

THE Sutton Chatter

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Deary Dakes

Sutton Pony Club Christmas Rally

Sunday 20 December
Bob Collis Reserve, Sutton

Christmas Carols

7pm, Sunday 20 December
St Peter's Church Sutton

Wamboin's Nativity Pageant

6pm, Thursday 24 December
St Andrew's, Wamboin

Christmas Day Service

9am, Friday 25 December
St Peter's, Sutton

Watchnight Service

9pm New Year's Eve
St Andrew's, Wamboin



Orphaned magpies and a currawong – on song for Christmas!

2016 Wildlife Calendars out now see page 19 for details

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FROM YOUR LOCAL

Yass Valley Councillor

Since the last report I have attended a workshop at Council, a Council Meeting, a Sutton Hall and Precinct Management Committee meeting, an SRV meeting in Sutton, and a Rural Financial Counselling Service AGM and meeting in Wagga.

Rural lands update

The rural lands proposal is to reduce the minimum lot size of rural land across the LGA to 40Ha with averaging. The proposal went to the State Government over a year ago, and there were a couple of objections from other State agencies. The proposal seems to have been stuck there doing nothing since then.

Recently the Mayor and senior staff were able to arrange a visit with the minister for planning, with the help of our local member.

The proposal had not yet been brought directly to his attention (not surprising) but when it was, his response was encouraging, and he DOES have the right to make decisions.

We hope (expect!?) to hear something before Christmas – this year, that is.

We are also hugely encouraged, but have also been disappointed in the past. Perhaps Santa will bring a present.

Keep you posted.

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Fit For The Future

Council is currently visiting all the villages and towns to consult on the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV). You would have seen a number of publications about this, some of them from me in previous months.

You probably also have seen the ads placed by the state government on TV, suggesting that Local Government is out of date and needs updating. It may well be true in places.

Yass Council is hoping to remain standalone and there are a number of reasons for that. Financially we can standalone with rates probably still lower than surrounding councils, mainly due to growth driven by our proximity to Canberra.

Also remember the backlog... The backlog is the accumulated total of unfunded maintenance of assets. If \$200k should be spent on maintaining roads/bridges this year, and we fail to do that because we do not have the money, then \$200k is added to our "backlog". So what, you say? Well, the expensive and extensive assets are always roads and bridges. Failing to maintain them is like failing to maintain your house – when you finally do go to maintain it, it costs even more because of the accelerated deterioration. We are seeing that with some of our wooden bridges, some of which now have a weight limit which precludes use by the fire brigade and farmers' trucks. Not good at all.

Here's the point. Some Council's backlogs are higher than others, because although they may be efficient enough to provide basic services, they have not been maintaining their assets over the years. Councils with large backlogs are being encouraged to merge with councils in better financial shape. You can imagine how popular that is with Councils that have been running their affairs well! Nobody wants to inherit someone else's huge backlog. Well, Yass Valley has a significantly lower backlog than Palerang and Upper Lachlan.

It's one of the biggest differences. So it will be easier (but not easy!) for Yass to get its assets back up to scratch if it is standalone. Also for you and I, rates will probably remain lower and decisions will be made locally.

We get nothing for our rates

I often have people say this to me, and they are almost always people from the rural areas. Some people say local government is about the three "r's" and one "p" – that is roads, rates, rubbish and development planning. Rural folks do not get much support for rubbish disposal apart from waste transfer stations and recycling depots. Rural and village folks often don't get water or sewage services.

Most of the value rural folks get is in roads and bridges. And that soaks up more of Councils revenue than anything else. Even if you live close to Canberra and don't use the shire's roads that much, you probably use Canberra's roads, for which you don't pay rates, so perhaps it all evens up in the end.

Someone said that when Council sealed the first kilometre of Mulligans Flat Road it was the people of Gundaroo and beyond that derived the most benefit. Whether that's true or not, it was the residents of Mulligans Flat Road who were most vocal about wanting it to be done!

Council's planning and compliance staff do, in the main, ensure that bad things don't happen on your next door neighbour's property. Council was able to stop the "caravan park" on Shingle Hill Way, and has stopped the glass recycling on Hallam Drive even if it will take a while to actually get rid of the accumulated glass. Try as it may, Council is unable legally to stop or tax the constant stream of trucks dumping VENM on local properties and ruining some of our local roads in the process. Some you win, some you lose.

Regards,
David Needham



SDCAI President's report

There hasn't been much activity this past two months. Council has appointed a consultant for the Sutton Masterplanning consultations and is preparing background to assist in them regarding a project timeline. They anticipate having a work plan in place shortly and starting consultations with the community soon after.

The blackberries on Quartz Hill have finally been sprayed – and thanks again to the folks who keep the boundaries/road reserves mown.

Bus shelter

Council has given the school permission to go ahead with painting the bus shelter, and they anticipate finishing before the end of term. The Community Association agreed to donate \$300 for materials to enable the teachers and senior pupils to do the work.

Community Association Presidents Group

I will be attending the second meeting of local Community Association Presidents on 9 December.

Richard Marson
SDCAI President



Your Yass Valley Council news

yass valley council
the country the people

Make sure you check out this page every week for updates on positions vacant, On Exhibition items and events happening in your area.

On Exhibition

Yass Valley Council regularly places various documents and development applications "On Exhibition" for public comment. To view any documentation On Exhibition please visit our website: yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/exhibition or view the documents at Council's Administration Office - 209 Comur Street YASS NSW 2582.

- Motorsport at Marchmont Racecourse – Confirmation of Continuing Use Rights - **closes 5:00 pm, Wednesday, 2nd December, 2015.**
- Development Application No. 5.2015.278.1 - **closes 5:00pm, Wednesday 16th December 2015.**

Slow down, calm down and concentrate on the Barton Highway

Yass Valley Council and the NSW Police Local Highway Patrol are again teaming up to blitz motorists on the Barton Highway.

Police will target speeding and dangerous behaviours on the Barton Highway during a two week blitz from 27 November to 11 December.

Take a risk on the Barton Highway and you risk getting caught.

Positions Vacant

- Works Maintenance Supervisor - General Maintenance - closes 14 December 2015

Please visit yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/positions-vacant

Yass Valley Community Forums

Yass Valley Council has resolved to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) for 2016/2017, which we believe will assist in Yass Valley remaining as a standalone council. Community forums will be held on the below dates, all commencing at 6:30pm:

- Tues, 24th November – Bookham Hall - COMPLETED
- Thurs, 26th November – Sutton Hall - COMPLETED
- Mon, 30th November – Wee Jasper Hall - COMPLETED
- Tues, 1st December – Binalong Mechanics Institute - COMPLETED
- Wed, 2nd December – Gundaroo Hall
- Thurs, 3rd December – Yass Soldiers Club
- Mon, 7th December – Bowning Hall
- Tues, 8th December – Wallaroo – Wattle Park Church Hall
- Thurs, 10th December – Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Hall

Tenders

North Yass & CBD Pedestrian/Cycleway Link Feasibility

Tenders will close at 4:00pm on Wednesday, 2nd December 2015.

Code of Meeting Practice

Council adopted a revised Code of Meeting Practice at its meeting on the 25 November 2015. The revised code makes changes to the commencement of times for the formal Council meeting to 2.00pm and the Open Forum to 1.30pm. Copies of the adopted Code can be inspected on Council's website.

Development Control Plan

- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
 - Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000
- Council has adopted a Development Control Plan for a proposed commercial centre at 'Fairley', 3489 Barton Highway, Murrumbateman. The plan becomes effective from the date of this notice. Copies of the adopted plan can be inspected on Council's website.

What's On Yass Valley

- 3 Dec - International Day of People with Disability - Valmar Farm Extravaganza
 - 5 Dec - Yass Farmers' Market
 - 5 Dec - Murrumbateman Christmas Carols
 - 9 Dec - Binalong Rescue Squad information night
 - 12 Dec - Murrumbateman Village Market
 - 13 Dec - Yass Table Top Gamers
 - 13 Dec - Yass Community Carols
 - 14 Dec - Yass Knitters Group
 - 14 Dec - Carer Connections - Wellbeing Group Yass and Palerang
 - 19 Dec - Yass Farmers' Market
- For more information on each event visit our website: yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Christmas close down

Yass Valley Council's offices will be closed from midday Thursday 24th December, re-opening on Monday 4th January. During this close down period a Duty Officer will be available for urgent enquiries/assistance - 0408 625 694.

Development Applications Determined 14.11.2015 to 20.11.2015

In accordance with **Section 101** of the **Environmental Planning Act, 1979**. The following applications have been approved subject to conditions. The development consent is available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at Yass Valley Council.

DA No.	Det Date	Lot & DP	Address			Development
221/2015	20.11.15	29//1137506	42 Nicholls	DR	YASS	Dwelling house
204/2015	20.11.15	1//770551	104 Comur	ST	YASS	Pharmacy shopfront, signage and internal
185/2014	20.11.15	//153661	289 Comur	ST	YASS	Refreshment room / café
32/2015	18.11.15	9//1092801	9 Craig	CL	YASS	Alterations & additions to existing dwelling hse & garage (staged)
251/2015	17.11.15	1//861232	426 Yass River	RD	MANTON	Storage shed
27/2015	17.11.15	1//703432	952 Mountain Creek	RD	URIARRA	Alts/adds to existing dwelling & onsite sewage management fac - staged
253/2015	16.11.15	4//270671	11 Julian	PL	YASS	Six (6) lot community title sub division
241/2015	16.11.15	9//845104	155 Connells	LA	JEIR	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling house

Ordinary Council Meeting: 16 December at Council Chambers from 1:30pm
Water restriction levels: Murrumbateman - Stage 1

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Recent Sales and Under Offers

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UNDER OFFER – 86 Butmaroo Street, Bungendore - \$350,000

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UNDER OFFER – 200 Doust Road, Bywong - \$679,000

SOLD – 12 David Street, Gundaroo - \$375,000

SOLD – 443 Denley Drive, Wamboin - \$929,000

SOLD – 9/100 Molonglo Street, Bungendore - \$413,000

SOLD – 107 Burra Road, Googong - \$400,000

SOLD – 1930 Captains Flat Road, Primrose Valley - \$1,375,000

SOLD – 14 McCusker Drive, Bungendore - \$585,000

SOLD – Lot 1 of 222 Doust Road Bywong - \$450,000

SOLD – 570 Trig Lane, Carwoola - \$949,000

SOLD – 29 Day Circuit, Bungendore - \$599,000

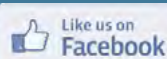
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Wildcare – it's a wrap

The numbers are in. Last year Wildcare – your local volunteer wildlife group, dealt with close to 2,000 calls for assistance. The annual statistics make for interesting reading both from the amount of different species in our region to the way animals get injured.

Over 700 macropods, such as eastern greys and swamp wallabies are on the list with many incidents involving motor vehicles during the rush hour and fence injuries. Birds too are high on the species list with over 450 rescues. The different type of bird in our area is amazing, including various parrots, magpies, kookaburra, finches, pee wee, swans, currawong, ducks, tawny frogmouth, blackbird, wattle bird, pigeon, boobook and many others. Several indian mynas were handed in and these (deemed a pest) were euthanised by a vet.

As well as birds, Wildcare dealt with a large number of callouts involving reptiles, including relocating highly venomous brown and tiger snakes from backyards, houses, garbage bins and water tanks. There were also many lizards injured by dog and cat attacks, such as blue tongue, shingleback, cunningham skinks, blotched blue tongues and a goanna. About 25 eastern long-necked turtles were rescued – many with broken shells and bodies from being clipped by vehicles. There was one green tree frog found in a supermarket's banana box, which had travelled all the way from Queensland.

Another big group is small mammals with roughly 200 being rescued. These include brushtail and ringtail possums, flying foxes, various bats, echidnas and two koalas. The bare nosed wombat came in at 55 rescues. Wombat incidents often involve injury sustained in motor vehicle accidents.

Wildcare also became a helpline clearing-house for many non-wildlife animals, including a couple of feral pigs, foxes, a cow and sheep reported to be on the road, kittens and an escaped lop-eared rabbit. Typically callers were referred to the police and the RSCPA.

As mentioned more than once, motor vehicle accidents cause a good deal of injury to all manner of species and it



would be good if we could slow down and be more alert in known wildlife-rich areas. But the response from the public in reporting 'accidents' is growing and reflects the increasing interest and tolerance we feel for our wildlife. Other avoidable incidents were caused by discarded fishing line and twine getting wrapped around birds legs; fishing hooks snagging turtles (no platypus this year); barbed wire snagging birds, flying foxes and bats; bird netting trapping snakes where it was at ground level; and there were 180 known or suspected dog & cat attacks causing wildlife injury. Reading between the lines, as well as driving more carefully, we can help reduce injury to wildlife by removing snags (including barbed wire when it is no longer needed) and taking control of our dogs and cats.

Lastly, disease and old age was also a factor, including mange in wombats and chlamydia in koalas – both are treatable in the early stages. There was a fistful of incidents with elderly kangaroos hanging around houses. It is thought these animals were looking for somewhere safe to pass the time in their dotage and it was great to have the cooperation of property owners to let this happen.

Wildcare has many experienced and capable volunteers who can help – contact on 6299 1966 (put it in your mobile).

Phillip Machin

WAMBOIN'S WORLD FAMOUS NATIVITY PAGEANT

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Sutton Carols

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CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's, Sutton and St Andrew's, Wamboin

Sunday 29 November was a significant day in the life of the church, being the first day of the church year, the first Sunday in Advent, and the lead up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Also on that day, we partied at St Andrew's church in Wamboin as that day marked the name day for Andrew. So if your name is Andrew we hope you also celebrated.

December is here and of course that means a very busy time in our church calendar.

Tuesday evenings 1, 8, 15 and 22 December there will be Advent Studies held at St Andrew's from 7.30pm-9pm. This is where we read from the Bible a verse or two relating to the birth of Jesus, then talk about what we believe it means and what effect it has had and will have on the people of the world. Why not come along and give your thoughts?

Sunday 20 December at 7pm is when you are all invited to come and sing carols for about an hour at St Peter's in Sutton. Inside if it is cool or wet, outside in the grounds if warm and dry, so bring a blanket in case we run out of chairs. Come along and show that Sutton can do as good as any other place when it comes to carol singing. Light refreshments will be served after the carols.

Christmas Eve will again be the time for the famous Wamboin Nativity Pageant. Make sure you are there to see local children of all ages act out the nativity scene with a cast of live

animals watched over by shepherds, angels, wise men, innkeeper, Joseph, Mary and of course, baby Jesus. In the grounds of St Andrew's, corner of Poppet and Norton Roads starting at 6pm.

Following the pageant a church service will commence at 7pm for those who wish to stay and celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas morning at 9am a church service will be held at St Peter's in Sutton.

Then to see out 2015, a Watchnight service will be held at St Andrew's in Wamboin at 9pm on New Year's Eve.

The Sutton Road Mission District churches of St Peter and St Andrew operate within the guidelines of the Anglican Church of Australia, but welcome any person of any faith who wishes to worship.

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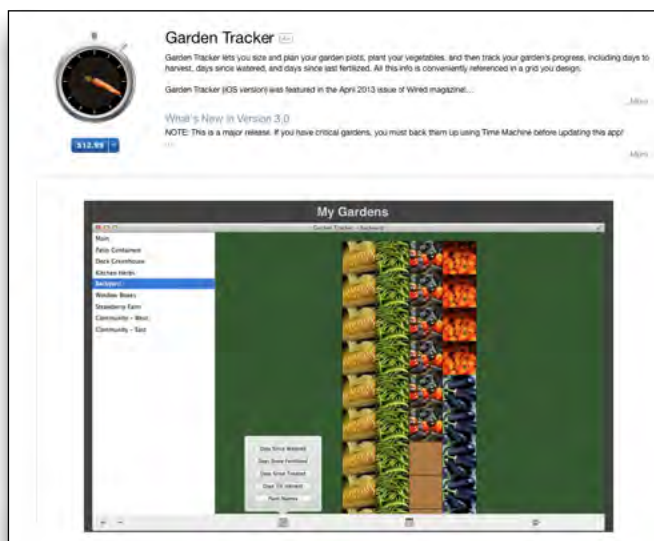
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App Gardening

I have very little time to spend on my computer and perhaps a little more time on my phone (out of necessity rather than want) and I have no time for facebooking, twittering, instagramming or for that matter any kind of social media. But I am aware that most folk are very App literate, so I have made it my mission to become more aware (although not more user friendly) of the Apps available to gardeners for use on their mobile devices. The apps range in price, although a higher price doesn't guarantee a better or more sophisticated program, have fun checking them out. Most of these are related to the USA, but are easily converted to metric or climate zone.

Garden Tracker

This app has the facilities to design a 2,200 square foot plot. Simply enter the desired amount of rows to create a grid with a series of boxes, each represents a foot, click inside each box to choose the crop from a list of 65 plants typically found in kitchen gardens. The program will then tell you how many plants are required for that space and includes general care such a watering, plant depth etc. You can include date planted, when you last watered, harvest date and which plants did best. A list of garden pests and advice on how to remove them is also included. For those of you that like to garden with the moon there is a lunar-phase feature.



Home Outside

This app allows you to create intricate and varied landscapes. There are templates you can manipulate to suit your taste and imagination, add plant material and hard landscaping, and graphics can be altered to suit your own palette. Once you are finished you can email it to your friends.

Landscaper's Companion

This app has no design capabilities but it is a great reference tool with plant varieties – about 20,000 to choose from with accompanying images. You can search by category, common names, botanical names, zone, sun exposure, water needs, height, colour and width. You can also save plants you like a references for later selection.

iVeggiegarden

This is a garden geek app for those interested in obsessively tracking every minor and major detail of the growing season. You can design a simple garden, then add anywhere from 50 to 500 varieties, each plant has growing tips, pest control and so on. Also included is a notes section for things like date planted, when they sprouted, when you thinned seedlings, when they flowered and when you harvested them.



Dig My Garden

This app lets you create gardens in many shapes but the graphics are cartoonish, odd shapes are chosen to represent plants with no resemblance. When you tap on the shape the app reminds you which plant it is and when you planted it. There is a journal for all your notes including check boxes for dates watered, mulched, harvested, sprayed etc. A lovely little feature is the Bloom Bar, this icon allows you to drag it back and forth along a little hedge to reflect the seasonal changes in your garden.

Gardening for your iPhone and iPad

This is a basic app to track you garden progress and is very good value. There a 50 plant varieties including growing and care instructions and alerts to common problems. Wikipedia is available for each plant which links you to all sorts of additional information online. The spot where you add the date planted automatically calculates the number of days until harvest plus a journal page for any extra info you would like to include.

Leafsnap for iphone

This app helps identify trees when users snap a picture of the leaves. It also includes many photos of bark, blooms, flowers, fruit and seeds. This app is very USA specific but is very interesting.

Rain Harvest

This again is very USA specific but worthy of mentioning as it relates well to gardeners in drought-prone areas. It calculates how many gallons of water you can obtain per square foot from your catchment area (your roof) allowing you to work out how much water you can expect to harvest for your garden.

PS: I hope last weeks frost on Friday morning didn't snap your tomatoes or zucchinis!!! That blows the Melbourne Cup day planting theory, damn Mother Nature!!!!

Lisa Walmsley

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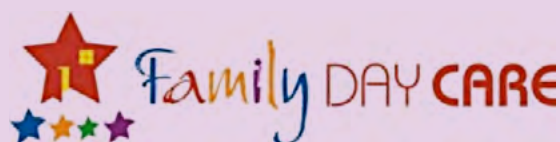
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SUTTON LANDCARE

Sutton Landcarer of the year for 2015

The committee of Sutton Landcare chose Gay and Alan McNeill as landcarers of the year for 2015. The citation the committee submitted to the Yass Area Network of landcare groups to support its decision reads as follows.

"Our choice reflects the sterling service Gay and Alan have provided our group since its inception more than 20 years ago. For the entire period they have held positions of authority within our group including serving on the Committee, Secretary, Webmaster, preparing summaries of our events for the Sutton Chatter and taking charge of and overseeing Clean-up Australia Day activities in the Sutton community.

They have made key contributions to many other tasks essential to the smooth functioning of our group such as setting up our meeting place every time, preparing our presentations for the Murrumbateman field days and supporting our catering requirements, for our meetings as well as our field visits.

As well as all this work for the Sutton Land Care group they are active participants in revegetation initiatives on their own property as part of the Greater Goorooyarroo Strategy. They are strong advocates for Landcare within the Sutton school, village and wider community.

Gay and Alan go above and beyond anything we could ask from them. They are our genuine quiet achievers and the Sutton Landcare Group would not be the same without them. "

Congratulations Gay and Alan.

David Vincent, President



Det Voges 2015 President of YAN presenting Gay and Alan McNeill their award.

Yass Valley's Citizen of the Year open for nomination

Yass Valley residents are being called upon to nominate local residents and community groups for their extraordinary efforts so they can be recognised with an Australia Day Award.

Awards will be provided for the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Senior Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Group of the Year Award
- Individual Community Service Award

Nominations may be submitted by community groups, organisations and individuals using the nomination form that is available from Council's website (yassvalley.nsw.gov.au). Hard copies of the nomination form are available from Yass Valley Library and Yass Valley Council's Administration Office. Nominations will close at 5pm on Friday, 11 December 2015.

Sutton Brigade Duty Officer: phone 0418 303 232

President: Bill Stoll Captain: John Cooper, ph: 0418 244 471 Address: PO Box 7423, Sutton NSW 2620

Update on the fire season

Early on the little rain we had was keeping things green, and in paddocks that have not been grazed there is now a reasonable amount of tall growth with many of the grasses already going to head. However, the very hot dry spell in mid November very quickly started to dry out the country and the grass. This, together with some windy conditions, resulted in some Very High fire danger ratings and one Severe rating with a Total Fire Ban during the month. As we continue to experience hotter and dryer weather into December and January the grass will continue to quickly dry out and cure, significantly increasing the fire risk in our area. Although we do have some areas of bush, fast moving grass fires are the main threat in our area.

Residents are encouraged to daily check the fire danger rating either on the three roadside signs (located at Federal Highway just before Eaglehawk, corner of Victoria and Bywong Streets and corner of Reed Road and Mulligans Flat Road), or on the RFS website <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/> The fire danger ratings give an indication of how likely a fire will start and how severe the fire is likely to be on the given day, and can be used by residents as a trigger to initiate their Bush Fire Survival Plans.

It was very sad to hear of the five deaths of people trapped in vehicles in bushfires interstate during November. Unfortunately these fatalities highlight just how vulnerable people are, if they are overrun by a fire, whilst in a vehicle. A vehicle offers very little protection from the heat and smoke of a severe fire and sadly every year lives are lost in this way. This is why it is stressed that residents LEAVE EARLY if planning to evacuate during a fire, to avoid being trapped and overrun by fire in a vehicle. Once the fire has arrived it is too late to safely leave, and a house or building will offer significantly more protection from the fire than being out in a vehicle.

Mowing during the fire season

With the hotter dryer conditions, residents are reminded about safe mowing and slashing practices during the fire season. Mowing and slashing of fire breaks and paddocks can make a real difference in reducing the intensity and speed of a fire and is a worthwhile activity. However, every year fires are started through carrying out these activities in inappropriate conditions. Early morning or late evening are the best times to carry out mowing or slashing during the fire season, when conditions are cooler and moister and a fire is less likely to be started. The hotter drier part of the day should be avoided for these activities as a spark from the blades hitting a rock can easily ignite a fire. And it is part of the NSW Rural Fires Act that ride on mowers and tractors should carry a fire extinguisher or knapsack when mowing or slashing. A free leaflet on safe mowing / slashing practices is available from the Brigade.

Total Fire Bans

Total Fire Bans are declared on days where the weather and fire conditions are expected to be such that a fire might very easily be started and if so it would be a very intense fire. No fires are allowed and any permits issued for the day will be suspended. It is strongly advised that activities likely to cause sparks such as angle grinding, welding, slashing and mowing and some other

agricultural activities are not carried on days of Total Fire Ban but are put off until milder conditions return. The Total Fire Ban usually runs from midnight the preceding day to midnight of the declared day of the ban, but may be extended to the following day(s) if the conditions are likely to remain the same. We often get asked about the use of BBQs on Total Fire Ban days. Electric or gas BBQs may be used but solid fuel BBQs (wood, charcoal etc..) are prohibited. The area around the BBQ must be cleared of all combustible material to a distance of two meters and a source of running water should be on hand.

An on the spot fine of \$2200 may apply to anyone lighting a fire on a Total Fire Ban Day, which rises significantly to \$5500 or a possible 12 month prison sentence if it goes to court. And if the fire escapes and results in loss of life, property or damage to the environment then a maximum fine of \$132,000 or up to 14 years prison sentence may apply, and civil cases can be brought against those responsible for by residents seeking compensation for losses. Further information on Total Fire Bans and the regulations are available from the Brigade.

Incidents during November

The Brigade responded to two incidents during November. The first was the report of a car fire, but it turned out to be some leaked oil around the engine that had become hot. Three Brigade members responded to this incident. Later in the month, the Brigade responded the Sutton 1 tanker to a single vehicle motor vehicle accident on the Federal Highway with a crew of three plus two Brigade member attending in their own vehicle.

Community Engagement activities

Early in November the Brigade attended an assembly at Sutton School to give a short presentation on bushfire safety to the pupils, staff and parents. The Brigade was also pleased to host a visit by the Country Bumpkins Early Learning Centre children and staff in November. The children had an enjoyable time having a go with the hose to knock down some flameboard targets as well as having a look around the fire station.

Training news

The Brigade's held a night time pumping exercise in November which was very well attended. The session gave our newer members the opportunity to increase their familiarity with the pump controls and develop their pumping skills. Crews are often required to work nightshifts on the fireground so carrying out the exercise at night time enabled crews to practice these skills in the dark which is essential. Also in November, eight members of Sutton Brigade attended the annual Gunning Exercise. In its fourth year this major exercise, attended by crews from brigades all over the zone, provides a great opportunity to attend workshops on a number of different topics relating to RFS activities and to take part in a mock fire exercise around Gunning. And at the end of the month seven Brigade members took part in an area familiarisation drive around the Back Creek and Yass River Brigade areas. In these days of cooperative firefighting it is very likely that we might go to assist either of these fellow Group 4 Brigades if they have a major fire, so some familiarity with their areas is very beneficial for our firefighters.

Yass Group 4 Fire Brigades

On the subject of the Group 4 Fire Brigades, Group 4 Group Captain Ron Hardy organised a meeting for Field Officers from the five Group 4 Brigades, (Sutton, Gundaroo, Back Creek, Yass River and Bellmount Forest), which was kindly hosted at the latter's fire station. The meeting was very useful in providing the opportunity to discuss strategies and tactics for the Group 4 Brigades for the coming fire season, both for local fires and if the Group was required to organise and send a task force to go to out of area fires.

Remote area firefighting

In the first of a new series of special features about specific firefighting operations used by the NSW RFS, here we take a look at remote area firefighting. Whilst a lot of the firefighting activities carried out by the RFS takes place in areas that are 'relatively' easy to access, there are often occasions where fires start in remote country that is very difficult to access. For example, a lightning strike may ignite a tree deep in a forest or bushland area or in a gully or ravine where there are no access roads or fire trails. The tree may smoulder for some time and then in certain conditions flare up and start a wildfire. Such a fire must be extinguished before it spreads and becomes a major fire, and so the strategy used by the RFS is to send firefighters into the remote area with the aim to contain and control the fire. Specifically for this purpose, the RFS developed Remote Area Firefighting Teams (RAFT) and more recently in 2011 Rapid Aerial Response Teams (RART), either of which may be deployed to fires in remote areas depending on the situation.

What is the difference between RAFT and RART?

RAFT crews will be transported to the area, possibly by helicopter, a vehicle or even boats, but then have to walk in to where the fire is located carrying all their kit and firefighting equipment, fuel and welfare with them. They have to be largely self sufficient with minimal support due to the remoteness of the area in which fire is located. They are usually deployed for 2 or 3 days and the crews may perform a number of different tasks. In contrast, a RART operation is a short deployment of about 2 or 3 hours, with the RART team being transported by helicopter and with the helicopter remaining in dedicated support to the crew for the duration of the deployment. Their sole task is to locate and control any fires.

So how does it work?

Both during and after a storm has passed through, an area may be monitored either from fire towers and / or by aerial reconnaissance. If a smoke column, hotspot or a going fire is detected then a RAFT or RART response is initiated depending on the situation. The crews assemble with their kit and the equipment they need to tackle the fire. On days where there is expected to be increased fire risk RART crews may be placed on standby for deployment, and they may even be sent out on the reconnaissance missions to find and deal with fires.

Once the RAFT crews have been transported in and then walked in to the location of the fire they will most likely work to control or extinguish the fire over a period of days. This is



Remote area firefighters are often transported to and from the fire via helicopters. Photo: Ian Waddell

usually done using hand tools such as rake hoes, chainsaws, blowers etc., and if there is a source of water sometimes portable pumps may be used. But they may also carry out other tasks such as mopping up, building containment lines, preparing helicopter landing pads, setting up remote area communication facilities and fireground patrolling activities. There may be several RAFT crews working on the same fire.

Once the RART crew has located a fire the helicopter will land, or they will be winched down to the ground if there is no suitable landing area, and they will attack the fire to control and contain it. They may be assisted by water bombing from their dedicated helicopter which is, in effect, their firefighting "vehicle". Once the fire is controlled and extinguished then they immediately get taken out with the whole operation lasting just a few hours.

Who does remote area firefighting?

Anyone who is an active firefighter, male or female and has Advanced Firefighter or above and First Aid qualified with the NSW RFS can apply to train for RAFT. The trainees for RAFT crews must complete a specific course for operating in remote areas, crews in addition can do Helicopter Insertion Techniques course before they can do any RART standby days. There is also a medical and fitness test requirement, due to the very strenuous and physical nature of this type of firefighting. There is probably also the need for a certain aptitude to be able to carry out firefighting in remote areas. The skill set required by all remote area firefighters includes, use of specialist hand tools, dry firefighting techniques, mapping and navigation, first aid, and remote area safety knowledge and skills. The safety and welfare of crews working remotely is, of course, of paramount importance, and crews are required to check in and provide regular situation reports by radio.

I would like to thank Ian Waddell, who is a District Support Officer for the Southern Tablelands Zone based at Yass Fire Control, for assistance with and providing some of the info for this feature. One of Ian's roles is as the coordinator for the Southern Tablelands Zone RAFT / RART operations.

And finally, the Brigade would like to wish all Sutton and District residents a very enjoyable and safe Christmas, New Year and holidays.

Regards,
Graham Scofield

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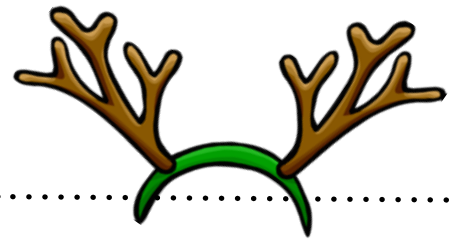
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SUTTON PONY CLUB CHRISTMAS RALLY – Sunday 20 December

The Christmas rally day will be on Sunday 20 December at the Sutton Pony Club grounds (not 6 December).

There will be lots of festive fun on horseback, with Christmas-themed games including apple bobbing, Christmas card hunt and Christmas fancy dress parade.

We'll have a big Christmas BBQ at lunchtime and this year's pony club awards will be announced in the senior and junior categories for most consistent rider, most improved rider, and encouragement award.

Please lock it in your diaries and let me know if you are planning to attend.

Margaret Bowen, SPC Secretary
0419 186 167



They smashed it in SA!

Forty riders representing NSW travelled to compete in the Pony Club Australia National Championships held in Murray Bridge, South Australia from the 29 September to the 4 October 2015.

The National Championships are held every two years in a different Australian state. It seeks to promote the highest levels of sportsmanship amongst Pony Club riders. Competition is for Dressage, Eventing, Showjumping, Tetrathlon and the Prince Philip Mounted Games.

Congratulations to Rhys Smith and Andrea Biondic – Sutton Pony Club members – and their team mates Julia Devitt, Charlotte Millard and Will Conn and super coach Anthony Newham. The team did NSW incredibly proud, fulfilling their intentions to be named the current Junior Mounted Games National Champions. The Junior Mounted Games Team were determined to claim victory after NSW came in 2nd at the 2013 Pony Club Nationals.

The competition ran over three days starting with a warm up comp on Friday, NSW came 2nd to Victoria with only one point separating the top three State teams. The Championship competition ran over the next two days resulting in a NSW State record win of 31 points!

PCA National Championships 2015 – Junior Mounted Games

Place	Team	Block 1	Block 2	Total
1st	New South Wales	76	74	150
2nd	South Australia	60	59	119
3rd	Western Australia	64	54	118
4th	Victoria	59	58	117
5th	Northern Territory	34	48	82

Katarina Biondic

November twilight rally

November twilight rally saw 11 members come along on a very warm, but enjoyable evening. The kids were split into 3 groups. Stacey put all the kids through their paces over the jumps. Kylie worked on fine tuning barrels and Alyson had the mounted games flag race running working on hand-eye coordination.

Sutton had a six members representing the club at the recent Monaro Shield Show Jumping event. All the kids came away with a ribbon or two with Kelsey McGovern winning the D grade high point award. It is great to see so many kids getting out and about.

Alyson Burgess, SPC President



Santa on horseback at last year's Christmas rally...



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The 2015 school year has been as busy as ever at Sutton Public School. Students and teachers are now busy preparing for our Presentation Day Assembly and Concert to be held in the school hall on Friday 11 December. Here are some of the highlights and good news stories from term 4.

Sutton Rural Fire Service

This term Sutton Public School has continued to enjoy the generous support of the Volunteer Fire Service whose members have given their time to address assemblies on bush fired and home safety and to host a visit of our senior students to the station. We will also be supported on our presentation day when the service will provide a BBQ lunch for students, families and invited guests. The school and community are extremely grateful to the Rural Fire Service for their ongoing commitment and support of our school.

Bus Shelter Upgrade

Students and staff are excited about plans to upgrade the bus shelter situated at the front of the school on Victoria Street. With permission from Yass Valley Council and the kind support of the Sutton Community Association, there will be a colourful refurbishment of the bus shelter carried out over the last weeks of term. A big thank you goes to Mr Alan McNeill for his work in preparing the shelter for our creative team.

Book-A-Picnic

Sutton Public School has gathered under the shady trees near the office for the annual Book-A-Picnic lunch. Many of the older children brought favourite picture books from home and read them to the younger students, including their "buddies". Quite a few children brought picnic rugs and a few cushions appeared as well. It was satisfying to observe so many students sharing beautiful picture books with each other. We are fortunate to have friendly, helpful older students.



Canberra Capitals Visit Sutton Public School

Senior Sutton students were thrilled to be presented with a motivational talk on team work from members of the Canberra Capitals. Our special guests then participated in the final Basketball Skills Clinic after school. Our Basketball Clinics, led by Mr Stuart Whitton, Mr Mitchell, Mr Glover and Mr Armstrong, proved very popular with the students. A big thank you goes to all our coaches and also to the Canberra Capitals for their time and support. The students further developed their new skills and enjoyed the afternoon immensely.



New School Sign

This term saw the unveiling of a new school entrance sign at Sutton Public School.

The sign has been presented to the school by the graduating Year 6 students of 2015. Each year, our Year 6 students work all year to raise money for a farewell gift for the school and this year it has been handed over a little early. An unveiling ceremony was held with speeches given by our captains, who explained the process to Year 5 students. A big thank you goes to Mr Alan McNeill for his hard work and time installing the sign.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program continues to grow at Sutton Public School. This term has seen the kitchen teams making great use of our wonderful kitchen established through the support of our Parents and Citizen's association. Students have prepared many healthy delights such as Triple Green Bean Salad and Apple Crumble. The garden group has been developing water efficient wicking boxes and planted more summer crops. The aim of the kitchen garden program is to engage the curiosity of the students and to help them learn how to grow the very best food in the very best way, how to care for it in the garden, how to recognise when it is ripe and at its best, how to prepare it easily and enjoyably and how to develop an expanding culinary palate and be excited by all these experiences.

Technology Upgrade for the Hall

A wonderful new data projector and internet cabling have been installed in the Sutton School Hall thanks to the financial support of our Parent and Citizen's Association. The equipment upgrade ensures our hall has up to date facilities to support teaching, learning and extra curricula activities.



Sutton School Continuing to Grow

Based on current enrolment enquiries we are expecting to have eleven classes in 2016 (one more than this year). The growth in enrolments is a clear indicator of the excellent reputation Sutton Public School holds within the community and beyond.

Clare Pritchard
Principal

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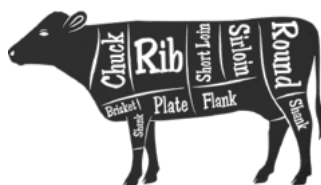
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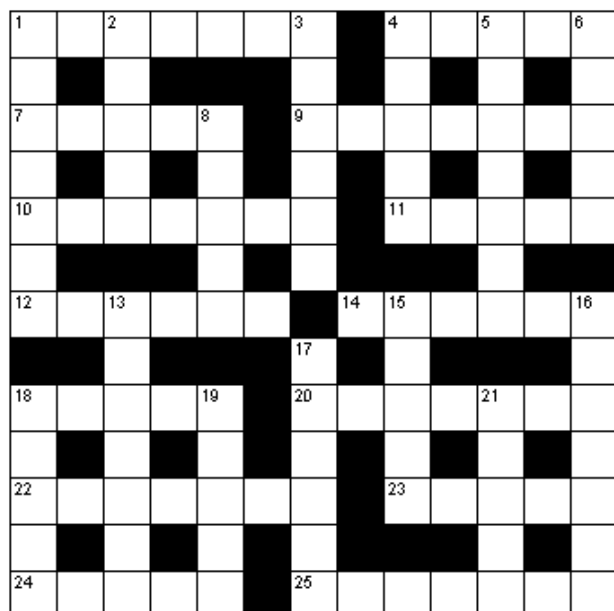
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14. Ecclesiastic (6)
18. Copious (5)
20. Drawn (7)
22. Pouch worn with a kilt (7)
23. Diadem (5)
24. Admittance (5)
25. Spiny anteater (7)

Down

1. Transported (7)
2. Emblem (5)
3. Tropical bird (6)
4. Mistake (5)
5. Dependable follower (7)
6. Go in (5)
8. Magnitude relation (5)
13. Reinforcement (7)
15. Reasoned judgment (5)
16. Musical passage (7)
17. Opportunity (6)
18. Part of a church (5)
19. Ahead of time (5)
21. Obviate (5)

Quick crossword solution November

S	I	M	P	L	E	T	P	E
H	E	O	A	A	N			
E	A	N	N	O	U	N	C	E
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					L	E		

Sutton & District Community Groups

Community Group	Contact	Details
LANDCARE	President: David Vincent 6230 3584 Secretary: Tony Redman 6230 3266	2nd Tuesday of each even-numbered month. 7.30pm Sutton Primary School.
LOCAL FIRE BRIGADES	Sutton: 0418 303 232 / 0418 244 471 Wamboin: 0409 991 340 Gundaroo: 0428 494 403 / 6236 8348 Back Creek: 0429 443 260 Fire Control Centre, Yass: 6226 3100 Palerang: 6297 1840	Permits are required for all fires throughout the fire season. Please contact the Captain of your local Brigade for details.
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES)	Emergencies: 132 500 Duty phone 0417 502 396 help or enquiries	
ST PETER'S CHURCH	Wardens: Robyn Robertson 6238 3202 Bronwyn Elliott 6238 3359 Alan Rope 6238 3224	Church Services are at 9am 1st & 3rd Sundays at St Andrew's Wamboin 2nd & 4th Sundays at St Peter's Sutton
SUTTON ACTIVITY CENTRE – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE	Phone: 6230 3052 Email: sutton@bestit.net.au	<u>Before and after school care:</u> For students of Sutton Primary School 7am–9am, 3.10pm–6pm <u>Vacation care:</u> Open to all children K to Yr 6, 8am–6pm
SUTTON HALL CONTACT	Chairman – David Needham 6230 3118 email: david.needham3@gmail.com	Hall hiring information (see last page).
SUTTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	President – Richard Marson 6230 3463 email: marzoe@bigpond.com Secretary – Elita Barrett 0410 632 474 email: Sutton.community@outlook.com Treasurer – Beryl Lowry 6230 3948 email: beryl.lowry@bigpond.com	Last Tuesday of each odd numbered month, 7.30pm Sutton Village Hall. All forms/correspondence can be mailed to: S&DCA, PO Box 7404 Sutton NSW 2620.
SUTTON CRAFT GROUP – SEW 'N SEWS	Barbara Malam 6238 3581	Every Wednesday 9.30am, venues change.
SUTTON PLAYGROUP	Co-ordinator – Emma Harriden: 0448 478 953 email: ce.harriden@bigpond.com Sutton Primary School: 6230 3215	Every Thursday 9.30am–11.30am Sutton School Activity Centre Cost \$2/family + fruit/sandwich
SUTTON PONY CLUB	Club President – Alyson Burgess: 0409 518 238 email: alyson8238@gmail.com	2nd Sunday of each month Pony Club Grounds Sutton Village
SUTTON SCHOOL	Office: 6230 3215	
SUTTON TENNIS	Membership application and keys: Anne Kable 6230 3532	Keyholders do not need to book a court. Annual fee \$30. Social tennis group meets Tuesday and Friday mornings. Starting times: summer 8.30am; autumn and spring 9am; winter 9.30am
GUNDAROO SCOUT GROUP (JOEYS TO ROVERS)	Richard Fleming, email: lorenfel@bigpond.com or 6236 9235 (outside business hours). www.1stgundarooscouts.org.au	
WILDCARE	24 hour rescue service: 6299 1966	

Sutton Village Hall



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Sutton Village Hall is a heritage listed building standing at the side of Sutton Oval and Recreation Grounds. It is owned by Yass Valley Council and managed on its behalf by the Sutton Hall and Precinct Management Committee for the benefit of the community of Sutton and Yass Valley. Sutton Hall is available for hire and is suitable for weddings.

Hall facilities

Kitchen facilities include stove, urn, fridge and microwave, additional fridge, 80 chairs and 14 standard fold-up tables. Kitchen is equipped with china, cutlery and cleaning equipment.

INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

YVC telephone: **1300 553 652**
W: www.suttonhall.weebly.com
E: SuttonHallNSW@gmail.com

Hire Rates

Hall/meeting room hire includes furniture.

HALL HIRE

Full day and functions	\$132
Part day	\$76
Gas usage – April to October	\$31
Gas usage for part day	\$21

HALL HIRE BOND

Local resident	\$250
Non-local resident	\$350

MEETING ROOM HIRE

Meeting room hire	\$31
plus small contribution for gas heating used (April to October)	

OFF-SITE FURNITURE HIRE

chair	\$1
bench	\$4
table	\$5
Off-site furniture hire bond: based on hire quantity	

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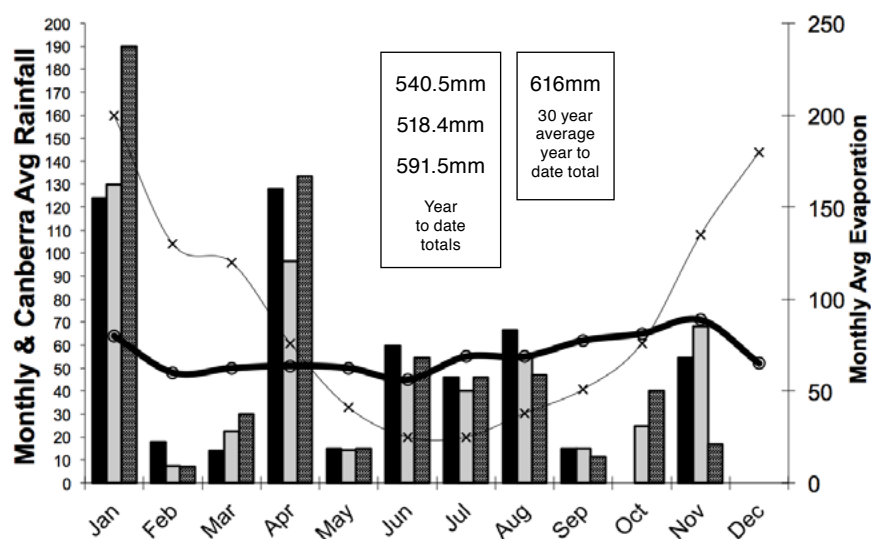
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November 2015 rainfall



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Judith Harriiden: 54.5mm
Klaus Schiller: 68.2mm
Hazel Roxburgh: 17mm

— 30 year Average Rainfall

— Average Evaporation - official readings from 'The Anchorage' - 5.5km directly south of Sutton. Records commenced 1970

■ Rainfall Readings (All in mm) - Judith Harriiden, Sutton Road. (South of the Village)

■ Rainfall Readings - Klaus Schiller, Sutton Rd, (North of the village)

■ Rainfall Readings from Bernice Ashworth, Old Federal Highway (North-East of the village)