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# BAIN PARK DESIGNS ARE COMING TOGETHER!



Bain Park in Wauchope town centre is an important cultural and recreational space for our community. It is a place for community connection, recreation, a meeting place and is used and loved by many different community groups.

In 2021, we were successful in securing \$1.45m under the NSW Government Public Spaces Legacy Program to design and construct the first two stages of the Master Plan.

This includes upgrades to the High Street and Avondale Street entries, public art, improved pathway and a new playground and bike track.

Here are some renders (colour images) to show the progress of the designs at Bain Park. It is coming along nicely and we are really excited to bring this project to life!

Construction is expected to start in December 2022 and be completed in March 2023 (weather permitting).

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## STATE NEEDS TO CUT RED TAPE TO BRING PACIFIC HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE UPGRADES FORWARD

Federal Member for Lyne Dr David Gillespie has called on the NSW Government to fast track the upgrades of key intersections along the Pacific Highway and has written to Federal Transport Minister Catherine King seeking an ongoing commitment of Australian Government support to provide Federal funding for the projects.

There are several key intersections still requiring the installation of grade-separated interchanges for both safety and efficiency on this important national transport route," Dr Gillespie said.

The intersections include Italia Road, The Bucketts Way, Medowie Road, Myall Way, Failford Road, Houston Mitchell Drive and improvements to the Oxley Highway interchange at Port Macquarie.

"The reality is there is far too much red tape at a State-level in delivering these critical infrastructure projects. Under the current situation, the planning and approvals process can take years. This is just unacceptable," Dr Gillespie said.

"In government I raised this issue about the need to do these projects and got support for Federal funding, however, the only projects that we could deliver funding for are the Cooperook-Harrington Interchange, the upgrade of the Cundletown interchange and the Italia Road interchange. Two of these projects still have some way to go in the State planning and design process."

Dr Gillespie also called on his state colleagues to lobby State Ministers to cut the red tape and improve timelines for de-

livery of important infrastructure projects.

"The recent improvements to the intersection of the Houston Mitchell Drive cost millions of dollars, and with work now complete, we still have an ever-increasing number of motorists including caravans crossing four lanes of the Pacific Highway, and the speed limit reduction remains. That funding should have gone towards a full grade-separated interchange.

"In the case of the Oxley Highway upgrade between Billabong Drive and Lake Road in Port Macquarie, which takes in the Pacific Highway interchange, that road is at maximum capacity during peak times. Again, Federal funding of \$4-million has been provided for the State to undertake \$5-million worth of more planning and preliminary designs when a report back in 2016 told them they needed to get on with upgrades then."

Dr Gillespie said the Commonwealth had for some years put Federal funding on the table to build the M1 Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace and construction had still not begun.

"Over \$1.7-billion is still sitting there waiting for the State to actually get the project started but their pre-construction activities appear to be taking far longer than the construction itself," Dr Gillespie said.

It's completely unacceptable. The NSW Government has tied themselves up in too much red tape. State Ministers need to take immediate action to deliver these projects and stop leaving it to the bureaucrats to deliver more red tape," he added.

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# FREEMASONS' \$6000 SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge and the Freemasons' charity Masonicare have donated \$6000 to Mid North Coast Cancer Institute in support of children diagnosed with cancer.

The donation brings the Freemasons' support for the Special Trust to an amazing \$78,000 over the past 10 years.

Regional Masonicare Manager Robert Drysdale said Masonicare's decade-long support for children with cancer, and their families, was an honour and a privilege.

He also paid tribute to the Daylight Lodge for committing to the dollar-for-dollar donation, which helps families with the transport and accommodation costs involved in the care and treatment of their child.

MNCCI Nurse Unit Manager Natalie Schmude said her team was extremely grateful to the Freemasons for their ongoing support.

"Our Paediatric Oncology Trust has almost exclusively been supported by the Freemasons over the past decade," Ms Schmude said.

"Their kindness and generosity ensure our youngest patients, and their families are supported."

The Trust provides financial assistance to families, when one or both parents need to take time away from work to ensure their child receives the care and treatment they need after a cancer diagnosis.

"It can be an emotional time, sometimes made much worse by the loss of an income," Ms Schmude said.

"The Freemasons understand the difficulties facing these families and give up their time to ensure there is ongoing support for our youngest patients and the people who love them most.

"It is a commitment we are very grateful for."

Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge Worshipful Master Ken Hawks said it had been a privilege to be associated with such an important charitable venture.

"I know that I speak on behalf of all Freemasons in the District, and especially those from Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge who have been involved in this important work over the past 10 years, that we will continue to support the Mid North Coast Cancer Institute and its very important work in treating cancer in children and in the support of their families," Mr Hawks said.



**Masonicare Regional Manager Robert Drysdale and Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge Worshipful Master Ken Hawks (front) with Lodge members Arthur Roberts and Dave Robertson. With them are a grateful MNCCI Office Manager Alicia Butchers and Nurse Unit Manager Natalie Schmude.**

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# National community service champions

Hastings Co-op was awarded the coveted Community Service Award at IGA's National Excellence Awards last month, shining the spotlight on the Hastings Valley's unrivalled community spirit.

The prestigious honour follows a dream run for the community-owned co-operative, which also took out two major awards at the recent NSW/ACT Excellence Awards for their community service and Sovereign Place IGA meat department.

Wauchope IGA was also a state Customer Service Award finalist and Sovereign Place IGA was a Store of the Year Award finalist.

"To win the National Community Service Award over 1,455 other independently-owned IGAs nationwide is the ultimate recognition for our staff, who have a proud reputation for customer service excellence and giving back to the communities we serve," chief executive officer Allan Gordon said.

"Our community is no different to others when it comes to facing adversities like drought, bushfires, floods and the pandemic, but I think the way our community banded together after the March 2021 floods was

one of the major factors that led to this award."

At the peak of the natural disaster, Hastings Co-op opened Wauchope IGA in the middle of the night to stock an evacuation centre and helped deliver essentials to stranded residents via SES boats. In the aftermath, we facilitated grant information sessions and hosted a community BBQ to thank emergency service heroes.

"Our community knows that when we're dealt a difficult hand, they can depend on Hastings Co-op to support them. We often talk about the Hastings Co-op family of 19 businesses and that's what our members and customers are - family," Mr Gordon said.

Other stand-out examples include: job opportunities for 400 locals; annual Community Chest grants; a generous Co-op 100 reward program; defibrillators in 10 stores; regular competitions, giveaways and random acts of kindness; donating produce waste to Billabong Zoo; business partnerships to help the region's economy; offering space for fundraising BBQs and raffles; being one of the region's largest employers of youth and showcasing local producers and

businesses in IGA supermarkets and liquor stores.

"There are not many local clubs, schools, charities or community groups across the Hastings and Camden Haven that

wouldn't have benefitted from our extensive sponsorship program over the years. Giving back is ingrained in everything we do. It's what sets us apart," Mr Gordon said.





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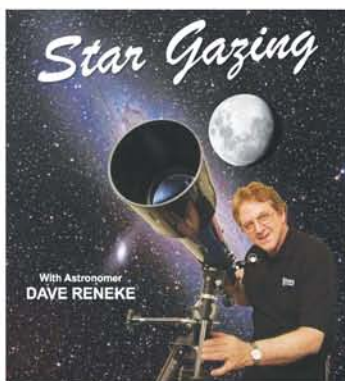
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## Shine on Harvest Moon

Notice the nights are getting warmer and brighter? Superstitions aside, full moon always brings people and telescopes together.

It's always fun, especially with kids around, to try and find the

face of the 'Man in the Moon.' Don't tell anyone but I still look for it! It is really there if you gaze hard enough.

If you are looking to score some points with your sweetie, here is a great idea. Late on Friday afternoon, September 9, or Saturday the 10th, pack a romantic picnic and a blanket and head toward your favourite spot with a nice, clear view of the eastern horizon.

After enjoying a gorgeous sunset in the west, turn around and face the opposite direction. There you will witness an equally beautiful sight, the rising of the famous 'Harvest Moon.' What makes the Harvest Moon so

special? Well, it's the name given to the full moon that appears nearest the autumn equinox by farmers of past ages when gathering crops.

Just think about the number of songs that have been written about the Moon. The Harvest Moon is more than just a quaint cultural legacy or made-up lines to suit a popular early 20th century song.

Many cultures celebrate this time with annual harvest festivals. It actually offered some practical value to farmers for many years.

So, what is a Harvest Moon exactly? Well, for a week or so during this time, moonlight



shines on farmers' fields during early evening hours.

Before the days of outdoor lighting, farmers who had run out of daylight before completing the day's harvest welcomed this moonlight, however pale it might have been. Neat huh?

Many myths surround the Harvest Moon. Some believe it appears larger and more orange coloured than normal, and sometimes it does! Whatever we call it, the full moon is always impressive. Hey, I almost forgot, we have got the Spring Equinox on September 23 marking the beginning of spring. So, when is day and night equal? On the equinox of course!



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# Tall tales, yarns and funny rhymes

Come and join us here in Wauchope, on Saturday afternoon at 2pm the 17th of September, at the Arts Hall, Oxley Lane, opposite Bain Park; for a fun filled afternoon of frivolity, humour and banter.

It is a once-off, unique opportunity to be entertained, up close and personal, by three of Australia's funniest and most popular, yarn-spinning, tall-tale telling Performing Poets.

All three have been performing individually at festivals throughout Australia, for many years and are always in high demand with audiences of all genres. Each could easily hold his own on any National or World stage, and we are very privileged, proud and honoured to have all three of them here for what promises to be a sell-out Variety Show, like no other you have ever seen... guaranteed to entertain you from go to whoa.

Featuring the hilarious, legendary 'Mullumbimby Bloke', (of 'Naked Poets' fame), Ray Essery. Ray is a retired sailor, turned dairy farmer, and has spent much of his life getting into most types of mischief.

He has been a favorite of bush poetry audiences for many years. His dry, Aussie humour, flavoured with rural anecdotes, is guaranteed to tickle the toughest rib.

In Australian bush poetry circles, he has achieved legendary status as part of the Naked Poets troupe who have entertained the length and breadth of Australia.

They were hugely popular and had a massive following from 1996 through till their final Tamworth show in 2009, they were an iconic Australian bush version of the hilarious Monty Python Show.

They were all brilliant performers in their own right, with a unique blend of outrageous, crazy antics, fun-filled frivolity, banter, yarn spinning and an occasional song and poem thrown in for good measure.

Always entertaining and very popular with audiences of all genres, they produced five albums which were to become the biggest sellers for The ABC Shop and Centre's for 10 years to 2009, winning six Bush Laureate awards and Album of the Year in 2001 and 2003.

More recently, Ray has been performing at various venues around NSW and QLD and wowing the crowds at Tamworth's legendary Long-yard Hotel Bush Poets' Breakfast each morning during Country Music week.

Ray recently won the best songwriter award at the 2016 Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Awards for his composition 'The Patchwork Quilt', and was awarded Album of the Year category, in the 2005 Australian Bush Laureate Awards in Tamworth, for his Album 'On The Road Again'.

Joining Ray will be the always witty, incomparable 'Master of Bull' ...Bill Kearns from Grafton; arguably Australia's best known performing Bush Poet and yarn-spinner.

Bill's humorous tall tales and zany verse are guaranteed to brighten the saddest soul. They have been shared on YouTube sites around the world, with millions of viewings.

To complete this Trifecta of superstars, the inimitable, extremely talented 'Man of Many Hats', Greg North from Sydney's Blue Mountains will be also performing.

Greg is a full-time professional performer and spends six months of the year in Queensland entertaining grey nomads and locals who flock to his shows. If you have not seen Greg performing, then as Molly Meldrum used to say, do yourself a favour and do not miss this Variety show.

Local duet Tom McIlveen and Susan Ashton will be hosting the show, and as well as introducing the above performers, will provide a song or two, to add spice to what promises to be an extremely palatable mix.

We are planning on having similar events here in Wauchope in future, by inviting other performers of similar genre to visit. So come and support us and help us put Wauchope on the map for any such future events.

## Police News

### Man arrested over firearm charges

A man will face court after being charged with firearms and weapons offences on the state's Mid North Coast.

About 6.30pm Friday, 2 September, officers from Mid North Coast Police District executed a search warrant at a home on Ocean Street, South West Rocks.

During a search of the premises, police allegedly seized 20 gel blasters, two firearms, seven extendable batons, three butterfly knives, two tasers, two laser pointers, throw knives, knuckle dusters, a paintball gun, and cannabis.

The items will undergo further examination.

A 35-year-old man was arrested at the premises and taken to Kempsey Police Station.

The man was charged with 29 offences, including:

Possess or use a prohibited

weapon without permit (x21).

Possess more than 3 unregistered firearms, 1 is prohibited/pistol – serious indictable offence (x2).

Possess ammunition w/o holding licence/permit/authority (x2).

Possess unregistered firearm-not pistol/prohibited firearm.

Not keep firearm safely-not pistol/prohibited firearm.

Possess paintball marker outside authorised paintball venue.

Possess prohibited drug.

The South West Rocks man was refused bail and appeared at Port Macquarie Local Court on Saturday, 3 September, where he was formally refused bail and was due to appear at Kempsey Local Court on Monday, 5 September.

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# LONG FLAT SCHOOL NEWS

All decked out in their compulsory Lower North Coast Primary School Sport Association (LNCPPSA) trial uniforms. The Long Flat School relay team ran twice last Friday 2/9 and finished a commendable 4th.

Well done guys, a great experience mixing it with the best.

*Congratulations Wyatt, Alezae, Kali and Matt*



## Dedication of Plaques for Pat and Tony Ostler



All Saints Pappinbarra Community Church was alive on Sunday, 28th August, with happy friends and family, as we gathered around to celebrate the Dedication of Plaques in the Memorial Garden to honour Pappinbarra pioneers, Pat and Tony Ostler.

The Dedication was preceded with Holy Communion conducted by Kerry Medway.

Tony and Pat's life story, of the joys and hardships they battled together was shared, highlighted by stories of being dairy farmers for thirty years before moving into their Bruxner Avenue home in Wauchope in 1981.

Both Pat and Tony were renowned for their community work and hospitality. They supported every good cause.

Sadly, Pat passed away in 2000 and Tony continued fulfilling his life with church and community work until 2019.

Children Tim, Sue Hollis and Michael, arranged this fitting memorial to their much-loved parents. Their grandchildren and great grandchildren were present for the service.



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After a premiership win in under 18's in '54, and with a number of first grade appearances already on my CV, I considered myself to be entrenched in footy club culture.

So, I put up my hand to further 'my experience'.

Buoyed by his success in securing a visit to town from Africanda Seakin, social guru Rumper Everingham again went international in securing an important visitor for the forthcoming footy club annual ball at the community hall.

He went to Paris to sign a spectacular dance act and, the Madame Pousard Ballet and Cancan group became part of the ball promotional advertising. Tickets sold out well in advance of ball week.

Meanwhile in town here, an elite group of "dancers" began an arduous program of rehearsal. These took place on the perfect tallowwood floor of the Regent theatre.

Acting for Madame Pousard over in Paris was Madame Olivene Statham here in Wauchope. The former was widely experienced in the form of dance art, Madame Statham worked hard and diligently and her group eventually, after many dance sessions, pleased her immensely, enough for her to assure Rumper they were 'ready' to perform out of their skin for Madame Pousard and her personal troupe from Paris.

I was 16 but had passed the final examination. So too had the others. They included Captain Coach of the first-grade team Tom Anderson, and seasoned experienced 'ball goers' Don Kennedy, Warren Kimberley, Larry Cook and Fox Avery.

Madame Pousard herself ob-

served our final rehearsal with Madame Statham.

They gave a note of approval. The troupe would be up to the task at hand.

When she arrived in town the Madame had brought a surprise. Her famous Paris chef husband Pierre had taken time to come to Wauchope with her and the dancers.

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Coach Tom Anderson really didn't look like a ballet dancer.

A second rower from Norths in Newcastle, he was about 17 stone of surfer's muscle. He was a championship pillow fighter as well as a boat rower. In fact, as well as being Stockton SLSC champ, he was also Branch Champ at pillow fighting.

As first grade coach, Tom was elected troupe leader for the ball appearance with Madame Pousard's troupe.

On ball night Tom proved a good leader. He arrived in the dressing rooms (actually the show society's auxiliary tea rooms) with what he called 'warm up and relaxing sedatives' to settle the nerves.

Not all the troupe drank alcohol. Certainly, Don did not.

But the rest of us did.

Our routine had been well drilled into us, and on time.

When the Pousard time arrived, we entered the ballroom through the main doorway in perfect unison.

A dramatic pirouette opened our performance followed by lifting of skirts, plenty of heel and leg exposure.

On the left flank, Fox lost his footing, his legs flew forward. The dance move tossed him airborne and he landed heavily backwards on his head. As the dancing continued, he lay prone on the hall floor.

Ball goers loved it all and the applause was deafening.

No one, least of all troupe members, realised the scene was not part of our routine. Although it may have appeared that way.

Fox was actually out cold for a very long count.

It was many minutes after the floor show was over that first aid officer Les Fawcett brought Fox around. He had been prone for

the entire act.

He got no sympathy from Madame Statham or the Pousards but without actually dancing he became an overnight sensation as a 'star'.

As well as this, another academy award was won by Pierre Pousard, played by former cup team ball boy Warren (Brindy) McLennan.

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Recently, within days of one another, the music and entertainment industry here and world-wide, lost two iconic stars.

The deaths of Judith Durham, of Seekers fame, and Olivia Newton-John in the first weeks of August prompted a national outpouring of grief.

Both women will live on however through the music they made during their famously successful careers.

All of us are different. No two of us are the same. So, it is reasonable for me to say that hearing of the death of the two singers, I sadly and sheepishly confess that I had some very seniors moments in trying to recall some of their best songs.

I came to the conclusion that these moments of blankness have more to do with where I

was at the time than poor memory.

I was in much darker places in my private time and gained much of my solace and peace from artists doing blues, jazz and country.

There it is then. I have confessed to my choices in musical relief.

Nevertheless, despite my personal choices, I too join the many others in mourning the loss of two of our greatest stars.

**Pierre Pousard (Warren (Brindy) McLennan) with Madame Pousard (Max Thompson).**



**Can Can dancers Larry Cook, Warren Kimberley, Tom Anderson, Don Kennedy and Paul Jones. Fox Avery is "missing in action".**



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Wauchope RSL Sub-Branch meet on the third Thursday of every month at the Wauchope RSL Club Ltd commencing at 7.30 pm. All veterans are welcome to attend.

### FUN MONDAYS

Wauchope RSL Sub-branch invites veterans and their families to games and activities at Andrews Park each Monday from 9.45am till 10.45 am.

Just bring some water and a hat.

### BROKEN BAGO DAY CLUB

Meeting 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at Wauchope RSL Club from 10:15 to 1:30pm. A friendly, social club with activities, entertainment and outings. All welcome. Contact Gail 0418 455 402.

### FARMERS MARKET

Every fourth Saturday of the month at the Wauchope Showground from 8am.

### MOTO FEST WAUCHOPE

Saturday 17th September 2022. Wauchope Showground from 9am. Entry \$10, kids under 18 free if accompanied by an adult.

### SING AUSTRALIA

Sing Australia Wauchope meet Thursday 4-6pm at Wauchope RSL during school terms. If you enjoy singing, please come along. New members very welcome.

### WAUCHOPE GARDEN CLUB INC.

Meet every second Saturday of month at the Uniting Church Hall. 9.30am for 10.00am start. Cup of tea on arrival. 12.00 midday finish.

### HASTINGS RIVER ORCHID SOCIETY

Hastings River Orchid Society meetings are held each month on the third Friday in the Wauchope RSL Club starting at 1pm. We teach culture of orchids and how best to grow and flower them. Visitors are always welcome and if you have a problem orchid please bring it along with you as we can assist you with it.

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### WAUCHOPE

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Everyone over the age of 18 are welcome to join us for our Dinner meetings, which are held the first and third Monday of every month at 6.30pm at the Wauchope RSL Club. We need new members to assist in our ongoing community work. Contact Jim on 6586 4744 for more information.

### WAUCHOPE ROTARY CLUB

Member meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays 6pm for 6.15pm at the Rotary Hall, Oxley Lane, Wauchope.

### WAUCHOPE APEX CLUB

Meet the second and fourth Monday each month.

### PROBUS CLUB

Port City Combined Probus Club meet downstairs at the Wauchope Country Club on the 1st Friday of every month at 9.45am.

Port City Probus Club moved out here for the facilities and ambience and we are hoping to find some local members.

All Wauchopians are welcome to join and enquiries can be made with Ron Berry on 0438 217 924 or June Bricknell on 0418 270 132.

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### WAUCHOPE V.I.E.W. CLUB

Wauchope VIEW Club meets the second Monday of the month, at 11am in the Lasiandra room at the Wauchope RSL Club for a luncheon meeting. The aim of View is to raise money for the Smith Family learning for life program, which helps with the education of children from disadvantaged families. Any ladies interested in joining us, please contact club secretary Diana on 0427 755 013

### WAUCHOPE BONSAI

#### WORKSHOP GROUP

Second Saturday of the month, at 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, at the Rotary Hall, Oxley Lane, Wauchope. Visitors are most welcome to drop into the meetings. The group is an excellent way to learn how to create your own, or to care for the bonsai you already have



## NSW Women in Dairy

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The 2022 Bale Up, NSW Women in Dairy Conference will bring over 100 dairy farming women from all parts of NSW to Port Macquarie from 13 to 15 September 2022.

The much-anticipated annual conference returns to connect, support, and empower farming women, through relevant speakers, practical workshops and networking opportunities.

Along with motivating farming women sharing their stories keynote speakers include Australian music icon Melinda Schneider, The Unbreakable Farmer Warren Davies and 2020 NSW-ACT AgriFutures Rural Women's Award winner, Cressida Cains.

Melinda Schneider has delivered keynote speeches to empower women across Australia.

"Through my work with Rural Adversity for Mental Health Program (RAMHP), I've come to understand how stoic women can be and how much we need permission to fall down, take care of ourselves and simply be ourselves. I'm really looking forward to sharing my story at the conference." Melinda said.

Bale Up will be opened by local dairy farmers Jenny Eggert and Sue Cleary. With the challenges the dairy farming community have faced in recent years from fire to flood, drought and lack of industry confidence, Bale Up will bring women together and provide them with the strength and confidence to support themselves and their communities while having a great time off farm.

NSW Women in Dairy is a not-for-profit organization providing structure to support women involved in the dairy industry through mental health support, social wellbeing, learning opportunities and growth.

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# Celebrating the Winners

## 2022 WAUCHOPE & HINTERLAND BUSINESS AWARDS

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# Wauchope & Hinterland Businesses Shine

Saturday the 27th August 2022 marked the return of the Wauchope and Hinterland Business Awards with a Gala Dinner held at the Wauchope RSL Club.

"The Awards celebrate local business, and the night is a tribute to every local business owner and workers who strive to build a better lifestyle for us all," said Lisa McPherson, Wauchope Chamber Executive Officer.

"The Awards acknowledge the determination and commitment of local business. The night proved a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and thank our business community," Lisa said.

Thirty-seven announcements were made on the night acknowledging 17 Highly Commended and 20 Winners. The Awards included both local Awards and categories that aligned with Business NSW.

All the Awards were judged by an independent panel from outside the region. Local categories also include a voting element in the scoring process. Over 1,000 people voted for local businesses casting over 1,750 votes.

The BUSINESS NSW aligned applications were streamlined to the regional judging process with a number of local businesses chosen as Finalists for the

Regional Awards coming up on the 9th of September 2022.

The night showcased 55 local businesses that had entered the Awards. "There are so many amazing businesses in the region," said Lisa McPherson.

"There were many comments that people learnt of businesses they were not aware of. We thank every entrant for participating and look forward to more businesses getting involved next year."

"Judges mentioned they were delighted to see so many new businesses that had started during covid and how many young people were represented through the Awards this year" Lisa McPherson said.

Our Awards Sponsors are to be thanked for stepping up and showing their support – our Business Sponsors; State and Commonwealth Governments through Bushfire recovery funding, Heart of the Hastings, Hastings Co-op, Port Macquarie Hastings Council. Supporting Sponsors are TAFE NSW - Wauchope, Wauchope Real Estate, and Dinner Sponsors are Wauchope Travel, Bennetts Steel, Brilliant-Online, Doherty's Auto and Mechanical and Bago Maze & Winery.



Melinda Pavey with winners Leigh and Beth from A Classy Café

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Tim Walker with the team from One Agency



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## WAUCHOPE BOWLING CLUB

Unfortunately, due to yet another rain event, there were no Pennant games played last Saturday. The Travelling Bowlers, (aka "Ferals") day was also a washout on Sunday.

Zone will inform us if these Pennant rounds need to be played at some date in the future. There are no Pennant games scheduled for this coming Saturday 10 September 2022.

Best performed winners of last week's Wednesday afternoon single entry, club select triples were Bill Brooker, James Hayward & Bill Norris with +19. Runners up were Tony Gates, Ken Dykes and Tony Hutchins with +5.

Best performed winners of last Friday afternoon's nominated pairs were Mick Simpson and Rick Simpson with +28. Runners up were Ray Houghton and Ken Ansley with +21.

On Friday afternoon 9 September 2022 we have our usual nominated pairs at 1:00pm, (single entries also accepted).

Play will continue in the Club Minor Singles Championship from 1pm on Saturday 10 September 2022. This will complete Round 1 and start Round 2.

The remaining games from Round 2 will be played from 9am on Sunday 11 September 2022. Please check the notice board to see if you are playing or marking. Play or forfeit rules apply.

If any games are to be altered from the above scheduled times, please contact the Bowls Organiser, Adrian Samuelsson on 0428583377

On Wednesday 14 September 2022 we have our usual single entry, club select triples at 1pm. Visitors are always most welcome and encouraged to nominate for any of these social events.

Minerva



## MIXED BOWLERS

Monday bowls were shortened games due to a few too many sprinkles of rain. A certain team playing on rink 10 were happy when it was decided to call a halt due to the fact they were winning, and another end could have meant certain defeat. However, the opposing team Jim Fancourt, Sue Greenfield and Dot Galbraith were drawn as Lucky Losers and went home a little richer. Sometimes it pays to lose!

Winners on rink 8 were Rex Shrubbs, Marie Winter and Daniel Copp playing his first game.

Runners-up on rink 7 were Ian Gabriel, John Smyth and Fay Paine.

We welcomed back James Suttor playing with us for a second time as lead of the winning team on rink 10 with that close score of 12 to 11.

Raffle winners were Marie Winter happy to be back, Margaret Wallis happy to win twice, Stan Galbraith, Janet Fyander and the Friendly Mixed Bowls champions Mick Simpson and Ellen Holley.

September must be a popular month for weddings with

three couples being congratulated, Ted and Judy Gisby on 10th, Jenny and Greg Caller on 12th and Bob and Josephine Collon on 13th.

The jackpot failed to go off so there is more in the kitty to be won next week so why not come along but remember to have your name down by 12 and indicate your preferred position with games to begin at 1 pm. The list is on the board, or you can phone the bowls office on 65853020. Remember to pick up the latest edition of "Behind the Jack".

**See you there**

## Wauchope Lady Golfers

It's been nice to be home after a week of golf on the Gold Coast where like everywhere else, their courses have also suffered from the rains of recent times.

I am sure all members of WWCLG would have had many pleasant thoughts today of our recently passed and very popular member, Noeline Hirst, whose funeral was celebrated this afternoon (Wednesday, 31/8). Several members were able to attend the service and for those of you who were not, her family & friends gave Noeline the beautiful send-off she deserved.

It was great to see a beautiful sky and to see 27 ladies ready for a 3-person Ambrose.

Ladies a reminder, our Open/Pamper Day is on 30th September could you please bring items for the table to Greta Toms.

Thanks also to our recorders, Lyn Kelly & Greta Toms.

Our sponsors were, Winners & Runners Up Ladies Golf. 2nd Runners Up Wauchope RSL Club.

**Winners:** Narelle Quinn, Ann Maree Campbell & Finola Moorhead (63.2/3)

**1st Runner up:** Sue Thompson, Barb Varcoe & Bev White (64.2/3)

**2nd Runner up:** Karyne Ulmer, Inez Gavin & Angela Jones (66.1/3)

### NTP 4th

Division 1	Annie Cassidy
Division 2	N/A
Division 3	Angela Jones

### NTP 18th

Division 1	Karyne Ulmer
Division 2	Narelle Quinn
Division 3	Finola Moorhead

**Balls went to:** Kay Andrews, Jill Dempsey Phyl Barnaby, Greta Toms, Wendy Wallis, Fay Freeman, Robyn Maloney, Annie Cassidy & Lyn Kelly.

**Stayers Prize:** Annie Cassidy

Further to my week of golf on the Gold Coast, congratulations to Jesse Jones for a hole in one at Hope Island.



Ann Maree Campbell & Finola Moorhead



Sue Thompson & Bev White



Inez Gavin & Angela Jones



## Hastings League Minor Semi Finals Results



*The Macleay Valley girls  
celebrate the win*

The first round of the semi finals were played in wet and windy conditions on Saturday.

The ladies kicked off the day with the first game between the Kempsey Mustangs and the Coffs Coast in the Grand final Qualifier. The Mustangs came away with the win in a tight game, 18-16. They get the week off as the first team through to the Grand Final.

In the Womens elimination final the Wingham Tigers battled it out with the Long Flat Dragonettes. In another close game the Dragonettes came out winners 6-4.

Next week Coffs Coast will play the Dragonettes in the elimination for the final spot in the Grand Final.

The boys were up next with the Shamrocks and the Dragons playing to keep their season alive. The Dragons proved too strong on the day with the final score 36-16. The Dragons boys making it through to next weeks elimination.

In the Mens major semi, the Laurieton Stingrays took on the Minor Premiers the Kendal Blues. The Stingrays came away with the win 20-6 going straight through to the Grand Final.

The Blues and the Dragons will battle it out next week in the elimination final for their shot at making it to the Grand Final.

## SYDNEY SIXERS

Sydney Sixers' WBBL and BBL teams, travel far and wide encouraging youngsters to play and love cricket.

The Country Blitz, Cricket NSW's annual three-day regional engagement tour, has been an online event for the past two years but returned with face-to-face activities last week, August 29-31, with 37 elite cricket players – 13 of them from Sydney Sixers - visiting schools, clubs and community groups all over the state.

All up the Sixers players visit 60 schools, clubs and community events in 49 towns throughout six regions - the Central Coast, Newcastle/Lake Macquarie, Northern Inland, Mid North Coast, Far North Coast, and their spiritual 'home away from home', the Coffs Coast.

Kids were able to try fun and friendly cricket activities, meet their heroes and sign up to play cricket this summer.

**Maitlan Brown and Kurtis Patterson from the Sydney Sixers speak with students at Long Flat Primary School.**



## Wauchope Women's Bowls

Finally, after bad weather and covid, we have held a very successful floral festival.

We had 22 teams participate in the event, with representatives coming from West Port, Port City, Lake Cathie, North Haven, Kew, Gloucester, Taree West, Tuncurry, Kempsey RSL, Comboyne and Hat Head, along with four home teams.

We played three games of twelve ends, turn around triples, which is a very interesting format.

Our club is very happy to have Newport Village over 55's lifestyle on board to sponsor this event and we very much appreciate the support.

Taree West were the winners of the encouragement award, Hat Head 5th, Kempsey RSL 4th, Taree West 3rd, West Port 2nd and 1st prize to the home team of Doris McKinnon, Pat Coombes and Glenda Elford. Well done ladies.

We are only a small club, but we all work well together and it certainly shows with a lovely trade table and raffle prizes, all donated.

Lil Allen did a marvellous job with the floral arrangements that were placed throughout the club and Heather Bartlett, our social secretary, had the lunch tables looking very attractive.

We must be very proud of management and staff at the country club for their cooperation in opening early and having the morning



**Winners Glenda, Doris and Pat with sponsor Donna, from Newport Village.**

tea organized. The beautiful scones were a real treat followed by a lovely salad for lunch, which was presented beautifully.

It would be wonderful to have some new members come along and join this great little club.



## Rain, Rain and more Rain

The heavens opened again causing havoc to Group 3 Senior and Junior finals over the weekend. The only games to go ahead were the girls on Friday night and the Hastings League at Wauchope on Saturday. In good news for the Blues the girls claimed the premiership with a dominant win in the under 14s league tag. A special mention to Teleah Holbert who was part of this side and has been the only female to participate in the NSW Rugby League RISE program this year. Teleah is a super prospect, don't be surprised to see her running around in the WNRL in a few years.

With a break in the weather hopefully we will see the Group 3 Junior Grand Finals go ahead as well as the seniors opening round of semi-finals.

The North Coast Ladies were able to go ahead as the undercard to the Hastings League and the Macleay girls are the first team through to the grand final whilst Long Flat won their elimination final to set up a clash with Coffs this weekend to determine the other finalist.

This will be a close match and I'm not writing off the Flat girls to cause the upset.

In the Hastings League, a very good crowd still made their way to Lank Bain despite the conditions to watch the finals action. In the elimination final the Long Flat Dragons blitzed the Beechwood Shamrocks in a very dominant display.

Minor premiers Kendall live to fight another day after being outplayed by the Laurieton Stingrays. The Stingrays played

the conditions well and continually turned the Blues around with their kicking game. This sets up a terrific match this weekend with the Dragons bringing momentum into the preliminary final. Kendall have been the best side all year and deserve to be favourites, but history tells you to never write off a Long Flat Dragons side in September.

Further north in the Group 2 Grand Final, hot favourites the Orara Valley Axeman were defeated on their home turf by the South Grafton Rebels. The Axeman with Sam Burgess as coach were the minor premiers but couldn't contain the Rebels. Burgess now will return to Sydney to take up an assistant coach roll with the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

## Worst kept secret

The worst kept secret in Golf was announced last week with world number 2 Cameron Smith joining the LIV Golf Tour. It's hard to believe the criticism with his decision. If anyone was offered 10 times their salary plus only has to work 75% of the time as well as being able to return home surely, it's a no brainer. Good on him.

I respect his decision as he must do what is best for himself and his family.

His competitiveness shone through with his first tournament resulting in a tie for second, finishing just 1 behind winner Dustin Johnson.

## It's time to go

Can you believe that Australia could possibly fall to cricket minnows in Zimbabwe at the weekend. Playing at home we should

have been way to good. Perhaps for mine the biggest question should be is how is Aaron Finch 1) still in the side 2) still the captain. In my opinion he would be no certainty to open the batting for Comboyne.

Whilst on disappointing performances the Wallabies were embarrassed by the Springboks. With matches still to come against the All Blacks it's unlikely the Wallabies will be hoisting the Rugby Championship Trophy.

## US Open Tennis

As I write this Australia has 2 representatives left in the US Open singles draw. Nick Kyrgios and Ajla Tomljanovic have both been exceptional. Tomljanovic will be remembered for ending the career of the great Serena Williams whilst Kyrgios has removed the number 1 seed from the tournament with victory over Medvedev. Both the men's and women's draw have opened up and it's literally a lottery.

## AFL

The Sydney Swans flew the flag for NSW with a great win over last seasons premiers Melbourne. In the other qualifying final Geelong only just outlasted Collingwood.

In the elimination finals the Bulldogs & Tigers were eliminated. This week my AFL man is tipping me into the Melbourne Demons and the Collingwood Magpies.

## NRL

We said goodbye to 8 sides after last weekends final round of the premiership season. The last round was highlighted by the opening of the new state of the art Allianz Stadium. The Roosters fine-tuned for the finals with a dominant display against archrivals the Rabbitohs.

I was lucky enough to attend

the Bulldogs home game to witness the boys come back from 16 nil down. The best thing I saw that night was not the Matt Burton winning field goal but the great Terry Lamb in his role for the Bulldogs still working putting away gear and mixing with members in the corporate area long after fulltime. Arguably the greatest bulldog of all time this just goes to show the character of the man.

In other matches the Broncos end of season woes continued, and the Tigers, Knights and Warriors all cemented their place at the bottom of the ladder.

The semi-final series promises to be as good as we have seen for many years. We begin on Friday night with the minor premiers Penrith hosting Parramatta. With Nathan Cleary returning and the Panthers rested up I think they will be too good for the Eels.

Saturday the Raiders travel south to take on the Melbourne Storm. The Storm are starting to look a little battle weary whilst the Raiders are flying on the back of their front row rotation. I like the Raiders to cause the upset.

The Sharks will host the Cowboys in a match which sees the two most improved sides of 2022. I like the Cowboys mobile forward pack and their speedy backs to test the Sharks. They have a good mix of youth and experience and game breakers.

The final semi is the grudge match between the Roosters and Rabbitohs. With a number of stars of both teams under injury clouds it's hard to get a good grip on this clash. I like the way the Roosters have been dominating the middle of the park. Matt Lodge signing has been a godsend for the Roosters and with Radley back I lean their way.

Looking forward to another great weekend of footy.

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