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COLO VALE *News*

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SPRING MARKET

SEPTEMBER 7
8.30am - 1.30pm





Rescissions & Rubbish

Folks,

The rescission motion on the 24th July to reverse the approved massive 2 storey 4 apartments Seniors living development at 2 Orchid St failed on Mayor Duncan Gair's casting vote. Voting to rescind was Cllrs Scandrett / Halstead / Whipper / McLaughlin. This opens the door to many of these block of flats – it is not a storey home – it is 4 flats with some 26 rooms. I continue to say this development is not suitable in its 2 storey form for the Village – one storey would have been acceptable.

I am pleased that WSC are now moving to regulate the gap in local planning for these "Seniors" Developments with a motion on 14th August to consult via exhibition - soon on wsc.nsw.gov.au. Hope you can comment!

On 21 August, I was interviewed on WIN News over the cut in hours at our Resource Recovery Center to fund the proposed Regional Art Gallery, which a year after coming to Council, still doesn't have a Business Case Study and Plans yet we are now taking out over \$200k in "savings" via staff hours.

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The story is on my Facebook page, and I say that the Resource Recovery Center is a core service and closing it at 1.30 on Sundays will impact the Northern Villages most. Council (8:1) also have reduced hours morning and afternoon by half an hour Monday to Saturday. Yes, roads, rates & rubbish. Rubbish you say, and in 2017 Council voted 8:1 against my motion to cost (yep, just simply costing!) a kerbside waste collection service in the Northern Villages and across the Shire – this \$200k would have been very significant in that ... I will keep on trying but the vote says it all.

The Station Street upgrade – in my view now over \$42m was consulted at \$9.5m 2 years ago and takes so much funding away from other projects for much bigger audiences that we could do across the Shire.

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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: September 24th, 2019, 6 pm
Following the community meeting
Where: Colo Vale Community Hall



With the Colo Vale Public School back in full swing, it's a timely reminder to watch out for children on the road. At pick up and drop off, remember the following:

- Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** in a school zone, as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Look out for buses pulling out – watch for **wig-wag lights**.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. **Avoid dangerous manoeuvres** like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians, especially when entering and leaving the area.
- Where possible, drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous as they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's also safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic at pick up and drop off times if possible.

Lets keep our Colo Vale School safe for all children!!

Colo Vale School Attend Banksia Concert

20 talented students from Colo Vale Public School spent the last few months learning and practising the recorder, and on Tuesday 30th July participated in the Festival of Instrumental Music.



The Festival of Instrumental Music features musically diverse performances from more than 1000 public school students in Combined Recorders and String Ensembles, supported by individual items from talented vocalists, instrumental soloists and ensembles.

Above is the recorder players photographed outside the Opera House before their performance.



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AUGUST MARKETS



The sun was shining and what a day it was! With spectacular Winter weather, people flocked to the markets to grab a bargain. Stall holders were abundant both inside and out, with visitors both local and from outside the area. The chocolate wheel raffles sold out in minutes each time with 2 chickens & vegies, a mixed meat tray and then a second lot of chooks & Vegies. Hits from the USA played throughout the day to keep with the USA theme, with the American and Confederate flags on display. Thanks to the Barbershop Quintet for coming along and singing for the patrons as they moved around the market. Once again, the food was amazing. The BBQ was running hot all day and if you haven't tried the homemade Pasties and Pies inside the hall then do yourself a favour! "Feedback has been very positive from our stall holders with a number of new stalls opening on a regular basis" reported John Stead the Vice President of the CVCA.

The next market is on September 7th. See you there!!

Commuter Parking



The newly erected sign at the entrance of the commuter parking sees some of the finishing touches on a campaign started by the Colo Vale Community Association some years ago. The Association began recommending to council the need for additional parking due to the growing number of residents commuting to and from work. Many residents had expressed the need for somewhere to leave vehicles away from the road side and the Colo Vale Community Association agreed to take this to council. If you know of something you believe the association should get involved with then contact Sue Edney on the details below.

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FULL STEAM AHEAD



Looking Back

The Colo Vale station opened as Coleman's Siding on May 1st 1883 and was renamed Colo Vale on August 1st, 1885. The Old Station would have likely been demolished if it hadn't been for an association campaign more than 25 years ago.

If the Picton to Moss Vale main southern line that opened in 1867 didn't happen, the area would have been a very different place. The duplication of the Picton line by way of Tahmoor, Bargo, Yerrinbool and Aylmerton to Mittagong completed in 1919, caused the original main line to become the "loop line" and then goods traffic from Colo Vale ceased.

With funding of 5.5 Million dollars secured for the upgrade and repairs to the old loop line many residents are excited on what this may bring to the village.

At present, the Rail museum in Thirlmere receives over 60,000 visitors per year and it is estimated that this could now triple.

"For Colo Vale and events like our markets, this could also mean great things" said Ryan Smythe a Colo Vale Association Committee Member. "As an association, we are already working through what we think this means for our community and how we can benefit from it" he added.

"We will be working with Heritage Rail to understand timelines and how often trains will run etc but it is very early days."

Work has already commenced on clearing the overgrown parts of track.



Spring Gardening

With Angie



When I first moved to the Southern Highlands from the Hunter Valley, I was not prepared for the long cold spells that make spring and summer gardening a challenge. Over the last 15 years I have trialled many different varieties of plants, with some surviving and flourished well and others not so much. So I turned to heirloom varieties in flowers and vegetables, searching catalogues for seeds suitable to our area & that would withstand temperature changes. I raise my own seeds with tomatoes and cucumbers choosing varieties that like short summers. Protecting young seedlings as they germinate is crucial for early plantings. Mini hot houses and thermal frost cloths can be used to great success and cloches or grow tunnels when first planting out in risky weather is advised.

These covers will minimise damage and protect your precious seedlings from complete ruin. Pumpkin seeds can be directly planted out in the ground after worst frosts have stopped and when choosing annual flowers for garden borders like petunias, marigolds and alyssum etc they can be planted successfully in later spring when it warms up and they become available at your local nursery.

Remember wherever the sun shines a flower blooms and happiness is only a cup of tea away.

Happy Spring Gardening



Watch out police about

After numerous complaints by residents regarding speeding vehicles, an increased police presence in Colo Vale has been successful with several motorists issued speeding infringement notices. 'Cars are not slowing down when entering the 50 zones and with no footpaths in some areas, it is so dangerous for anyone walking' said one resident.

Fines ranged from \$275 with 3 demerit points to \$472 and 4 demerit points. Police will continue to work with the community to ensure the safety of all residents.

GARDEN CLUB



Join local gardening expert Angie at the Bunnings garden club the last Wednesday of every month between 10 am and 11.30 am in the DIY area of the store. This months topics will cover how to deal with late frosts that might prove a challenge and how the drought has taken its toll on gardens everywhere. Free morning tea and nibbles will be provided. Bookings not essential but for catering purposes it is advisable to ring Bunnings 02 4889 6100 and ask for Abbs the activities organiser.



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SPRING AND SCALES

SNAKE AWARENESS AND FIRST AID WITH EXPERT RAY MCGIBBON

Snake season will soon be upon us. If we maintain some snake awareness and safety, both humans and reptiles will both be safer. The snakes we find in the Highlands are unfortunately all venomous; Highlands Copperheads, Red Bellied Black Snakes, Eastern Brown Snakes (west of Hume Highway), Tiger Snakes, Small Eyed Snakes, mildly venomous White-Lipped Snakes and Mustard Bellied Snakes. Every snake you see should be considered dangerous and be treated with respect. They will give us space, if we give them theirs. I also would advise that this could be a difficult season due to drought conditions, with food moving towards water, so will the reptiles.

What to do if you see a Snake:

1. Stand still, don't move
2. Walk away slowly, not in large/fast movements
3. Tell parents/partner and children, so that everyone is aware that a snake is in the vicinity
4. Call a Licenced snake catcher, the person who holds a Catch and Release Licence under OEH
5. Follow the instructions of the Snake Catcher, stay at a safe distance and watch the animal to ensure other pets and people keep away from the area. Keeping an eye on the snake also helps the Snake Catcher know the location of the snake on arrival.



No 2 is extremely important. By using larger quick movements the snake will see this as a threat, go into defence mode and likely to strike.

First aid for snake bites.

Always Remain calm, assess for danger and make sure snake isn't still in the area. Start First Aid with a snake bite bandage, which can be purchased from www.ozstyleptiles.com.au. Do not wash the bite. As soon as practical ring 000. If bitten on the arm remove watches, rings and bracelets. If bitten on the leg remove shoe as you will get localised swelling. Start bandage at the bite site and wrap up the limb, then down the limb. Once bandage is on, apply a splint to restrict movement. Venom travels through your lymphatic system so by restricting your movement you help slow blood flow. Lastly, identify the snake if possible to help with treatment.



Ray McGibbon is a snake handling expert with many years experience. He will also collect funnel web spiders for venom research projects. Contact Ray on **0400734225**
Follow him on facebook: **Reptile rescue, relocations, awareness southernhighlands & surrounds**

Visit his website at <http://www.ozstyleptiles.com.au>



Colo Vale Community

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

Welfare Officer

For sympathy cards, flowers or a visit, contact Kay Mackenzie, the Community Association Welfare 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. Bookings must be confirmed by 12noon Thursday before the market. No notification, your stall will be re-allocated. Contact Kathleen for stall bookings 0400 728 395.

Public Meetings

Next Community Association Public Meeting will be on Tuesday, 24th September, 2019 at 6.00pm, fourth Tuesday of the month. All welcome, come along and vote for issues that affect our village. We need your support, ideas and a helping hand, even if only for a couple of hours on our market day. For info contact President Elyse White 0414 633 077.

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