

MVNS NEWS

SPRING 2014



Annual Car Boot Sale and Fundraiser



Saturday 27th September 8-1

Come and join us for what has now become our annual fundraiser to raise funds for our community gardens and community kitchen.. This is the only fundraiser we hold throughout the year.

At a cost of only \$10 per vehicle/stall, our Car Boot Sale will be held on the site adjacent the Old Courthouse Community Centre and grounds at 4 Farquhar Street Wingham. Space is *at a premium* so be sure to book your spot early (ring us on 65535121). Stalls within the grounds will be limited so make sure you get in early (spots need to be booked and prepaid in advance)

Come along for a browse, find bargains galore and support this community fundraising event. Besides the car boot sale for you to check out and grab a bargain, we also have happening on the day:

- *BBQ breakfast from 8am prepared by Wingham Rotary*
- *Garden Workshops (\$5 donation):*
- *Seedling and plant sales*
- *Book stall*
- *Music– buskers welcome! Please register/no cost*

The Car Boot Sale and Garden Open Day is a fundraising event organised by the Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services. Funds raised will go toward sustaining the **Community Gardens** and the **Community Kitchen** which seeks to address issues of poverty, health, education, socialisation and employment opportunities. It aims to provide support to many disadvantaged clients in a purposeful approach which provides a meal, advocacy, education and opportunities to commune. It utilises partnerships with educational bodies to develop and deliver appropriate programs. The ultimate aim is to ensure that people are supported toward self reliance and provided with resources and tools which will aid them to find avenues to address their own issues.

What else do we need to make our Garden fundraiser a success?

We would very much appreciate donations of:

- Cakes and slices to sell
- Books

*It's spring
already! A
great time of
year to hold
a fund-
raiser,
Christmas
party or
event in our
community
garden
using our
pizza oven!!
Ask us how
it works*

Phone:

*Caron or Gillian
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Café and Catering

GRAND OPENING AT BUSHLAND

The Bushland Tukka Café and Catering Service was officially opened by Mr Stephen Bromhead local state MP on Wednesday 27th. Despite massive downpours the night before which prevented many attending, approx 120 local volunteers, community members and school children from the Bushland Estate and Taree region joined in the festivities. The crowd were welcomed by stilt walkers Jill Watkins and Kath Palmer from Circartus who “walked the talk” and mingled with the crowd adding an element of fun, celebration and wow factor to the day.



Biripi elder Mr John Clark gave his blessing and conducted the official Welcome to Country on behalf of the traditional owners the Biripi People. Caron Watkins, Manager of Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services spoke to the crowd about the origins of the project, the many supporters and sponsors and the momentum that has built over the previous 6 months.

The Koori Dance Troupe from Manning Gardens School performed an array of traditional dances, expressing themselves and their culture.

Then all present enjoyed a fabulous array of food prepared by volunteers of the Bushland Tukka Cafe. Their dedication and enthusiasm is the key ingredient to the success of the enterprise. In coming months 12 volunteers will undertake Hospitality training provided through North Coast TAFE Institute outreach program.

The new food trailer funded by the Enterprise Training Company was on show and over coming months will become a major part of the project providing opportunities for volunteers to get out into the community and gain more experience in food preparation and catering.

We invite all members of the community to come to the centre and become involved in the developments and or partake of some nourishment.

Phone 65577318 for catering options and prices.