

Majors Creek Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the July edition of the Majors Creek Community Newsletter. Many thanks to those who have continued to send a small contributions towards the newsletter and other projects in the village over the past months. 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

Majors Creek Bushfire Brigade AGM

The AGM was held on Sunday 30th June at the Rec Ground. The main item for discussion was the possible amalgamation with Farrington Brigade. Both Brigades are very short of volunteer fire fighters, and the idea of sharing resources and manpower is an appealing one. Discussions will continue in the next few weeks.

Mean time we are hoping for more volunteers to come on board. While the initial training does take up some of your time, it does not cost you anything and by joining a Bush Fire Brigade you can learn some handy new skills. We also appreciate any support from non fire fighters as well, such as help to clean the trucks after a fire etc. After a call out the last thing the guys want to do next morning is wash trucks and clean soot laden boot prints out of the cabin!! So if you hear they have been out and about an offer of help would be much appreciated.

The committee for 2012/2014 was duly elected.

President	Peter Malone
Vice President	Louisa Ison
Secretary	Kerry Malone
Treasurer	Chris James
Captain	Greg Ison
Deputy Captains	Phil Cram
	Damien Bigg
	Greg Beardmore
Equipment Officer	Greg Ison
Fire Risk Board Operator	Kerry Malone
Training Officer	Greg Beardmore

Please remember before lighting that pile burn, let you neighbours know, maybe the local Fire Captain and Fire Control. That way the Brigade does not get called out for a smoke sighting.

Fire Control can be reached on 6297 1840



St Stephens Church

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

Funeral, Marriages and Baptisms can be arranged by phoning 48422423

Email: angbraidwood@bigpond.com

If the Rector is not available, please contact

Rectors Warden Brian McDonald 48461157.

Anzac Day 2013

Over 30 people including children attended the Anzac Day Service in the grounds of St Stephen's Church on a beautiful Autumn morning. Rudolph Stachow gave a very interesting and informative talk on Pte. Robert Keyte a Majors Creek man killed in action 1917 A wreath from the citizens of Majors Creek was laid by Tony Page great nephew of Robert Keyte. Following the short service those present enjoyed a cuppa and biscuit.



Photos by
Gordon Waters



Caution

In the winter months extreme caution should be taken when crossing the Sapling Hill Bridge. Ice on the deck has already caused an accident.

Palerang Council did promise that the deck would be tarred when final tightening of the bridge was complete. We have already been through one winter and still not done.



Speed Limit Signs

Speed Limit signs have been in force in and around the village for some time, and at present not being adhered to by the ever increasing traffic in and through the village.

Palerang Council will shortly be embarking on a program of pavement marking at which some attention will be given to speed zone pavement marks. Council supervisors will inspect the village area and where the need exists markings will be done as resources and priorities dictate.



Soccer comes to the Creek

Braidwood Junior Soccer Club journeyed to Majors Creek on Saturday 15th June for soccer on the recreation ground. It was a delight to see so many parents and children turn up on a rather nice winters morning. Throughout the morning games were played representing all age groups. Majors Creek Progress Ass Inc capably handled the canteen offering sausage sandwiches, tea, coffee and drinks. Many thanks to those who helped cooking the barbecue and helping in the canteen. Another soccer day will be held later in the season.



Waste Management Survey Majors Creek

Results

Surveyed Properties	265	
Surveys Returned	105	(41.0%)

Future service preference:

No Local Service	27	(25.7%)
Waste Transfer Station	41	(39.0%)
Collection Service	35	(33.3%)

Preferred collection frequency:

Weekly	17	(38.6)
Fortnightly	27	(61.4%)

Comments	55	(52.4%)
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Survey Comments

The 41% return rate on a survey population of 256 yields a result with a confidence level of 95% and an accuracy of $\pm 7\%$. As a result, there is no clear preference within the community for one of the options presented.

Over half (52.4%) of the survey forms included comments, which cover a range of issues. There is no notable trend in the nature of the comments.

Council has advised that there was no clear preference indicated by the community, therefore no decision has been made. Council is happy to receive any further comments and maybe another meeting.

This is an important issue for our community and if nothing is done we may have to take all our rubbish to Braidwood. This would be a step backwards for our growing community.

Community Telephone Directory

Many say that the Community Telephone Directory is very handy near the telephone when you need to ring emergencies and contact residents in the village. This directory needs updating regularly as some now don't have landlines and rely on mobiles. There are new residents in the village who are not aware of this and may like to receive one and have their number in the directory. Your assistance in helping to update this directory would be much appreciated.

Brian McDonald

Garden of Remembrance

Noel Gardner

*Noel was the son of Bev and late Keith Gardner of Zueanbeyan and
late of Majors Creek.*

To Bev and family we offer our sincere sympathy

Vale Dion Bourne

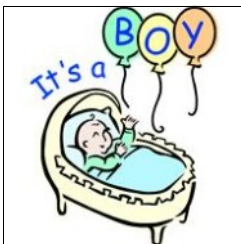
Dion Bourne passed away at Bankstown Hospital on 18th June aged 71. Dion was the son of late Keith and Dorothy Bourne and spent his early childhood at Majors Creek when his father was the teacher at Majors Creek School. Keith Bourne himself was a great teacher, sportsman and community person. Dion was an outstanding cricketer and held the distinction of being the highest run scorer in history of the Bankstown District Cricket Club, He served several seasons as a NSW Selector and a member of the BDCC Management Committee for 33 years and appointed a Director of the Bankstown District Sports Club in April 2003. In 1995 Bankstown City Council named the Bankstown Oval scoreboard the "Dion Bourne" scoreboard and in April this year transferred this honour to a new digital scoreboard, the most sophisticated of its type at a suburban ground in Australia.

Dion was the uncle of Steve and Mark Waugh.

Sympathy is extended to his wife and family

Contributed by Brian McDonald

A warm welcome to staff of Unity Mines and all new residents in the village , we trust you enjoy village life and becoming a part of our community.



*Congratulations to Robert Singleton and Irene
Gillespie on the arrival of their son
Flynn William Singleton.*

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.

Traffic Lights for Majors Creek

Work is progressing on the new road to the Dargues Mine site. The entrance to the new road is on Sapling Hill and as you can see by the picture traffic has to abide by traffic lights whilst work is undertaken on the intersection of the new road and Majors Creek Rd.



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*