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## Welcome

On tradition, and those who keep it alive

There's a particular tension that comes with tradition, especially as we lead into Christmas. Many of us love tradition, and are keen upholders of it. Yet there's always that point where it tips from meaningful into merely repetitive, where the urge to evolve it, to take what is and gently shape it into what might be, becomes irresistible. After all, someone had to create each tradition in the first place.

Perhaps evolution is tradition's truest nature. But one of the greatest requirements for any tradition to endure is simply this: people willing to carry it forward.

We see this throughout the Valley. The KV Show celebrated its 138th year; the Folk Festival and Sculpture in the Valley both marked another milestone. All the community groups and volunteer-run events that make this place what it is – they endure because people keep showing up, keep believing something is worth preserving, worth passing on.

This publication is no different. For more than 20 years it has been upheld by people who saw value in a community having its own voice, its own record. Many of you have expressed hope that it will

continue and have supported us this year as we have moved from a free printed magazine to a cost of \$5 per issue.

This December issue of the *Voice* goes out free – perhaps a new tradition – and while that may impact our longevity (we run at a loss, even with major volunteer input and sponsor support), perhaps the right model is simply to keep giving it away until we can't produce it anymore.

What we do know is this: the *Voice* is at its best when it is filled with your voices.

In this issue, we've asked you to share again – your memories, your traditions, your Christmas moments, your summer rituals. When that happens, when the community fills these pages, it hits a sweet spot that no editor could manufacture alone.

So this is our community magazine. These are your stories of the season, of special times, of what you hold dear, reflections on a year.

We wish you all a happy, safe and joyful festive season – however you celebrate it – a restful holiday if you have some time off and a new year filled with hope and promise.

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# WHAT'S YOUR CHRISTMAS TRADITION?

We set out to gather stories from locals about the rituals, quirks and long-held traditions that make this time of year special. From heartfelt moments to humorous family habits, our community shared a wonderful mix of what Christmas looks like in the Valley.

## Angie Prendergast-Sceats

I have to have a swim (in the beach preferably) on Xmas day. That's my 1 rule.

Yvette Larkin

Watching *Love Actually* as a family but disclaimer is that it's very hard to time it correctly as to when to cover the kids eyes in some parts.

## Taisha Wilson

The old and the animated *Grinch*. We also only have one present from Santa that is left at the end of their bed when they wake up and all the rest are from us under the tree.

## Kathy Andrews

Our daughter Zoe has to watch *Elf*.

## Monika Spicer

I have to make Smartie cookies for my son (now 34), a tradition started by my mother. My husband Lance and I have to watch *Love Actually* and *The Holiday* on Christmas Eve. And we make Gougeres (hot French cheese puffs) for New Year's Eve.

## Linda Vella

We have a fairly newish tradition in our family. Everyone has to bring an 'original' game to be played at some point during the day. There are prizes involved (think chocolate and novelties). My game last year was to see who could smash a dinner plate set up at a distance by throwing a golf ball at it. (Harder than you think). All games have to be adult/kid friendly. Lots of crazy games and lots of fun with a crazy family.

## Sally Latham

On Christmas Day all the adults in our family bring a really bad or useless item from home (or buy one but it can only be worth up to \$10). It is pre-wrapped so no one knows what's inside. We then play 'Stealing Santa'. This game is where you draw a number out of a hat and that determines your turn. When it's your turn you can either take something from the pile of wrapped bad gifts or steal one from someone else. The worse your gift, the better - and you may just see some things reappear next year!

## Julie Ward

Last year was the best of years and the worst. The first without my parents and the first with my beautiful grandson. It was a time when my life's worth of traditions ached, yet a ray of light presented the hope that some would carry on and others would be created. And so it was that for the first time, we went to the beach for an early morning swim and then later joined our new in-laws for the classic Aussie Christmas of cold cuts and cricket on the beach.



*Thank you to everyone who contributed - your stories helped create a warm and joyful snapshot of the season. The Voice Team wishes you a happy holiday season and a happy new year!*

## INVITATION TO THANK YOU



We would like to invite all of the volunteers, and partners, who have tirelessly assisted the Pioneer Museum Land Managers and the Kangaroo Valley Historical Society this year to a barbecue on:

**Wednesday 10 December at 5.30 pm at the Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Village Museum.**

Anyone who would like to come along with a view to taking on a volunteering role at the Museum or with the Historical Society, in the future, would also be most welcome. Please RSVP by 2 December 2025 | [secretary@kangaroovalleyhistory.com](mailto:secretary@kangaroovalleyhistory.com)



Dr Rosemary Stanton  
OAM, Nutrtnionist



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# Permission to indulge!

## Aiming for a little balance will help you enjoy the festivities

It's that time of year when many of us catch up with friends and family and the relaxation and enjoyment of Christmas and holidays. It's also a time when most of our celebrations involve food and drinks – hopefully special and delicious!

I'm a great fan of the feasts enjoyed in many Mediterranean countries. These joyous occasions take heaps of effort but provide much enjoyment. The foods are special, many appearing only at particular feasts, often because they take time to prepare and may involve ingredients that are more expensive than the daily fare. The duties involved with preparing – and cleaning up after parties and social occasions – have a great social benefit of bringing families and friends together.

## The foods

In Australia, our Christmas feasts are one example of celebratory times with special foods. Traditionally, these foods have been prepared at home and take time, effort – and a lot of love!

At special feasts, almost everyone tends to eat more than usual, and often foods that are richer than regular fare. I don't think this matters. One day's intake of rich food isn't going to do too much damage and I don't think most of us should fuss about the healthiness of what we eat on Christmas Day. Just enjoy!

Traditionally, after a big feast, the ideal situation is to wait happily for the next one. The odd occasion of overindulgence – at least in food – is unlikely to cause too many health problems.

The day following a good feast is also likely to be a simple day when meals are basically leftovers – a plus for the family cook! Ideally, we then revert to our usual healthy food pattern. In Australia, with the biggest feast of the year occurring in December, we can continue to indulge in the fresh fruits and vegetables that come with summer. It is, quite simply, the best time for delicious salads and healthier barbecue choices.

Many people think of the barbecue for meats, but fish, chicken and many vegetables are also delicious – and healthy – when barbecued. Asparagus was once a luxury vegetable, but it's mostly priced reasonably over summer (and can be grown in the home garden) and it's great on the barbecue. An ideal finger food and even more delicious dipped into extra virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

Cobs of sweet corn and whole portobello mushrooms are also delicious when barbecued. But the veggie that rises above its somewhat mundane character to a much more delicious part of a meal is the humble zucchini. Split young zucchini lengthwise, brush the cut surface with olive oil and sprinkle with fresh or dried herbs or

seeds (fennel seeds are especially good).

For an excellent accompaniment to fish or chicken, slice fresh fennel finely and combine it with thin slices of granny smith apple or pear. Top with a few dabs of soft goat cheese or blue cheese. Still on cheese, slices of haloumi, brushed with a smidgeon of olive oil, are also great on the barbecue (and splashed with lemon juice) and an alternative for those who prefer to eat less or no meat.

## *A gram of alcohol has almost twice as many kilojoules as a gram of sugar.*

## Parties

Year-end is not only a time for Christmas and holidays. December is also the time for end-of-year gatherings. The food may be less special, but these casual get-togethers are often the cause of an expanding waistline. The solution is one of balance – not too much food, as much fresh food as possible, and not too many sugary or alcoholic drinks.

## A few hints that may help:

- Try not to arrive at any function starving or thirsty. Some people skip the meal before a party and are then so hungry when they arrive that they wolf down whatever is on offer (see 'Drinks').
- Try not to be 'first in' because that also means you'll be back for seconds while some people are still on their first plate.
- Take a small piece or a small serving of food.
- Eat slowly and enjoy every mouthful (or sip, if it's a drink).
- With particularly rich offerings, try to share with someone else. (One man I know used to say: "Never ask a woman if she wants dessert. The answer is she does, but the dessert she wants is half of yours!")
- If you're bringing a 'plate' to contribute to a gathering, make it something reasonably healthy.
- If a party is at your place, have a variety of foods on offer so that those who are watching their diet (or, perhaps their weight) have some delicious choices.

## Drinks

"What would you like to drink?" is usually the first welcoming question when you arrive at a party or gathering of any kind.

With our festival season arriving in the heat of summer, a cold drink is particularly appealing. However, try not to arrive at any social gathering with a dry mouth. Quenching your thirst with water, at home or in the car (if you've driven to a venue) will help you avoid downing the first drink in a rush.

It's particularly important to drink water before alcohol if you've been exercising or working outdoors in the heat.

Muscle cells recover from strenuous activity much faster if they're rehydrated before being hit with alcohol. You can always make water your first party drink, but if that's a little embarrassing, drink water before you arrive. Your body will thank you if you have a glass of water in between each alcoholic drink.

Fortunately, water is now generally regarded as socially acceptable and few people get upset if you ask for water (drink-driving laws have helped). Choose flat, or sparkling water if you prefer a few bubbles. If you're the party host, jugs of water with slices of lemon or orange and a few leaves of mint are usually appreciated. You can also buy ice cube trays that include a slot to freeze citrus fruit slices into the ice cube to add a bit more interest.

There's also now a wide range of alcohol-free beers and other alcohol-free drinks. Some sparkling teas actually taste good and are an excellent substitute for sparkling wines.

A big bowl of punch made with equal quantities of quality pure fruit juice and soda water plus fruits (strawberries or passionfruit are popular and in season) is also appreciated by children, pregnant women, designated drivers or others who wish to avoid alcohol.

## Enjoy – with a little care

Even though it's a happy, festive time, I'll add a small word of caution for those with many functions to attend. Our bodies seem to be poorly adapted to 'understand' kilojoules that come in liquid form. There's plenty of evidence that kilojoules from solid foods produce feelings of fullness. But kilojoules from liquids don't give a similar feeling, and therefore don't help most people compensate by cutting consumption. Kilojoules from liquids including beer and all forms of alcoholic drinks, as well as soft drinks and cordials, are a major factor in the Australian girth.

New 'low sugar' claims are appearing on beer and other alcoholic drinks and researchers have found they appeal to many people, especially women. Ignore any perceived claims the products are healthier or lower in kilojoules. During the production of beer, the sugars from the grains used are fermented to form alcohol. A gram of alcohol has almost twice as many kilojoules as a gram of sugar. The familiar 'beer gut' doesn't come from the sugar in beer!

Take home message about drinks: Before starting on alcohol drinks, quench your thirst with water. This makes it easier to take your time with alcoholic drinks, extending the enjoyment it may provide – but leaving you less likely to go over safe levels of consumption.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Christmas!





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# KV Advent Calendar December 2025

<b>1</b>  Put up the tree and crank up the carols	<b>2</b>  Untangle the lights and decorate the house	<b>3</b>  Redeem your Community Coupons!!! (pg 37)	<b>4</b>  Watch Elf	<b>5</b>  Go Twilight Shopping in KV 5–8pm
<b>6</b>  Watch 'Love Actually'	<b>7</b>  Drive to see Christmas lights	<b>8</b>  Listen to 'The Nutcracker' and pirouette around the tree	<b>9</b>  Start a new tradition	<b>10</b>  Pioneer Museum Volunteer thank you party
<b>11</b>  Bake Cheryl's Fruit Mince Pies (pg 21)	<b>12</b>  Watch The Polar Express	<b>13</b>  Go to Carols in the Churchyard from 6pm	<b>14</b>  Get your photo with Santa at the FIG Market	<b>15</b>  Listen to the KV Christmas Playlist (pg 19)
<b>16</b>  Make Christmas cookie cutter pizzas	<b>17</b>  Bake bikkies and deliver to neighbours	<b>18</b>  Try sparkling shiraz (pg 22)	<b>19</b>  School's out – Year 6 final ringing of the bell	<b>20</b>  Last chance at Caterina's pop up for 2025
<b>21</b>  Need a day of silence? Visit Kate (pg 23)	<b>22</b>  Wrap presents (if you haven't already)	<b>23</b>  Play Christmas Charades	<b>24</b>  Start the countdown with locals barbie at The Friendly Inn	<b>25</b>  However you celebrate, Merry Christmas!



# KANGAROO VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR DISASTER RESILIENCE

## Resilient KV – AGM and Workshop: Improving the bushfire resilience of your home and surrounds

On Saturday 8 November more than 30 community members gathered at the Gorman residence in Wattamolla Road to attend the second AGM of the Kangaroo Valley Community Association for Disaster Resilience (Resilient KV).

The Committee's treasurer, Bill Hyman, presented the Association's financial report for the 2025 financial year. Chairperson, Cathy Gorman, presented her report outlining the highlights of the past 12 months and some of the aspirations of the Committee for the upcoming year.

Highlights included ongoing support of the Neighbourhood Groups initiative (including the recent formation of some new groups), the creation of a web presence hosted by the Kangaroo Valley Community website, and a workshop in February 2025 'Retrofitting Your Home for Better Bushfire Resilience', attended by about 60 people. Practical notes for this workshop can be found on the Resilient KV website.

The Association's participation in the wider grassroots community led disaster resilience on the east coast of Australia, in particular its

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participation in the Shoalhaven Community Resilience Network was outlined.

Looking toward 2026, Resilient KV revealed plans to hold a workshop on psychological preparation for disaster. The preparation for this event is under way with NSW Health mental health clinicians based in the Shoalhaven. More information will be made available in the near future.

The previous committee was re-elected with all members being voted unanimously to continue in their positions. The minutes of the meeting and both reports can be viewed on the Association's website at <https://kangaroovalley.nsw.au/resilientkv/>

Quite a few attendees chose to become members of Resilient KV to show their support for the Association and stay more connected to the disaster preparedness undertakings happening in our community. Membership is free and very much encouraged!



The Kangaroo Valley Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade continue to show their support for Resilient KV. Their contribution to the February workshop was invaluable and the attendance and input of the community engagement officer, Jamie Salkeld, at this AGM and workshop event was much appreciated.

The 'walk around' workshop shared the Gorman's ongoing process of hardening their property for climate change. The main focus was on bushfire, discussing landscaping approaches and strategies to protect infrastructure such as sheds, water access and waste water systems.

The introduction to the workshop highlighted the importance of understanding your own bushfire risk. This is specific to a property's location, the household's capacities and local conditions.

Hardening strategies and bushfire preparation considered appropriate on one property may not necessarily be appropriate for a different property. Everyone needs to understand their own risk in planning for bushfire.

Another consideration shared was the balancing of bushfire risk with other aspects of living on one's property. Current environmental conditions, other climate change impacts, aesthetic and ecological factors, capacity and choices around the use of time, energy and money are all factors that come into play. As climate change impacts more seriously and knowledge changes, we may make different decisions.

The Resilient KV Committee would like to thank all those who attended this event and who continue to support our efforts to increase our community's resilience to disaster.

**Cathy Gorman, Chairperson**  
**On behalf of the Resilient KV Committee**

## EXPLORING STRATEGIES

The workshop explored some relatively low-cost strategies that can help to enhance a property's bushfire resilience, including modifications that can be made to what already exists.

**Some key points considered for bushfire hardening in landscaping and gardens were:**

1. Open spaces: establish green and well-maintained grass areas, pathways, driveways, car parks to slow fire, provide access for maintenance etc.
2. Slowing horizontal fire spread: maintain gaps between vegetation clumps using open spaces as above, maintain an 'inner zone' close to buildings with some well maintained low flammability vegetation or no vegetation.
3. Slowing vertical fire spread: maintain gaps between the ground and tree canopy, prune trunks to approximately two metres, limit bushes under trees that can carry flame vertically, opt for smooth, tightly held barks.
4. Inorganic mulches and landscaping features: use of non-flammable materials for mulching, paths, steps, retaining walls etc.
5. Vegetation condition: keep garden vegetation well maintained, free of dead wood and well hydrated. Consider trees as ember filters and wind dispersers, reduce fuel from dead vegetation, consider native species that need less water to stay hydrated and green.

**The Victorian Country Fire Authority's document, *Landscaping for bushfire: Garden design and plant selection*, was used as a guide in preparing the workshop and is an excellent, easy-to-use resource often quoted by experts on this topic:**

**To Download the PDF document, go to: [https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/447/CFA%20Landscaping%20for%20Bushfire%20\(Version%203\).pdf](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/447/CFA%20Landscaping%20for%20Bushfire%20(Version%203).pdf)**

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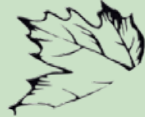






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## NOTICE OF ONGOING 1080 BAITING PROGRAM



The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) are conducting an ongoing 1080 baiting program targeting foxes & wild dogs in the Kangaroo Valley, Budgong and Illaroo areas. This program is for the protection of the Endangered Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby (BTRW).

The baiting is conducted on:

- Various private properties
- Shoalhaven City Council reserves
- WaterNSW estate
- Crown Land estate
- NPWS estate, including: Cambewarra Range NR, Kangaroo River NR, Morton NP & Budgong NP

For more information on these locations, see the maps hosted on the Friends website at [www.rockwallaby.org.au](http://www.rockwallaby.org.au) under 'Predator Control'.

This program forms part of a wider predator control program that also utilises

shooting and trapping measures critical in ensuring the conservation of the local BTRW colonies that call Kangaroo Valley home.

**All bait stations in this program are permanently baited throughout the year.** Therefore, these properties will have poison on them from **01-August-2025, right through to 01-August-2026.**

This baiting will be conducted using both 1080 buried baits and 1080 (above ground) ejector devices at the bait station locations. Do not touch any bait or ejector devices. Signs are placed at the entrance of each baiting location with baiting dates and

which baiting methods are being used. Dog owners are reminded to ensure their pets do not wander. 1080 is lethal to domestic dogs and cats. It is recommended to restrain pets and working dogs and ensure they do not enter the baiting location during poisoning operations or to muzzle dogs if they are required to work the baiting location during and after poisoning. In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

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# JOYOUS MEMORIES OF *Christmas Day*



**Howard Sacre is a veteran journalist whose career spanned decades covering international current affairs for Australia's major networks, including 17 years with TEN and 20 years at the Nine Network as *60 Minutes* producer for the late Richard Carleton. Now retired in the Valley, Howard has traded world trouble spots for garlic growing, woodcraft, swimming and quiet reflection. Here, he shares memories of family Christmases past.**

I am reminiscing about the most special days of my 1950s childhood. I remember the thrill of a small child waking on Christmas morning to confirm that Santa Claus did really come to our house in Waverley Road, Camp Hill, a suburb of Brisbane.

My two older sisters, Elizabeth and Barbi, whom I consulted for this, have remarkably parallel memories of those enchanting days. The spell of Christmas started a few weeks before December 25th, when the decorations were put up, radiating from the central light in the dining room. The advent calendar was placed on a sideboard and we counted down each day of December, taking turns to open the little cardboard windows. The excitement of what lay behind the window on Christmas Day was downright magical.

The countdown was far more arcane for Mum and Dad, Lois and Graham, who had to manage the tricky business of the Christmas card list. Dad was an accountant and he'd draw up a long, foolscap list of names and addresses, which came out weeks beforehand. As cards were dispatched and received by post, the list was noted accordingly. If the postman delivered a card just before the big day, from someone not on the list, there was a mild panic and a card dispatched posthaste.

Christmas eve was full of the joy of what lay ahead. I can't remember our Christmas tree but my eldest sister, Elizabeth, says it was "scraggly, with cotton wool for snow". All of us danced around the tree to Mum's accompaniment on the piano. Goodies were left out ready for Santa in case he was hungry.

Elizabeth says: "It was hard for our parents to get us to bed in the delirious excitement. They didn't have to wake us in the morning. Still in our pyjamas, we beat them to it. Oh goodie! The milk we'd left for Santa had been drunk, the biscuits reduced to crumbs, and the requisite note from Santa graced the empty tray. It commended us in the highest terms for our good behaviour all year."

Our lounge room became the centre of the universe, with designated places for presents. Barb's presents were on the piano, I had the big green lounge chair in one corner and Elizabeth

had the other chair. Opening presents was a strict ritual, from the youngest (me) to the oldest. Even though Grandma was living with us, Dad always offered to go last. And there was a rule. Each of us had to watch the others open their presents, in our designated turns.

## *Our gifts always included our personal tin of condensed milk.*

Barb recalls that: "Our gifts always included our personal tin of condensed milk. Immediately after opening we wrote our name on the tin and as we treated ourselves to delicious spoonfuls over the next days or weeks, some of us found it necessary to place a 'tide mark' on the side, in case of theft."

We must have started all this very early because we had to be at church well before the 7am service. Mum played the organ at Coorparoo Methodist Church and Dad was in the choir, so we couldn't be late. This was a time, I realised later, that attending Church on Christmas Day was customary if not mandatory, so our little church was invariably full on those special mornings. Even if it wasn't on the list of hymns, Barb recalls that Mum always played her favourite carol 'Away in a Manger'. It was her favourite.

It strikes us now how busy the day must have been for Mum. After playing the organ, she had to race home and take full responsibility for Christmas lunch. We were joined by Nanna and Uncle Don, as well as Grandma Bibby. The meal was truly special. It was the one day we had chocolate-coated almonds in a bowl on the table. It sat next to a bowl of nuts. I can still see Dad laughing and smiling and saying: "Christmas time is time for nuts and time for nuts is Christmas time".

The highlight of Christmas lunch was a roast chicken. In 1950s Brisbane, chicken was a rare delicacy. One of our backyard chooks was sacrificed, but Dad couldn't do the deed. Elizabeth says it was a neighbour, Mr Harrower, who beheaded the chook with his axe, but I think it was our neighbour on the other side, Mr Knight.

Regardless of the executioner, the chicken was plucked and prepared.

And Barb reminds me of another luxury on the table. "It came in a tin, opened by a 'key' which attached to some metal on the side that you wound around to expose a special aspic-encased piece of something resembling what we now call ham."

Then came the truly special part of lunch, the Christmas pudding. Elizabeth and Barb think it also came in a can but I'm not sure. Whatever the provenance, Mum had inserted coins, threepences and sixpences, into the pudding. It was smothered in custard and came with the added excitement of biting on a coin which we got to keep. I think we kept the coins to buy lollies after Christmas, but Barb thinks that Dad put a bowl on the table to place the coins for the poor. Knowing Dad, that's far more likely. All this changed after 1966 – the new decimal coins were not suitable to put in a pudding.

Only finicky neat Elizabeth would remember this. "We spent the rest of the day arranging our presents on our beds. They were set out to a T. And they were always just what we wanted."

And Barb's take on Christmas? "When I think back on those years, poor Mum, who didn't enjoy the kitchen at all, really did make the best of it. She did all the planning, gift buying, cooked apricot and coconut balls in preparation, and then presented us with a hot lunch after church. I do now appreciate how hard she worked to show us a good day, on a very small budget and with limited resources."

And my take, seven decades later. It was a truly wonderful family celebration. And in a way, it goes on. My sisters and I set out our recollections by email, Elizabeth from New York, Barb from Queensland and me from Kangaroo Valley. It shows how Christmas can still bring us together. Instead of carols sung as a chorus, and lunch around the table, we now get to share these precious memories. Remotely but lovingly.

As Barb says: "It was simple and joyous and we had fun."

*Howard Sacre*



# Show preparations gathering steam as

## While preparations for the 2026 KV Show are well under way, we've also been busy behind the scenes.

Following our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Special General Meeting (SGM), members voted to retain the name *Kangaroo Valley A&H Society Inc.* – a name that proudly reflects our agricultural, horticultural and broader community heritage. We also adopted an updated Constitution that brings us in line with modern standards and gives us greater flexibility in our purpose and activities.

## And now, to the exciting part ...

With just two months to go until the 2026 KV Show, momentum is building across the Valley. Our Committee is working hard to deliver a fantastic event, and I'm incredibly proud of the energy, teamwork and creativity that everyone is bringing to the table. All this dedication means we're shaping an event that our community – and the many visitors who love returning each year – will truly enjoy.

There's always something fresh and new at the Show, and 2026 will be no exception! But what makes our Show genuinely special is you – our remarkable community.

## Join our volunteer team!

If you've ever thought about getting involved, now is the perfect moment. Whether it's helping with set-up, joining the Grounds Team or lending a hand during Show days, every contribution – big or small – makes a real difference. Our volunteers help bring to life everything we treasure about rural community spirit: generosity, creativity, resilience and plenty of fun.

If you'd like to be part of something great, send us a quick email at [volunteers@kangaroovalleyshow.org.au](mailto:volunteers@kangaroovalleyshow.org.au).

We can't wait to celebrate with you. Our community is what makes the KV Show what it is – let's make the 2026 event another one to remember!

**Stephen Wilson**  
KV Show President



This year's show features an impressive 619 competition classes across the two-day event, showcasing the remarkable breadth of our agricultural community and local talent.

The competitions span three main categories: Livestock (192 classes across Horses, Dairy Cattle and Beef Cattle), Pavilion (449 classes covering everything from produce and flowers to art, craft and cooking with 95 specifically for our Juniors), and Events (29 classes including woodchop, canoe, short film, dog high jump and children's activities).

Prize money has been increased across the board with a minimum first prize of \$10 and second of \$5 unless otherwise stated. No more coins!

The schedule will be available free at the KV Markets on 14 December, at the Post Office and various outlets around town. A special junior schedule will be delivered to the school around the same time.

## Pavilion preparations in full swing

While most of us are thinking about unboxing Christmas decorations, Pavilion Steward Intan Kallus and her team of elves have their minds on a different kind of festive preparation. Following last month's Sow and Grow program feature, the office has become a hive of activity, with volunteers snipping and tying materials that will bring the Pavilion to life.

Behind the scenes preparation has been steadily progressing thanks to an amazing working bee team – not just Committee members but generous community members who've offered their time and talents. Donations of materials for repurposing as Pavilion decorations have been flowing in from thoughtful locals, ensuring this year's display will be both creative and sustainable.

## Kids' Day: A Friday to remember

With the traditional public holiday in place, Friday's Kids' Day is shaping up to be another wonderful celebration for our preschool and primary school students. It's a day designed especially for young people to experience the Show in all its glory.

## A return to tradition: the printed schedule

After trying something new last year, we are happy to say that the popular opinion was that we missed the printed schedule and so it's making a comeback.

The program is packed with hands-on activities: baking, flower arranging, craft activities, discovering the world of bees and much more. All the favourites return too – Sideshow Alley, the unusual chook display, face painting and this year Matilda's Nursery joins us for the entire weekend.

With 95 Junior Pavilion competition classes available, there's plenty of opportunity for young people to showcase their talents. From art and cooking to craft and photography, the Junior Pavilion celebrates the creativity and skill of our youngest community members.

Our senior primary students have a special opportunity through a photography workshop. After receiving tips on capturing great photos, they'll be appointed official photographers for the day, with their work displayed on a screen in the Pavilion. All that's needed is an iPhone or iPad – and a sign-up closer to the day.

## Rodeo returns with Serious Prize Money

After the successful introduction of bronc and saddleback riding along with the President's Medal last year, this hugely anticipated event will be returning to thrill the Saturday night crowds once again.

The prize pool reflects the calibre of competition expected, with substantial cash prizes from \$250 to \$1400 up for grabs.

But it's the special awards that truly showcase the prestige of this event. The President's Choice winner will take home a coveted prize buckle plus \$500 cash, so we're hoping to find a worthy successor to last year's buckle winner Riley Nelson.



## Valley Shorts: Short Film Competition returns with People's Choice

Last year's introduction of Valley Shorts recognised that video content is a natural extension of our photography section and very much in the cultural zeitgeist. We were blown away by the number and quality of submissions from the qualifying Illawarra, Shoalhaven and Wingecarribee LGAs. The Valley celebrated when Harry Kielly claimed Best Film and the Bevis family won Best Family Entry.

This year, thanks to Chris Treuen, a \$500 People's Choice Award has been added, with voting on the night of the finalists' screening – Friday 13 February.

# February draws near

## Cheese & Wine: Always popular!

This event is always a sellout, and even intrepid weather conditions in past years haven't dampened the enthusiasm of those who book early to secure their seat. The enduring popularity speaks to the quality of the experience: our local cheese experts connecting with our local wine experts to create a true journey of the senses, with evocative sights, smells and tastes that celebrate the best of regional, national or international produce.

## BOOK EARLY FOR THE CHEESE & WINE EVENT!

Bookings open in December, making tickets an ideal Christmas present. Chat about it over neighbour drinks and book a table early to avoid disappointment. For more information and to secure your spot when bookings open, visit <https://kangaroovalleyshow.org.au/attractions/cheese-wine>.

OR

Scan the QR code to reserve your table now!



For 2026, the event will be held at 6.00pm on Saturday 14 February in the air-conditioned comfort of the KV Hall, making it a perfect Valentine's date, or an elegant precursor (or alternative) to the Rodeo, which starts at 7.00pm. It's an evening that appeals to food lovers, wine enthusiasts and anyone who appreciates a seat at a table with friends at the end of a long hot show day.

## Thanks in advance to our Sponsors

We've said it many times and we won't stop. Our Show could not happen without the generous support of our Sponsors, most of whom are part of the community – business and personal. Thank you.

## The FIG Market

While there will no doubt be lots of Christmas at the Market on 14 December, our Show stall will stick with our core business of a scone (blue ribbon winning) and a cuppa. Oh, maybe we will throw in the award-winning Rich Fruit Cake. Come on down to sit, sip, nibble, chat and flick through the schedule.

Julie Ward



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# You better watch out!

There's something quietly magical about the moment when the lights dim, the opening credits roll, and families settle in together for their annual Christmas movie tradition. Whether it's a decades-old ritual or a newly minted one, these cinematic gatherings have become as much a part of the festive season as decorating the tree or leaving cookies out for Santa.

Members of our Valley community have already been sharing their favourites – the films that have become woven into the fabric of their family Christmases, passed down from one generation to the next or discovered anew each year. Some are continuing traditions from their own childhoods, introducing their children to the same movies that made them believe in magic. Others are creating fresh memories, finding new films that speak to their families today.

In times like these, when the world can feel particularly heavy, there's a deep comfort in reaching for something that lifts the spirit. Christmas seems to give us permission – perhaps innately calls on us – to seek out joy, warmth and those feel-good moments that remind us why this season matters. And here's the thing: you don't need young children bouncing around the living room to justify pressing play on *Elf*.

These family-friendly films, wholesome and often wonderfully uncomplicated, do something more

than just entertain. For those of us whose children have grown and flown, they can transport us back to when our kids were small, when Christmas mornings were mayhem and wonder in equal measure, when belief came easily. They're time machines wrapped in tinsel.



*Whether you went for a midday session or an evening showing, it was a pocket of peace in the holiday chaos.*

The beauty of these perennial favourites is that they truly are timeless. From the original *Miracle on 34th Street* through to its remake, from the dark redemption of *It's a Wonderful Life* to the pure silliness of Will Ferrell in green tights, these films have earned their place in the seasonal rotation.



Take *The Holiday* – yes, it's occasionally infuriating with its contrivances, yet who can resist those sun-drenched scenes of Los Angeles luxury contrasted with picture-postcard snow in the English countryside? Or *Love Actually*, with its ensemble of intertwining stories and a soundtrack that gets your toes tapping from the first notes – a film that never fails to deliver, whether you're watching it in December or July.

## Boxing Day at the movies: a tradition worth remembering

Remember when Boxing Day meant the big new releases? When you'd unwrap a movie voucher from your stocking on Christmas morning, knowing that the day after all the festivities, you'd pile into the car and head to the cinema as a family? It was brilliant timing, really – a little relief valve after all the build-up, a chance to sit in air-conditioned comfort, share a bucket of popcorn and simply be together without the pressure of hosting or cooking or cleaning up wrapping paper. Whether you went for a midday session or an evening showing, it was a pocket of peace in the holiday chaos.

These days, of course, the viewing experience has shifted. Many of us have comfortable spaces at home where we can snuggle in and access an almost overwhelming library of films through streaming services, or rent exactly what we're after via Google Play, Apple TV or similar platforms.

The cinema experience is still there for those who want it, but now the choice is ours – and the popcorn can be homemade, the pause button is always within reach, and no one judges you for watching in your pyjamas.

So break out the popcorn, queue up your favourites and settle in. Whether you're continuing a tradition or starting a new one, whether your house is full of excited children or blissfully quiet, there's a Christmas film waiting to remind you why this season, with all its chaos and commercialism, still manages to make us believe in something good.

Julie Ward



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## Top 10 Christmas films of all time

1. ***It's a Wonderful Life*** (1946) – Frank Capra's timeless tale about George Bailey and how one life makes all the difference – Available to rent/buy on major platforms
2. ***Elf*** (2003) – Will Ferrell's comedic tour de force as Buddy the Elf – Streaming on Stan
3. ***Home Alone*** (1990) – The slapstick caper that made Macaulay Culkin a superstar – Streaming on Disney+
4. ***The Muppet Christmas Carol*** (1992) – Michael Caine and the Muppets deliver one of the best adaptations of Dickens's classic – Streaming on Disney+
5. ***Die Hard*** (1988) – Bruce Willis as NYPD officer John McClane at Nakatomi Plaza on Christmas Eve (yes, it counts!) – Streaming on Disney+
6. ***A Christmas Story*** (1983) – Set in the 1940s, following young Ralphie Parker's quest for a Red Ryder BB gun – Available to rent/buy on major platforms
7. ***Love Actually*** (2003) – The ensemble romantic comedy that's become irresistible viewing – Streaming on Netflix and Bing
8. ***The Nightmare Before Christmas*** (1993) – Tim Burton's stop-motion masterpiece with Jack Skellington discovering Christmas Town – Streaming on Disney+
9. ***Miracle on 34th Street*** (1947) – A golden-age classic about believing in Father Christmas – Available to rent/buy on major platforms
10. ***Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*** (1964) – The longest-running holiday special of all time – Available to rent/buy on major platforms

## Top 10 Christmas films for kids and families

1. ***Home Alone*** (1990) – Young Kevin McAllister uses quick thinking to outsmart burglars – Streaming on Disney+
  2. ***Elf*** (2003) – Buddy the Elf's quest to find his true father in New York City – Streaming on Stan
  3. ***The Polar Express*** (2004) – A magical train journey to the North Pole – Available to rent/buy on major platforms
  4. ***How the Grinch Stole Christmas*** (1966) – Boris Karloff narrates this faithful rendition of Dr. Seuss's classic – The Grinch (2018 version) available on Prime Video
  5. ***A Charlie Brown Christmas*** (1965) – Charlie Brown searches for the deeper meaning of Christmas – Available to rent/buy on major platforms
  6. ***The Muppet Christmas Carol*** (1992) – Scrooge's story with heartwarming Muppet humour – Streaming on Disney+
  7. ***Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*** (1964) – Stop-motion classic about a reindeer's journey to self-acceptance – Available to rent/buy on major platforms
  8. ***The Nightmare Before Christmas*** (1993) – Jack Skellington discovers Christmas Town – Streaming on Disney+
  9. ***The Christmas Chronicles*** (2018) – Kurt Russell as the ultimate cool Santa Claus – Streaming on Netflix
  10. ***Klaus*** (2019) – Animated tale about a spoiled postman and a reclusive toy maker – Streaming on Netflix
- Bonus picks:** *Frozen* (Disney+), *Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas* (Disney+), and *That Christmas* – Richard Curtis's new animated film on Netflix. (Note: Streaming availability can change. Check your preferred platform for current listings.)

## KV HALL PROJECTOR REPLACEMENT

**Many in the community will be aware that the Kangaroo Valley Hall projector has sustained irreparable damage and is no longer operational. As a result, it now needs to be replaced.**

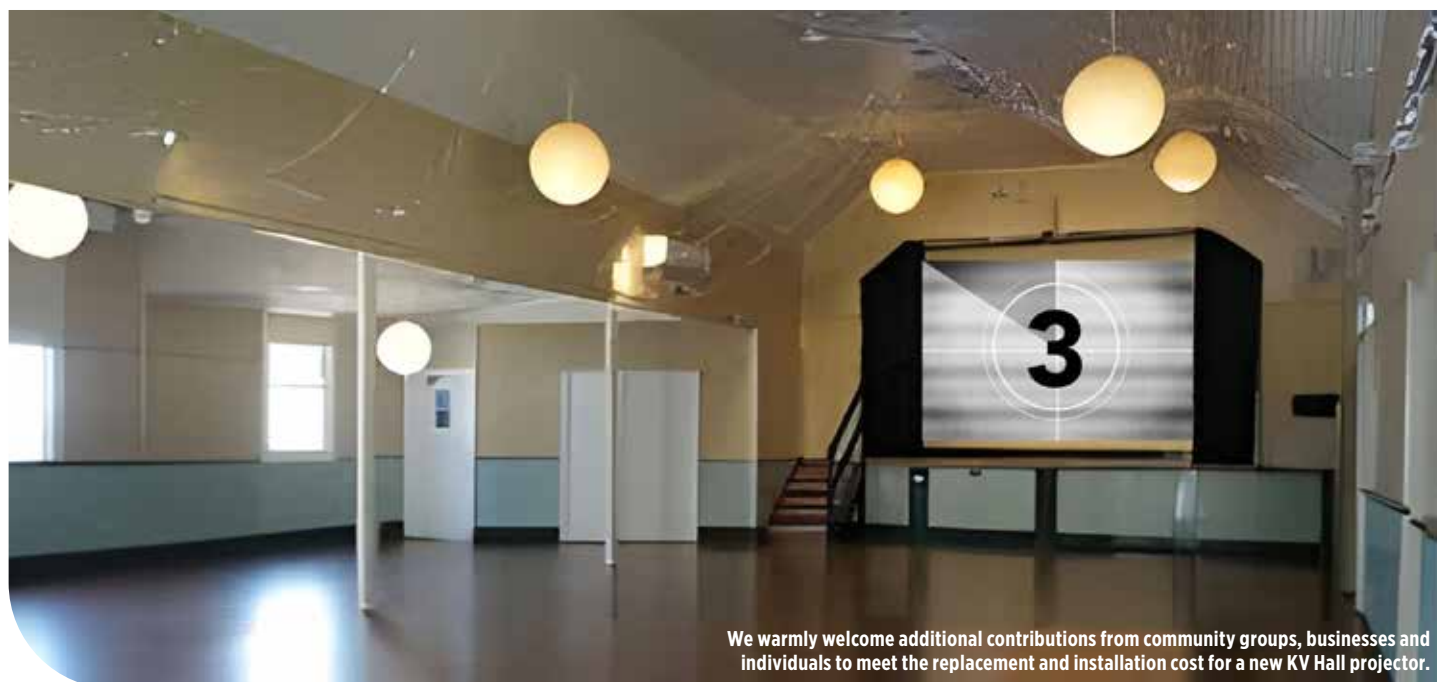
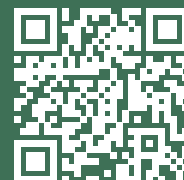
For years the projector has played a vital role in community life – supporting film nights, public meetings, presentations, celebrations and a wide range of local events. Without it, many regular programs simply cannot continue as intended.

A shared-funding plan has been developed to meet the replacement and installation cost, which is a minimum of \$16,000. As part of our commitment to 'giving back to the community', the KV A&H Association has taken the lead in coordinating fundraising for a new projector. We have already contributed \$4000, with a further \$8000 pledged from other sources.

To reach our goal, we warmly welcome additional contributions from community groups, businesses and individuals. All supporters will be appropriately acknowledged.

**We have set up a GoFundMe page and any amount will help us reach our goal. Check out the QR code. Thank you!**

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or go to:  
<https://gofund.me/951f6bc08>



We warmly welcome additional contributions from community groups, businesses and individuals to meet the replacement and installation cost for a new KV Hall projector.



# It's another New

**The Friendly Inn, Kangaroo Valley's beloved pub, has been turning paddock antics into major regional events since Peter Thompson bought the pub and returned it back to the Thompson family in 2011.**

Many KV locals will remember Hilton and Maureen Thompson, Peter's parents, who had The Friendly Inn from 1981 to 1986. As 2026 rolls in, the Thompson family will celebrate 15 years of bringing beers and cheers to the Valley. It's worth taking a squiz back at how it all started, and how this unassuming country pub became one of NSW's most consistently entertaining ungentrified gems.

## Big Bang Theory

New Year's Eve Family Fireworks was the very first event Pete kicked off in the Valley in 2012. The genesis of the idea was to deliver to families in KV – whether locals or visitors – a stunning, memorable experience on New Year's Eve.

For the first time since the bicentenary celebrations in 1988 there was a fireworks show in KV. It was initially funded by a few local businesses and families all chipping in for a bit of bang to see in the new year. While most South

Coast displays were council-funded and now due to budget cuts, have fallen by the wayside, the much-loved Friendly's NYE fireworks show has grown with ticketed support into one of the biggest independent pyrotechnic displays in the region.

## Fire up

From little things big things burn! The Friendly Inn Bonfire Night (held on the King's Birthday long weekend) has grown into a massive winter spectacle for the Valley. Early versions featured a simple blaze out the back of the pub, with the community pitching in on the build. These days, it stars a massive crafted bonfire, scattered fire pits and a huge fireworks show!

The pub has worked with artists to delight and surprise patrons with weird and wonderful fire sculptures. There is of course mulled wine, full bistro, local food stalls, and its great family night of simple country fun around the flames.

## Piggies!

In 2013 Pete got the opportunity of having Kev Kiley from Noah's Thoroughbred Racing Pigs to visit the Valley on a spare day on his trip to Tathra for an annual Lions Club gig. Kev has been entertaining Aussies for 20 years raising money for charities all over the nation. Sydney Royal, Brisbane Royal, Canberra Royal, Hobart, you name it, he has delighted people with his gorgeous young piglets who love milk.

The Friendly Inn has worked with Kev since then to raise more than \$90,000 for the Victor Chang Foundation, the Heart Foundation, the Bomaderry Junior AFL club, the Kangaroo Valley Primary School and the Kangaroo Valley Preschool, and most recently the newly formed KVFC who Pete reckons should be called the Sharks.

The first official Pig Day was in 2016. Originally a school fundraiser, the event included everything from pig racing and live music to helicopter rides



NYE Fireworks 2018



Bonfire night 2015



Pig Day Out 2016





# Year at the Pub!

and a proper barbecue competition sanctioned by the Australian Barbecue Alliance. Now every Easter Saturday there is The Friendly Inn Pig Day Out!

It's all ages fun with everyone smiling and laughing as the adorable piglets hunt for a saucer of fresh milk. Not only that but there is a raffle for each 'race' winner! (Not races at all, just piglets ambling about trying to find a small tub of that delicious product KV is famous for: milk.) Over the years, the event has evolved into a family-friendly day with market stalls, face painting and of course those pig races that started it all.

## Beers & BBQ

The Kangaroo Valley BBQ Competition that was part of Pig Day Out in 2016 took on a life of its own in 2017, launching the Kangaroo Valley Craft Beer & BBQ Festival onto the event calendar. Despite the cancellations in 2020 and 2021 due to that stinking pandemic the festival has remained one of the competitive barbecue circuit favourites and remains one of the longest running competitive sanctioned barbecue events in the country.

Entering its 10th year in 2026, the Kangaroo Valley Craft Beer & BBQ Festival has grown from a cheeky cool barbecue competition into a family friendly fun weekend of excellent food, chill fun music and good times. It is responsible for bringing in more than 2500 excited visitors to the Valley every September; 2026 can be considered its 10-year anniversary, and surely this will be the best.

## Rasta Valley vibes

When Caroline Lenati left her executive event management role at East's Leagues Club in Bondi Junction to take on the manager reins at The Friendly Inn, nobody quite knew what was coming.

She now runs all the much-loved events at the pub and in true Valley style, her idea of a reggae music festival was met with a laid-back shrug and a "yeah, why not?" from Peter Thompson.

KV Reggaeifest debuted in 2024 as the newest addition to The Friendly's stacked events calendar. Inspired by Caroline's love of reggae and roots music, her vision to bring a diverse vibe to the Valley was an instant crowd pleaser. Gearing up for its third outing in May 2026, with the music curation of long-time Valley identity Damian Sterling, KV Reggaeifest has set the trend for South Coast island vibe entertainment. Stay tuned as Caroline has more events in the pipeline.

## Cheers to the locals

While the pub's major events draw the crowds, it's the regular happenings that keep the Friendly Inn going year-round. Karaoke on every last Saturday of the month is known on the South Coast as the VERY BEST. Local's night every Thursday over the years has raised countless dollars for the community.

Most of all for many in the community the pub plays a supporting role as a meeting place, to connect, share stories, celebrate or commiserate, all done together over a lovely glass of amber joy. Long may it remain so.

*Nat Harker*





# FRIENDLY INN GARDEN (FIG) CHRISTMAS FARMERS' MARKET

It's the last FIG Farmers' Market for the year, so stock up on your locally grown and largely organic produce, supporting our community at the same time.

## Santa photos

Come on down between 10.30am and midday to get the kids and family photos taken with Santa on his very special sleigh – our favourite truck courtesy of the Red Shed.

All your favourite stall holders will be there, plus some special ones for Christmas. There's music, coffee, breakfast, morning tea and a good chat

**When: Sunday 14 December**

**Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm**

**Where: Behind The Friendly Inn beer garden**

PS: The FIG community garden welcomes anyone who would like to get their hands in the earth every Thursday morning, right through the holiday season.





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## Did you know? CHRISTMAS MUSIC TRIVIA QUIZ

Test your festive music knowledge:

1. Which Christmas album holds the record as the best-selling of all time in the United States?
2. Mariah Carey's 'All I Want for Christmas Is You' finally hit #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in which year – 25 years after its release?
3. Which Australian Christmas song tells the story of a prisoner writing to his family about missing Christmas dinner?
4. In what year was 'All I Want for Christmas Is You' originally released?

## THE CHART-TOPPERS

Here are the top five best-selling Christmas albums of all time worldwide:

1. **Elvis Presley – *Elvis' Christmas Album***  
(over 20 million copies worldwide)
2. **Mariah Carey – *Merry Christmas***  
(18 million copies worldwide)
3. **Kenny G – *Miracles: The Holiday Album***  
(13 million copies worldwide)
4. **Michael Bublé – *Christmas***  
(12 million copies worldwide)
5. **Josh Groban – *Noël***  
(6.7 million copies worldwide)

Elvis still reigns supreme more than 65 years after his festive album's release, whilst Mariah Carey has well and truly earned her self-proclaimed title as the 'Queen of Christmas'. Her hit single 'All I Want for Christmas Is You' has become a modern classic, proving that new traditions can be just as powerful as old ones.



**Answers:** 1. Elvis Presley's *Elvis' Christmas Album* (certified 10 million copies in the US). 2. 2019. 3. Paul Kelly's 'How to Make Gravy'. 4. 1994.



# SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

## The notes of tradition in our festive music

Each year as November rolls around and the supermarket shelves fill with fruit mince pies and tinsel, there's one unmistakable signal that the festive season has truly arrived: Christmas music drifting through the aisles. For many Valley families, these songs aren't just background noise – they're the soundtrack to tradition itself.

Music has always played a vital role in Christmas celebrations, weaving through our holiday rituals like the scent of roasting turkey or the excitement of unwrapping presents. Year after year, the same beloved carols return, adding layers of memory and meaning to traditional meals and family gatherings. There's something comforting about pressing Play on a song you've heard every December since childhood, feeling that instant connection to Christmases past.

Of course, not every artist's take on a Christmas classic hits the mark. But that's part of the fun – diving deep into the treasure trove of seasonal music now available at our fingertips. Gone are

the days of pulling dusty albums or CDs from the shelf once a year. Today's streaming services offer endless playlists to explore, from time-honoured standards to quirky covers you never knew existed.

Michael Bublé has certainly earned his crown as the king of smooth carols but there's a whole world of Christmas music waiting to be discovered. Some households maintain strict rules about when the festive tunes can begin – 1 December seems to be a popular starting line, often coinciding with the Christmas tree going up. From that day until Christmas morning, carols fill the house religiously. But come Boxing Day? It's all over, Red Rover. Not another jingle bell until next year.

**Carols in the Churchyard** will feature Christmas Carols sung by preschoolers, Kids' Club, the Front Porch Pickers, our community choir, Kat's youth choir ... and possibly a special appearance by our own wonderful soprano Lorina Gore.

There's a sausage sizzle and family fun, with Carols commencing at 7.00pm.

All welcome!

The Church of the Good Shepherd

Saturday 13 December  
from 6.00pm



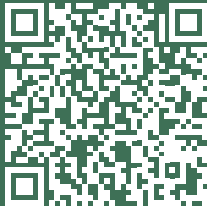
## AUSSIE CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Of course, singing about snowmen and sleigh bells feels a bit odd when you're sweating through a 35-degree Christmas Day. Here are some quintessentially Australian Christmas tracks that capture our sunburnt celebrations:

- Paul Kelly – 'How to Make Gravy'**  
(the unofficial Australian Christmas anthem)
- Tim Minchin – 'White Wine in the Sun'**
- Mental As Anything – 'Apocalypse'**
- Bucko & Champs – 'Aussie Jingle Bells'**
- The Hoodoo Gurus – 'Little Drummer Boy (Up The Khyber)'**
- Jimmy Barnes – 'Blue Christmas'**
- Amber Lawrence – 'Aussie Aussie Christmas'**
- Colin Buchanan & Greg Champion – 'Six White Boomers'**

Whether you're team Bublé or team Barnesy, team traditional or team quirky covers, Christmas music remains one of the season's greatest joys. So crank up your favourite playlist, pour yourself something cold (or a glass of white wine in the sun), and let the sounds of Christmas work their magic.

Scan the QR code to access a specially curated playlist for Christmas in the Valley 2025 – something old, something new, nothing with snow!



## A personal musical take on Christmas

The one time of the year when everybody joins in

*Jamie Rigg is a proud Wattamollan and a professional musician. He has been the Music Director and orchestra conductor for numerous television shows throughout his career, including many years at Carols in The Domain.*

"Gathering people together around the piano at Christmas has long been a tradition in my family. My father wasn't religious but he was the life of the party when he sat and played," Jamie recalls.

"The years I played at The Domain were probably the biggest Christmas crowds I gathered, yet my

most precious memories are far more intimate: our family gathering on Christmas Eve every year and each having their songs to sing; the year in New York where I hired a keyboard and recorded our own Christmas album in the loft apartment we stayed in; and two years ago when a small group of friends and neighbours gathered to

start the Wattamolla Christmas Choir.

"Music brings people together and I think it's the one time of the year when everybody joins in, big voices and small.

"My favourite Christmas Album at the moment is James Taylor."



# Valley Feasts

**We are super lucky to have so many great cooks to count among our friends and neighbours, and then there are those who take it to the next level.**

**You know who we are talking about, our local caterers Angie Prendergast-Sceats of the Valley Table, Katrina Endean of Caterina's and Cheryl Patterson of Cheryl Makes.**

**We asked them to share their Christmas story and a special season recipe.**

## Angie

Usually by Christmas day I'm ready to collapse in a heap after cooking and delivering everyone else's Christmas feasts on Christmas eve! So needless to say our Christmas is a very relaxed affair with lots of little luxuries to make the day special.

We start with presents for the kids and a big festive breakfast including crumpets, caviar, sparkling wine and everyone's favourite – panettone French toast. I always have an excess of quality Italian panettones at this time of year so we make stacks the whole family can enjoy. This is always followed by a swim at the beach and a long progressive meal of delicious snacks, glazed ham and seafood.

### Panettone French toast

1 panettone – any flavour or type but preferably not cream-filled

3–4 eggs, depending on size of panettone

300–400mL full cream milk

3 tbsp ghee

Maple syrup

Fresh berries

Yoghurt

### Method

Slice the panettone into thick 2cm slices. Beat the eggs in a bowl with the milk.

Dredge a slice of panettone in the egg mix until soaked through but not falling apart.

Meanwhile, heat the ghee in a fry pan over a medium heat. Drip off excess egg mixture before adding to the pan. Fry until golden on both sides. Repeat this for each slice – doing one at a time ensures the panettone doesn't get too wet.

Top your french toast with maple syrup or local honey, fresh berries and yoghurt.



## Katrina

We love Christmas, it's a time for family, food and fun and swims in the creek; afternoon naps and time with the grandchildren.

This recipe has been a Christmas favourite for a while now. It's light, fresh and versatile. It looks spectacular on the table.

Ask your fishmonger in advance for a pin-boned whole side of Ocean Trout or Ora King Salmon. The fish must be cured the day before and smoked within 24 hours (see below). It can be served hot or cold, which takes the pressure off on the day.

If you are serving a wine with this, consider Champagne, a seasonal favourite, or perhaps a Chenin Blanc or a Fumé Blanc; if you are thinking red then choose a lighter style; our choice would be Gamay or a light Grenache.

### Hot-smoked ocean trout with cucumber and preserved lemon salad

#### Serves 8

1 tablespoon roasted fennel seeds

150g flaked salt

150g raw sugar

1 side ocean trout, or Ora King salmon, skin on, pin boned

#### Fish

Roast the fennel seeds in a moderate oven for 5–10 minutes until fragrant. Set aside to cool and smash in a mortar and pestle.

Combine the salt and sugar and fennel. Take a flat, long glass or stainless steel baking tray. Distribute slightly more than half of the mixture in the shape of your fish and lie the fish flesh-side down, packing any of the mixture from the tray around the sides of your fillet. Sprinkle the rest of the dry mix on top of the fillet and rub in a little.

Cover and weight it (in the kitchen we use another tray the same size with tubs of olives or preserved lemons to weigh it down).

Refrigerate overnight.

#### The next day

Remove the fish from the cure and rinse it well under cold water. Pat dry and return to the

refrigerator, uncovered for at least three hours to dry a little. It is important to follow this step as the fish needs to develop a stickiness which will help absorb the smoke during the next process.

In a weber or smoker, start your charcoal and once it is at temperature and going well add your smoking wood, chips or pieces. We prefer apple or cherry but any mild wood will do well.

Place the fish on a rack which you can remove later. We use a cake rack. Smoke for 20 minutes or until the fish is just cooked through. The fish will have a little bubbly sizzle in the fat which will reassure you it's time to come out. It does keep cooking after you remove it from the smoker so don't overdo it.

#### Salad

1 baby cos lettuce, washed and roughly torn

4 Lebanese cucumbers, thinly sliced

1 fennel bulb, thinly sliced, fronds reserved as a garnish

1.5 cups mixed herbs – dill, parsley, chives and French tarragon, roughly chopped

2 tablespoons of baby capers, rinsed

Nasturtium flowers to garnish

#### Dressing

Rind of 1 whole preserved lemon, finely chopped

0.25 cup extra virgin olive oil

0.25 cup chardonnay vinegar

1 teaspoon honey

Large pinch of Sumac (optional)

Combine all salad ingredients and toss together in a bowl.

Combine dressing ingredients in a jar and shake, or in a bowl and whisk.

#### To serve

Place the fish on a large platter.

Top with the salad and spoon over the dressing.

Scatter nasturtium flowers and fennel fronds over the top.

The trout can be eaten hot or cold.

Any leftover fish is delicious in an omelette in the morning or a risotto the following evening.

## Cheryl

Cheryl Patterson has a long history of toiling in the kitchen for Christmas treats and feasts, not just for her family but for the whole of Kangaroo Valley. Her baking, preserving and excellent catering under her eponymous brand Cheryl Makes has been a firm favourite all year round at the FIG Markets and especially at Christmas time for her fruit cakes and fruit mince pies.

Cheryl has officially retired this year and generously shares this recipe with us – how lucky we are.

### Christmas mince tarts

#### Fruit mince

½ cup of each:

- Raisins
- Currants
- Sultanas
- Slivered almonds
- Caster sugar

1 lemon – rind finely grated and juice

¼ cup rum

¼ cup brandy

Mix all ingredients together.

Cover and let stand for at least 3 days.

#### Pastry

250g plain flour

50g rice flour or almond meal

75g caster sugar

150g cold unsalted butter, cubed

1 egg + cold water to make 75mL

Marzipan stars

1 x 250 pkt marzipan

Roll out and cut with a 5cm star cutter.

#### Method

For the pastry, in a food processor, process flour, rice flour, sugar and butter until it forms fine crumbs.

Add egg and water, process until the pastry forms a mass.

Place dough in a container with a lid, rest in fridge for 30–40 minutes.

Roll out pastry and cut 6.5cm fluted circles to fit small 6cm tartlet moulds.

Blind bake at 140C for 10–15 minutes. Tartlet shells can be stored at this stage for a week or so, stored in a cool place.

Fill shells with fruit mince and bake at 140C for 5–10 minutes.

Top with marzipan stars and dust with confectioner's icing sugar.

**Makes approximately 36 tart bases.**





# A drink to match your festive feast!

## Bubbles in red wine?

What do you put on the table for your Christmas Day lunch or dinner? Is it the 'traditional' hot meal or have you morphed to the modern Australian feast of mainly (or all) cold items? And what do the adults drink to wash down all the yumminess?

Here's a suggestion that is very Australian and very suited to our climate and choice of festive foods. Sparkling shiraz to go with your hot – or cold – meal. What, you ask, is sparkling shiraz? And do you serve it chilled?

First, some history. There is some debate about its origins but the first sparkling shiraz wines were most likely made in Australia in the 1890s, with some claims from both the Barossa Valley in South Australia and the Grampians Region in Victoria. These wines were made with shiraz grapes using the 'Champagne method' ('méthode champenoise' or 'méthode traditionnelle').

Ripe shiraz grapes are harvested, fermented on the red skins and pressed, drawing out colour and flavour. Fermentation and ageing continue when the wine is transferred to bottles (sometimes with other vintages added), which, over time, are 'racked' or 'riddled', moving sediment in the wine to the neck of the bottle. This enables that sediment to be snap frozen, removed, then replaced with a tiny dosage of sweet wine to promote secondary fermentation – the natural bubbles.

Being so bubbly, the wine must be served chilled (or beware!). Called sparkling burgundy for about a hundred years, we now refer to this uniquely Australian style as sparkling shiraz, and as it is served chilled it is uniquely suited to our climate.

## Why the fuss over this fizz?

Taste, food match, celebration, shared enjoyment. Need anything else from a glass?

The sparkling shiraz style is usually on the rich and fruity side but the better sparkling shirazes will have a dryer finish, which makes them very drinkable, moreish and a match for all sorts of foods.

Shiraz grapes can give bold flavours of plums, berries, cherries and other dark fruits. In sparkling shirazes, the richness, bubbles and chill go really well with many different types of foods. They are a great match for poultry – turkey anyone? – chicken and duck, hot roast pork and cold ham ... even prawns! (But not oysters. For oysters a much better match is a chilled Coolangatta Estate or other local semillon, or Champagne, or even your favourite cheaper, light, non-oaked dry white wine.)

But we digress! What else is on your Christmas table to eat? Roast vegies, spicy salads, roast beef? Try sparkling shiraz!

Other foods well matched with sparkling shiraz include Asian-style foods and spicy foods in general. The richness and spiciness of these dishes are well complemented by those same qualities in the wine. Do you need a different wine for a celebration? Yes – sparkling shiraz, just as sparkling white wine, can be used to mark a special moment.

If you don't like red wine, at least *try* a little sparkling shiraz. However, it is certainly not to everyone's taste. If you don't like it, don't drink it!



## Sparkling shiraz

### Where to buy and which ones?

There are quite a few winemakers offering sparkling shiraz but sadly few are widely available.

Start local, with the Silos Estate's Wiley's Creek Sparkling Shiraz, available in the Valley at KV Fine Wines and Craft Ales. Silos Estate's owner Raj Ray notes this sparkling shiraz, popular with his customers, is deep crimson in colour with rich cranberry and other berries on the full, fruity palate, finishing dry and satisfying. In addition, it boasts wines up to 10 years old in the non-vintage blend.

Other labels to look out for include the popular Seppelt Original Sparkling Shiraz and wines from the Barossa and McLaren Vale. Jeff Dudgeon, from KV Fine Wines, is ordering in some Seppelt Original and Bleasdale sparkling shirazes for the festive season, priced below \$30.

The cost, like any wine, usually increases with better quality and flavour. Prices can range from \$12 to \$15, up to more than \$100 per bottle. The \$30 mark usually should give you good value. Note that 'Champagne' can start at \$70 but decent Australian sparkling white wine can also be purchased for around \$30.

Bear in mind that, if you've tried and liked sparkling shiraz, you will get better enjoyment from brands that cost a few dollars more. The cheaper brands do not use the 'méthode traditionnelle' that imparts a fuller body and flavour – and better, tighter bubbles. Entry level brands are made using the 'tank fermentation method', which is far less expensive to produce but are much less satisfying. However, that is a story for another time.

Cheers! Merry Christmas!

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# While the kettle boils...

## ... take time for gentle contemplation

**As we head towards the end of one and beginning of another year, the opportunity to reset and realign our purpose to that which gives us meaning, is available. The end of a cycle of seasons, such as the Christmas/New Year period is a special time; one that often releases a mixed bag of both joyous and challenging emotions as we reunite with friends and family. Now is a good time to do a little clean out and refreshen up of your inner and worldly views.**

Your life is worth a little time to contemplate what has unfolded thus far and to remain centred for what is ahead. Yet from which focal point do we view ourselves ... Where is our centre? How do we open ourselves with 'clear seeing', without the harsh critic continually judging oneself or others?

Here is a simple, harmonising practice you can do whilst the kettle boils. Its origins are from a meeting place of taoist/chi gung teachings. It reminds us to stay calmly to nature's ever-changing process, rather than lost in the busy, ego-centred mind. Beyond the mind states of wrongdoing or righteousness, competition, doubt and domination is the recognition of our simple being-ness; our momentary arrival in this place, in this world. A place where bird and whale songs are understood as the precursors to Bach. Where bee hive and ant colony technology are respected as the foundation of our architecture and town planning. A place from which one sees the patterns of light throughout the day overwhelmingly more beautiful and alive than all human art work put together. We all share this incredible world, yet humans tend to conjure states of mind that lead to generational suffering along with the loss of Self and planetary respect.

This practice will allow you to more easily guide



your attention inwards, where strangely the sense of inner spaciousness brings a greater sense of connection to the infinite space around you. If you are not sure what 'infinite space' is, just go look up at the night sky on a cloudless night. If you are not sure what inner spaciousness is, it's your felt experience of the life force within. This simple practice can recharge your energy, invigorate and expand your mind, heal emotional congestion and encourage self-worth, compassion and contentment.

I call this practice 'solar panel and light bulb'.

Give some time each day to sit or stand comfortably, in nature (if possible) and feel your whole body relaxing. Then imagine that your breath is not constrained to just the nostrils; that your whole skin surface (which is actually porous) can receive the beauty and sunlight of the nature around you.

Let each IN breath absorb into your skin, like a solar panel receiving photovoltaic energy. Each IN breath is charging up your batteries; calming your sympathetic nervous system and nourishing rather than depleting your adrenal glands. Then, when you feel charged up, imagine you are now like a light bulb. You are radiating out good and peaceful vibrations, literally charging up the atmosphere around you and sending calm vibes to the world. You might spend weeks just charging up your inner battery before you feel ready to shine your light, so there's no rush.

Give it a go, see how it works for you. It's a fabulous practice anytime, especially when you feel run down, disconnected or you would just like to send loving kindness to the world. You deserve to receive and give as this truly is the meaning of Christmas and a happy new year too!

*Kate Pell*



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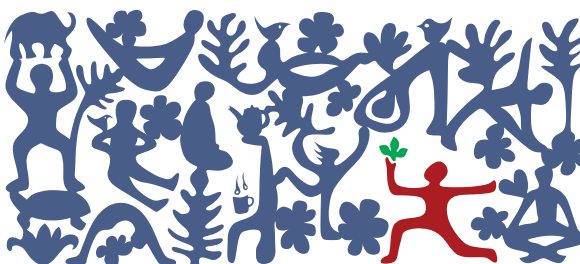
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# MEET ROXY — A STATUE WITH A STORY

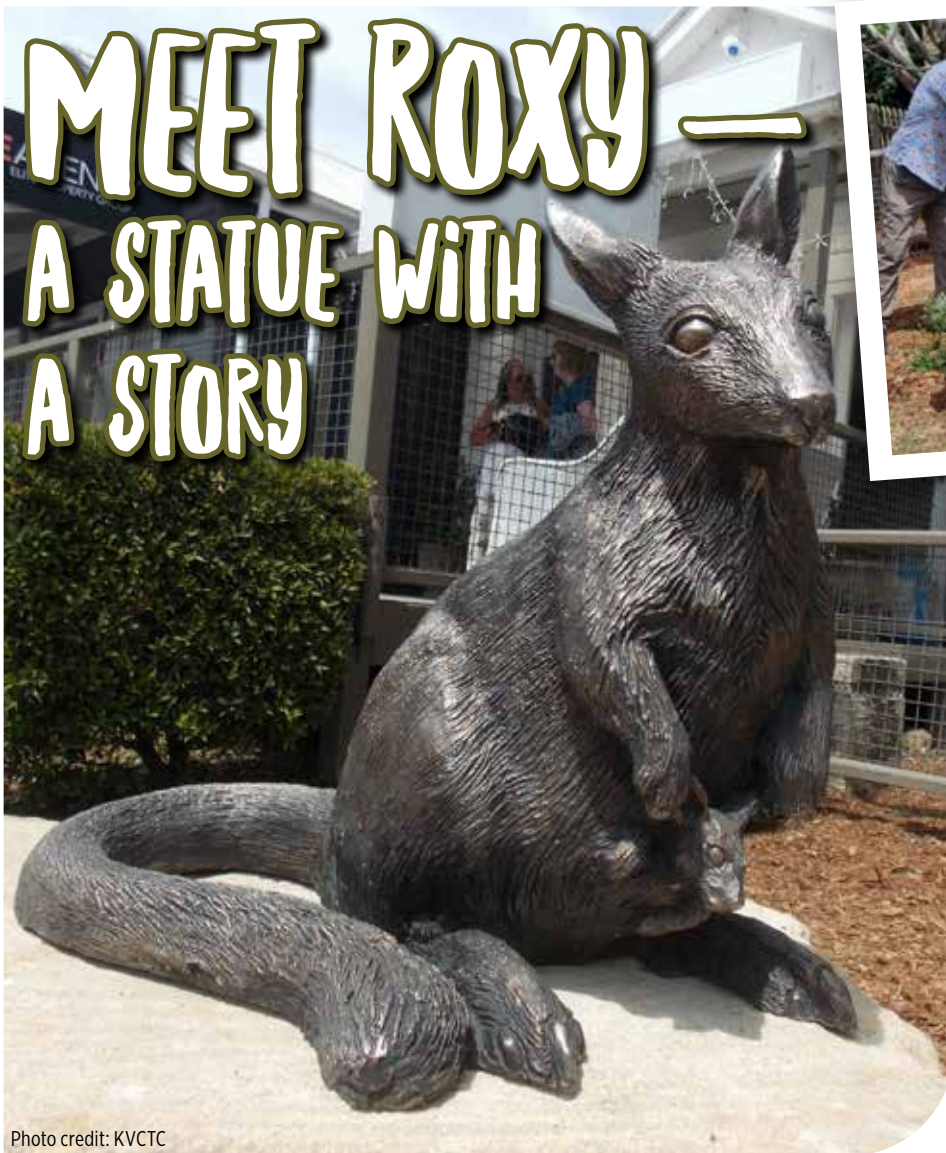


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**In the early hours of Tuesday 21 October, a backhoe rolled into the heart of Kangaroo Valley for a very special delivery. After a delicate operation involving patience, precision and a 600kg sandstone plinth, a bronze life-sized Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby was gently set in place between Maddison's and Sosa Lifestyle Property.**

Her name is Roxy and she's no ordinary sculpture. Officially unveiled on Saturday 25 October at the Friends of the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby's 30th Annual General Meeting, the statue marks both a celebration and a symbol of survival. Roxy represents one of the most remarkable local conservation success stories in recent memory.

Once the last remaining female in the struggling Creek colony, Roxy's future looked uncertain. But in a bold move by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, with support from the Friends, three Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies were translocated from a healthy population near Cessnock. One male, Adam, survived and over seven years, he and Roxy raised multiple joeys, breathing new life into a colony that had been on the brink of extinction.

Today, Creek colony is thriving, with around 30 resident Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies, a great win for conservation.

The sculpture, by Lithgow's incredible Tim Johnman, captures Roxy with her joey's tiny head peeking out from the pouch. It's a beautiful and permanent reminder of the importance of protecting our native species and our power to make a difference.

## With heartfelt thanks

Our heartfelt thanks go to: Gary, Gary and Indy – our installation team; the wonderful Aatir; Richard and everyone at Winderong; Jacqui Knight – for commissioning Roxy on behalf of the Friends; Lisa O and the rest of the Friends committee – for bringing this long-held dream to life. And big, special thanks to Vicki and the amazing people at the Hampden Deli – for hosting (you guys were awesome).

**Paige Nutter**  
*Secretary of the Friends of the  
Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby Inc.*



## Friends of the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby at the Christmas Twilight Market

### Come say hello!

Visit us at the Kangaroo Valley Christmas Markets on Friday 5 December for gifts, goodies and conservation chat. It's the perfect way to show your support this festive season.

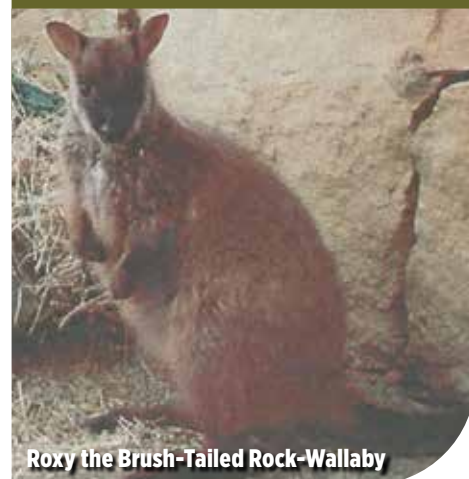
### Name that joey!

Roxy's joey needs a name! Got a great idea? Submit yours at the Markets!

### Support Our Work

**All donations go directly towards monitoring, education and protecting Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby habitat.**

Visit <https://www.rockwallaby.org.au/how-to-help/donate/to-help-keep-the-momentum-going>.



**Roxy the Brush-Tailed Rock-Wallaby**

# KVV BOOK CLUB

This month's book:

## A Great Act of Love

By Heather Rose



**This month we finally have a look at *A Great Act of Love*. Heather Rose is a Tasmanian author and another Stella Prize winner. She has written some excellent fiction including the *Museum of Modern Love* and *Bruny*. She has also written an autobiography, *Nothing Bad Ever Happens Here*.**

This is a captivating historical family saga inspired by the story of Batholomew Broughton, Australia's first commercial winemaker in the 1800s. The story follows the extraordinary life of Caroline Douglas, who journeys from London to Tasmania to escape her past and forge a new life. During her long journey on a ship, she informally adopts a boy, Quill, who was sold to the ship's captain by his father to settle a debt. They arrive at Van Dieman's Land and begin a new life in a place that is inhospitable and challenging. Their evolving lovely relationship is one of the highlights of the book.

The novel moves from the French Revolution through Georgian London to colonial Tasmania. There are stories about murder, robberies, slavery, memorable sea voyages and the magic of making champagne.

*A Great Act of Love* is, at its heart, a redemption story, and a story about reinvention. It is also a novel that pays close attention to the natural world – Rose's descriptions of the landscape

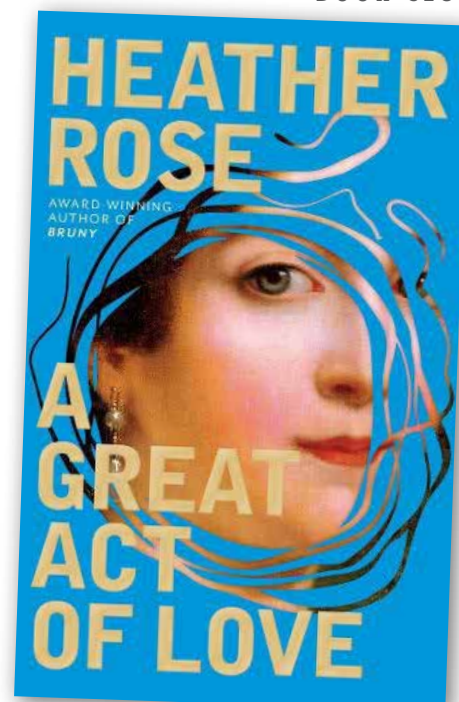
of Hobart are another of the real pleasures of the book. Rose doesn't dwell on the colony's massacre of Tasmania's indigenous population. She has Caroline arrive in Hobart after the colony has been established for a period. The story of these atrocities is briefly told via the life story of Cornelius, an emancipated slave now a talented blacksmith.

The structure of this novel is brilliantly done – it shifts back and forth, alternating between times and characters. There are some fascinating apothecary descriptions, a bit of mystery and intrigue with various other twists and turns and before you know you're completely enthralled.

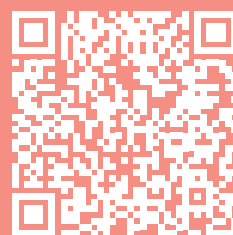
Caroline survives to look back on 'the canto of her life', and to muse on being: 'Dust, air, earth. Returned to the great wholeness. A fleeting presence who had seen this sparkling world and then was gone.'

This is a compelling and enjoyable read.

*Reviewed by Cathryn Ferguson*



Scan the QR code to listen to a sample of the audiobook of *A Great Act of Love*.



## Christmas tradition – and holiday reading

***My family has a long history of book giving for Christmas. Mum was a bookseller, educator and reviewer. Our Christmas stockings and those of our children were always piled high with books. Many a summer holiday was spent speed reading our way through them all.***

*In honour of those memories, our extended family has created the Boxing Day Barrengarry Book Barter. Everyone wraps a book (new or used) in brown paper. From there we play a version of Bad Santa. We have had everything from Mein Kampf and The Communist Manifesto to Mills and Boon bodice rippers and the latest Australian outback crime novel. It is great fun. This year, I think I will be bartering Toni Jordan's Tenderfoot as we have two adopted greyhounds in our family.*

Given that the *Voice* is not published in January I thought I would suggest some summer holiday reading for those long balmy days by the river. Here are some suggestions that are either in my 'to read' pile or titles I have read and enjoyed over the past year or so.

**James** – Percival Everett: A reconsideration of Huckleberry Finn. The winner of the 2025 Pulitzer Prize.

**Devotion** – Hannah Kent: Set in an 1830s South Australian Lutheran community. A novel about love, loss and nature.

**Gravity Let Me Go** – Trent Dalton: The new novel from the winner of the ABC Top 100.

**Limberlost** – Robbie Arnott: A favourite from a couple of years ago. Lyrical exquisite prose set in the Tasmanian wilderness.

**Caledonian Road** – Andrew O'Hagan: A tale of 2020s London and UK society, from Russian oligarchs to elitist art cliques and the housing crisis.

**How To End a Story**: Collected Diaries 1978–1998 – Helen Garner: Garner's 'record of the soul' records the end of two marriages, battles with writer's block and lots more.

**There Are Rivers in the Sky** – Elif Shafak: This ambitious, multi-perspective novel about

the politics and preciousness of water ranges from ancient Mesopotamia to contemporary London.

**Small Things Like These** – Claire Keegan: A beautiful modern classic that goes straight to the heart. A 1985 Irish community controlled by the Church.

**The Heart's Invisible Furies** – John Boyne: The journey of Cyril Avery's life. His loves and losses, his heartbreaks and his triumphs.

**The Grade Cricketer**: Alphas, Champs and Chop Kings – Sam Perry and Ian Higgins: One for the sport loving members of the household. A hilarious induction into the irreverent world of grade cricket.

**Happy reading!**

*Cathryn Ferguson*



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# Kangaroo Valley Public School

## A wonderful day of learning at Fitzroy Falls

Our recent excursion to Fitzroy Falls was an unforgettable adventure filled with hands-on learning, fun activities and a deep appreciation for nature and culture. The students had the wonderful opportunity to explore the role of National Parks and discover what National Park Rangers really do.

### Ranger dress-ups!

One of the highlights of the day was when students got to dress up as National Park Rangers, stepping into their shoes and gaining a firsthand experience of their important work. We then embarked on a bushwalk, where everyone learned about the native plants and animals that call Fitzroy Falls home. It was fascinating to see the diversity of life and to understand more about the environment we're so lucky to have close by.



### Mammals, marsupials, monotremes

Inside the Fitzroy Falls Information Centre, students explored the world of animals, focusing on marsupials and mammals. Monotremes – the platypus and echidna – were particular favourites, and it was exciting to learn what makes these creatures so unique among Australia's wildlife.





## Cultural learning

Cultural learning was a special part of our visit as well. The boys spent time learning to play the didgeridoo – actually called a Yidaki – and got a sense of the instrument's cultural significance. Meanwhile, the girls tried their hand at traditional weaving, and everyone had the chance to use ochre for painting, connecting us all to Aboriginal traditions in a creative and respectful way.



## Surprise rescue missions

There was just one unexpected adventure – a rescue mission to retrieve Molly's cane, which decided to go a little rogue! With the help of one of our National Park Rangers, the cane was quickly recovered, but then Miss Arnott had a rescue mission on her hands with one of our guides needing a little helping hand to climb back up ... It was quite an adventure and Molly was very pleased with the result.

Overall, the students had a fabulous time and came away with new knowledge and skills. It was a perfect blend of fun, learning and discovery that we will remember for a long time.



## Thanks to the National Parks guides

We are incredibly grateful to our four wonderful guides from National Parks who planned a fantastic day that brought together Geography, Science and History in an engaging and memorable way. Their expertise and enthusiasm truly made the excursion special.







# Firey Tales

## CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

**With the ongoing dry conditions, it is very important to closely monitor any previous burn piles to prevent any reignitions or spread into surrounding areas. Permit holders are responsible for monitoring weather conditions and any changes to the fire danger rating and permit cancellations.**

It has been a busy month for the brigade, with many disrupted nights' sleep and late-night call-outs, but the brigade has managed to put crews and trucks on the road every time. This can prove challenging at times given members' other commitments and work.

I would like to thank all members for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

I would also like to thank those businesses and members of the community who help support us financially throughout the year, enabling us to keep providing the best service to you.

If you would like information in relation to making a tax-deductible donation, please contact me or other brigade members for details.

***Captain Dusty 0412 865 638***



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## INCIDENTS

**25 October** – Alarm Operating – Cavan Road. Faulty smoke detector triggered an alarm response.

**26 October** – Agency Assist – Jacks Corner Road, 1630. Normally an ‘Assist other agency’ call-out means helping our local paramedics with a difficult patient recovery. However, this time it was to help a resident whose dog was stuck several metres down a deep wombat hole. Faced with limited options, patience and the sacrifice of the owner’s steak dinner, we managed to lure the dog out on his own.

**28 October** – Auto Fire Alarm – Kangaroo Valley Pool. Faulty smoke detector triggered an alarm response.

**5 November** – Bush Fire – Clinton Park Road, 1920. Wednesday night training became real when KV1 responded to reports of an unknown fire up Wattamolla Road. Extensive searching with assistance from Cambewarra and Broughton Vale Brigades failed to locate anything. However, smoke from a planned agricultural burn on Cavan Road was visible, and it was assumed that the 000 caller had not realised how far away it was and had given the wrong location.

**6 November** – Bush Fire – Jacks Corner Road, 2100. KV1 and 7A responded to reports of bush alight. On reaching the caller’s location it was

found that the fire was in fact a permitted pile burn a considerable distance away across the valley. No action was required.

**9 November** – Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) – Corner Moss Vale and Bendeela roads, 0215. A single vehicle, coming off the bridge, left the road and hit the power pole outside the Pioneer Museum. The impact snapped the pole close to the base and it was only saved from falling by the power lines taking the strain from above. The lines remained live while a junction box and other cabling were in contact with the car.

In the event of an accident like this it is always safest to remain in the vehicle until the power is turned off; stepping out could be fatal if the vehicle has become electrified. It was only by good fortune that there was no electrical contact and the occupants were not injured. Endeavour Energy worked into the morning to restore power, although there was some disruption to local residents and businesses.

**11 November** – Fence Fire – Glenmurray Road. Another live power line incident. Falling tree triggered a short, with sparks catching fire to nearby long grass. Quick action by some of our young locals initially suppressed the fire, stopping it reaching large sheds. The power remained live with the potential to electrify a whole fenceline.

**11 November** – MVA – Corner Moss Vale and Willowglen roads, 0130. KV1 and 7B responded to a truck that had crashed and rolled over just above Rocklea while descending Barrengarry Mountain. Fortunately there were no injuries although the recently replaced safety barriers suffered considerable damage again.



## PILE BURNS AND BURNING OFF

**During the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFD) there are three steps that must be completed prior to lighting up: APPLY | NOTIFY | ADVISE:**

**1. APPLY:** for a Fire Permit from a local Fire Permit Officer via:

**a. Online:** [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify) follow the link Apply for a permit.

**b. Phone:** Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre (FCC) 4424 4424 between 8.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

**2. NOTIFY:** lodge a Burn Notification at least 24 hours before you light the fire and provide your issued fire permit number:

**a. Online:** [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify) or via the QR code.

**b. Phone:** Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre (FCC) 4424 4424 between 8.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

**3. ADVISE:** your immediate neighbours at least 24 hours before you light the fire; WhatsApp groups are acceptable.

**4.** Adhere to any conditions listed on the fire permit. At least one responsible person must be present on site until the pile is extinguished.

**5.** Check for any permit cancellations and the RFS or BOM web pages as fire permits will be suspended if the fire danger rating is HIGH or above.

**6.** Check the upcoming weather conditions as the pile may continue to smolder for days.

**7.** If you believe that you cannot safely control the fire once it has been lit, dial 000 immediately.

If you have concerns about burning off, please contact the local brigade and we can possibly assist you with your pile burn or check your site for you.







# Lions roar

**Christmas and the New Year are important times for our community. We take time to reflect on what has occurred during the year.**

A quick reflection includes the Youth Group (thank you, Kirsty) and the Resilience Team. The Youth Project has now wound up, and Resilience are continuing their activities outside of the Lions Club. We have also supported families and groups within the Valley and beyond and fed a few at one of our four Lions Club's barbecues.

## Revived Medical Centre

One of our major undertakings is to maintain the Medical Centre. This is a vital hub and recently your Lions have undertaken some renovations. The rooms have been painted and the gardens reinvigorated. Thank you Tracey and Gayle. The work that has been done makes the Centre look like new again.

In December the Lions Club will provide the annual scholarships to selected students as a hand up for their first year of secondary school. The club is proud to have been involved with this for several years now. Our table tennis group is growing and is very much the place to be seen on Wednesday afternoons. This will continue into 2026, and we hope that it continues to grow.

## Get your pud!

Christmas cakes and puddings have already been placed at the usual outlets and are \$16 this year. The mini cakes – great for a small snack or heated for dessert – are only \$2. Stocks are limited so get in while you can!

Also, Christmas is a big time for postage stamps, so please consider cutting your stamps off the envelopes and sending them to your local Lions Club. The money raised from the sale of these stamps



is used to support the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. A very worthy foundation.

## Raffle into the New Year

As per previous years there will be the Annual Giant Raffle with lots of goodies. This raffle will be held at The Friendly Inn on New Year's Eve, so come along and celebrate with your community and try your luck with the raffle.

During the holidays your club hopes that it meets your expectations and that you travel safely and you are able to enjoy 2026. Our first major event in 2026 will be the Boyley Cup in February.

*Lorraine Mairinger*

## THE KANGAROO VALLEY VOICE

# Quick Quiz

**Here's a quick quiz to test your local knowledge over your morning cuppa. It's your own bit of trivia for a little light relief. Some answers might be obvious to you – but some might test our newer residents of the Valley.**

### 1. Lake Yarrunga Campgrounds are situated at the junction of which bodies of water?

- A. Yarrunga Creek and Shoalhaven River.
- B. Shoalhaven River and Kangaroo River.
- C. Brogers Creek and Kangaroo River.
- D. Yarrunga Creek and Kangaroo River.

### 2. What is a group of platypuses called?

- A. A paddle.
- B. A puggle.
- C. A platypi.
- D. A throng.

### 3. Last year, the KV Show introduced a short film competition that proved to be hugely popular. It will run again this year – and into the February 2026 judging. What was/is the name of the competition?

- A. Kangaroo Valley Flick Fest.
- B. KV Briefs.
- C. Valley Shorts.
- D. KV Show Short Film Competition.

### 4. You are heading back to KV from a day in Bowral. About a third of the way down Barrengarry Mountain, you see a road sign: Welcome to The South Coast. It includes three destinations, with their distances. Which are the ones on that sign?

- A. Nowra 29 | Batemans Bay 169 | Melbourne 870.
- B. Nowra 29 | Ulladulla 94 | Batemans Bay 146.
- C. Nowra 33 | Bega 295 | Melbourne 880.
- D. Bomaderry 23 | Nowra 29 | Milton 88.

### 5. We love our local initialisms – they are burnt into our brains! Here's another to test you. What does the 'FCC' stand for in Shoalhaven FCC?

- A. Shoalhaven Football Club Centre.
- B. Shoalhaven First Country Club.
- C. Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre.
- D. Shoalhaven Forest Circle Club.

### 6. What Aboriginal artefacts have been found in Kangaroo Valley?

- A. Axe grinding grooves and axe heads.
- B. Middens.
- C. Shell tools.
- D. All of the above.

### 7. Which is of the following is INCORRECT?

- A. Bugong Road leads to Budgong.
- B. Moss Vale Road runs between Fitzroy Falls and Bomaderry but does not enter Moss Vale.
- C. Cambewarra Road runs from Bomaderry to Cambewarra Village.
- D. Moss Vale Road runs between Bowral and the Wingecarribee River but does not enter Moss Vale.

### 8. What are you likely to hear if you are walking past the Kangaroo Valley Hall between 3.00pm and 5.00pm on a Wednesday afternoon?

- A. The sounds of ping pong balls on bats and tables.
- B. The sweet sounds of a community choir rehearsing.
- C. The grunts and slaps to the floor from martial arts training.
- D. The occasional soft direction from a yoga instructor to their class attendees.

### 9. Happiness Through Helping – is the motto for which institution or organisation?

- A. Kangaroo Valley Public School.
- B. Kangaroo Valley Lions Club.
- C. Kangaroo Valley A&H Society Inc.
- D. The Friendly Inn.

### 10. Approximately how far is it from the North Pole to KV?

- A. 10,300 km.
- B. 11,500 km.
- C. 12,700 km.
- D. 13,900 km.

## ANSWERS PAGE 35

**If you have a question you'd like to include in the Quiz, please send it in: kvvoiceteam@gmail.com.**

# News from the Pews

The Reverend Andrew Heron resigned from his position as our Rector on 16 August. He served us faithfully for six years and we wish him well for his future endeavors.

The Reverend Ian Rienits took up the position of Locum Rector. We thank him for his calm and steady watch over us. Ian is retired from permanent ministry. One of his positions was the Rector of the combined Parish of Berry with Kangaroo Valley from 1994 to 2002. So he was an old friend coming back to the Valley.

Our five church nominators, Deborah Banks, Ron Bower, Jeannette Dumbrell, Jane Gripper and Dr Ellie Vidler (Toohey), commenced the task of finding a new minister for our Church. Our Church, also known as The Church of the Good Shepherd, sits on the edge of the Wollongong Region in the Diocese of Sydney. To people from Sydney we seem to be a long way from there so finding a new Rector is not easy.

## Welcome back Andrew Patterson

In December 2019 we said goodbye to the Reverend Andrew Paterson. Widely respected and loved, he had served as our Rector for 10 years. It was time for him to seek a new parish in Sydney.

When Rev Andrew Paterson recently heard that Kangaroo Valley was looking for a new minister he wondered if he could return to the Valley. The nominators were overjoyed at that prospect and they were able to secure his position as our new Rector in record time, facilitated by the Bishop of Wollongong Peter Hayward and the Archdeacon the Venerable Anthony Douglas.

While he was previously here Andrew Paterson worked hard to re-establish our church as a full parish separate from Berry. Many of the older parishioners who remembered the events of being combined with Berry were grateful and happy that our independence had been restored.

Rev Andrew Paterson, with his wife Cecily and two of their children Jemima and Coco, will take up the position on Monday 12 January. Campbell and James will remain in Sydney but will visit often.



**We are holding a Commencement Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd for Rev Andrew Paterson on Saturday afternoon 17 January 2026 at 2.00pm, led by Bishop Peter Hayward. Everyone is invited to come.**

## Our beginnings

The very first service was held in our church on 26 January 1872. The Osborne family sold the land to the Sydney Anglican Church for a nominal sum (10 shillings) in 1869. (Mr Osborne also sold land for the school to the Department of Education and to the Roman Catholic Church.)

Over 153 years parishioners have paid for and maintained the Church Building, the Church Hall and the Rectory. They have faithfully given offerings (money) to the church to pay for the Minister's Stipend. There are 40 names on the list of ministers for our church.

The Anglican Church in the Sydney Diocese has a rule now that if the church cannot support the minister's stipend they cannot be a full parish and cannot nominate a new rector. We are fortunate that our parishioners kept our church financially solid and we are grateful for their gifts and for those people who have understood the importance of having a church in Kangaroo Valley so that we can spread the Good News (the Gospel) about Jesus and tell people what Jesus has done for us.

*In Christ, Church Wardens  
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## MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT – WITNESSES SOUGHT

Seeking witnesses or any details in relation to a black and silver motorbike and an unidentified motor vehicle, accident that occurred at about 2PM, Sunday, 14 September 2025, just out of Kangaroo Valley Village along Moss Vale Road approaching Upper Kangaroo River Road on the right. We are seeking any potential witnesses to the incident.

Any person with information / witness to the incident, please contact

**Kushal Kant at Walker Law Group  
at 02 8046 9700.**





KANGAROO VALLEY PRESCHOOL INC.



### Understanding water use, adventures in London, Remembrance Day, planting seeds and ideas, graduation and carols. It's been a full term.

The Preschool hit the ground running for Term 4 with a visit from 'Dripette' and 'Tapstar' from Shoalhaven Water as part of the Waterwise Education Program. The interactive show promotes water awareness and conservation through catchy songs, energetic dance moves and lots of laughs. It has been wonderful to hear the children sharing what they have learned with their families and using this knowledge when using water at Preschool to ensure the continued protection of the environment.

The fun continued as we spent quality time together inspired by our Book Week exploration of *Ruby Red Shoes Goes to London*. The Preschool staff and children took their discussion about Ruby's adventures and turned it into a London-inspired tea party, including delicious biscuits, a vanilla teacake and teapots of tea. We made the teacake together, practising our mathematical skills by engaging in measurement, counting and fractions, as well as developing social skills such as turn taking and collaboration.

The hardest part was waiting for the cake to be ready as the smell filled the Preschool, but it was worth the wait when we got to share in our collective achievement with a yummy, sweet reward whilst watching visuals of London's famous landmarks and scenery.

The Preschool was honoured to participate in the Remembrance Day service at the Kangaroo Valley Cenotaph. Captain Tony Aldred, CSC, RAN, led a beautiful service that each of the Preschoolers were proud to be a part of. Two of our Preschool children, Maevie Murphy Kirwan and Mattix Webb, laid the Preschool's hand-made wreath at the base of the Cenotaph, supported by the applause of the other attendees. Having so many generations of the Kangaroo Valley Community come together to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the end of World War I was a truly special moment.





## Growing interest in the 2026 KV Show

Our preparation for the Kangaroo Valley Show has been in full swing this term after a very generous delivery of seeds and pots. The children chose one flower and one vegetable seed variety each and planted them into individual pots. They then took them home where they will water and replant them as they grow, to present their homegrown produce at the Show in February 2026.

This was a learning-rich opportunity for the Preschool children as they employed their agency and independence, and shared their knowledge of the natural world, to begin the process of growing their plants. It also provided educators with the chance to support the children in the development of their fine-motor and hand-eye coordination capabilities in a hands-on way. We can't wait to see how each of the plants turn out when we can share them, and connect with the community, through presenting them at the Show.



## From graduation to carols

As we look forward to the events that will wrap up our Preschool year, our Preschoolers are busy preparing for two fantastic performances. First, our biggest little learners, who are getting ready to transition to their next learning chapter at Kangaroo Valley Public School, will be centre-stage of our Preschool Graduation Celebration on Wednesday 3 December.

The entire Preschool is also abuzz with Christmas vibes as we practise for the Christmas Carols at Kangaroo Valley Anglican Church on 13 December. We will be continuing Jacinta Perry's long-held tradition of supporting the Preschoolers to perform 'Listen, Listen' and 'Feliz Navidad' to see in the Christmas season.

The Kangaroo Valley Preschool team would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the community's support throughout 2025 and we look forward to returning for 2026 with another year full of adventure, fun and learning.

*The Kangaroo Valley Preschool Team*

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## KV QuickQuiz THE ANSWERS FROM PAGE 32

**1. B.** The junction of Shoalhaven River and Kangaroo River, opposite Tallowa Dam. **2. A.** The collective noun for platypuses is a paddle. **3. C.** Valley Shorts. **4. B.** The sign reads: Nowra 29 | Ulladulla 94 | Batemans Bay 146. **5. C.** The FCC is the Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre (FCC). If you want to conduct a pile burn, you should call the FCC on 4424 4424. See the KVRFS Firey page in this issue of the *Voice*! **6. D.** All of the above. **7. C.** Cambewarra Road runs from Railway Street, Bomaderry, to the roundabout at the Princes Highway, Bomaderry. It does not go as far as Cambewarra Village. **8. A.** Table tennis friendly games are played on Wednesday afternoons in the KV Hall. **9. A.** Kangaroo Valley Public School. The Lions Club motto is: 'We Serve'. **10. D.** 13,900 km. Santa can travel to KV from the North Pole in just a few minutes, after picking up a few extra prezies along the way. Festive Greetings to you!






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## MEN'S AND MIXED BOWLS

### Men's Singles Championship

The first game in the first round of the Men's Singles Championship turned out to be a battle of the Titans, with last year's winner, 'Jingles' Chittick pitted against three-time winner Mark Power. The game was worthy of a final but unfortunately, one former Champion was destined to be knocked out in the first round. On this occasion Mark got the upper hand in a very tight contest, winning the match 25 points to 18.

On 22 October Ron Nelson and I had a very hard-fought match, which I eventually won 25 points to 19. In one of the tightest games I have ever watched, former multiple Champion Adam Rigney got off to a flying start in his match against Joel Dowsett. Despite holding a 12 point to nil lead early in the match, Adam came under considerable pressure in the later stages of the match. With the scores tied at 24 all, the final end was a see-sawing affair but Adam managed to secure the all-important point, to take the match 25 points to 24.

### Challenge Singles

Bob Dunn won his match against Darryl Goodger by 25 points to 19 to qualify to play against Ron Nelson in the semi-final. Well done Bob.

### Mixed Fours

In our first match, Tina Ballard, Derek Raymond, Deb and myself had a good win against Laural Ferrington, Darryl Goodger, Rosa Burns and Frank Piccolini, winning 24 points to 8. We also won our second match against Frances Simmonds, Laurie Watson, Gillian Portener and David Badger, with a score of 25 points to 8. On 18 November Ruth Willdig, Bob and Irene Dunn and Terry Hayes had a very solid victory over Col Agar, Judy Croft, 'Tige' Lidbetter (substitute for Russell Tulloch) and 'Teeny' Fitzgerald. Derek, Tina, Deb and myself will now play against Ruth, Bob, Irene and Terry in the Final.

### Chittick Day

A large contingent of both experienced and inexperienced bowlers participated in the annual 'Chittick Day' social bowls event on 18 October. The event is organised by Jingles in memory of his mother Mrs Susie Chittick. Members and friends of the wider Chittick family play in teams with experienced bowlers from the Berry Bowling Club. Each team plays a minimum of three games of six ends but there are way too many players and results to report on in this report. The day concludes

with a buffet of delicacies prepared by the Chittick family. Suffice it to say that an excellent day was had by all.

### Social Bowls

**11 October** – Bob Dunn and George Waddell 13 – Tom Froggatt and Terry Hayes 10.

**15 October** – Derek Raymond, Frank Piccolini and Bill Chittick 27 – Ron Nelson, Laurie Watson and Terry Hayes 13. Darryl Goodger, Bob Dunn and Rob Folkard 22 – George Waddell, Bob Burney and David Badger 17.

**22 October** – Keith Pepper, Frank Piccolini and David Badger 21 – Bob Burney, Bill Chittick and Terry Hayes 12.

**25 October** – Judy Whitton and Neil Agar 30 – Laural Ferrington and Jingles Chittick 17. Russell Tulloch and "Skippy" Chittick 36 – Bob Burney and Frank Piccolini 14.

**1 November** – Derek Raymond and Skippy Chittick 29 – Bob Burney and Deb Folkard 16. Cutthroat – Rob Folkard 17, Jim Abbott 7 and George Waddell 4.

**5 November** – Irene Dunn and Col Agar 28 – George Waddell and Keith Pepper 24. Bob Burney and James McKinley 21 – Jim Whyrie and Bob Dunn 19.

*Rob Folkard*

## LADIES' BOWLS

### Consistency

I was the only participant from the Valley and sadly was knocked out on 12 August by Judy Croft, the eventual winner of the competition.

### Major Pairs

On 9 September, Irene Dunn and myself were defeated by Ruth Willdig and Anna Stewart. Ruth and Anna progressed in the competition by beating Judy Croft and Teeny Fitzgerald 21 to 16. Gillian Portener and Annette Royal put up a good fight but were eventually defeated 15 to 22 by Jane Haddon and Pam Tulloch. The Final on 23 September was won by Ruth and Anna (who had the hardest run through to the final) by 18 to 14 over Jane and Pam. Congratulations on a well-deserved victory.

### Pennants

Due to the lack of entries in this year's Ladies Pennant competition, it only took three weeks to complete, playing twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Berry side was made up of two

teams of four players. Lead to Skip – Irene Dunn, Gillian Portener, myself and Jane Haddon. The other Berry team was Judy Croft, Rosa Burns, Pam Tulloch and Teeny Fitzgerald.

**7 October** – We travelled to Greenwell Point for our first match. Our team won 25 to 19 and Teeny's team won 23 to 14. We received five points for the overall win and one point each for the team wins, a total of seven points. A great start to the season.

**9 October** – We were feeling confident going into our first home game against Shoalhaven Heads Blue. The Heads had two sides entered hence the Blue descriptor. However, the gale force winds the night before saw the conditions at our home green completely changed from what we were used to. It was lightning fast and we were all at sea. We lost our match 14 to 20 and Teeny's team went down 20 to 23. No points for Berry this time.

**14 October** – Away to Shoalhaven Heads to play against their other team Heads White. Once again, we played under tricky conditions with the swirling winds of the coast. However, I think we were all determined to turn things around this time. We won 21 to 11 and Teeny's team won 24 to 14 giving us another seven points to our overall tally.

**16 October** – Our turn to host Greenwell Point and both Berry teams had strong wins. Our team 24–15 and Teeny's 34–6 giving us the maximum 7 points again.

**21 October** – Mathematically this match could have brought us back into first place. However, it wasn't to be! Our team, although being down for most of the game, fought back in the last three ends to win 17–15. Teeny's team also came back from behind to draw on the 18th end but sadly could not continue this momentum, going down 21–15. Therefore, giving us only 1 point out of the possible 7.

**23 October** – Our last match was a successful finish to the season against Heads White. With our team winning 23–17 and Teeny's 20–15. Unfortunately, the previous match had sealed our fate – but we did finish in a strong second position.

With Christmas fast approaching, we are all looking forward to our joint Christmas party with the Berry Men's Club as well as our Christmas themed fancy-dress event at the end of month bowls on Friday 28 November.

*Deb Folkard*

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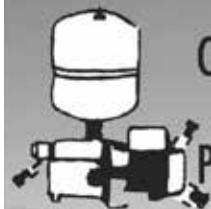
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Integral Energy .....	13 1003
Lifeline .....	13 1114
Storm & Flood Ses .....	132500

## SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

Preschool   Jacinta Perry .....	4465 1327
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Public School   Jen Arnott .....	4465 1182
Scots College   Tony Banks.....	4465 1089
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Sunday School   Kate Hole .....	4465 1585
Catholic Church   Parish Office .....	4423 1712

## CHARITIES AND SERVICE GROUPS

Cmr Institute   Joan Bray .....	4465 1851
Lions Club   David Loncasty .....	0418 596 022
Environment   Greg Thompson .....	0473 114 026
Wildlife Rescue   South Coast .....	0418 427 214
Wildlife Information, Reescue & Education Service (WIRES) .....	1300 094 737
KV East Timor Friendship Group   Sandy Fritz .....	0478 113 093

## SPORTS AND EXERCISE

Bowls   Rob Folkard .....	4465 2889
Cricket Club   Hugh Sinclair .....	0435 001 294
Fishing Club   Harold Sharman .....	4465 1140
Frisbee   Mark McLennan .....	0439 456 356
Golf Club   Allan Harvey .....	4465 0200
Hockey Club   Sharon Gomez .....	4465 1580
Pilates   Melinda Mangold .....	0404 483 680
Pony Club   Karen Barker .....	0407 928 994
Strawbale Yoga Studio   Kate Pell.....	0432 598 582
Tennis Club   Peter Stanton .....	4465 1688
Yoga   Vasudha Rao .....	4465 1093
Iyengar Yoga   Rose Andrews .....	4465 1364
Yoga   Kate Pell .....	0432 598 582
Kangaroo Valley Gym   Michael Hole .....	0432 177 206
Table Tennis   Lorraine Mairinger .....	0427 297 238
KV Football Club   Dean Mackechnie.....	0416 077 658

## OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Brogers Creek Landcare   Andrew FitzSimons .....	4465 1482
Budgong Community Group   Alex Cooke .....	0418 440 526
Chamber of Tourism & Commerce   Lindy Pitt .....	4465 1693

Historical Society   Garth Chittick .....	0419 651 611
FIG Community Garden   Lyn Rutherford .....	0414 737 547
Arts In The Valley   Nikki Sharp .....	0467 209 819
KV Art Therapy   Sally Thomson.....	0493 050 516
Cuppas & Kids   Kate Hole .....	0432 177 206

## Community Consultative Body

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KV Fire Station   .....	4465 1718
KVRFS Captain   Dusty Smart .....	0412 865 638
Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre.....	02 4424 4424
KV Show   Mairi Langton .....	0412 180 778
Osbourne Park Showground   Dave Kent .....	0407 209 491
Pioneer Museum   Tony Barnett .....	4465 1800
Rock-Wallaby   Melinda Norton .....	4887 8256
Upper River Progress Assn   Gary Moore .....	0421 050 348
Upper River Hall .....	Upperriverhall@Gmail.com

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Bus Service To Nowra and Highlands.....	Mon - Fri 4421 7596 or 1300 133 477
Mass   St. Joseph's.....	Tue-Thur 9-9:30am and Sun 11:00am
Women's Bible Study   Anglican Hall .....	Mon 1-3 pm
Iyenga Yoga .....	Tues 10-12 & 6-8
Kate Pell Yoga .....	Tues, Thurs & Sundays
Cuppa & Kids   Anglican Hall .....	Tues 9-30am
After School Kids' Club   Anglican Hall....	Thu 3.20-4.30pm
Table Tennis   KV Hall .....	Wed 3 - 5pm
KVRFS Training at Station .....	Wed 6pm
FIG Community Garden .....	Thurs 10am-12pm
Women's Care & Share   Anglican Hall .....	Tue 1-3 pm
Iyenga Yoga .....	Thurs 9am & 6pm
Anglican Church   Traditional Service .....	Sun 8.30am
Contemporary Service and Sunday School .....	Sun 10am

## MONTHLY EVENTS

Trivia At The Friendly Inn .....	Tues (2nd) 7pm
KV Rural Fire Service Meeting .....	Mon (1st) 7pm
A & H Meeting   KV Hall .....	Mon (2nd) 6pm
Lions Club Meeting .....	Tues (4th)
KV Historical Society Contact .....	Tues (2nd) 10.00am
Brogers Creek Landcare .....	Sat (Last)
KV Farmers Markets .....	Sun (2nd)
Fishing Club Competition Day .....	Sun (Last)

## BI-MONTHLY EVENTS

Men's Group .....	Thursday: (1st And 3rd) 7.30 pm Contact Bob Dunn 0429 399 609
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