

# THE Sutton Chatter

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### **Sutton Landcare Meeting**

7.30pm Tuesday 13 June  
Sutton Primary School

### **Sutton Pony Club Rally**

Sunday 18 June  
Sutton Pony Club Grounds

### **Sutton and District Community Association Meeting**

7.30pm Monday 19 June  
Sutton Village Hall

### **'Sutton at 150' Celebrations**

Saturday 9 September  
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## Sutton's Sesquicentennial!

(150 year anniversary)

What a timely occasion to reflect on the importance of community in our lives. Listening to the chatting and laughter of neighbours and families catching up at the Sutton Community Bonfire Night highlighted the value of organising such events. The event was organised jointly by St Peter's Church Group (SRMD), Sutton Rural Fire Brigade and Sutton District Community Association Inc.

Our community shares stories, supports each other and has fun together. All ages, all cultures, all religions, everyone together. Thank you to all who contributed to the event.

Research by Dan Buettner in the *National Geographic Magazine* (Nov 2005) on the places in the world where people lived the longest showed that engagement in family life and feeling part of a community were two crucial factors for longevity.

### **Community in the Past**

In 1867, life for the farming community around Sutton would have relied on their neighbours for help with jobs such as shearing and moving stock as well as supporting local families during times of hardships.

In 1895 on 1st November the former Duntroon blacksmith and Canberra Postmaster, Francis James Williams established Sutton Post Office. He also established a blacksmith's in Sutton.

Disaster struck on 22nd February 1907 when the blacksmith's was destroyed by fire. At this time both Francis and Frank his son were blacksmiths. The community rallied together and the blacksmith's was rebuilt using voluntary labour. In a photograph in 'Gundaroo' by Errol Lea - Scarlett (1972) it shows generations of families helping rebuild the lives of their neighbour, Frank Williams.

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*A beautiful anniversary cake made by The Baker at Sutton was cut by Ron Hardy, representing families who have lived in the community for generations and the Reverend Dr Royce Thompson, Pastor of St Peter's Church, Sutton.*

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## First Sight

*Philip Larkin*

Lambs that learn to walk in snow  
When their bleating clouds the air  
Meet a vast unwelcome, know  
Nothing but a sunless glare.  
Newly stumbling to and fro  
All they find, outside the fold,  
Is a wretched width of cold.

As they wait beside the ewe,  
Her fleeces wetly caked, there lies  
Hidden round them, waiting too,  
Earth's immeasurable surprise.  
They could not grasp it if they knew,  
What so soon will wake and grow  
Utterly unlike the snow.

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**Membership is now free!** See page 10 for the application form.

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The kind neighbours were Joe Milan, a 'Syrian hawk' and his son Frankie; Dick, Eliase, Fred and Bill Butt; Jack, Reg, Archie and Ev Rowley, along with Joe Sharpe and his son, Joe Sharpe junior, Mick Leach, Tom Cartwright with his children, Kathleen and Linda; Diogene Smith. Many of these family names remain in the community today.

Reading through articles from the last 150 years in the Queanbeyan Age and Goulburn Penny Post, there are many examples of community spirit. Dances are held to raise funds for families and best wishes are sent to neighbours to return to better health.

### Community today – 150 years on!

In Sutton, a community spirit is still alive and well! The Sutton Community Bonfire showed locals working together and having fun together. This year was special as we celebrated 150 years of Sutton.

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Here are some future opportunities to catch up with friends and family.

### 150 years of Sutton – Saturday 9 September

September 9th – Come together to celebrate Sutton's sesquicentennial at the Village Hall.

**A Memories Gallery and Afternoon Tea** – look at old photographs and documents in the heritage Village Hall. We hope to bring together older members of the community for a reunion to share their stories.

**Bush Dance!** – Whether you want to dance, sit and listen to music or catch up with your extended family and neighbours, just come and join in! The famous 'Paverty Bush Band' will

play Bush ballads, traditional shearing songs and lead us in some great dancing. A delicious supper including pies and sausage rolls generously donated by Louise and Nick from The Baker at Sutton will be served. Tickets on sale soon!

**150 year Celebratory Book** – Our Village Book celebrating 150 years of Sutton will include more facts of community events in the past. Why don't you get involved? Have a look on 'Trove' website from the National Library to see what you can find on Sutton. Or just jot a few memories down on an email and send it to us.

**Christmas Party in December** – activities will feature our rural past. Let us know your ideas!

### How to get involved in your community:

- Share your ideas and let us know how you can help celebrate the last 150 years! Come to events and meet your neighbours.
- Jot down your memories or research your house or land
- Come along to the next Sutton and District Community Association Inc meeting on Monday 7.30pm 19 June and find out what's going on. All residents are welcome.

### Contact:

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– Sutton and District Community Association Inc (SDCAI)

We would like to give a special 'Thank you' to Jon Sleeman who is leaving the committee. Along with many other roles over the years, Jon has been the SDCAI representative on both the Bonfire Committee and Sutton Public School P&C committee. The barbecue is a key feature of the Bonfire night and we thank Jon for all his hard work coordinating this.



### Important information on the use of ground water supplies from NSW Health

NSW Health has released updated information for all groundwater users. As always, it is recommended that groundwater is not used for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene (including cleaning teeth and bathing) without testing and appropriate treatment, including disinfection.

There are links to further information from NSW EPA, DPI and a "How to" on taking your own water sample if necessary. Rain water tank and also private water supply information (for businesses such as food premises and caravan parks) is also included.

See the following link <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/Groundwater.aspx>

Because groundwater is not monitored or disinfected like town water supplies, it cannot be assumed that the water is safe to use for domestic purposes. It could be contaminated with sewage, heavy metals or chemicals and there is an increased risk of this occurring within villages. If you have any questions about this matter, contact Council's Environmental Health Team, or NSW Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.



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# Wrap up of the Sutton Community Bonfire Night



Gay and Alan McNeill lighting this year's bonfire under the supervision of Sutton Fire Brigade Captain John Cooper.  
Photo: Graham Scofield

We would like to thank everyone who came along and attended the 9th Sutton Community Bonfire Night at the end of May. Despite having to postpone the event by a week, due to rain, it was great to see so many people supporting this annual event!

The aim of the event has always been to bring together residents, families, friends and neighbours in our community and district for a relaxing and enjoyable evening and the opportunity to catch up, and in this regard it was a huge success. The children certainly appeared to enjoy the night, with sparklers and marshmallows and many different games as well as the competition, which was new this year. Congratulations go to the invited fire lighters Gay and Alan McNeill, who did a superb job getting the bonfire underway.

The event could not take place were it not for the efforts and support of many groups and individuals within the community. First and foremost thanks go to the **St. Peter's Church (SRDM)** and their volunteers for once again hosting the event, and for providing insurance cover as well as power, hot drinks, power, toilet etc. Thanks also go to the **Sutton & District Community Association** for their support and for providing the funding for the food. Many thanks also to **Sutton Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade** and its volunteers for fire safety, and for providing gazebos tables and chairs, a BBQ, sponsoring the fruit boxes, manning the gates, lighting etc. The continued support of these three community groups in supporting and promoting this event is greatly appreciated.

The staff of **Sutton Public School** were involved in helping with the BBQ and the competition entries, it was wonderful to see their dedication to our community especially when most of them live elsewhere. Once again the **Sutton Country Bumpkins Early Learning Centre** did a fantastic

job in providing the hot soup, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all; and is another indication of the Centre's commitment to our community. Thank you, Louise and Nick Smith of **The Baker at Sutton** for generously donating all the bread for the BBQ. The Bakery also created the cake to commemorate Sutton's 150 Anniversary, which

was gluten free and very tasty. We also thank **Dave of O'Sullivan's Waste** for providing the bins and removing the rubbish free of charge. **Neil Grubb** (again) generously donated a dozen bales of straw, thank you. This year the **Sutton SES Unit** also supported the event by providing some of the lighting, it was good to have their support and we look forward to their involvement in future community events.

We also greatly appreciate help from the following;

*The Sutton Chatter*, Sutton Public School and the local businesses who helped to publicise the event through articles, posters and notices for us. Sue Davidson who again gave her time to obtain and prepare the sparklers. Maree and Bruce Champ and Liz Bray kindly allowed us the use of their trailers for the transport of many loads of timber. Colin Barrett is thanked for the use of his small truck for transporting gear during setting up and clearing up. Craig Cartwright and many, many other volunteers gave generously of their time to help with setting everything up on the day, then clearing away.

**It is this spirit of willingness to help and be involved in community events that grow and build the community spirit that is so fundamental to rural life. Thank you all.**

There are a few items of lost property, that have been found after the event, mostly personal items such as torches, however, there is one item of some value. Please contact Yvonne Barrett on 0409 951 388.

## Children's Competition

We had an amazing response to the children's competition, a new activity for the event, with 175 entries! Congratulations go to the six prize winners whose answers were the closest; they will each receive a book token. The answer to the competition question - "How many trailer loads of timber were collected for the bonfire pile?" was 20 smaller trailer loads and 8 large trailer loads.

Regards

*The Sutton Community Bonfire Night Committee*

Yvonne Barrett (St Peter's Church SRDM), Stewart Barrett (Sutton Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade), Jon Sleeman (Sutton & District Community Association) and Graham Scofield





## SUTTON LANDCARE



### Conservation of Box-gum Grassy Woodlands

Sutton Landcare Group will next meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at Sutton Public School. Our guest speaker will be Senior Experimental Scientist Jacqui Stol from CSIRO's Land and Water Division.

Jacqui will present the latest science and the best ways to recognise and manage Box-Gum Grassy Woodland ground-layers to maintain a healthy grassy sward dominated by Kangaroo Grass and Poa Tussock, and to optimise native plant diversity. She will draw on many of the examples and information from her recently published booklet "Jewels in the landscape – Managing very high conservation value ground layers in Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands".

This presentation should be of particular interest to Sutton village residents because Jacqui will explore and recommend management strategies that could be applied to the area next to the school, locally known as "Sutton Common".

After the presentation there will be a short discussion, followed by supper. Everyone is welcome.

Further details on Sutton Landcare Group may be found on our website or by contacting our secretary Marchien Van Oostende on 0402 986 934 or emailing [sutton.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:sutton.landcare@gmail.com).



Photo: ABC News. Scar tree on Mt Majura.

be to an ochre quarry site and also to other points of interest such as several scar trees. The walks are to be led by well-known Ngannawal/Ngambri Elder, Matilda House, accompanied by renowned indigenous archaeologist Dave Johnson.

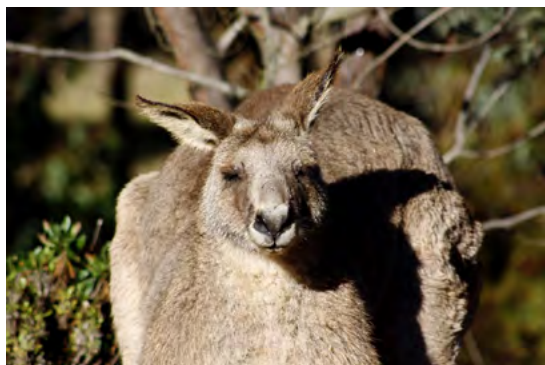
The walks will be repeated on 5 and 6 August, so mark these dates. Further details to follow.

### Aboriginal-led walks

On Saturday 15 July and Sunday 16 July 2017, the Ginninderra Catchment Group in collaboration with Sutton Landcare Group, will run two walks on Jane and David Vincent's farm "Gollion" Westmead Lane Sutton. The morning walks will

## WILDCARE

# Watchout: wildlife about



Watchout for wildlife

Anyone using Australian roads can see that wildlife is often killed by cars and other vehicles. Kangaroos, wombats, possums and other marsupials, echidnas, birds, reptiles – all are vulnerable.

This may be stating the obvious, but one way to reduce the number of animals being injured or killed is to simply drive more slowly. In so doing you will markedly increase your reaction time. Kangaroos often move in groups, so if one is spotted crossing a road it is likely others will be following. Particularly at dawn/dusk and at night when animals are more active, driving slower at night and being especially vigilant will prevent wildlife casualties. Nocturnal animals,

such as possums and wombats, are also obviously more at risk after dark.

In a report on wildlife mortality on roads, Dr Daniel Ramp of UNSW wrote: "Modifying our own behaviour is perhaps the most simple and significant way we can minimise the effect of roads on wildlife." He also noted, "driver speed is highly correlated with collisions".

As we approach the winter months, we should be aware that when daylight is shorter, more kangaroos are hit by cars. The insurer AAMI recently examined 20,000 claims and found that collisions with animals peaked from June through to August. The majority of these involved kangaroos. In an AAMI press release, spokesman Michael Mills reported that collisions between vehicles and animals on Australian roads jumped dramatically in winter: "Shorter days during winter mean we're on the roads more at times when animals are on the move, and combined with poor weather conditions and reduced visibility, make the chances of hitting an animal more

likely." AAMI data also showed that the majority of animal-related crashes happen towards the latter part of the week, with Friday being the worst day.

The analysis pinpointed the worst spots in the nation for animal-related collisions, with Queanbeyan being named the "road-kill capital of Australia". Goulburn was also identified as another hotspot for hitting animals on roads.

If you do hit an animal, please stop and check. It may be injured and in for prolonged suffering if not assessed, and there might be a live joey in the pouch in need of rescue. Call Wildcare's 24/7 helpline on 6299 1966, or the relevant wildlife rescue group for the road you are travelling on.

By the way, if you are looking to support a local charity, with a tax-deductible end-of-the-financial-year donation, how about Wildcare? Donations can be made at BSB: 062 593, Account 10 216 803 Please reference your name; and then email the treasurer@wildcare.com.au to arrange for a tax-deductible receipt.

Merran Laver & Philip Machin  
For Wildcare 6238 3717

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# Contentious Character: Plenty to talk about

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Remember, at Contentious Character we grow our own, make our own and pair local food to local wine, not the wine to the food. Now that's hardly contentious.

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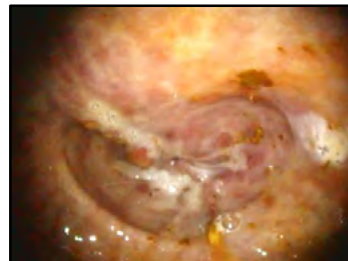
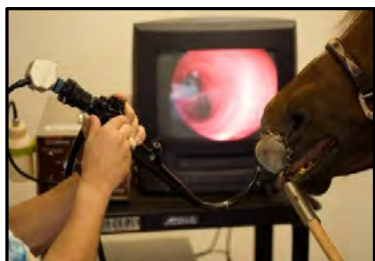
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# Gastrosocopy in horses



*Images: These images depict gastric ulcers which have been identified in patients at Canberra Equine Hospital.*

## What is gastrosocopy?

It is a procedure that is carried out which enables a veterinarian to view the inside of a horse's stomach through a 3 metre long camera, called an endoscope. This tube is passed into the stomach via one of the nostrils and is the only accurate way to diagnose ulcers in the stomach of a horse.

## What does gastrosocopy diagnose?

Gastrosocopy can also help to identify tumours, stomach impactions and other abnormalities of the upper gastrointestinal tract.

## How do you get the camera/scope into the stomach?

This endoscope has been designed to reach the horse's stomach and the first part of the small intestine. In the same way that you would pass a tube for a colic patient, the endoscope with a smaller diameter is passed through the horse's nose to the back of the throat, where it is swallowed. It will then travel down along the oesophagus and into the stomach.

## Does scoping hurt the horse?

NO, scoping a horse is not a painful procedure. Once the scope has been passed into the nose, it is usual for the horse to find this action mildly uncomfortable, likely more of a 'ticklish' feeling. However, whilst the procedure is painless, being surrounded by many people and strange equipment can be a little stressful for a horse and therefore sedation is used to combat this.

## How do I prepare my horse for a gastrosocopy procedure?

It is very important that we are able to see the entire stomach during the procedure and therefore fasting your horse for at least **12 hours** before hand is absolutely necessary.

**If you have any questions regarding your horse, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail the office on 6241 8888 or [equine@canberravet.com.au](mailto:equine@canberravet.com.au)**

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– Cassandra Duddy, Equine Veterinary Nurse

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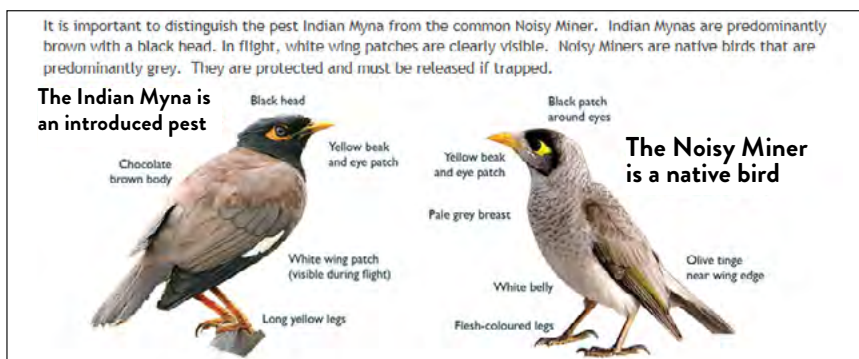
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## Indian Myna numbers on the rise

Now is the time to get rid of them before they start destroying the nests and killing the chicks of native birds



A reminder that we have a trap for catching Indian Myna birds, which are a pest and are being seen in increasing numbers around the area again. It was used very successfully in the past, so if anyone would like to use it please get in touch with Philippa Lawrence: [philippa@sproutdesign.com.au](mailto:philippa@sproutdesign.com.au)



## New Learning for Teachers and their Students

We are pleased to announce the introduction of iPLAY to Sutton Primary School. iPLAY is an internet based professional learning program to help teachers promote physical activity in primary schools, improving learning and overall health for all students. iPLAY is part of a research study developed by ACU and funded by the NSW Department of Education School Sport Unit. Through our participation in this program our teachers will learn new skills and strategies supporting the conduct of sport and physical activity lessons that engage and motivate students, and improve behaviour and learning.

iPLAY is built around the NSW Quality Teaching Framework. Researchers from ACU will visit our school to collect data that will evaluate the effects of iPLAY on teachers and students. The benefits of this program are many:

- No cost to our school
- Leadership opportunities for staff
- iPod Touch® and set of activity monitors provided to the school



- Access for teachers to the iPLAY website and mobile app
- Individualised feedback and mentoring for all teachers
- Building capacity to teach sport and physical activity in our school.

## Red Cross Pillow Case Project

Disaster resilience is the ability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, adapt to and recover from the impact of emergencies. Practical skills that contribute to disaster resilience can be learned and practised. Children who participate in disaster resilience building activities have been shown to be better equipped to deal with an emergency. The Red Cross Pillow Case Project seeks to assist children to:

- Understand and discuss the importance of being prepared
- Prepare their mind for the thoughts and feelings that may arise before, during and after an emergency
- Know the difference between need and want items and what to pack in an emergency kit.

On Monday 15 May, Mrs Claire Marlow of the Queanbeyan Red Cross, assisted by a volunteer with Red Cross Emergency Services presented this program to our Year 3/4 classes. Each student was given a pillowcase to decorate and take home, to start their own personal emergency kit. We are grateful to their kind support of our students and school.

## Sutton YMCA Out Of School Hours Care

The School and YMCA are continuing to work collaboratively to ensure the best care for our students outside of normal school hours. A Vacation Care Program will be held on site at our school during the July vacation period. Any family in the district wishing to enrol their children in this service are asked to contact the YMCA Children's Services on 6242 4040.

## District Cross Country

45 students participated in the District race at Captain's Flat Primary School on Tuesday 16 May.



Mrs Campbell and Ms Burgess supported the team on the day. Congratulations to everyone who competed with the best runners in our district.

## ADFA Cadets to visit Sutton

The UNSW Canberra at ADFA, with the support of their Defence partners, has offered Sutton Primary School the outstanding opportunity for our Stage 3 students to take part in their Aviation Outreach Program.

The Aviation Outreach Program (AOP) is based on a very successful program established in the UK, by the Royal Aeronautical Society's (RAES) STEM outreach program and aims to introduce school children to the fascinating world and people of flying, aerospace engineering, and space.

ADFA Officer Cadets will deliver a presentation combining PowerPoint slides and other 'dynamic' presentation skills to entertain and inform the audience. Following this presentation of the 'theory', the officer cadets will lead groups of students in an interactive activity. The program is to be held on Thursday 8 June 2017 from 9.30am–11.30am in our school hall.

*Clare Pritchard*  
Principal

**Sutton Brigade Duty Officer: phone 0418 303 232**

President: Graham Hemsworth    Captain: John Cooper, ph: 0418 244 471    Address: PO Box 7423, Sutton NSW 2620

## Incidents during May

The Brigade was responded to three incidents during May. The first of these was a single vehicle motor vehicle accident on the Federal Highway, to which Sutton 1 with a crew of three was responded. The second callout, again a single vehicle accident on the Federal Highway, occurred a few days later to which Sutton 1 with a crew of three and a Brigade member in their own vehicle responded. The Brigade were responded to yet another motor vehicle accident, but the crew of three were stood down before departing station after it was confirmed that the incident was in the Wamboin Fire Brigade area.

## Training news

In the May training session the Brigade's Training Officer Eddy Tillotson continued the topic of Structural Firefighting which had commenced in the previous session in May. The Brigade is responded to this type of incident from time to time, though thankfully they do not occur very often. After briefly revising how a fire develops in a building, from the last session, this session went on to cover how the Brigade responds to a structural fire, what strategies are used for combating this type of fire, what we do and what we don't do and very importantly covered the very different risks and safety issues that structural fires present compared to bush fires and vehicle fires.

This was followed by two practical exercises. The first was a mock structural fire scenario in which tankers were "responded" and the crew members carried out a dry run as if fighting a house fire. This was followed by a pumping exercise down at the river, to revise pumping between tankers via relays, an important skill required for structural fires. Once again it was good to see several of our newer members attending and participating in this session. Also in training news, seven Brigade members attended First Aid courses held on consecutive weekends at Yass Fire Control during May.

## Community Bonfire Night

The Brigade was very pleased to be able to support the Sutton Community Bonfire Night again this year. In addition to fire safety, the Brigade provided gazebos, tables, chairs, BBQs, generators and lighting etc. and also the fruit box drinks. Many thanks go to all the Brigade members who gave their time to assist with this community event.

## Winter and home fire safety

That time of year is already upon us when we need to consider and prepare for the very different kinds of fire risks and threats that may impact on our homes during the winter months. "It is easy to overlook these fire risks" said Brigade Captain John Cooper, who went on to add that "it's a sad fact that every winter a number of homes, and sometimes lives, are lost to fires which could be prevented." In order to increase fire safety and awareness, this feature highlights some of the main winter fire risks and the ways in which those risks can be reduced.

### Home fire safety

The main fire risks to homes during winter are related to the use of heating whether it be wood fires or of other types. With wood fires the main risk is chimney fires, which are caused by accumulation of creosote on the inside of the chimney flu. To reduce this risk the chimney should be cleaned at least once a year, only well seasoned (air-dried) wood should be used and have smaller and hotter fires which burn more completely and produce less smoke.

### What to do if a chimney fire occurs

Firstly evacuate the building, making sure that everyone is accounted for, and then immediately call 000. If it is safe to do so, with no risk to your life, ensure the glass door on the wood stove and the air inlets are closed – this restricts the air supply so the fire burns less intensely. Use a hose to spray the roof to reduce fire spread to the rest of the house and continue to monitor the chimney for at



*Fire extinguishers and fire blankets can effectively control a small fire and may prevent the loss of homes. Photo : Graham Scofield.*

least three hours after the fire is out. Never attempt to remove burning fuel from the fire as this may result in the fire being spread around the house, burns or injury and allows air into the fire box.

Hot ashes from the wood fire are another cause of fires, when they are thrown out into dry grass, or on the compost heap or into the dustbin. So when cleaning out your fires dispose of your hot ashes carefully; let the ashes cool before disposal.

### Other heaters

With electric heaters, ensure that the wiring is not frayed or in poor condition. With gas and oil heaters, ensure that there are no leaks in the pipes and that they are not damaged. With all types of heater ensure that there are no objects such as furniture or flammable materials such as curtains or bedding etc. within at least a meter of the heater and never place clothes on a heater to dry. Electric blankets should be checked to ensure that the power lead is in good condition, and always turn them off when not in use. With clothes driers the accumulation of lint in the drier may result in a fire, so they need to be regularly cleaned to prevent these fires occurring.



### Electrical wiring

Damaged or faulty electrical wiring is another cause of home fires and with the increased use of electricity during the winter months the risk increases. If you have any concerns about your home's wiring contact a qualified electrician.

### Smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and fire blankets

Smoke alarms are an inexpensive but very effective way to protect the lives of your family members. Test your smoke alarms and make sure they are in good working condition, clean them with a light vacuum and change the battery twice a year, remember that hard wired alarms also have backup batteries in case of power failure. Fire extinguishers and blankets are also readily available and inexpensive, and if used correctly and promptly they may knock down and control a fire sufficiently to prevent property loss. The correct type of extinguisher must be used for the type of fire based on what material is burning. The Brigade can provide residents with more information and practical training on the use of fire extinguishers and fire blankets, please call the Brigade's Community Liaison Officer Brad Schafferius on the number below if you are interested.



*Smoke alarms literally do save lives! Every home is required to have at least one on each level. Photo: Graham Scofield.*

### Pile Burns

Many residents take the opportunity to burn off vegetation waste over the winter months, but vigilance and good preparation are still necessary for burn offs conducted during winter. Pile burns should never be left unsupervised; the RFS is frequently called out to pile burns that have been left unattended and "escaped". Ensure that the area around the pile has been cleared to reduce the risk of "escape". Under no circumstance should builder's materials or general waste or plastics or treated pine logs be burnt on pile burns, as all of these materials may produce toxic fumes. The Brigade has free brochures with guidelines for pile burns; please call our Community Liaison Officer on the number given below if you would like a copy.

It is a legal requirement, under the *Rural Fires Act of NSW*, that residents make the necessary notifications when they intend to have a pile burn. Your local Fire Control Centre (during office hours) and your neighbours, and preferably also your local brigade, must be informed at least 24 hrs. before you intend to light your fire. We are often asked "why is it necessary to make the notifications for pile burns during winter?" If smoke sightings are reported, via 000, then the RFS is required by law to respond the nearest Brigade. If, however, you have made the notifications and your burn is listed on the weekly log sheet then a "response" is not required. This means that volunteer crews do not have to be dragged away from work or home to needlessly attend a pile burn. So please help us, and remember to make those notifications. We especially thank all of the Sutton residents who have been making the notifications. Yass Fire Control Centre – (02) 6226 3100, Queanbeyan-Palerang (Lake George) Fire Control Centre – (02) 6128 0600

### Road safety

Sadly the Brigade is responded to several motor vehicle accidents each year, with a marked increase during the winter months when driving conditions on the road are more difficult. There are a number of useful tips to follow to help reduce the likelihood of having an accident and adding to the statistics.

Firstly slow down and drive to the conditions, and therefore allow more time for your journey during the winter months.

Braking distances increase significantly in wet and / or icy conditions. Leave a greater gap between your vehicle and the vehicle in front.

Poor visibility also leads to many accidents, particularly when overtaking. So ensure that you use your vehicle's headlights in rain, fog and low light conditions, and don't overtake if you cannot see sufficiently far enough ahead.

And the fourth main risk is flooding and especially flooded crossings. Again both the RFS, and more commonly our colleagues at the SES, are responded to numerous calls of motorists and residents in trouble at flooded crossings. It does not take much depth of water to cause instability even for larger vehicles, and there is no telling what hazards and obstructions might be submerged below the water even if it is only shallow.

### More information

The Brigade has a range of free home fire safety, extinguisher and pile burn information leaflets and brochures. To obtain copies of these or to enquire about any home fire safety and /or pile burning issues please contact the Brigade's Community Liaison Officer Brad Schafferius on 0401 890 358.

Regards,  
Graham Scofield

# Sutton & District Community Association Incorporated\*

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 1 July 2017–30 June 2018

Mail or email this completed application form to:

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For details, please see  
[www.ginninderralandcare.org.au](http://www.ginninderralandcare.org.au)

Applications are due by Tuesday 13 June.

## CHURCH NOTICES

# St Peter's, Sutton and St Andrew's, Wamboin (SRMD)

Last Friday the little church in Poppet Road, Wamboin, was bursting at the seams as a large crowd from far and wide gathered in the sunshine to celebrate a long and fruitful life, and sadly farewell, Dick Crampton, a gentleman, musician and performer to the end. We extend our deepest sympathy to Norma, Gai, Ian and Mia.

Kids Club is humming! The children meet at St Andrew's every Friday during NSW school term from 4.30pm until 6pm for songs, story and craft, and conclude with dinner. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate, and their assistance with cleaning up is greatly appreciated. A gold coin donation helps with the costs. For further information please contact Robyn Robertson 6152 1711.

The congregation will have a muffin/slice stall at the Wamboin Markets on Saturday 17 June, in conjunction with the Australian Mountain Running Association's marathon, half marathon and other events from the WCA Hall into the Kowen Forest. We expect a large hungry crowd!

Donations of food are always welcomed at both churches to support St Benedict's, Queanbeyan to meet the growing demands from those in the community in need of help and assistance.

St Peter's Patronal Festival is on Sunday 25 June, and after the morning service we will meet at the renowned Sutton Bakery for a celebratory brunch. Please feel welcome to join us.

Services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at St Andrew's, and on the second and third Sunday at St Peter's. All services start at 9am and are followed by a scrumptious morning tea and lively chat. You are guaranteed a warm welcome in a warm place.

For further information, queries or assistance please call any of the people listed below.

Pastor: Rev. Dr Royce Thompson  
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Dr David McCarthy 0409 383 620  
Robyn Robertson 6152 1711  
Alan Rope 0429 434 944



St Peter's, Sutton



St Andrew's, Wamboin

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## Grants Programs open for community funding opportunities

Yass Valley Council is calling on applications for this year's Grants Program, which opens on Monday 29th May 2017 and closes on Friday 30th June 2017.

"Our Grants Program is a wonderful way for Council to provide financial assistance to our community groups and organisations," said Yass Valley Mayor, Rowena Abbey. "The Turning Wave Festival, Murrumbateman Progress Association and Yass First Scouts are just some of the previous community groups and events that we have been able to support."

Yass Valley Council's Grants Program is divided into three categories – Community Grants Program, Heritage Grants Program and Major Event Marketing Program.

**The Community Grants Program aims to encourage the implementation of projects that enhance existing, or develop new, services and activities that:**

- maximise access and usage of community resources, services and facilities;
- encourage the development of, and broad community participation in, community services, cultural activities and environmental initiatives;
- encourage environmental sustainability; and
- encourage inclusiveness, collaboration, capacity building, equity and social justice.

**The Heritage Grants Program aims to assist owners, property managers and community groups to undertake projects that:**

- foster positive community attitudes towards heritage and conservation; and
- maintenance projects to structures of historical value to ensure their long-term conservation.

**The Major Event Marketing Program focuses on major events which have the capacity to draw visitation from outside the Local Government Area to build the image and profile of Yass Valley as an attractive destination.**

A grant program information session (for Community and Major Event Marketing applications only) will be held on Thursday 8th June 2017, 6pm-7pm at Yass Valley Council Chambers, which will provide assistance to potential applicants.

For more information on the grants programs, application forms, guidelines and how to RSVP to the information session, please visit: [www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/featured-programs/grants-programs-open-community-funding-opportunities](http://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/featured-programs/grants-programs-open-community-funding-opportunities)



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Make sure you check out this page every week for Council info, updates on positions vacant, On Exhibition items and events happening in your area.

## Documents On Exhibition

### Council Documents

- Park & Playground Strategy - 26.06.17
- CD-POL-19 - Donations Policy - 26.06.17
- Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement - Yass Vine Church - 28.08.17

### Development Applications

- DA 5.2017.106.1 2 Rayner Place Yass - 30.05.17
- DA 5.2017.111.1 1152 Black Range Road Bowning - 30.05.17
- DA 5.2017.116.1 3146 Barton Highway Murrumbateman - 31.05.17
- DA 5.2017.114.1 3795 Sutton Road Gundaroo - 31.05.17
- DA 5.2016.280.1 Yass Valley Way Yass - 31.05.17
- DA 5.2017.113.1 4514 Gundaroo Road Gundaroo - 01.06.17
- DA 5.2017.115.1 416 Bushes Lane, Murrumbateman - 08.06.17
- DA 5.2017.120.1 178 Whites Road Yass River - 12.06.17
- DA 5.2017.117.1 14 Drummond Street Bookham - 13.06.17

For more information on these documents please visit our website: [yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/exhibition](http://yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/exhibition)

## Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement - Yass Vine Church

Council will receive submissions up until 5.00pm Wednesday 28th June 2017 on the proposed Voluntary Planning

## Sports Awards Dinner

*Awarding the 2016 achievements of Yass Valley's sports men and women and inducting three local residents into the Yass Sporting Hall of Fame.*

**Date:** Saturday, 29th July 2017

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Venue:** Yass Soldiers Club

**Tickets:** \$40pp - available for purchase from Yass Valley Council's office until Friday, 14 July.

Agreement with Yass Vine Church for a proposed church at 11,472 Wee Jasper Road, Yass. The agreement provides for the payment of development contributions by instalments. Copies of the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement can be inspected on Council's website or at the Office - 209 Comur Street Yass during office hours.

For more information on these documents please visit our

website: [yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/exhibition](http://yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/exhibition)

## Positions Vacant

- Support Engineer - closes 30.05.17
- Design Engineer - closes 30.05.17

For more information please visit our website:

[yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/positions-vacant](http://yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/positions-vacant)

## Tenders

- Cleaning Services for Specified Council Building and Amenities - closes 4.00pm 06.06.2017.
- Design, Supply & Installation of a Standby Generator at the Riverbank Park SPS in Yass - closes 9.30am 22.06.2017

For more information please visit our website:

[yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/engineering/engineering/tenders/expressions-interest/tenders/eoi](http://yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/engineering/engineering/tenders/expressions-interest/tenders/eoi)

## 2017/2018 Grants Program opens

Council's annual Grants Program is open and accepting applications for the **Major Events Marketing Program, Community Grants Program and Heritage Grants Program**. Grant applications close **5.00pm Friday, 30th June 2017**. Please visit Council's website for more information: [www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au)

## What's On in Yass Valley

JUNE

- 1 - CWA - Business meeting
- 2 - Friday Club - pasta making
- 3 - Yass Community Market
- 6 - Yass Parkinson's Support Group
- 6 - Maisie's Choir & Kitchen Band
- 9 - Friday Club - History of Linton
- 10 - The Tootsie building turns 80!
- 10 - Murrumbateman Village Markets

More info:

[yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

## Development Applications Determined 20.05.2017 to 26.05.2017

In accordance with **Section 101** of the **Environmental Planning Act, 1979**. The following applications have been approved subject to conditions. The development consent is available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at Yass Valley Council.

App. No.	Det Date	Address			Description	Approval
DA2017.81.1	23.05.17	51 Pritchett	ST	YASS	Storage shed	Staff
DA2012.121.1	23.05.17	Yass Valley	WY	YASS	Dwelling house and water tank	Cancelled
DA2017.57.1	23.05.17	2 Murray Grey	PL	MURRUM	Garage	Staff
DA2017.103.1	24.05.17	10314 Wee Jasper	RD	BOAMOLO	Storage shed	Staff
DA2017.64.1	24.05.17	170 Nanima	RD	WALLAROO	Dwelling house & septic tank with absorption trench	Council
CDC2017.21.1	24.05.17	2 Mort	LA	YASS	Dwelling house	Staff

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# Early morning gardening



*Morning is the best time to water the garden.*

Gardening is definitely one of those jobs you either get a lot of pleasure out of or you look for every excuse not to do it.

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With today's fast pace and busy lifestyles, many of us have our days 'maxed out', with little or no time for our gardens. Like the gym, I find many gardening jobs are best done early before launching into your day.

Jobs for early morning gardening:

1. Watering: plants do very well if watered early. With the sun low, evaporation is minimal allowing proper soil moisture absorption. Morning watering gives the plant the optimum amount of time before the hot midday sun, preventing scorched leaves and dehydration.

Morning watering also prevents/ decreases the chance of pests and diseases as the leaves dry out before evening sets in. Another good reason to water in the morning, according to my reading, plants sleep at night, so they take up less water.

2. Pesticides and foliar fertiliser: plants absorb these products better in the morning.
3. Weeding: while the soil is still moist and cool it is relatively easy to remove weeds. A stroll early, pulling weeds as you go, will soon have you completely on top of them.
4. Cut flowers: I just love having flowers in the garden, and picking them for the house gives me so much joy (although I have a new garden at the moment, so flowers are few and far between – lucky for me, a wonderful friend brings me stunning roses from her garden).

I digress — early morning is a great time for picking, the stems are full of water so the flowers stay plump and have a longer vase life.

5. Harvesting: Just after the dew has lifted is a great time to pick fruits and vegetables. They are full of water, taste better and have a longer shelf life.
6. Bird feeders and bird baths: If you enjoy birds in your garden, it is great to have a few bird attracting features. Birds get up early and they are early feeders, they will always return to where they know they can find food. Fill your feeders and bird baths and you will reap the rewards of a busy bird-filled garden.
7. Transplanting and planting: It is easier on the plants, they don't have to work as hard to transpire (as they would need to do in the hot midday sun).
8. Propagation: again the stems are full of water, but also the plants natural 'rooting hormones' are highest to the tips first thing in the morning. You are likely to have more success by taking your cuttings early.

With a morning stroll, a cup of tea and a few quick gardening jobs, your garden will look wonderful and provide you with endless joy.

*Lisa Walmsley*

## June vegetable garden – planting and picking guide

### Plant seedlings:

Onions – early, flat, white, salad

### Sow into ground:

Mesculan salad mix (under cover)

### Pick:

Beetroot  
Broccoli  
Cabbages  
Carrots  
Chinese greens

English spinach  
Garlic  
Kale  
Onions  
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# Sutton Pony Club

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*Rhys demonstrating fast turns.*



*Tom and Joe, great they both now have ponies.*



*Tamsyn and her gorgeous pony Tilley.*



*Maddy and her super pony Rushie.*



*Dr Natasha Webb from Webb Equine Education presented invaluable information on equine first aid.*



*Rhys and Andie, both on the Australian National Mounted Games Team, showing us how it is done.*



*Darren Smith helping Bonnie.*



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Sun 4 June 10am	Farm Tour
Sat 10 June 1pm	Learn to Spin (3 consecutive weeks)
Sun 18 June 10am	Learning to Weave
Sun 25 June 10am	Learning to Needle Felt
Sat 1 July 8.30am	Llamas in the Mist
Sat 11 July 10am	Llama Walk
Sun 9 July 10am	Learning to Needle Felt

For more info and bookings  
Phone Glynda 62303311 or logon to alpamagic.com.au

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## BRIDGE – COME & PLAY

Monday afternoons 1pm, Wamboin  
Wednesday evenings 7pm, Bungendore  
Thursday mornings 10am, Wamboin  
For further information 6230 3948

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## CIVIL CELEBRANT

Lorraine Bird highly experienced, living locally. Available for weddings, civil partnerships, civil unions, vows renewals, namings, rites and passage and commitment ceremonies. Please contact me to arrange an obligation free meeting. Phone 6230 3321, 0401 267 851 or www.lorrainebird.com.au

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## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Mrs Tu Nguyen is registered as a JP and can offer her services to the Sutton Community. Tel. 0402 186 192

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## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Mary Read is a JP. Mary is available to act as witness to any formal documentation. Please phone Mary or leave a message should you require this service. Tel. 6230 3210.

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## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Elita Barrett Tel. 0410 632 474

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## A COUNTRY ANIMAL/FARM NANNY

All animals including exotics cared for. I am an ex vet nurse and a qualified BHSI riding instructor.  
Refs and police check avail. Live In.  
Ph Julie for more info 0408330268

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## YARD AND FARM CLEANUP

Local scrap metal removal usually free for vehicles, machinery, and large loads. Small loads may need to wait until I have others to pick up in your area.  
Tom Hardwicke Ph: 0419 095 386

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## GARBAGE COLLECTION

Sutton, Gundaroo and Bywong areas.  
To have your garbage collected contact Dave O'Sullivan  
0419 636 460 or 6230 3548

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## TOWN & COUNTRY GROOMING

Pet grooming, call Lyndall 0416 442 710

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## D.S. LANDSCAPES & MAINTENANCE

Gundaroo – 0432 905 685

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## Thank you to the following volunteers who deliver *The Sutton Chatter*

Glynda Bluhm  
*Sutton Road between Brown's Lane  
and Vaughan Drive*

Cheryl Needham  
*Sutton Road from the village to  
Vaughan Drive inclusive & Darmody  
Place*

Bob & Beryl Lowry  
*East Tallagandra Lane*

Jade McNerney  
*Tallagandra Lane (West)*

Judy Harriden  
*Sutton Road from the Federal Hwy  
to Norton Rd*

Alan & Gay McNeill  
*Mulligan's Flat Road & Read Road*

Fran Cooper-Lukss  
*'Sutton Park'*

Barbara Bowen  
*Lower Mulligans Flat Road*

Mary Read  
*Majura & McKechnie Lanes, Alfred  
Rd and Federal Highway, including  
the businesses*

Therese Kershaw  
*Shingle Hill Way*

John and Janny Corry  
*Hadlow Drive & Ridge Rd*

Anne Searle  
*Old Federal Hwy & Donnelly Rd*

Geoff & Sue Strang  
*Wattle Flat Road & the Federal  
Highway Service Rd*

Joanna Pagan/Rosemary Semecky  
*Bidges, Hickey & Old Gold Mines  
Rds*

Chris and Hayley  
*Sutton Post Office boxes*

The Postie  
*Gundaroo Shop & parts of  
Mulligan's Flat Rd*

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## Yass Valley Mobile Library



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### Sutton Village visits:

3pm to 4pm

2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
of the month

**Wednesday 14 June**

**Wednesday 28 June**

# THE SuttonChatter

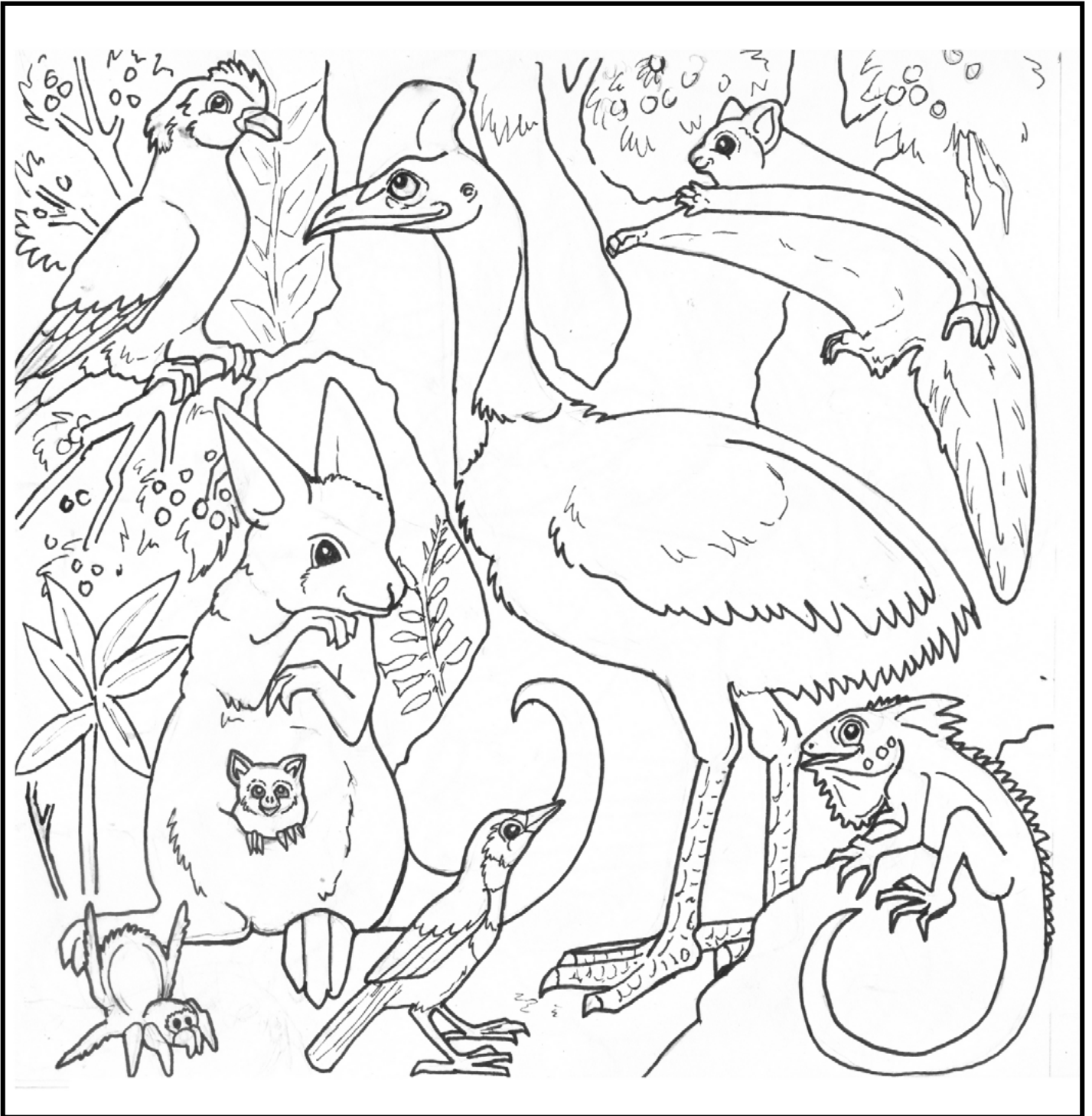
## Colouring-in competition

The best colouring-in entry wins an Eckersley's Art & Craft \$30 gift card as well as the winning entry appearing in the July Sutton Chatter. Send your entries by 30 June to:

The Editor, Sutton Chatter, PO Box 7450 Sutton NSW 2620

or photograph, scan and email to [philippa@sproutdesign.com.au](mailto:philippa@sproutdesign.com.au)

\*Make sure you put your name and age on your entry (you need to be 13 years old or younger to enter).



# Sutton & District Community Groups

Community Group	Contact	Details
<b>COUNCIL</b>	Yass Valley Council Address: 209 Comur Street Yass / PO Box 6 YASS NSW 2582 Phone: 02 6226 1477 / 1300 553 652 After hours emergency: 0408 625 694	Email: Council@yass.nsw.gov.au Website: yassvalley.nsw.gov.au Facebook: Yass Valley Council Twitter: @YVC_Mayor
<b>LANDCARE</b>	President: Dr Arnold Dekker Secretary: Marchien van Oostende Mobile: 0402 986 934 Email: sutton.landcare@gmail.com	2nd Tuesday of each even-numbered month. 7.30pm Sutton Primary School.
<b>LOCAL FIRE BRIGADES</b>	Sutton: 0418 303 232 / 0418 244 471 Wamboin: 0409 991 340 Gundaroo: 0428 494 403 / 6236 8348 Back Creek: 0429 443 260 Fire Control Centre, Yass: 6226 3100 Palerang: 6297 1840	Permits are not required outside of the official bush fire season, <b>however</b> , residents are still required to inform their local Fire Control Centre, their neighbours and their local fire brigade <b>at least 24 hours</b> before intending to light a pile burn. Please contact the Captain of your local brigade for details.
<b>STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES)</b>	Emergencies: 132 500 Duty phone 0417 502 396 help or enquiries	
<b>ST PETER'S CHURCH</b>	Wardens: Bronwyn Elliott 6238 3359 Alan Rope 6238 3224	Church Services are at 9am 1st & 3rd Sundays at St Andrew's Wamboin 2nd & 4th Sundays at St Peter's Sutton
<b>SUTTON ACTIVITY CENTRE – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE</b>	Phone: 6230 3052 Email: sutton@bestit.net.au	<u>Before and after school care:</u> For students of Sutton Primary School 7am–9am, 3.10pm–6pm <u>Vacation care:</u> Open to all children K to Yr 6, 8am–6pm
<b>SUTTON HALL</b>	Yass Valley Council phone: 02 6226 1477 Website: yassvalley.nsw.gov.au Email: Council@yass.nsw.gov.au	Hall hiring information (see last page).
<b>SUTTON &amp; DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION</b>	President – Prabh Singh email: prabhjs@gmail.com Secretary – Elita Barrett 0410 632 474 email: Sutton.community@outlook.com Treasurer – Beryl Lowry 6230 3948 email: beryl.lowry@bigpond.com	Third Monday of each odd numbered month, 7.30pm Sutton Village Hall. All forms/correspondence can be mailed to: S&DCA, PO Box 7404 Sutton NSW 2620.
<b>SUTTON CRAFT GROUP – SEW 'N SEWS</b>	Barbara Malam 6238 3581	Every Wednesday 9.30am, venues change.
<b>SUTTON PLAYGROUP</b>	Contact – Paula Adcock: 0408 185 116 Email: pmadcock@bigpond.com Sutton Primary School: 6230 3215.	Every Thursday 9.30am–11.30am Sutton School Activity Centre Cost \$2/family + fruit/sandwich
<b>SUTTON PONY CLUB</b>	Club President – Alyson Burgess: 0409 518 238 email: alyson8238@gmail.com	2nd Sunday of each month Pony Club Grounds Sutton Village
<b>SUTTON SCHOOL</b>	Office: 6230 3215	
<b>SUTTON TENNIS</b>	Membership application and keys: Anne Kable 6230 3532	Keyholders do not need to book a court. Annual fee \$30. Social tennis group meets Tuesday and Friday mornings. Starting times: summer 8.30am; autumn and spring 9am; winter 9.30am
<b>GUNDAROO SCOUT GROUP (JOEYS TO ROVERS)</b>	Richard Fleming, email: lorenfel@bigpond.com or 6236 9235 (outside business hours). www.1stgundarooscouts.org.au	
<b>WILDCARE</b>	24 hour rescue service: 6299 1966	



# Sutton Village Hall



## Sutton Village Hall

Sutton Village Hall is a heritage listed building standing at the side of Sutton Oval and Recreation Grounds. It is owned and managed by Yass Valley Council for the benefit of Sutton and Yass Valley. Sutton Hall hire is only available for local residents.

## Hall facilities

Kitchen facilities include stove, urn, fridge and microwave. There is an additional fridge, chairs, fold-up tables, benches, organ and cleaning equipment.

## INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

YVC phone: 02 6226 1477 Website: [yassvalley.nsw.gov.au](http://yassvalley.nsw.gov.au)

Email: [Council@yass.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Council@yass.nsw.gov.au)

## Hire Rates

Hall hire includes furniture.

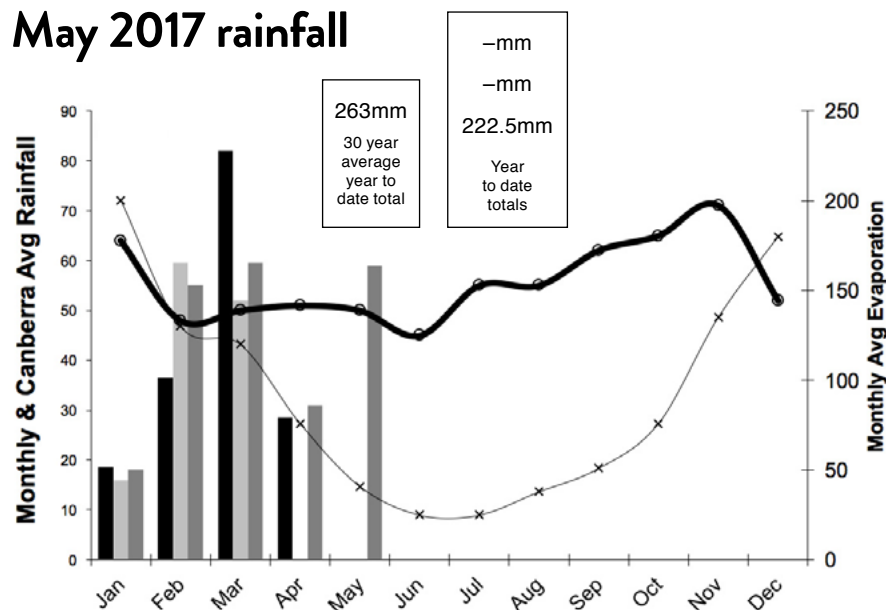
### HALL HIRE

Full day and functions	\$132
Part day	\$76

### OFF-SITE FURNITURE HIRE

Chair	\$1
Bench	\$4
Table	\$5
Off-site furniture hire bond: based on hire quantity	

## May 2017 rainfall



### May 2017 rainfall

Judith Harriden: -  
Klaus Schiller: -  
Hazel Roxburgh: 59mm

— 30 year Average Rainfall  
— Average Evaporation - official readings from 'The Anchorage' - 5.5km directly south of Sutton. Records commenced 1970  
— Rainfall Readings (All in mm) - Judith Harriden, Sutton Road. (South of the Village)  
— Rainfall Readings - Klaus Schiller, Sutton Rd, (North of the village)  
— Rainfall Readings from Hazel Roxburgh, Old Federal Highway (North-East of the village)

## The Sutton Chatter

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1/4 page – \$30

Size: 89mm wide x 133mm tall

1/8 page – \$20

Size: 89mm wide x 66mm tall

### Advertisement artwork specifications

Black and white (colour ads will be converted to black and white).

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### Advertising invoice and payments enquiries:

Beryl Lowry

Email: [beryl.lowry@bigpond.com](mailto:beryl.lowry@bigpond.com)

Payment by EFT or cheque

PO Box 7404, Sutton NSW 2620

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