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What's happening in Southlakes...

**Walking for Hope: Debbie Carr's 78km
Challenge to Fight Pancreatic Cancer**



This September, local resident Debbie, will take on a powerful challenge, walking 78 kilometres to honour loved ones affected by pancreatic cancer and raise awareness of one of Australia's deadliest cancers.

The challenge represents the 78 Australians who lose their lives to pancreatic cancer every week. With 12 Australians diagnosed every day and survival rates remaining heartbreakingly low, Debbie is determined to make every step count. Debbie is walking in memory of her father, who recently passed away following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She is also walking in support of her husband who is currently fighting the disease, for Debbie this cause is deeply personal.



"Every step is for the Two strong men who have supported me, and for all the families impacted by pancreatic cancer," Debbie said. "Research gives hope, and I'm grateful for every person who helps support this cause." The local community is rallying behind Debbie, with the Morisset Lions Club generously donating all proceeds from their Bunnings BBQ on 5 September, including sausage sizzle sales, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings and raffle tickets, to support pancreatic cancer research.

Pancreatic cancer is often diagnosed late because symptoms are rarely noticed in the early stages, making it one of the most challenging cancers to treat. Fundraising efforts like Debbie's are helping to support vital research aimed at improving early detection, treatment options and survival rates.

Debbie is encouraging the community to get behind the cause, whether by making a donation, purchasing from the Lions Club fundraiser, or simply sharing her story.

"Together, we will remember them. We will honour them. We will fight for them."

Southlakes Together wishes Debbie and her family all the best as they undertake this inspiring challenge and thanks the Morisset Lions Club for their generous support of this important cause.

To support Debbie's 78km challenge, visit her fundraising page or support the Morisset Lions Club Bunnings BBQ on 5 September. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference.

[Click here to Donate](#)

[More information on Pancreatic Cancer](#)



Welcome to spring everyone. Behind the scenes at the garden, we have been progressing planning for the upgrades and redesign that is being laid out for the coming months.

Starting with a wonderful earthmoving company, Noraville Earthmovers, coming in on 4th May to take out some dense patches of weeds and bamboo in preparation for building the Tree Frog Permaculture Design for the beds and planting areas of the garden.

We held our first workshop in the Morisset Multipurpose Centre on 6th May. This workshop was free and accessible for disabled and their carers. We then held our Painting and Planting School Holiday workshop on 8th July and our Seed Paper Making workshop on 16th July. All of



our workshops this year are being provided for free thanks to the funding from Lake Macquarie City Council Community Environment Grant.

Coming up we have three incredible workshops in October. Buzz the Bees School Holiday workshop on 8th October, Planting Pollinator Pots for Adults on 10th October and a Seed and Seed Library packing workshop on 28th October.



Our next meeting will be held on Monday 21st September. Weather permitting, we like to hold the meeting at the patio at the garden, if its wet or cold, we will hold the meeting indoors at the Morisset Multipurpose Centre. We also meet at the garden every Thursday morning from 9.30 am to 12.30 am for weeding and odd jobs volunteering.

Membership \$5.00 – all volunteers must become a member and complete the volunteer induction on our website.

[Website](#)

**Inspiring Young Local Raises Over \$6,000
for Cancer Council**



The Southlakes community is celebrating the incredible efforts of local teenager Matilda, who recently shaved her head to raise funds for the Cancer Council. With the support of family, friends, and the wider community, Tilly raised an amazing \$6,164 for cancer research and support services. On top of that, she donated 78cm of hair through Sustainable Salons to help create wigs for people experiencing hair loss due to medical treatment.





Tilly's fundraiser attracted strong community support and highlighted the generosity and compassion that exists throughout the Southlakes area. Her willingness to make such a personal sacrifice to help others is truly inspiring. A huge congratulations to Tilly on this outstanding achievement and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, shared her fundraiser, or cheered her on along the way. Together, you've helped make a real difference. Well done, Tilly!

Walk It Off Cooranbong: Building Community One Step at a Time



A local walking group is making a big impact in the Cooranbong community, helping people connect, improve their wellbeing, and enjoy the outdoors together.

Led by local volunteer Brendan, Walk It Off Cooranbong has experienced remarkable growth over the past three months. The number of regular walkers has doubled, and the group's Facebook community has grown from 20 to 268 followers. A dedicated Women's Walk is also set to launch on 21 September 2026, creating even more opportunities for people to get involved.

But the success of Walk It Off is about much more than numbers. Each week, local residents come together to walk, chat, and support one another. These simple gatherings are helping to reduce isolation, encourage healthy lifestyles, and foster meaningful connections within the community.

According to Walk It Off organisers, the group's growth has been driven by the dedication of volunteers like Brendan, whose commitment to creating a welcoming space for others has inspired more people to take part.

As the group continues to grow, Walk It Off Cooranbong is proving that positive change often starts with a simple conversation and a willingness to take the first step.

Whether you're looking to improve your fitness, meet new people, or simply enjoy a walk with friendly faces, Walk It Off Cooranbong offers a welcoming place to connect with others in the community.

Know a local community group or volunteer making a difference? Southlakes Together loves sharing stories that celebrate the people helping our community thrive.

[More Information](#)



Read more and find out how you can become a donor today.

Southlakes Together



Want to stay connected with your community? Check out the **Event's** section on Southlakes Together Website for upcoming events, local activities, workshops, and community gatherings happening throughout the Southlakes area.

[Find Out More](#)

Tuning in to Kids

**Learn how to respond to big feelings with
connection and confidence**

FOR WHO:

Parents and carers of children
aged 3 to 10.

WHEN:

Thursday 22nd Oct to 26th Nov, 2026.
2hrs per session for 6 Thursdays,
9.30AM – 11.30AM

WHERE:

Morrisset Public School,
6 Terrigal St, Morrisset
Awabakal Country

TO REGISTER:

Call 4950 3888 or go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/tuning-in-to-kids-parent-group>

This is a free program, bookings essential.



[Click here to book](#)

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

And Op Shop Fashion Parade



All Proceeds
in support of those
impacted by Cancer.



Enjoy a Cuppa & Treats



**Have Fun -
Pick up a Bargain!!**



"Church in the Trees" Morriset Uniting
Cnr. Awaba & Kahibah Streets,
Morriset



10:00am
Wednesday 9th September 2026.



Tickets \$10 - CASH or EFTPOS



Morrisetunitingchurch@gmail.com



0410 604 730



*Thank you for supporting your community
and those affected by Cancer. ♥*



Morisset Show

17-18 October 2026

www.morissetshow.org.au

Herald and Miners' Advocate
(NSW: 1876 - 1954)



Riding On Flyer Model At Morisset



Bill Moncieff (Dora Creek), Steve Whitaker (Wyee),
Clarrie Hetton (Morisset),
and Ronald Abbott (Kilaben Bay)

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Morisset ~ Lake Macquarie District Agricultural Assn Inc.

First Place

FREE



**Build with
dad, grab
a snag**



Father's Day Family Event

Thursday 3rd September

Food offering may differ store to store,
check your local store booking page for more details.

Activities and fun for the whole family

Bunnings Morisset

Bring Dad down to Bunnings Morisset for a fun filled family event!

We'll have craft, games, sausage sizzle, facepainting and so much more!

*Book via the QR code or at bunnings.com.au

**Don't miss out,
register now!**



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BUNNINGS
warehouse





Young Woman Show AMBASSADOR

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

The Young Women's competition is held throughout rural and regional NSW and aims to empower young women to be their very best.

It recognises leadership, community spirit and passion for our local show and community.

It helps participants gain lifelong skills in communication, presentation, leadership, networking and confidence.

The winner will be announced at the annual
MORISSET SHOW
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17TH



★ **PRIZES** ★ **\$500**

The Winner will receive along with numerous other prizes.



Applicants should register their interest and application by emailing
Kerrin Rumore – kerrinjustin@yahoo.com.au



or contact her on **0438592682**

Find Out More



WHATS HAPPENING AT BONNELLS BAY

Community Bingo - Monday 7 September 10.30am
<https://events.humanitix.com/community-bingo-september>

THE SERVICES HUB - Thursday 10 September 12pm-2pm
Meet local services, ask questions, and access resources in your community.

Decoupage Workshop - Monday 14 September 10.30am
<https://events.humanitix.com/free-decoupage-workshop>

Games Galore - Monday 21 September 10.30am
<https://events.humanitix.com/games-galore-september>

Bedazzle Workshop - Monday 28 September 10.30am
<https://events.humanitix.com/bedazzle-workshop>

Kinusaiga Workshop - Wednesday 30 September 10.30am
<https://events.humanitix.com/kinusaiga-fabric-art-workshop>

Playgroup - 2, 9, 16, 23 September 9.30am-11am
Running every Wednesday during the school term



Bonnells Bay Youth & Community Centre
275 Fishery Point Rd, Bonnell's Bay
community@calm.org.au 02 4950 3888



**The Services Hub - Thursday 10 September
12:00pm - 2:00pm**



THE SERVICES HUB

Meet local services, ask questions, and access resources in your community.

- Thursday 9th July
- Thursday 13th August
- Thursday 10th September
- Thursday 8th October
- Thursday 12th November
- Thursday 10th December

12pm - 2pm

Bonnells Bay Youth & Community Centre
275 Fishery Point Rd - Bonnells Bay

Local and Government services are joining forces to bring you the information and support you need! This is your chance to connect with a range of organisations, ask questions, & access resources all in one place.

Come along and find out what's available to help you and your family.

 community@calm.org.au 02 4950 3888



Come along to The Services Hub and meet local and government services all in one place. Get helpful information, ask questions, and find support for you and your family.

Services attending include:

- Services Australia
- Parenting Pathways
- Nova for Women and Children
- NDIS
- Morisset Lions Club
- Revenue NSW
- Mai Wel
- Allambi Care

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!



Looking to connect with local services, community groups, and other members of the community? Come along to the **Morisset Seniors Expo** for a welcoming afternoon of information, support, friendship, and community connection.

 **Friday, 25 September 2026**

 **11:00am – 2:00pm**

 **Morisset Uniting Church – Church in the Trees**

Cnr Kahibah & Awaba Street, Morisset NSW 2264

- ☒ Meet local organisations and service providers
- ☒ Learn about programs and supports available in the area
- ☒ Connect with friends, neighbours, and community members
- ☒ Enjoy a friendly and inclusive atmosphere

Everyone is welcome, including seniors, carers, families, and community members interested in supporting healthy and connected ageing.

We look forward to bringing our community together for a day of connection, information, and support.

Save the date and share with family and friends!

What's
on this

September



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week Commencing Monday 31st August Thursday 3rd September 5-7pm Father's Day Family Night! *Book your places via the QR code or at bunnings.com.au					5th September Kids DIY 11am-12pm Make a Father's Day gift for Dad	6th Kids DIY 11am-12pm Make a Father's Day gift for Dad
Week Commencing Monday 7th September Wednesday 9th 11am - Garden Corner *NEW TIME* Come and meet our new nursery team! Thursday 10th & Friday 11th - Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie will be in store selling raffle tickets, come and support our local community groups					12th National Kids DIY 11am-12pm Bee Craft	13th National Kids DIY 11am-12pm Bee Craft
Week Commencing Monday 14th Thursday 17th - come and visit CALM Inc. in store and hear about our upcoming local seniors expo Thursday 17th 4pm-5pm Adult Make & Take - Hanging Kokedamas *Bookings essential as places are limited					19th Kids DIY 11am-12pm Get Ready Weekend Craft	20th Kids DIY 11am-12pm Get Ready Weekend Craft
Week Commencing Monday 21st Have you seen our 2026 Outdoor Furniture range? You can check it all out in our Leisure Department now!					26th Kids DIY 11am-12pm Paper Slinky Dogs	27th Kids DIY 11am-12pm Paper Slinky Dogs
Week Commencing Monday 28th School Holiday Workshops 11am-12pm Tuesday - Suncatchers Wednesday - Pom Pom Creatures Thursday - Toolbox Treasures Game					3rd October Kids DIY 11am-12pm Let's Get Gardening!	4th Kids DIY 11am-12pm Let's Get Gardening!



Use this QR Code to find your local store for more details and book your spot or go to www.bunnings.com.au/stores

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MORISSET UNITING
THE CHURCH IN THE TREES
10 STOCKTON ST.

TOY LIBRARY

LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

26TH SEPT, 31ST OCT, 28TH NOV
FROM 2PM

COME AND BORROW SOME TOYS.
TAKE HOME AND PLAY – BRING IN AND SWAP
FREE MEMBERSHIP



[HTTPS://WWW.MORISSETUNITINGCHURCH.AU/](https://www.morissetunitingchurch.au/)
CONTACT 0412 829 667

More Information



Community
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COMMUNITY REACH AUSTRALIA

FUNDRAISER

Together, we make a difference!



We're fundraising to help cover our annual insurance bill so we can continue supporting our community. This year alone, we have provided



15,000 FREE MEALS



7,500 FREE HAIRCUTS



3,000 FREE FOOD HAMPERs



We've given **10,000 HUGS**, spent thousands of hours listening to people's stories, and advocated for individuals and families wherever we could.

Every **\$5 raised** helps us keep our doors open, our programs running and our support available to those who need it most.



Draw Date

Monday, 2 November 2026 (9:00 AM)

PRIZES



1ST PRIZE
7 NIGHTS
IN NOOSA



2ND PRIZE
2 NIGHTS
IN TERRIGAL



3RD PRIZE
\$500 FLIGHT
CENTRE GIFT
VOUCHER

**AND MORE PRIZES
TO BE WON!**

\$5

PER TICKET

THANK YOU

for supporting our community
and helping us make
a real difference!



Scan to buy tickets!

SPRING CONCERT

Church in the Trees

- Morisset Uniting -

Sunday 8th November

AT
1:30pm

 Awaba Street, Cnr Kahibah/Stockton Streets
Morisset

 Toronto Adventist School Violins.

 Cybèle Craig & Students

 Toronto Adventist School Choir

 U3A Red Dove Choir

Available from ...

 morissetunitingchurch@gmail.com

 Purchased at the door -
Cash or EFTPOS

 Enquiries 0410 604 730

Tickets
\$12 each
- includes -
afternoon tea



<https://www.morissetunitingchurch.au>

PLAYGROUP

Bonnells Bay Community Centre
275 Fishery Point Road

TERM 4 2026
WEDNESDAYS 9:30 AM -
11:00 AM

Wednesday 14th
October
Under The Sea

Wednesday 21st
October
Celebrating Spring

Wednesday 28th
October
Halloween Disco

Wednesday 4th
November
Horseplay

Wednesday 11th
November
World Kindness Day

Wednesday 18th
November
Circus

Wednesday 25th
November
Construction Play

Wednesday 2nd
December
Summer Fun

Wednesday 9th
December
It's Christmas Time!

Wednesday 16th December
End Of Year Party!
Last Playgroup for 2026

Please bring a piece of fruit to share

Children must be supervised by a parent/carer at all times

We love messy play - please bring a change of clothing



Community@calm.org.au



(02) 4950 3888



**National Child Protection Awareness Day
2026**

OR 4 CPa



**Orange Ride for Child
Protection Awareness
&
Family Event**

Saturday, 12th September

Speers Point Park, Lake Macquarie

Our OR4CPa and Family Event is dedicated to shining the spotlight
on child protection across Australia.

<https://www.heartsandhands.net.au>

Proudly supported by: -



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The Hon. (Greg) Gregory Michael
PIPER, MP



Dan Repacholi MP, Member for Hunter



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