

Majors Creek Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the Summer edition of the Majors Creek Community Newsletter for 2014. Many thanks to those who have continued to send a small contributions towards the newsletter and other projects in the village. This is much appreciated.

If you no longer want to receive the newsletter would you kindly reply to PO Box 21 Majors Creek or email macdon7@bigpond.com



THANK YOU MAJORS CREEK!!

What a wonderful festival!

After a three-year break since Music at the Creek was staged, a small, but energetic new committee formed only seven months ago to organize Majors Creek Festival. With great support from the local community and the wider music community, it was a roaring success, in every way.

Despite the hot weather, people flocked to Majors on the weekend of 21-23 November, to enjoy the superb musical program, fun-filled kids festival, interesting and creative market stalls, dances and workshops. The Lounge Bar and Stage was a popular, laid-back venue where people took advantage of the comfy lounges and great wine and champagne from Kate's bar. Those looking for a more lively venue were catered for in the circus tent that was the Braidwood Community Bank Main Stage. The Tantric Turtle was also popular – a quirky old truck that sold chai and coffee and provided a blackboard venue, where anyone could put their name down to perform a couple of songs. The other blackboard venue, run by Tim Keeble from The Artists Shed in Queanbeyan, gave the community and regulars at the pub a taste of the festival – with a number of the top acts being programmed for a set at the pub.

The performers and committee are extremely grateful to the residents of the Majors Creek community for their support and assistance in providing billets for many of the musicians. And to the volunteers who helped set up, pack down, sell tickets or merchandise, empty bins or any number of other necessary jobs - it is this generosity that keeps festivals alive and creates life-long friendships. Special thanks go to the Hall Trust, Progress Association, SES and Rural Fire Service for their support!

From the 2014 Majors Creek Festival Committee – thank you all, and see you again next year!

St Stephens Church



Services are held on the first Sunday of each month at 11-00am. All welcome.

Rectors Warden Brian McDonald 48461157
Peoples Wardens Marjorie Lemin 48461243
David Avery 48461495

Funeral, Marriages and Baptisms can be
arranged by phoning the Parish Centre 48422423
Email: angbraidwood@bigpond.com

Priest in Charge: Archdeacon John Barnes 0400881843
Vicar: Archdeacon Des McGuire 48494378 0418814920
Deacon Assistant: Revd. Peter Malone 0438461333, pmalone@iinet.net.au

Christmas Day service 7.30am Holy Eucharist All Welcome

Garden of Remembrance

Penny Hardy

7th March 1935 - 23rd October 2014

Allan McDonald

2nd October 1948 - 6th December 2014

At Rest

Majors Creek Bush Fire Brigade

The Majors Creek Fire Brigade has a long history of serving our local community and the surrounding region. Indeed many people over the years have been unstinting in devoting their time and energy to the brigade.

However, as with all things, interest ebbs and wanes. At the moment, due to the low level of involvement, the NSW Fire Service has requested that we consider options for the future of the Majors Creek Brigade.

NSW RFS standards and legislation require a brigade to have at least one “officer” (ie Captain) who must hold a minimum certification. As such it will not be possible for the Majors Creek brigade to continue in its current state if there is nobody who is willing

and able to take on the role. Greg Ison has done a great job for many years but is not in a position to continue as Captain beyond next June.

Hence the options currently being considered are:

Making the Majors Creek and Farrington Brigades operationally the same in as much as both brigades will be called to incidents in either brigade area, members of each brigade will be able to attend either brigade’s station and crew the vehicles there, and pagers will be set up so that members of each brigade received both brigade’s pages. This approach is being implemented immediately.

Exploring the possibility of a suitably qualified person from another brigade transferring to Majors Creek to take over as Captain.

Making a more detailed agreement between Majors Creek and Farrington, including arrangements for finance and use of trucks

The formal merger of the Majors Creek and Farrington Brigades.

A decision on the way forward must be made by no later than our next AGM in June 2015. The bottom line is if no acceptable solution is presented by then, the District Manager will need to make a decision in line with the operational and financial requirements of the NSW RFS as he sees fit.

So if you have ever thought that you may like to join the fire brigade now would be a great time to act on it!

For details contact Greg Ison (Captain) on 48461077 or Peter Malone (President) on 48461343.

Ti Chi

Ti Chi is held in the hall each Tuesday at 10-00am. All are invited to go along and join in. For further information contact Irene Wolford 48461088

Majors Creek Recreation Reserve

Dedicated for Public Recreation 1893

New trustees have now been appointed for the next 5 years. They are: Brian McDonald, Rudolph Stachow, Peter Gillespie, Steven Waters, Gordon Waters, Craig Willoughby and Brian James.

These members have now received Certificates of Achievement in recognition of successful completion of the Crown Land Reserve Trust Induction Program.

The AGM and first meeting of the new Trust has been held, on 9th October 2014. Office Bearers elected are

President: R Stachow ,

Secretary/Treasurer: Brian McDonald

Groundsman: Craig Willoughby

Maintenance: Steven Waters

Web Site: Gordon Waters

Items discussed were...

- Awaiting further gravel for the roadway into the Recreation Ground.
- Possibility of a Website outlining useful information, use, fees etc.
- Looking into a stainless steel urinal for the men's toilet.
- Fencing on the eastern side of the ground.
- Temporary Licence Agreements

The next meeting of the trust will be held early in the new year.

Majors Creek CWA

The Branch meets on the first Wednesday of each month and always welcomes new members. Apart from the general business of the association members are always kept busy knitting, making knee rugs for nursing homes, trauma bears for hospitals and ambulances and various other handicraft.

Left... Members and husbands following their last meeting for 2014 and Christmas Luncheon at the Araluen Hotel.



Majors Creek Progress Association Inc

Well we had a really successful BBQ at the recent Music Festival. Thanks to those who organised it and to all the volunteers who worked in the heat!!

It takes quite a team effort to pull something like this off, and it was wonderful to see all those smiling faces flipping snags, steaks & bacon in heat, at times well over 30deg.

From the long line of return customers and positive comments they really did great job.

We didn't have much left over, some snags that are to be used at the New Years day picnic, and some drinks for the Kids Christmas party.

This year there was bit more to it, with us having to demonstrate a knowledge of food handling regulations etc. we passed with flying colours and did the village proud.

2,890.00 was raised by this fantastic band of volunteers.

Bring on next year??

Majors Creek Cemetery

This is something that had been talked about for some time and at our last progress meeting it was decided to hold a working bee to tidy up the Cemetery in time for Christmas. A time when a lot of people like to visit.

An enthusiastic band of volunteers turned up on Saturday the 29th at 9.30! We were trying to beat the heat by starting early, it sort of worked.

There were a lot of overhanging branches on the fence line that were causing problems for mowing, and for parking, they were unsightly and now have been removed.

The areas around the graves have been wiper snipped and the persistent weeds either pulled out or sprayed. The memorial garden was mowed and tidied up.

The area outside the fence was raked free of fallen branches and leaves and now presents a lovely entrance to the Cemetery.

There were 12 trailer loads taken to the green waste at the tip, quite a considerable effort.

It really was a lovely productive morning, pity not all of us were organised enough to take a thermos, but we still got to share Marjorie's yummy home baked goodies.

Maybe we can make this regular thing once or twice a year, as the results were great and we all had a great time.

Go Majors Creek Community Chris James President

Thank You

**A special Thank You to all who assisted with the mowing of the
Recreation Ground in readiness for the Music Festival.**

**This was greatly appreciated and commented on by many who
attended the Festival.**

*Brian McDonald
On behalf of the Reserve Trust*

Majors Creek Community Website

Have you looked at the Majors Creek Website?

The address is www.majorscreek.org.au

The site includes latest news in and around the Creek, Weather, Calendar of Events, Guest Book, Majors Creek Phone Directory, our latest Newsletter can be read and much more.

Our grateful thanks to Gordon Waters for his work in setting up and managing the website.

Children's Playground



The soft fall in the playground enclosure needs regular raking, help with this would be greatly appreciated. A rubbish bin has now been placed at the playground.

Local Happenings

Some residents do not receive mail at the Mail Agency and therefore don't receive letter drops etc advising of goings on in the village. Since last newsletter we see that letter boxes are appearing. To the different groups in the village please use these boxes to get the messages to those people. **Thank you.**

Justices of the Peace in the Village

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Eilish Blakely-Kidd 48461215

Community Telephone Directory

Copies of the Community Telephone Directory are available by contacting
Brian McDonald 48461157
Any additions or alterations will be appreciated.

*Our Newsletter can now be read on the Majors Creek
Community Website* www.majorscreek.org.au