12noon Closed Mondays Must hold a current Centrelink card.

Bowraville Folk Museum

High Street, Bowraville Phone/Fax: 6564-8200

MONDAY to FRIDAY and WEEKENDS 10am-1pm PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 10am-3pm

email: bowravillefolkmuseum@gmail.com twitter.com/bowravillefolk

~ Groups by appointment ~

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BOWRA HOTEL

OPEN 10AM - MIDNIGHT

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11:30am-2:00pm & 5.30 - 8pm

WOOD-FIRED PIZZA

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Bowraville & District Ex-Services Club 6564-7304

What we have to offer . . .

TAB - KENO - BINGO Thurs 11am RAFFLES - Wednesdays & Friday MEMBERS' DRAW min \$1500 KITCHEN Wednesday to Saturday

Tunch 12-2pm - Dinner 6-8pm

HAPPY HOUR - All Schooners \$5.00 from 5pm to 7pm daily

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Watch out . . . TICKS about

What are ticks?

- Ticks are blood-feeding parasites. With more than 800 species of ticks around the world, 70 have been found in Australia and 16 of these have been reported to feed on humans.
- Ticks are important vectors transferring microorganisms that cause disease in animals and humans.
- Globally, ticks transmit Borrelia (the bacteria which cause borreliosis also known as Lyme disease/Lyme like disease, Lyme borreliosis or relapsing fever), Ehrlichia, Babesia, Rickettsia, Bartonella and other infections.
- There are two major groups of ticks: soft ticks and, most importantly, hard ticks which includes the Paralysis Tick (also known as the grass tick, bush tick and seed tick). Both types of ticks can bite people.
- Paralysis Ticks have a distinct seasonality reaching full maturity during the warmer spring and early summer months.
- Ticks are most active during periods of high humidity, especially after rain.
- Related insects such as biting midges breed in wet soils and sandy beach areas.

Tick-borne disease in Australia

• Over 95% of tick bites in Eastern Australia and most tick-borne diseases are due to the . . .

Paralysis Tick.

The main distribution of 3 common ticks in Australia







Preventing tick bites

The main distribution of 3 common ticks in Australia

Tick bites are best prevented by identifying and avoiding tick endemic areas. If you are entering or live in a tick endemic environment, take appropriate precautions (particularly in the warmer months) by:

- Wearing clothing that provides coverage such as a long sleeved shirt and pants tucked into socks
- Wearing light coloured clothing so you can see small ticks
- Treating clothing and boots with permethrin
- Applying insect repellent that contains picaridin at least 20% diethyl-meta-toluamide (DEET) and reapply every few hours, or as directed
- Checking your body, children and pets thoroughly when you return from outdoor activity this includes behind the ears, in the hair and back of the head
- Once home, placing your clothing in the dryer on high for 30 minutes to kill any ticks
- Cutting grass and trimming shrubs and small trees around your home regularly
- Growing insect-repelling plants in your garden like chrysanthemums, citronella, lavender or garlic.

- karlmcmanus.org.au

BOWRAVILLE PHARMACY 31 HIGH STREET, BOWRAVILLE

PHONE: 6564 7925 or FAX: 6564 7364Monday to Friday 8.45am - 5.30pm Saturday 8.45am - 12 Noon



Freeze Your Ticks Off with TICK TOX®



Tick Tox® is an Australian product designed to instantaneously kill ticks by snap freezing. It kills ticks on people and pets.

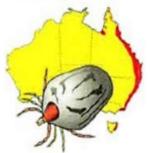
Tick Tox® is designed to go with you into the bush, garden or park as it easily fits into your pocket, purse or backpack.

Paralysis Tick

Tick Tox® will also kill leaches.

When used as directed Tick Tox® will kill an embedded tick instantly.

A must for your first aid kit.



Spray

Mask skin with the Tick Tox® bookmark. Put the nozzle close to the tick and press the button for 1 second or less.

Freeze

The temperature of the spray is well below freezing.

Tick Dies

The tick is instantly frozen and dies.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET A TICK

A short burst of Tick Tox ® will snap freeze and kill ticks immediately on humans and animals.

There is NO disturbance to the tick so it has no time to inject you with any more of its toxins.

It takes just a few minutes for the dead tick to loosen its grip – it has an impressive set of fish hooks on its jaws to prevent you from dislodging it.

After a few minutes you can brush the dead tick off and apply a dab of antiseptic to the bite site.

Some dead ticks don't let go easily – so spray some antiseptic onto the bite site and be patient.

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Christmas Day Lunch

At the Anglican Church Hall Young Street, Bowraville

Everyone is welcome to come to this fun community event!

Arrive 12 noon for 12.30 Lunch

TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
DESSERT - CHRISTMAS GIFT
and RAFFLES

There is no cost, however a donation if you are able is appreciated.

For further information please call Tony 0456 257 757 / Kerrie 0459 191 869 or Tammy 0429 474 272

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Leaving A Gift of Love

Helma is local craftswoman who volunteers her time at Aunt Emily's where her amazing Izzy Dolls are available.

Helma makes Izzy Dolls to give away, she leaves them to be found around the valley for the right person to discover - usually attracting children which is the original reason for their being.

She is also the knitter of the wonderful socks that have been available at Aunt Emily's in Bowra's High Street.

History of Izzy Dolls

The 'Izzy Dolls', which cannot be bought or sold for profit, were inspired by and named after Master Corporal Mark (Izzy) Isfeld of No. 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (Canadian Military), who served on peacekeeping missions in Kuwait and Croatia in the early 1990s.

There, he was deeply affected by the suffering of children he encountered. Because they often had to quickly flee from dangerous situations many children had no toys or personal possessions as they had to leave them behind.

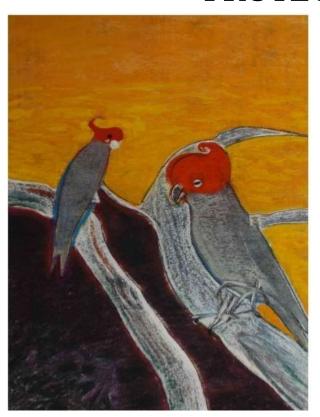
Corporal Isfeld's mother, Carol Isfeld, started knitting little woollen dolls that he could give away to the kids he met. Isfeld was killed in Croatia in 1994 while removing landmines, and his mother has died since, but the legacy of the Izzy Dolls lives on bringing comfort and smiles to the faces of children around the world, in Mark's memory.

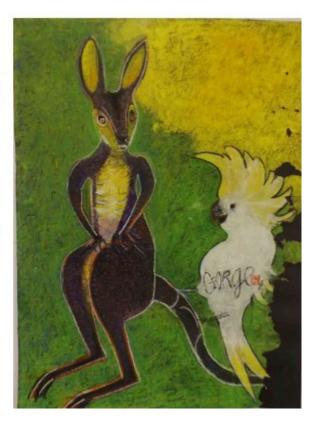
Instructions to make the dolls can be found online at http://www.izzydoll.ca/dolll/dolll.html - for both knit and crochet.



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"THE ANIMALS, YOUR FRIENDS AND PROTECTORS"





An Exhibition in the Community Centre 70 High Street Bowraville

From Saturday 4th of January to Sunday12th of January 2025

Open from 10am to 1pm A Holiday Event

Paintings, Masks and Sculptures from: **Claude Teyssier** and other local Artistes

- •Every day Workshops from 11am to 12.30pm from Sunday 5/1/2025 to Friday 10/1/2025
- •Painting animals which are in danger of extinction.
- •Bring your own materials, if provided will cost a bit.
- •Your painting will be exhibited in the window of the Community Centre during the school holidays.

Organised by Margrit Rickenbach.

Further information available: call or text **Margrit** on 0471519473

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BOWRAVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Swim and Survive: A Vital Lifesaving Skill for Our K-6 Students!

This Term 4, our K-6 students are diving into something truly important . . . Swim and Survive! Every Wednesday, students have been heading to Macksville Pool for a fun and educational swimming program. The program pairs the renowned Royal Lifesaving Australia's Swim and Survive initiative with an hour of direct swimming instruction, offering our students invaluable water safety skills.

Swim and Survive focuses on teaching not only swimming techniques but also personal water

survival and lifesaving skills. Through a dynamic and progressive curriculum, students build on fundamental skills, advancing to more complex techniques that improve endurance and water safety awareness.

We are excited to see our students growing in confidence, while learning how to stay safe in, on, and around water. This program plays a key role in ensuring they lead active, healthy, and safe lives. Let's make a splash this term and build water confidence in our future water safety stars!



Swim students with their instructors in the pool







RURAL HORIZONS FAMILY DAY CARE

Family Day Care is a unique education and care option where qualified educators open their homes to provide a secure play based educational environment for children.

Join us as an educator in our new Family Day Care Service in Greater Nambucca

Do you hold a qualification in Early Childhood Education and Care?

- Establish your own small business with comprehensive support and guidance from the Rural Horizons FDC team
- Provide quality education and care from your own home for four children under the age of five and up to three primary school aged children
- Earn an income while caring for your own children- balance family life while contributing to the community
- Enjoy the flexibility to choose your own schedule decide how many hours and days you work
- Benefit from ongoing professional development opportunities
- Support parents/guardians rejoining the workforce by expanding childcare options and assisting families in their return to work





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



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Avoid scams this holiday season from page 10

Flights and accommodation travel scams

When Melbourne-based personal trainer Dennis booked two weeks at a hotel in Greece with an online travel agency, he received a series of emails confirming his ocean-view room. But when he arrived at the hotel, there was no record of his booking or \$3,800 payment.



"It looked like a real agency. They had accreditation logos and the customer reviews were good," says Dennis. "I received a few emails confirming my room and reminding me about happy hour every evening from 6pm! But the hotel had never heard of the 'agency' I dealt with, and they wouldn't honour the booking." Dennis was forced to spend \$5,000 on another hotel. Disastrous.

The rise in online holiday and flight bookings is feeding a spike in travel scams with fake hotel bookings and non-existent flight bargains, costing Australians millions of dollars. Avoid scams this summer by booking with a hotel or airline directly. Or confirm the website you use is legitimate by checking that the website's ABN is actually registered to the named trader – you can do this for free through the Australian Business Register's ABN Lookup portal.

Scamwatch warns Australians to be wary of unusually low-priced goods and requests for payment up-front via money order or international wire transfer.

Parcel delivery scams

At this time of year, millions of gifts are sent and received, and scammers make money from fake parcel delivery services.

Usually, you get an email or text seemingly from Australia Post or another well-known delivery service. It will say your package couldn't be delivered and request you click on a link and give personal details for re-delivery.

This is where the <u>CommBank's Safe</u> mantra – Stop, Check, Reject – really helps. Don't click on the link or return the call. Instead, look up the delivery company's details yourself and contact their customer service line directly to check if the message is genuine. And if you do click on the link, provide bank details, and then realise the message is fake, contact your bank straight away.

Charity scams

It's the season of giving, and plenty of hardworking charities appeal for donations.

Unscrupulous scammers prey on people's generosity, so be wary of emails, texts, or calls asking for money that might look like they're from well-known charities.

If you want to donate, find the charity's website or phone number yourself. That way, you'll know your donation has reached the right place and that your credit card or bank details won't be misused.

"The good news is there are ways to reduce the risk of falling victim to sneaky scammers," says Roberts.

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Storyteller: A Foreign Correspondent's Memoir by Zoe Daniel

Zoe is the ABC's fifteenth South East Correspondent, Asia and one of only handful of women to combine one of the most dangerous jobs in the world with one of



Storyteller Zoe Daniel

the most demanding - motherhood.

From the political unrest in Bangkok and the bittersweet story of conjoined twins in India, to a tragic plane crash in Laos and the destruction of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, Storyteller is a frank and brave memoir, as much about the events that capture our attention as it is about a personal story of the universal juggle of work, family ambition and amid unpredictability of life the and predictability of the 24/7 media cycle.

Storyteller is a timely reminder of the bravery and audacity of the men and women who bring us the news - the journalists, the local 'fixers', the cameramen - but above all it is a tribute to ordinary people who find eyewitnesses themselves the extraordinary.

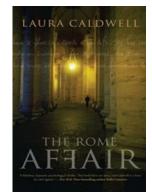
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The Rome Affair

By Laura Caldwell

It was an affair...to regret.

Rachel Blakely's life charmed significantly tarnished after her husband Nick's infidelity, but she wants to give her marriage second a



chance. Then a business trip to sundrenched Rome with her best girlfriend Kit leads to a night of passion with a stranger — a one-night stand meant to signify the end of a painful chapter in her life.

Rachel returns home determined to put the past behind her, and at first life seems golden again. Nick is more loving than ever and following his promotion to senior partner in a prestigious plastic surgery practice, the couple is welcomed into Chicago's high society, where beautiful people live beautiful lives.

But there is a dark side...one that sends life spiralling Rachel's into nightmare.

It's clear everyone is guilty something. But whose secrets will lead to murder?

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limited display shelving and even more limited storage space.

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Avoid scams this holiday season from page 18

"Be sceptical of unsolicited calls or texts, don't let anyone coax you into sharing personal details without verifying their legitimacy, and steer clear of clicking on suspicious links."

If you're ever in doubt about the legitimacy of a charity, contact them directly after verifying their details with the <u>Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Charity Register</u>.



What to do if you think you've been scammed

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Report the scam

Report the scam via the <u>Australian Cyber Security Centre</u>. Reports may be referred to the police for investigation.

Change your passwords and PINs

Do this straight away if you suspect your security has been compromised. Change these regularly anyway as a preventative measure.

Discover more about how you can protect yourself and stay safe online

Seek support

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



BOWRAVILLE Bowraville Chamber of Commerce News

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.

You may have noticed that signs for overnight RV parking have been erected on Belmore and Cook Street behind the Bowra Hotel. RVs can also stay at the new Sports Hub where amenities are available. This should attract more visitors to town. Overnight stopping at MacKay Park at Lanes Bridge is not being encouraged through summer to allow plenty of space for locals to park.

Nambucca Valley Council rates department has received lots of inquiries/complaints about the fact that Bowraville residents are still unable to pay their rates at the local Post Office even though the decision to allow this was passed months ago. A representative from Council said it was due to Australia Post changing their systems and it won't be up and running till at least February 2025.

The Technology Centre at 39 High Street (admin@bctc.com.au) maintains the Bowraville.nsw.au web site and would like all groups or individuals planning to hold a public event in town to contact them as soon as possible to get their event included in the community calendar. This would create better communication and planning for all.

Finally, those with shopfronts onto High Street are requested to keep their windows and footpaths clean. The Council periodically pressure-cleans the paths.

The final meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 3 December at the Bowra Hotel following the AGM at 5pm.

There will be no Chamber Meeting in January so February 4, 2025 will be the next meeting after December.

ALL WELCOME - Come along, but only members can vote.

Hope to see you there.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ~ WHAT'S HAPPENING ~ WHAT'S HAPPENING

Upcoming Events for December and January

Come along to a FREE community legal education session

Planning ahead: Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship

Tuesday 3 December 2024



10am - 11am

Macksville Library, 41 Princess Street, Macksville Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information call 6580 2111 or https://mnclegal.org.au/events/

Join a FREE online community legal education session for community workers



Basics of the Australian Legal System Wednesday 4 December 2024 11am - 12noon



Nambucca Valley Council

For more information call 6580 2111 or https://mnclegal.org.au/events/

Flood Evacuation Exercise Kings Point, Macksville

The exercise will start at **8.30am on Saturday 7th December** with a fake severe weather scenario being played out where a major flood prediction for the Nambucca River requires the evacuation of Kings Point.

For more information call 0404 828 494



Nambucca Valley Emergency Services Expo Saturday 7th December from 12noon to 2pm

Local emergency services talk about how to prepare for fires, storms and floods this summer.

For more information call 0404 828 494

Recovery Basics Webinar Series

Run by the Australian Red Cross the webinar will provide organisations and community members with the basics for community recovery after a disaster.

The "Recovery Basics" series explores the introductory evidence, information and resources to support community recovery in Australia.

- 3 December 12noon 1.30pm The Impact of disasters on communities and individuals
- 4 December 12noon 1.30pm Working in Recovery
- 5 December 12noon 1.30pm Looking after yourself during and after disasters
- **10 December 12noon 1.30pm Introduction to Communicating in Recovery**



MID NORTH COAST LEGAL CENTRE For further information contact recovery@redcross.org.au

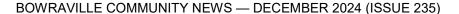
Upcoming Event for 2025

Join a FREE online community legal education session for community workers

Legal Help in your Region for Community Workers
Tuesday 28 January 2025

3pm - 4pm

For more information call 6580 2111 or https://mnclegal.org.au/events/



~ WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BOWRA ~

Exploring our Green Future

Our event for **December will be on Sunday 8th December** at 3.30 for 4 pm start at Community Centre, 70 High Street, Bowraville.

Come along for the opportunity to see 'The Giants' an Australian film telling the story of the life of activist, Bob Brown, along with lots of great accessible information about forest ecology and tree physiology.

All welcome. Refreshments provided. Gold coin donation to hall.

Have you seen the new Bowra Sports Hub?

The Sports Hub incorporates a modern clubhouse with a large undercover outdoor entertainment area, 2 synthetic bowls greens (one undercover), a redesigned 9-hole golf course, a 4m x 3m golf simulator, 4 RV sites with shower/toilet amenities, outdoor fitness equipment and children's play equipment.

The facilities are adjacent to Hennessey Tape Oval which has new basketball courts and a BMX circuit. The extensive glass areas allow for easy viewing of football games and cricket in the warmer months.

BTW the Bowra Sports Hub is delighted to announce Bowraville has a new cricket team!!! The competition starts next week.

Wooohooo . . . Bowra Sports Hub: the family club with the million-dollar view!!



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Nambucca Valley
Emergency Services Expo

Saturday 7th December 12pm - 2pm

Kelly Close, Macksville

Come along and talk to your local emergency services about how to prepare for fires, storms and floods this summer

Free BBQ. For more information call 0404 828 494











Reconstruction Authority

BOWRAVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

GRIP Leadership Day!

Our student leadership team and selected students attended the GRIP leadership day in Coffs Harbour recently.

Our students participated in whole group and small group sessions of interest. Students collected information from the day about ways they can ignite leadership experiences within the school as well as make a difference to their immediate school grounds and environment.

Activities to improve their connection to school by questioning areas of the school they would like to improve allowed our students to consider how they could engage with these improvements and enhance ownership of their spaces to improve their everyday experience at BCS.



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Blokes' Breaky
1st Saturday of the month
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Cuppa and Chat 3rd Saturday of the month Everyone welcome. 10am - Free

St Jimmy's Kitchen 3/11 3rd Thursday of Month at 5.30pm

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Climate Resilient Gardening

For home gardeners, developing a personal climate change action plan involves specific steps like improving soil quality, selecting appropriate plants, and designing the garden layout. By implementing these strategies, gardeners can transform their spaces into resilient gardens that not only survive but also thrive under changing conditions while playing a part in mitigating climate change impacts.

Soil Preparation

Droughts have become more frequent and severe, reducing soil moisture and increasing water stress on plants. Meanwhile, altered precipitation patterns, including heavier rainfall events, are causing waterlogging and erosion in some areas, while others experience prolonged dry spells. These extremes not only stress plants but also create ideal conditions for various pests that thrive in warmer and more variable climates.

This underlines the importance of soil health as a cornerstone of climateresilient gardening, playing a critical role in both adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts. Regenerative gardening focuses on restoring ecosystems through practices such as mulching, composting, and avoiding chemical inputs. These practices enhance soil fertility and water retention, leading to improved plant health and helping to sequester carbon.

Soil testing is helpful for understanding the specific composition of the soil, such as nutrient deficiencies, pH imbalances or contamination. This allows gardeners to make informed decisions about amendments and plant selection. Easy DIY soil testing methods and soil testing services are available online, helping gardeners understand their

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Sibling Relationships are Important, Even as Adults!

There's plenty of advice and guidance out there about navigating marriage, friendships, and parent/child relationships, but considerably less has been written about relationships between adult siblings. And that's a shame, especially given that, for better or worse, sibling relationships are among the most significant bonds in our lives!



Positive sibling relationships can be a lifeline moving through different seasons of life. Having the support of a brother or sister during major milestones and obstacles like marriage, divorce, having kids, the death of a parent, and mental health issues can be a huge source of comfort.

Studies on sibling relationships show that our feelings about our brothers and sisters can affect various aspects of our well-being, including mood, health, morale, stress, depression, loneliness, and life satisfaction.

Make Time For Each Other

Just as you make time for your partner and close friends, do the same for your siblings. As you grow older and go through different walks of life, you may not be as available as you once were when you used to be just down the hall from each other, but you can find ways to stay in touch if you're willing to work at it.

If you live in close proximity, plan an occasional lunch or dinner together. Even a simple text message or FaceTime call makes a difference! Find what works best for everyone so you can keep up with each other's lives.

Accept Them for Who They Are

To have a good relationship with someone, including your siblings, you need to see and accept them for who they are — not who you *think* they are, nor who you *want* them to be. Learning to accept each other as you are, will enable you and your siblings to be there for each other when it matters most.

Let Go of Past Resentments

All siblings have done and said things which they regret, and we've all hurt each other at times, but as we get older, we learn to be more vulnerable and gentler with each other, and to express our feelings honestly, building trust and respect in the process. Release old resentments, you were younger and doing the best you knew how at the time. It's time to let them go!

Start A Sibling Group Chat

A group chat provides a way to be there for each other when one sibling or another is going through a hard time. If you don't already have a group chat with your siblings, give it a try!

Know When to Take a Step Back

If your relationship with a sibling is strained, it's important to ask yourself if the issue at the heart of the conflict is worth losing the relationship over.

If your relationship with a sibling is unhealthy it could be best to take a step back. Sibling violence can have similar psychological effects to bullying which isn't something you should have to endure.

If your sibling relationships are less satisfying than you might like it may be worth the effort to work on them. We cut our friends a lot of slack so it can be a good thing to learn to extend the same courtesy to our siblings.

- https://www.onegoodthingbyjillee.com/adult-sibling-relationships/





~ GARDENS & GARDENING ~

Climate Resilient Gardening Continued from page 26

soil's needs and adjust it accordingly. Synthetic fertilisers or pesticides should be avoided to protect the soil's microbial life, vital for plant health and growth.



Adapting to climate extremes involves creating resilient soil systems that endure droughts and heavy rains. Techniques no-dig gardening and avoiding exposed topsoil are effective; layering organic matter reduces soil disturbance, maintains structure, and enhances biodiversity. This improves water infiltration and retention, which is crucial for managing erratic precipitation, and reduces topsoil erosion.

Mitigation efforts focus on similar practices sustainable that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as healthy soils act as carbon sinks by capturing $CO2^5$. These methods atmospheric include organic mulching, implementing no-dig crops and practices, enhancing microbial activity, improving soil structure, and significantly reducing erosion and nutrient loss.

By prioritising soil health, Australian gardeners can create more resilient landscapes that withstand the impacts of climate change and support sustainable gardening practices benefiting the broader environment.

 -www.sgaonline.org.au/climate-resilient-gardening/ Written by: Antonia Raabe-Scott, M.Sc. Physical Geographer

WHAT'S FEATURING in DECEMBER 2024

BOWRAVILLE THEATRE

Kankawa Nagarra and Darren Hanlon

Thursday 19 December 2024 7:00 PM

Darren Hanlon is playing at the Bowraville Theatre for the first time ever as part of his longtime Xmas show tradition. It's hard to believe but this is in fact the 19th year since it all started and so to celebrate Hanlon is embarking on the longest Xmas tour he's ever done, playing 20 shows throughout Australia. It'll be business as usual though, an



informal evening with Hanlon playing solo and dipping into his expansive and evergrowing catalogue of narrative songs.

This year is extra special though as he's bringing with him his dear friend and musical collaborator Kankawa Nagarra.

Kankawa Nagarra is an 80 yr old Walmatjarri Elder, teacher and mentor, human rights advocate, and a passionate environmental activist, born in the traditional lands of the Gooniyandi and Walmatjarri peoples of north WA. She sings in the Aboriginal Australian blues, country, and gospel styles and writes songs filled with empathy about the great struggles she sees around her.

Doors open 6pm / Music starts 7pm - Tickets Adults \$25 / Kids \$10 + Bkg fee online @ trybooking



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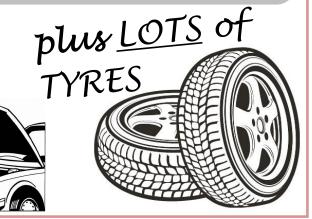
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