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Gleniffer Community Association Newsletter No 1, 2013



THE COMMUNITY HALL

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to raise the money to repaint the Community Hall and who spent their weekends filling gaps & preparing the walls. It looks beautiful.

President's Update

Welcome Gleniffer residents...

A lot has happened over summer. After the floods there has been a lot of cleaning up to do. And the rains haven't stopped yet.

The Hall was not flooded, but the muddy waters came under the floor. The Church narrowly escaped damage, which is more than we can say about the roads! And a lot of trees came down everywhere - read Leanne and Trevor Keough's experience on page 3.

We continue to negotiate with the Council to raise residents' concerns. Come to the Hall on Wednesday 27th March to hear more and have your say.

Like everything these days, costs are rising and that goes for our Hall insurance. We've got a very small band of tireless workers, but are always looking for more volunteers to help with the GCA's various fund-raising activities.

Why not lend a hand at the Hall, or with the Quilt Fair (see page 2)? If you'd like to get involved in any GCA activities contact:

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Neil Westbury
President, GCA

GLENIFFER COMMUNITY ASSOC NEWS

Welcome to the first edition of the resurrected GCA newsletter - a good way for all of us to hear about events, meetings and share some local stories.

As a result of concerns raised at the GCA meeting in December 2012 about Keough Reserve, the lack of public toilets, inadequate rubbish removal, the state of local roads, and increasing number of visitors to the area, the GCA wrote to the Bellingen Council putting forward several proposals.

The Council has written back to the GCA. Their response will be discussed at the GCA meeting on Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm at the Hall. Please come along.

Newsletter & Contributions

Would you like to help with future editions of the newspaper? We'd love regular assistance with formatting, editing and layout, sponsorship, as well as written contributions and columns.

What about doing a regular column on local flora and fauna, vegie advice, or local history?

See the back page for information about getting onto the circulation list, and making contributions.

Name the Newsletter

Why not suggest a name for the newsletter? Ideas so far include the "Gleniffer Gazette" or "Local Loop". Email your name to: Dianeesmith@bigpond.com.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES.....

Gleniffer Arts & Craft Group

Meets every 2nd & 4th Monday

9.30 am - 12.30 at the Hall



Everyone welcome! Bring along some craft or artwork to do. Gold coin donation, and a plate for morning tea is always welcome.

If you are just starting off, you'll find plenty of helpful advice from some expert knitters, quilters, embroiderers and craftswomen - and lots of good humour!

The group are also making craft-work for the Quilt Fair as a fundraising activity for the Hall, so if you have got some crafty ideas and

Gleniffer Church

Uniting Church Services:

1st Sunday of each month at 2.00pm

Contact: Moira Franklin 66551723

Gleniffer Rural Fire Brigade Membership Drive



To maintain effective fire protection for our community the Gleniffer RFB is seeking new members who are prepared to become active firefighters. This requires training to Bush Firefighter standard and the attendance at regular training sessions (1-2 hours/month)

Contacts:

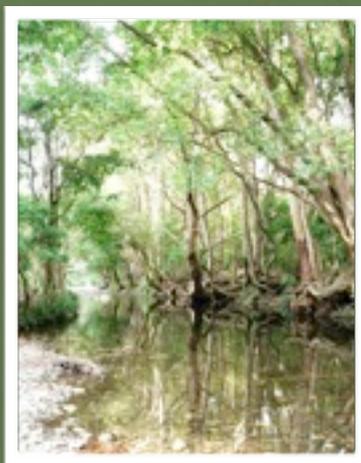
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- * RFS Head Office - 1800 679737
- * Website - www.rfs.nsw.gov.au - for resources (incl. Bushfire Survival Plan) and information



Photo Competition for a Gleniffer Calendar

We are hoping to produce a Gleniffer Calendar to raise funds for the Community Association.

We need 12 great photos that capture the essence of Gleniffer for a 2014 calendar: Landscapes, the dog on the ute, farming work in the paddock, the kids at the river, your vegies in full glory



Would you be interested in helping to get this idea off the ground?

Special Events

The Quilt & Craft Show

Saturday 31st August 2013

A fundraising activity
for the Hall

Jeanette Gosschalk, Di Ginis and the wonderful women from the Gleniffer Craft Group are working towards having a Quilt and Craft Fair at the Hall in August this year.

So if you have some beautiful quilts why not offer them for display?

There will be craft demonstrations. And there will be a **Gleniffer Hall trading stall** - selling wonderful small craft items, homemade jams, butters, chutneys, sauces, pickles.

A BBQ Lunch, and Morning and Afternoon Teas will be on sale.

All contributions and volunteers welcome!

Help is needed with setting up on Friday 30th, operating the BBQ, cooking slices and scones at the Hall on Thursday 29th.

Why not make some small craft items, or a few bottles of your favourite jam or chutney to donate for sale?

For further info contact Jeanette by email at: jeanette.gosschalk@westnet.com.au



Paradise under Threat: The Rubbish Vandals

The flood waters were different in the last two floods, but then again no flood is the same.

The water stayed up longer and a lot more spread out over the paddocks. The Friday night of the last flood what a doozie - the water at the crossroads at the hall had waves and white water running down the road. For about an hour the water was the highest Trevor had ever seen it.



So not surprisingly, the trees, branches and leaf matter left behind was unbelievable. But it was a very dirty flood in the mess left behind. The natural vegetation was one thing to have to clean up, but the glass bottles (most broken) cans, thongs, canoe seats, tree guards, and plastic (especially plastic cordial bottles) was the worst we have seen. The broken glass bottles will probably end up cutting a poor unsuspecting swimmer out for the day to enjoy the clean pristine waters of the Never Never!!



Most of the bottles and cans were beer cans - the beer brand of most of the cans and bottles was 4XXXX. And there was lots of plastic, all broken up into small segments where the plastic has been churned around in the water. The bins that have been placed at the swimming holes are not emptied on a regular basis by Council, so when it floods like this all the rubbish in the bins ends up in the creek.



I am writing this article as the sun is shining, not a cloud in the sky, absolutely beautiful. Who would



Photo by Jake Schmidt from Bellingen, of the rubbish that he and a small group of volunteers collected on a rainy day this year along the Never Never River.

have thought that not long ago, when it was pouring down and so windy the rain was blowing in sheets, the trees were thrashing about, and the roar from the water and the wind was scary, no power, no phones, and no radio because the batteries had gone flat, that we would ever see this picture-perfect weather again.

Today the place looks and feels like the promised land! But the rubbish vandalism is turning the river and bush out here into a dump.



We need to educate visitors to the area that what they bring in must be taken out. It's the same policy that applies if you go to a National Park.

Maybe some signs could be erected to encourage them to do the right thing.

We also need effective rubbish bins that are regularly cleared by Council.

And we urgently need a public toilet for the many people who love coming out here for social outings.

**Leanne Keough
Gleniffer**



Meet the Neighbours.....



Gleniffer residents celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Hall

This will be a regular column where some of our Gleniffer residents introduce themselves to you all, or tell a story.

A good way for us to get to know each other a bit better, and for new residents to get the lowdown on the diverse, wonderful mob of people who call Gleniffer home.



Tips

Tarragon vinegar combined with apple cider makes a nice substitution for ordinary vinegar.

Choko plants are easily grown from seed, which means planting the whole fruit, because the seed cannot be separated from the fruit. Just collect a fruit from friends, sit it on a warm window sill until it begins to grow a shoot from one end, then half-bury the fruit with the leafy shoot end above soil level.

FOODIES CORNER...

Choko Pickles

Dice 1.4 kg chokos, 250g onions, & 2 red chillies into small cubes. Sprinkle with salt and cover with hot water. Leave overnight.

Next day, drain and rinse well. Cook in 2 cups of vinegar until tender but still firm.

Place 2 cups of vinegar in large boiler with 2 cups of sugar. Bring to boil and simmer till sugar dissolved.

Add to vinegar and cook for a few minutes: 2 tsp curry powder, 2 tsp mustard powder, 2 tsp turmeric, 1/4 tsp ginger, 1/2 tsp allspice, 1/2 tsp sweet paprika, 1/2 tsp cinnamon, 1 good tsp yellow mustard seeds.

Add chokos to the vinegar mix. Make a smooth paste with cornflour and strain over pickles. Cook until thickened.

Pour into hot sterilised bottles.

A little bit of History



The Gleniffer Cricket team 1916. Photo from the Bellingen Historical Society web. Can you spot any relations?

“The Gleniffer community was always a focus for strong sporting teams and whether it be rugby union or rugby league, cricket or tennis, Gleniffer could always field a strong team” (From John Lean’s book: The Settlers of the Northern Arm).



Do you have stories to tell about the early days?

Would you like to be a contributor this regular column?

Email us with your stories, ideas or photos.

GLENIFFER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter Naming Competition:

This is your chance to go down in local history by suggesting the winning name for the GCA’s newsletter. Put your thinking caps on and email us with your suggestions.

Circulation and Contributions:

The newsletter will be circulated electronically as we do not have the people or funds to print, collate and do a letterbox drop at the moment. Until we do, the way to get your copy is to become a member of GCA and provide your email address to the Secretary at: glenifferhall.nsw@gmail.com

We need help with newsletter design, formatting, editing, and sponsorship. If you have written contributions, ideas, a story of interest, or photographs please email: DianeSmith@bigpond.com

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Secretary: Dennis Howard
Treasurer: Jeanette Gosschalk
Exec Members: Rod Keers and Diane Smith

For further information about the Association and how to become a member

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