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2023
Australia Day Awards

NOMINATE NOW

Nominations for the 2023 Australia Day Awards are now open.

Council is inviting the community to nominate individuals, organisations and teams in the following award categories:

Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen
Environmental Citizen
Volunteer (Individual)
Senior Sportsperson
Junior Sportsperson

Applications close on Friday 25 November 2022.

To nominate, forms are available from Council's Administration Centre, Dungog Library, Paterson Country Café, & East Gresford General Store.

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- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Environmental Citizen of the year
- Senior Sports Award (over 18 years of age)
- Junior Sports Award (18 years of age and under)
- Volunteer (as an individual) Service to the Community

Nominations may be made by individuals or organisations, and should focus on achievements in the 2022 year.

Nomination forms will be available from Council's Administration Centre, Dowling St Dungog, Dungog Library, Mackay St, Dungog, Paterson Country Café & East Gresford General Store.

Completed nomination forms must be received by Council no later than 4.00pm Friday, 25 November 2022.

Enquiries concerning the Australia Day Awards should be directed to

Gina Radford on 4995 7731.

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The Dungog District Chamber is pleased to announce that we are holding a Street Party!

‘Starry Starry Night Street Party’ is the theme and it will be located all along **Dowling Street Dungog on Friday 25th November 2022.**

Start time is 4pm and will continue on into the night with our “after 5” venues. Late night shopping will be available until 7pm, with the after 5 venues hosting (more) food and music afterwards.

Focus of this event is to encourage shopping local and a cultural celebration of all that Dungog has to offer in the lead up to Christmas. The entertainment and fun will be a drawcard for both locals and visitors to join in the shopping, the entertainment and the fun as we celebrate a ‘Starry Starry Night’.

We have been very fortunate to receive some funding for the event following the grant funding secured by Dungog Shire Council, and we are very appreciative of Council’s support.

This funding means that we have the ability to pay for exciting and varied activities and entertainment in the street, creating a party atmosphere for shoppers, families and visitors.

Chamber have organised the entertainment and activities and are all free!

We have a small and enthusiastic group organising the event, and they have come up with abundant creative ideas which they are currently finalising. We have a range of entertainment and activities planned, happening the length of the CBD – this ensures inclusiveness as well as space and diversity.

As at today we have secured a selection of entertainment and activities for all ages, including but not limited to; Educational Venomous Snake display by John and Tina Mostyn, who are providing three shows with education and a hands-on experience. Whip cracking legend Andrew Thomas to demonstrate this age old art of Whip-Cracking, jumping castles at each end of the street, face painting by well-known artists and maybe even a mystery celebrity! The food and wine tasting fair, and a range of musical performances including buskers as well entertainment provided by Performing Arts Dungog. We are also encouraging local schools to get involved in entertainment and hope to have some local school children performing outside the Tourist Information Centre.

With Dungog shops staying open for this event, we are encouraging them to get into the party theme and incorporate the Starry Starry Night topic. In addition, tickets will be given for all purchases over \$20 made on the day at the participating stores and can then be placed in collection boxes for the lucky draws at the end of the evening – this will be around 6.30pm. First prize \$200 Dungog Dollars, second prize \$50 Dungog Dollars – all sponsored by Dungog District Chamber of Commerce.

A range of stalls will add to the party atmosphere so we encourage stall holders to get in touch. No surprise with the title, stars is the theme and we are asking businesses to decorate windows in a star theme which can carry them all the way to Christmas. Our local schools are encouraged to get involved with making stars to decorate street trees. Our Residents at Lara Aged Care are already into the star theme and creating – something for young, old and in-between.

With the event being on a Friday evening, it is almost a natural progression to then move on after the shopping and activities to the local establishments for dinner and more entertainment. Local after 5’s have already booked entertainment for the night, and there is accommodation galore in Dungog and district – most is featured in the 2022 “Explore Barrington Coast” magazine that has a 32 page Dungog special feature.

To top it off, as if it could not get any better, Clarence Town Lions Club is having their “Williams River Festival” the very next evening on 26 November at Clarence Town, this enabling the party to continue. A fantastic opportunity for locals and visitors to have a great weekend out in the Shire.

If you would like more details please contact

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We would also like to welcome our new staff member Jenna "Welcome to the team". Jenna is
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Around the Churches

St. John's, Clarence Town.

Sometimes it is hard to report on events because they can be very emotional. Such an event was the funeral service for our Lois Edwards. Barrie and Lois have been a part of St. John's for decades, and when we say goodbye to one of our own, it hurts, but knowing that Lois is now at rest and not in pain anymore does give some comfort.

Our congregation, and I am sure many others, send Barrie, Jane, Kathleen and their families, our love and prayers during this difficult time. I wish to say a huge thank you to everyone who prepared for the service, and who provided, and served the banquet which followed in the Church Hall. Thank you to Danny Shaw from Shaw's Bakery, who delivered beautiful sandwiches, delicious quiches, pies and sausage rolls for us. It was all absolutely amazing. A big thank you also, to Greg Russell and the Clarence Town Singers for leading "We'll meet again" as the final song. Lois would have loved it, and YES, Lois, we will meet again in a better place. Also thanks to Greg Russell, who set up the sound system so the service could be heard in the hall. Please keep Barrie and his family in your prayers. There were many guests who came and expressed their thanks for everything that was provided.

We have decided not to hold our Gymkhana again in November, not just because of Covid, but also because of the extreme wet conditions that have been forecast. It is a lot of work to organize the event and we don't want to risk not being able to hold it. Maybe by next November, the planet will have sorted itself out!! The proceeds from this event goes towards the maintenance of Glen William Cemetery, so if you are associated with the Cemetery and have loved-ones interred there, would you consider making a donation from time to time to help with the cost of maintaining the grounds. Any donations can be left at Clarence Town Post Office entitled "GW Cemetery" or can be transferred on line to BSB 705 077 – Account 0004 0940 – Parochial Working Account. Reference GW Cemetery. Thank you so much.

A huge thank you also to our Op Shop and Treasure Centre volunteers, without whom, we would not be able to operate the facility, and to all those who clean and prepare the Church for worship each week, and those who provide music, do the readings, prepare the intercessions and provide morning tea for us all to enjoy and the grounds always look lovely, thank you 'Snowy'. You really are a loving and considerate church family.

We also continue to pray for the clergy and congregations of St. Patrick's and St. David's churches in our town, and for the community as a whole. If you have prayer requests you would like us to offer on your behalf, please contact us on 4996 5528. We would be honoured to do so.

Our Christmas service time this year will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve, with a bring-and-share dinner in the hall following the service for anyone who would like to come. It is a little earlier this year to allow Reverend Kimbalee to attend other services in the parish.

Our weekly services are at 10am each Sunday with morning tea in the hall following the service. Please know that you would be most welcome.

I know it is a little early to be wishing Christmas joy, but this is the last Sentinel before Christmas and I pray that, if you haven't embraced the real meaning of Christmas yet, that it will touch your hearts this Christmas. God bless you all and travel safely over the holiday period.

Sue Flannery
4996 5528

St David's Presbyterian Church Clarence Town.



After being in recess during the school holidays, Anchored Youth recommenced in October.

Anchored Youth (AY) is for all youth aged 12-18. We meet every Friday at the Clarence Public School Hall at 7pm for games, food and learning all about Jesus. Some weeks we join up with 'Fusion' at Maitland Evangelical Church. For enquiries regarding Anchored Youth, please contact our Youth Leader Nicole Cumming on 0468 826346.

Manly Music (MM) is due to launch around October this year (we are waiting for final certification to come through). MM is a pre-school aged program for parents and their toddlers to come together and sing songs, play musical instruments, learn about God, build friendships with new people, and deepen relationships with their kids. It is a fantastic program with a very interactive curriculum for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers to get involved and enjoy! Watch this space (and the Face Book Community pages) for the official launch date! (For further enquiries please contact our Mainly Music Coordinator Leisa Bignill on 0419 205755)

Back on 25/9 we held our bi-monthly fellowship lunch at the Lion's Park after church. It was a great time of food, fun and fellowship after the formalities of church. Thanks to everyone who came, and we thank God for his goodness to us, that we can meet, together in public places and enjoy his wonderful creation! We currently are continuing in our series on Paul's letter to the Galatians – learning what it is to live a gospel centred life.

Our Minister Al Welch and family have been away for a few weeks getting some much-needed R&R, and in the meantime CTPC has heard from some of our CTPC preachers who taught some great news from John's gospel. Our Growth Groups continue to meet on Tuesday (Claro) and Wednesday (North Arm Cove) evenings – please contact Allan if you would like to join one of these groups.

We continue to pray for our town, our leaders, country, and world, both in private and when we meet, together and, all the more, as we see the great Day of our Lord Jesus approaching.

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

In Christ,
Rev Allan D. Welch
0402 387 690

Official Rainfall 2021 / 2022

Clarence Town Rainfall Station 061010

January	85.0 mm
February	114.2mm
March	334.2mm
April	104.6mm
May	72.4mm
June	19.2mm
July	312.4mm
Aug	65.0mm
Sep	89.6mm

Tim Gorton

From the Parson's Pen

As we age it can be fascinating to look back to see how much has changed around us over the years. While we might be surprised at how much has changed, we might also be saddened at how little has changed.

Sometimes it will be when we are visiting a different culture that we are presented with a different way of looking at things; Christmas being an example.

Two stories. Bougainville 1998 and Baghdad 2007.

Bougainville.

At Christmas time an army band came to visit. Together with the Command a programme had been worked out. One item in the programme was a Christmas Eve concert to be held in the main town. I tried to advise them that this was inappropriate as it clashed with the main Christmas Eve Mass. They didn't listen.

The concert contained some familiar carols but most of the music was of the more commercial kind that you'd hear in a shopping centre.

Over the following weeks locals asked what the concert was really about;

1. Why was it timed to clash with the main Christmas Mass?
2. Inappropriate music; 'White Christmas', 'Jingle Bells', 'Santa Claus'. Xmas Puddings.
3. No mention of God, Jesus, messages of Hope, Love, Salvation, Forgiveness.

The Bougainville people are deeply religious and they had just had 10 years of civil war.

Baghdad

A meeting was called to plan our contingent's Christmas celebrations.

The convenor opened an input session on what ideas people might have and then asked for volunteers to take responsibilities for those activities.

As the meeting was wrapping up a person indicated they had a question. "Ask" they were told.

Question. "What is the Padre doing at this meeting?" "What is he doing in this preparation for Christmas?"

The result was (at first) , stunned silence. Then, before I could say anything, everyone else jumped in to tell them that, "... without the Padre there to talk about God's love, Jesus being born, salvation, there wouldn't be any Christmas"

So, how is Christmas looking for you? Just a holiday or really a Holy Day?

Chaplain Greg Clarke

Christ Church, Dungog.

Christ Church Dungog is busy as usual. We have mango orders done and working on the Digging Deep mission project now. This is selling toilet paper, tissues and paper hand towels to raise money for Myanmar. Not very often do you buy toilet paper to raise money for others but that is what we are doing.

The Parish Lunch will be held on Sunday the 30th October at Christ Church Hall after the 10 am Combined Church service at Christ Church.

The next two Market Days will November 5th and December 3rd weather permitting!! We have not held some outdoor Markets this year due to the wet grounds and weather. We do usually have 4 or 5 stall holders in the Church Hall each month no matter what the weather is and of course we have the Op Shop open on those Saturdays.

Thanks
Margaret Flannery

Clarence Town Op Shop and Treasure Centre.

Our summer stock is now in. We also have some lovely bargains for your home, in the Treasure Centre. Lots of books for all ages, toys, DVDs, puzzles and lots, lots more. Come in and spoil yourself.

Last Day Wednesday 14th December Reopen Wednesday 18th January 2023.

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- 8 ply wool for knitted squares for "wrap with love" rugs;
- 8" squares (any colour) **garter stitch only:**

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Gillian Finch

Clarence Town Tennis Club

Now that the warmer weather is coming and the days are longer it is a great time to get out and play tennis. A recent working bee has freshened up the courts and club house. Courts can be hired by calling myself (0417 651577) or Gai (04190 600219)

Brad Elloy

President



St. Patrick's, Clarence Town.

The year seems to be flying towards Christmas and its conclusion. Where did that year go?

Our last morning tea made me reflect on how blessed myself and my fellow parishioners are to come together each week in God's love. It is such a joyful and positive start to our week, and I feel we are very blessed.

We had an added joy last Sunday with one our family's daughter serving at the Altar. We have missed our Altar Servers and I am sure Father was pleased as well. Just an extra 'thank you' to the parishioners who help prepare our Mass and Church each week.

We don't take it for granted, it is much appreciated. I would like, on behalf of St. Patrick's congregation, to send our sincere sympathy to Barrie Edwards and his family at the sad passing our dear Lois. I know the Anglican Parish family will miss her greatly.

Prayers for wellness to all our church family who cannot be with us every Sunday, ever though they would like to be. We think of them and pray for them. May the Almighty continue to bless Clarence Town.

God Bless,

Marilyn Amos

Around The District

It was a great delight to see years 3 and 5 students from Clarence Town Public School recently visit the museum.



They gathered around the veranda to listen as two of our lovely Senior Citizens spoke: Lois read some bush poems and Ann spoke about life in Clarence Town in an earlier time. Ann had a school bag, a school port as some may remember, to be carried in one's arm and not a satchel as is more common today, complete with school material in it. We had some poems read by a student and then a tour of the museum.

The highlights seemed to be the doll display, which evoked great excitement as word went around that "some of those dolls are moving- they're alive"; and the well which produced a consistent question- "Is that where some criminals were thrown into and drowned?".

The students re-gathered and before returning to school, one of the students began singing the school song and others joined in.

The AGM was held a few weekends ago, and the new committee consists of: Sue Shillington (President), Sue Terry (Vice President), Heather Kilpatrick (Treasurer), and Chris O'Neill (Secretary).

*Chris O'Neill (Secretary)
on behalf of The Museum
committee*

To get in touch our email is
clarencetownmuseum@yahoo.com,
Our phone number is 0493 346 491,
or you can reach us through Facebook.

Council Report



Draft Upper Hunter Regional Transport Plan

The Draft contains very worthy key goals like:

“An integrated network – that embraces the 15-minute neighbourhood planning principle where people regularly choose to walk, cycle or take public transport to shops, services, schools or work.”

“Upgraded Newcastle Airport, improved road networks and public transport services as well as integrated walking and cycling connections allowing visitors to easily explore the region.”

Residents and stakeholders can make submissions by 11 November 2022:

<https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/transport-plans/draft-hunter-regional-transport-plan>

Council will continue concentrating on “improved road networks” and “walk, cycle or take public transport” as we have a long way to go (pun intended):

Dungog Shire has 122 KM of Regional Roads that until 1995 were classified as Main Roads & fully maintained by the NSW Government. They were given to us without a funding source to look after them, so for 27 years this has diverted \$ away from local roads. We are the worst affected council area in NSW. The NSW Government has promised to take them back. Announcement is pending.

Also:

Dungog Shire officially states that it does not have the \$ to properly maintain its 700KM+ roads network. When you see our wealthy neighbours struggling too it indicates that we all need a fairer slice of Commonwealth funding. In 1995 Councils shared 1% of taxation revenue, it is now half that, and since 2022 we have lost out on \$ millions.

Rural Lands Strategy

Council has struggled with staffing issues during 2022, which have delayed the public exhibition of the Draft Rural Lands Strategy until early next year. During the exhibition period we will hold public information sessions and ratepayers will be able to have individual meetings with staff concerning the possible implications for their property. These aspects will be very important because the Rural Strategy will form the basis of the new LEP and it will be very difficult to address unwanted outcomes after its adoption.

Banfield Bridge

For several years the Banfield Bridge has been weight limited to 10 tonnes, which accommodated school buses, but this was reduced to only 5 tonnes in early September after a heavy vehicle of 42 tonnes GVM damaged the main beams. Staff estimated a likely cost of \$50,000 to repair the bridge, but this was not pursued because the construction of the replacement bridge is scheduled for late November. The new bridge will be about half a metre higher than the present deck level.

NSW Government Community Infrastructure Grants

The NSW Government Community Infrastructure Grant scheme to be announced shortly has allocated Dungog Shire Council over \$900,000 for projects. Most of this funding will be used to top dress the Clarence Town Rugby/Cricket and Soccer Ovals which will hopefully address drainage issues and the uneven nature of the Rugby/Cricket oval. This will not address the slope of the main ground, but it should allow matches to proceed sooner after heavy rain.

Your Local B Ward Councillors:

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THE NATIONALS
for Regional Australia

Clarence Town Progress Association
is holding a Community Weekend
To Celebrate Our Culture, Community and Heritage

The weekend we have selected is 29th, 30th and 31st July 2023.

The weekend will bring our community together to celebrate our history!

The plan is for this to become an annual event.

"The Clarence Town Weekend"

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!

We are looking for volunteers and sponsors to work with our committee to help organise and finance this weekend.

Four different levels of sponsorship are available:

Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

Each level will offer your business opportunities for promotion as well as supporting this worthwhile community event!

Our planning has commenced and at the moment the program for the weekend is shaping up to be:

- Friday Evening: Social Function in our community hall
- Saturday Lunch Time: Opening parade, markets, food stalls, coffee trucks, activities including town tours, Saturday just after dusk Fireworks
- Sunday Morning: Billy cart derby, lawn mower and tyre rolling race, Lego competition, stalls, coffee truck, town tours.

We will then finish in the afternoon with an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

If you would like to help please contact Alan on the following email:

clarroculture@outlook.com

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
– HARBOUR CRUISE

Clarence Town Progress Association Events Committee is planning a Coach Trip to Newcastle early in the New Year for a harbour cruise on 'The William the Fourth' replica, lunch (at you own expense) and a browse through Newcastle Museum. There will be 50 seats available. The date and actual cost is still to be determined. We are estimating it will cost around \$60.00 pp.

This all depends if we get enough interest.

To express your interest, please email Joanne at clarroculture@outlook.com.



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Advance notice – date for your diary

Future of Farming Forum No3

Dungog District Chamber of Commerce (DDCC) in association with the Future of Farming Steering Committee is inviting all businesses interested in the future of farming and related industries in our Shire to join its third forum being held between 4-6pm on Thursday 10 November 2022 at the Dungog Memorial RSL.

The aim of the forum is to:

- Inform about off grid opportunities for farming
- Strengthen the local network of people interested in the future of farming and related business in the Dungog area

Past forums have brought to together a wide range of people from across the Shire and beyond to discuss the future of farming. These well attended events have created much interest, at times amazing those present as to the depth and diversity of current and proposed farming and related businesses in the area.

The forums to date have initiated many future focused discussions including the idea of a local micro abattoir to process locally grown livestock.

One participant who has attended the past events suggested that there is a need to have more information about running substantial farm businesses off grid. We have therefore put together a program calling on experienced practitioners in this field. John and Kay Smith and their family are long time dairy producers at Bulahdelah. They have built a whole new dairy off grid. Attendees at Forum 3 will learn about the transition of this farm business to off grid electricity supply.

This NBN news story gives an introduction to this great innovation.
<https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2020/06/07/cows-in-charge-at-bulahdelah-dairy/>

They continue to run their other farm and herd through their existing dairy on another site.

Further speakers are being arranged to address the theme.

Marion Stuart
President
Dungog and District Chamber of Commerce

More Around The District

From the Lion's Den.



Pink Ribbon Fundraiser Morning Tea 12th November 2022

Over the past few years we have been unable to hold our Pink Ribbon Fundraiser but this year it is back. We are holding it at the School of Arts Hall on Saturday the 12th November from 9.30am and have changed the day to a Saturday in the hope that residents that could not previously attend due to week day commitments will be able to come along and support this wonderful cause. We will have a large raffle and also an auction on the day, as well as lots of delicious food. The cost is a gold coin donation and we would appreciate any donations towards the food (bring a plate) as well as the raffle and auction. If you are able to assist with donations please bring them on the day. Why not get a group of friends together and help us raise much needed funds for Women's Cancer research. We will be having a fashion Parade and are hoping to also have a guest speaker so it will be a great morning out.

The Lions members have recently built and planted a native garden at Lions Park to Celebrate 75 years of Lions in Australia. Clarence Town Lions has been operating for just over 27 years and we still have inaugural members working in the team. The Lions is a small group of friendly individuals aged between 29 and 82 who work to assist the local community and various charities. We are in need of more enthusiastic people to help us continue this work and bring fresh ideas and energy. If you have some time to spare to help your community please come along and see what we are all about. If you are interested in learning more please contact Annette of 0419964208.

We have been able to send another box of used spectacles off for recycling to be used in developing countries where eye-care is almost non-existent. Thank you to everyone who assists by donating their used glasses. These can be left at the Bowling Club or at the Clarence Town Medical Centre for us to collect.

Don't forget that you can recycle your household batteries by dropping them in the container at the Clarence Town Hardware and we have just sent off a full container for recycling last week.

We are always looking for items to sell on our Market stall so if you would like to donate, please contact us through Facebook, on 0419964208 or by speaking to one of our members. We will take most items that are in good repair except large items (due to storage and cartage) and clothing.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

Lion Annette

New South Wales

Rural Fire Service



INFORMATION FOR RURAL LANDHOLDERS AND FARMERS

Please do not let the wet weather give you a false sense of security. Brigades have been to numerous fires already so you do need to prepare your property whether it be a Farm, Acreage or a house block.

If you live on a rural property/Acreage, there are simple tasks you need to complete to prepare your property for fire.

A well-prepared property can:

Be easier for you or firefighters to defend.

Give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave.

Reduce the possibility of a fire spreading onto your property.

Increase protection for valuable assets, such as stock, crops, infrastructure and machinery.

TOP 5 ACTIONS TO MAKE YOUR PROPERTY

1. CLEAR/SLASH: Clear flammable materials (e.g. gas cylinders) and slash areas of long, dry grass around structures like the home and sheds.
2. BURN: If you have the required permit / approval and training, conduct a controlled burn on your property to reduce fuel.
3. PLOUGH: Plough firebreaks around each paddock boundary to prevent the spread of fire.
4. ROTATE: Rotate stock across the property to ensure paddocks are well grazed

PREPARE: Prepare and maintain sturdy hoses and water pumps in case you need to defend your property.

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1. Prepare a property map and action plan.
2. Clean and maintain machinery such as tractors, slashers, harvesters, welders, chainsaws and grinders.
3. Fit an approved spark arrestor.
4. Carry a working water fire extinguisher (minimum 9L liquid or 0.9kg dry powder) or knapsack (minimum 16L)
5. Prepare a safer location for livestock
6. Remove overhanging branches from power lines
7. Ensure that a fire truck can safely access your property
8. Place water pipes from dams underground and install a pump to the house
9. Make sure hoses have spray nozzles attached

Keep water tanks full and connected to pumps

A WORD FROM THE CLARENCE TOWN RURAL FIRE BRIGADE:

The Bush Fire Danger Period commenced on the 1st October 2022 and runs through to 30th April 2023. Permits are required to light a fire during this period. Contact your local RFS Brigade.

Owner/Occupiers are reminded that pile burns can only contain vegetation from your property. **It is illegal to burn household or building waste.** These must be disposed of through Council services or facilities. The following links to Dungog and Port Stephens Councils spells out their burning policies.

<https://www.dungog.nsw.gov.au/live/open-burning-dungog-shire-council-area>

<https://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/services/community-safety> (you need to scroll right down to the bottom for this link).

Property owners should be aware that the continual heavy rains have made access by RFS vehicles to agricultural land problematic. **If you are planning to burn, make sure you have prepared the site and assets are in place to contain your fire within the prescribed area.**

Despite the saturated ground, cured grass burns easily and fire spreads quickly. The owner could be legally liable for damage to neighbouring properties.

The new Fire Danger Rating system is in place and a new sign is installed at the southern entrance to Clarence Town near Cemetery Road. For more information on the new simplified ratings visit the New South Wales RFS website.

Clarence Town Brigade Contact Liz Morley – Community Engagement Officer – 0423 214 892

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Brad Elloy

News from Glen William Public School



It is hard to believe we are starting Term 4 at Glen William. During term 3 we have enjoyed the Infants PBL assembly, our touch football team represented our school at the Small Schools Championship in Sydney and we finished off the term with crazy hair and dress as a superhero day. Looking forward, our Term 4 calendar is already packed with numerous opportunities for our students to engage with other schools in our LMG, and our Kinder orientation and Year 6 transition to high school programs. The success of term 3 has been due to the students regularly attending school and trying their best, and families and the school working together and supporting one another. We are now taking enrolments for 2023. If you have siblings, neighbours or friends ready for school in 2023, please contact the office for an enrolment pack. Please see Term 4 Kinder orientation dates further in the newsletter.

Congratulations to our Glen William students for an outstanding dance performance, I'm a Believer, at the Education Week awards. It was a well polished and entertaining performance, and a fantastic effort by all. Thank you to our community for ensuring the students looked bright and colourful and ready to dance. A special mention to Miss Libby for choreographing our item. Lastly, congratulations to all our award recipients. Several weeks ago, students from our school undertook an education tour of the national capital, participating in a variety of educational programs focusing on Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy. This supported units of work in the classroom both before and after the excursion.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST: The sun was shining, the bacon was sizzling and the eggs were cracking. Thank you to all fathers, carers and significant male role models that attended our Fathers Day breakfast and made it a special morning. Thank you, to our GA, Mr Wheway for cooking the BBQ and making sure everyone was well fed.

PUBLIC SPEAKING REGIONAL FINALS: Congratulations to Makayla and Dezzy who represented GWPS at the Regional Public Speaking Finals held at Ashtonfield PS and Tenambit PS respectively. Dezzy received a Highly Commended award and Makayla had excellent clarity and projection when delivering her speech titled, Homework, that she crafted herself. Fantastic effort Dezzy and Makayla!

LMG CULTURAL DAY: Glen William hosted the Term 3 LMG Cultural Day and our school was absolutely bursting with excitement, laughter and learning all day long! The students participated in making books in the Gathang language, traditional dancing and painted Aboriginal symbols to tell a story on boomerangs. Thank you to all our LMG schools for helping make the day such a memorable one.

NSWPSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL FINALS 6th in the state!! Congratulations to our touch football team who competed at the Small Schools State Touch Football finals in Sydney. Our students played with pride, perseverance and showed true Glen William spirit in every match. Our team came away with 11 tries across the day. Player of the match, Game 1: Georgia, Game 2: Stephanie and Game 3: Makayla. We are so proud of our little school. Lastly, a big thank you to our P&C for supplying a bus to transport our athletes to the carnival

HUNTER WATER MURAL Thank you to Shane and Faith from Up & Up for coming to GWPS to facilitate a Creative Engagement Workshop. We are excited to be part of this project commissioned by Hunter Water, which is facilitating the design and installation of a mural on a Hunter Water asset in Dungog. We loved sharing our ideas and even having a go with the spray paint ourselves! We can't wait to see the completed mural that we contributed to in Dungog

KANGAROO SKIN BALL WORKSHOP A huge thank you to Leigh from Games of the People for coming to Glen William PS to teach us about Aboriginal cultural through traditional games. We listened to stories, learnt about Aboriginal languages and culture and played some awesome games using kangaroo skinned balls. We can't wait to use the ball Leigh gave us to keep.

YEAR 6 CRAZY HAIR AND SUPERHERO FUNDRAISER The last day of term saw our students and staff dressed as superheroes and with crazy hair. What a great way to end the term.

We are still taking Enrolments for 2022 & 2023. Please contact the school office for an information pack, visit the school website to complete an online enrolment.

Glen William Public School 4996 5507

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Clarence Town Public School

SPOTLIGHT ON CLARENCE TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL



We hope everyone enjoyed their break and we are excited for all the great activities we have planned for Term 4. We would like to welcome to our school Miss Laura Inwood who will be covering 1/2R for the remainder of the year & Mrs Fiona McDonnell in our COVID Intensive Learning Teaching role for the remainder of the year.

In our office we welcome Mrs Hannah Mowday who will be working Mondays & Thursdays & Mrs Fiona Pickard-Ling will be working on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

At the end of last term, we had a successful start to our Kindergarten Orientation Program, this will continue this Term with our Second Orientation being held on Wednesday 19 October 2022.

We also have some exciting programs and sporting days coming up with the Game Jam program, Rugby League Gala Day, our softball teams have some games scheduled, a Cultural Day being held at Clarence Town Public School, Surf Fun Day, Healthy Harold virtual visit and much more.

We are excited to hold our yearly Scholastic Book fair at Clarence Town Public School, this will be held over 2 weeks and be run on Tuesdays & Wednesdays on the 15th 16th 22nd and 23rd of November.

Clarence Town Public School is excited to be hosting our Grandparents Day on Wednesday 16th November, we look forward to welcoming Grandparents to our school.

Our Year 6 students have some exciting days ahead this term with Year 7 Orientation Day being held at Dungog High School & Year 6 Farewell. We look forward to celebrating these great occasions with our Year 6 students.

Looking towards the End of Year, we will be holding our Presentation Day, this is an exciting day that we get to celebrate Education and the great achievements our students have made throughout 2022.



Clarence Town Preschool

As we move through the final term of our year, many of our children are starting their transition to primary school. Our local schools work hard to create a welcoming space for the transitioning children that helps to create a sense of belonging. The move from pre school (or any education and care setting) to school can be both exciting and scary.

Traditionally, adults have talked with children about going to “big school”. For some children, the idea of this big place can be very daunting. Big school, big kids, big playground... before long, this new place can start to seem very, very big! At preschool we talk about “primary school”. We talk about the similarities that the children may see, and the aspects that will be different.

Being *ready for school* is a much talked about topic. We have heard of companies that try to convince families that their preschool-aged children need to attend lessons to teach them readiness skills. But when you think about the school day, what are the things that will really make a difference to a child’s experience? At preschool we focus on self-help skills: identifying and being responsible for your own belongings; recognising your body’s needs and independently taking care of these (e.g. removing and replacing jackets, using the toilet); being able to ask for assistance if you need it; interacting safely with others and with equipment; positively and mindfully regulating emotions and reactions. We work alongside our children to support them to have self-confidence and to see themselves as strong and capable learners.

Academic development occurs naturally within our program and is, of course, an important part of our curriculum, but this is not the most vital aspect of the kindergarten experience.

We welcome you to visit our preschool and talk about the ways that readiness for school are supported through preschool experiences. To all of the families that have children making the next step in their education we wish you well and hope that this time is special for you, your family and your amazing child.

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ANGLICAN

Clarence Town:

Every Sunday Holy Communion at 10.00am

PRESBYTERIAN

Clarence Town, 29 Marshall Street

10am Every Sunday

Services held at Clarence Town public school hall

Followed by morning tea at St David's church

opposite

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Clarence Town, Rifle Street:

8am Every Sunday

UNITING CHURCH

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