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COLO VALE *News*

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HARVEST MARKET

**SATURDAY
MARCH 2
8.30 - 1.30PM**



From My Desk Ian Scandrett



Folks,
With the state election coming on March 23rd the time is now to lobby your local candidates about what matters locally and across the State.

As a local Councillor I worry about many things that I pledged to follow.

The reason I have been so focused on the rail-side trail is that it brings sustainable economic activity, village connectivity and jobs without impacting on our wonderful area.

So, thinking locally, your Village and your Shire will be increasingly pressured for further development.

At first it may not seem a lot – a few instances here and there of intensification of existing village & town sites (and we have seen that) but it all adds to more change in your local amenity, plus more traffic, pressure on services and simply, more of everything.

But is it what you want? Folk consistently say to me the reason we love living here, moved here, want to retire here, is the character and size of our community.

I fully understand, indeed, many are coming to the Highlands to escape big development further north.

In that fabulous movie "Dances with Wolves", Lieutenant John J Dunbar (Kevin Costner) finally reveals to his good friend the religious man 'Kicking Bird' (Graham Greene) that they are indeed coming.

Epilogue: And 13 years later their world is forever changed.

Always happy to be contacted and look forward to your emails.

Councillor Ian Scandrett

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AUSTRALIANA MARKET FEBRUARY 3RD

We awoke to a drizzly cool day, although it was a nice change from the extreme heat of late.

We had both the Liberal (Nathaniel Smith) and the Labour (Jo-Ann Davidson) parties represented offering their time to answer questions for locals.



The Berrima District Historic Auto Club came along even though it was raining,

thanks guys and gals.

A coach of tourists arrived, did the rounds of the stalls before settling down to Devonshire Tea. They had come from Baulkham Hills and were enroute to the Exeter Markets and a Monastery. Many were impressed by the Men's Shed craft and purchased items.



Vicki Turner was there promoting her Nursing Service, a fully trained nurse she offers home visits to those living in the Highlands. Enquiries phone 0432 273 666.



Next market is on **March 2nd Harvest Time** with fresh produce of potatoes, fruit and vegies. Home made pies, Pasties, Sausage Rolls, Pumpkin soup and Carrot cake will tempt. Tractors will be on display. Stallholders with jewellery, paintings, candles, knitted items, jams & preserves, nuts, olives, honey, eggs will once again be present, and the BBQ Hamburgers, delicio.

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VISITORS from THE ABBEY

In early February The Abbey House Aged Care in Mittagong brought some of the ladies and gents for a visit to the Craft & Chatter morning and the Men's Shed.

They arrived in a very modern bus escorted by two carers, Karina and Cheryl-Lee and one of their favourite kitchen ladies Liz who has been at The Abbey for 3 years.

Some of the visitors are fortunate in that their families live locally in the Highlands, namely Iris, Bruce and Lou.

On talking with the ladies, Gloria (Goulburn), Betty (Mittagong), Betty (Moss Vale), Iris (Eastwood), Jean (Glasgow), all had various interests to keep themselves busy which included knitting, colouring-in, jigsaw puzzles and reading. Our Craft & Chatter member Sarah Wallace began singing a well known Scottish song and Jean joined in with such a lovely voice.

The gents, Walter, Bruce (Picton), Lou (Lakemba) like to watch TV especially Walter who avidly follows the tennis, his favourite player Novak Djokovic. In his younger days Bruce carted cement for the building of Warragamba Dam. Others have interests in cards, reading and Lou is interested in collecting and gold plating insects. One young "whipper snapper" said he loves to watch and chase the girls.

It was such a delight to chat with the group, and after morning tea, the gents made their way to the Men's Shed to have a look at the items currently being crafted.

Gladden hearts all around as they bid their farewell, promising to return.



CAMERON'S GARDEN

Written & Illustrated by Kathleen Willard

In 2012 Kathleen Willard told the story of Cameron's Garden for the first time in print. Cameron was Kathleen's nine year old grandson. He had brain cancer. This moving story is how Kathleen helped to gently prepare him for his death. It is a simple, beautiful and loving story.

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MONSTER GARAGE SALE

**COLO VALE VILLAGE
SATURDAY
MARCH 16, 2019
8am - 1pm**



The **Colo Vale Community Association** is once again organising a village garage sale. Free maps showing locations of garage sellers will be available from the Community Hall at 28 Railway Parade from 8:00am - 1:00pm. Balloons will be displayed at the front fence of all sellers making it easy to locate them.

A BBQ breakfast or lunch of sausage on buttered bread will be available at the Community Hall.

If you would like to register as a potential seller the fee is \$10 to assist the Association with the advertising costs. **Registrations close Wednesday, March 13th.**

Phone 0414 633 077



UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER

The Southern Highlands Computer Users Group had six tutors in attendance at the Colo Vale Community Hall on February 9th. Their knowledge was extensive in both PC and Macintosh. Joining them were four members of the Colo Vale Community Association to lend a hand.

It was good to see some of our locals come along to gain better understanding in the operation of their computers.



The Southern Highlands Computer Users Groups Education Centre is open every Monday, Microsoft users from 10am - noon, and Apple/Mac users from 2pm - 5pm. To enhance your computer knowledge you can discuss your needs with one of their tutors and you may like to join the group who also offers Games mornings and Genealogy.

They are located at Unit 56, within the grounds of Harbison Care, 2 Charlotte Street, Burradoo NSW 2576.

Visit their website for further info:

www.shcug.org.au

or phone Martina Oprey 4862 1584

Email: shcugcontact@gmail.com

The Southern Highlands Computer Users Group and members of the Colo Vale Community Association have agreed to continue with the computer knowledge classes with the next session scheduled for **Wednesday morning, March 6th from 10am - 12 noon** at the Colo Vale Community Hall. Morning tea will be provided and the cost is \$3.

For further information contact John Stead on 0414 946 694.



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Local Artists in the 2019 BALD ARCHY Tour

Stefan and Alesha Elbourne have been accepted into the 2019 Bald Archy touring exhibition for their artworks of retired Queensland Cowboy NRL player Johnathan Thurston and the ABC War On Waste's Craig Reucassel.

Colo Vale community members can visit the exhibition as it travels around Australia this year. Visit — <http://www.baldarchy.com.au/tour-info/> for more information.

DUM-PER-SON

It has been noted that a resident backing onto Jurd Park is throwing food refuse over the fence into the park, especially bones from a BBQ, and it is distressing that dog owners walking their animals have had incidents where the dogs have swallowed these bones, which get stuck in their throat or stomach resulting in anxiety for dog and owner and hefty vet bills.

Why do such a shameful thing, when others are striving to keep Colo Vale and Australia tidy. WAKEUP.



GARDEN TIPS with George

Weeds, as a gardener you either hate them or just put up with them as a necessary evil. A weed by definition is a plant that grows where you, as a gardener, do not want it to grow. These compete with your crops for nutrients, moisture and sunlight and also spread fungal diseases which could spread to crops. Hoeing, hand weeding, forking and digging are often the only real way of weed eradication. Hoeing and hand weeding together seem to be the most effective, with hoeing between the rows of plants and hand weeding next to the plant stalks and stems.

Another popular method is to mulch with organic material to prevent germination of weed seeds, but as it provides organic material to the soil, it also robs the plant of important nutriment when the first part of the decomposition takes place, so a small amount of blood and bone should be applied before mulching. Of course mulching may be done with a circle of black plastic sheeting with a cut to the centre to slip around the stem of the plant, which is great for a half dozen cabbage or broccoli plants but maybe not so practical for 50 or more.

Chemical spraying of large areas pre-planting could be used making sure that the spray used is a contact spray and the chemical used does not have an adverse effect on the soil and the soil flora and fauna — we like to encourage worms and beneficial insects.

The last real method of weed control is the organic style of gardening which is more labour intensive and constant.

So wet weather, heatwaves and other adverse gardening conditions will set you back a few days and make it is almost impossible to catch up, but if you love to garden, weeds unfortunately will always be there.

Happy weeding everyone, 'til next time, George.

FAREWELL GAIL

Gail Hilma Gniewosz
(1950 - 2019)



Gail Gniewosz (nee Minter) was born in Lismore and grew up in the Northern Rivers area of NSW. When she graduated from Northern Rivers High School she became as she called herself later in life a "gypsy". She packed her backpack on leaving school and sailed to New Zealand spending two months hitch hiking and meeting people (some of whom she was still in contact with 50 years later), and generally having a great time. Returning to Lismore, she chose Adelaide University over Sydney University to study Primary Teaching.

During her three years of study in Adelaide she met and married a young man from Germany who shared her passion for travel. On completing her bond with the Education Department she flew to East Germany to meet her in-laws by herself, as it was not safe for Gerhard to return to East Germany at that stage. She described the trip as fun even though her German was very limited and Gerhard's family had no English.

Meanwhile Gerhard had accepted a position to teach at the University of Otago, in Dunedin in NZ. Gail was originally to fly from Germany to Hong Kong and then on to NZ but the plane was forced to land in Turkey. Here, and I quote her in her later years, telling the tale as yet another adventure in her life: "She lived to tell the tale of men in white robes with guns". On finally reaching NZ Gail joined the Research staff at the university in Otago and Gerlinde was born followed by Gregor.

When Gregor was 12 months old they were told he had medical problems. The family was at this stage packing to go to the USA for Gerhard to continue his studies but instead returned to Australia to find treatment for Gregor. After twelve months spent in Perth, mostly in hospital for Gail with Gregor, they moved again, to Sydney, and yet again, to Wagga Wagga and finally to Colo Vale in the Southern Highlands.

Here Gail and the children helped Gerhard build the beautiful home they lived in for the rest of their lives. Gail's beloved garden became established at this time too. The children began high school and Gail returned to teaching, part time at first then full time, and somehow she managed to complete a Bachelor of Education, Master of Education (Adult Education and Training) and a Teaching English to

Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) qualification. She did not enjoy teaching nearly as much as she had hoped. Finally Gail resigned in 2004 having endured cover ups, a murder (of a pupil), stabbings, among other things, and then the final straw where she broke her hip, with very little support from the school or the Department during these happenings.

During school holidays the family always accompanied Gerhard to conferences around the world ("gypsying" again). In 2005 Gail was off again, this time to London to teach in the Refugee Council. She really enjoyed this phase of her teaching, telling folk she had never laughed so much. Once Gerhard retired the two of them extended their trips overseas, always coming back via London because by this time Gerlinde had moved there. They also went from Beijing to Istanbul to London and from St Petersburg to London, to name a few more of their wanderings around the world.

During his growing up years Gail spent a lot of time with Gregor supporting him whenever she was home. Eventually Gail found herself with spare time when she was actually at home. She started to tutor at the Colo Vale School and began writing this newsletter. The local hall was in need of a helping hand to run a craft group and to organise the monthly markets. By now, Gerhard had developed Parkinsons Disease, and so Gail helped to run the Parkinsons Support Group too. She attended the local Probus and First Fleeters Groups as well as being a carer, gardener (a much loved occupation for her), housekeeper and other things, and she remained a good friend to many people. Two years ago Gail was delighted to welcome into the world her granddaughter Gytte. This young lady was her pride and joy and they both had as many hours as possible together whenever travel and time allowed for it.

Gail really did have some gypsy blood so it turns out. She is the 6 times granddaughter of James Squire, the first brewer in Australia, and he really was a gypsy! As it seems she never did get around to actually tasting some of her ancestor's brew. Gail, maybe we should all raise a glass to you!

You will be much missed in Colo Vale and the surrounding area and by your family and friends.

COLO VALE NOTICE BOARD

Craft & Chatter

Every Thursday 9am to 12noon.
\$3 donation. Morning Tea provided.
Ladies bring your craft or just come for a chat. Ring Kath on 4889 4390.

Village Men's Shed

Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 12noon.
Members pay \$3 each visit which covers morning tea and the chance to socialize with other men from the area, have a chat, and enjoy doing woodwork, or just relax. Ring Steve 0414 242 667.

Indoor Bowls

Every Wednesday evening 7pm.
\$3 donation. Supper provided. Just turn up at the hall or ring Kay 0413 364 918.

Hall Bookings

To book the Colo Vale Community Hall for birthdays, weddings, etc. contact mobile 0490 320 179.
Comprehensive details available, very reasonable rates. For more details see website www.colovalecommunity.org.au

Liaison Officer

For sympathy cards, flowers or a visit, contact Kay Mackenzie, the Community Association Liaison Officer on her mobile 0413 364 918.

Market Stall Info

Stalls available for \$15 outside and \$25 inside the hall. Car boot stalls available for \$15.

Confirm bookings by 12noon Thursday before market. No notification, your stall will be re-allocated.

Contact Kathleen for stall bookings 0400 728 395.

Meetings

Next Community Association Public Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 at 6.00pm, fourth Tuesday of the month. All welcome.

We need your support, ideas and a helping hand, even if only for a couple of hours on market day.

For information contact President Elyse White 0414 633 077.

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