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Grants Night of Kendall Community Op Shop

Kendall Community Op Shop held its 15th Annual Grants Presentation at 6pm on Thursday, 23rd March 2023 at the Kendall Services and Citizens Club, Kendall.

This all important and wonderful event has only been possible because of all the 90 volunteers' endless efforts, their time and committed support of the Op Shop's aim to raise and distribute money for the community.

It makes the volunteers proud for being part of the Kendall Op Shop's team!

After welcoming everyone to the presentation, Phillip Higgins, Chairperson of the Op Shop Grants Sub Committee introduced Leslie Williams, Member for Port Macquarie.

Ms Williams thanked everyone involved in the Op Shop, and also the community groups present, saying that Kendall is indeed an incredible community with outstanding volunteer involvement. Phil also welcomed guest presenter Cameron Marshall, breakfast radio presenter at ABC Mid North Coast Radio.

An overview of the history of the Kendall Op Shop and its Fund Distribution was presented by Phil.

The shop was first opened in 1995 and was run under the name of The Kendall Pool Committee for the purpose of raising funds towards the construction of the Kendall Community Pool and in 2004 -2020, the shop contributed \$640,727 toward the total cost of the pool and another \$211,422 towards improvements including PA System, Pool Heating, Lane Ropes, Shade Shelters and Wheelchair access.

It is.. the "Best resourced Community Pool in the Port Macquarie/Hastings area!" exclaimed Phil.

In 2008, the shop became known as the Kendall Community Op Shop, and the constitution was amended to allow the shop to apply funds to projects in the areas of Sport and recreation and Arts and Culture, and to assist with the funding of major community projects. As well the shop was able to distribute funds to local Charities, to a total of 5% of its annual net profits. In 2023, this amount has been increased to 15%.



Top photo: Community Grant recipients;
Middle: Sponsorship Grant recipients;
Bottom: Charity Grant recipients.

In 2009 a Grants Programme was introduced and up to 2023 a Grand Total of \$1,530,043 has been distributed by the Kendall Community Op Shop over the past 15 years.

264 Community Grants: to 70 different groups:	\$1,132,893
34 Charity Grants:	\$102,000
11 Sponsorships:	\$155,150
Extra-ordinary Grants:	\$140,000

(Local, Northern Region bushfire and flood assistance included in Extra Grants)

Schools Programme.. Grants Sub Committee member Diane Pope described a new initiative of the Op Shop where eight local schools have been allocated \$3,000 each for the year, to be used to assist students who may otherwise not be able to join in on extra activities offered or involved in by their school due to financial constraints. These funds are to be made available on a needs basis, throughout the year. The programme to date has been very well received. Total of Schools programme \$24,000.

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22nd Kendall National Violin Competition decides winners & awards prizes!

Following a weekend of stellar performances from some of Australia's most promising violinists at the Kendall School of Arts two winners were identified by a jury of three national experts.

The competition was held in two categories and reached its climax in Kendall on March 4 and 5 in front of a captivated audience. Seven prizes were awarded in total including a first prize of a concert violin made by master luthier Michal Prokop from Australian timbers bequeathed to him by the late Graham Caldersmith OAM.

Goetz Richter, Artistic Director of the competition, collected the violin in Cambridge, UK and brought it to Kendall days before the finals of the competition, an event widely reported by the ABC. "The two winners this year, young violinist Ein Na from Brisbane (Category A) and Beatrice Colombis from Sydney are truly exceptional musicians and charismatic virtuosos who really make their audiences listen." Richter said. "It is amazing how the Kendall National Violin Competition has established itself as a major artistic event in Australia receiving plenty of international attention as well through its alumni and friends everywhere."

The competition proceeded through three rounds with semi-final performances in Sydney in December 2022 providing the launching pad for the ultimate performance in Kendall. The recitals of the finalists in category B also featured premier performances of the Sonata No 1 (*Temperamental*) by Tim Doubinski, winner of the competition's *Watermark 2022 Composition Prize* which was a compulsory work all finalists in that category had to perform. Finalists in category A performed a concerto with string orchestra.

The ensemble also gave educational performances for the Kendall Primary School, the Kendall Community Pre-school



KNVC Category B Winner - Beatrice Colombis.
Photo by Nicola Dawson.

and the Herons Creek Public School on March 6 to the delight of their young audiences.

These visits to local schools are partially supported by the Kendall Community Op Shop with plans by the Kendall National Violin Competition to expand their reach.

Full results of the 22nd Kendall National Violin competition are as follows:

Category A (Violinists born after January 1 2004)

Ein Na (First Prize: A Concert Violin to the value of AU\$15,000 Made by Master Luthier Michal Prokop (Graham Caldersmith OAM Award))

Jessica Ma (Second Prize: AU\$2,000 (Richard Pollett Award) & Audience Prize: AU\$750 (kindly sponsored by Gil Appleton))

Hannah Kim (Third Prize: AU\$1,000 (Joan Levy Award))

Category B (Violinists born after January 1 1997 and before January 1 2004)

Beatrice Colombis First Prize: AU\$ 8,500 (Signed Elizabeth Bohn Award) & Audience Prize: AU\$750

Andrew Wang (Second Prize: AU\$3,000 (Joan Levy Award))

David Carreon (Third Prize: AU\$1,500 (Peter Lee Award))

Jimmy Park (Fourth Prize: AU\$1,000)



KENDALL NATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION

More pondering on these imponderables ...

? 'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?

? If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

? You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

? No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.

? Why if you send something by road it is called a shipment, but when you send it by sea it is called cargo?



Kew Corner Store

Kendall Community Op Shop Grants Presentation *(continued from Page 1)*

2022 GRANTS - The audience enjoyed listening to the recipients of 2022 Grants where descriptions were given of how the grant money was spent on chosen projects to reach a successful conclusion.

** 2023 AWARDS AND GRANTS -

Cameron Marshall presented the **Sponsorship Awards**, assisted by Operations Co-ordinator Gerda Ashford.

Kendall National Violin Competition Inc	\$5,000
Riding for the Disabled (RDA)	\$2,500
Rhythm Review	\$2,000
The Welfare Group	\$4,000
Burma Education Fund	\$1,500
Sponsorships Total	\$15,000

Cameron Marshall presented the **Charity Grants**, assisted by Grants Sub Committee member Joan Aiken.

Camden Haven Community @3	\$5,000
Hastings Home Hospice	\$3,000
Liberty House	\$1,500
Aussie Battlers	\$1,000
Little Wings	\$3,000
FAWNA	\$1,000
Orange Sky Laundry	\$1,000
Charity Grants Total	\$15,500

Cameron Marshall presented the **Community Grants**, assisted by Committee member Robert Rule.

Camden Haven Sea Scouts	\$5,390
Kendall Rugby League Club	\$5,108
Riding for the Disabled	\$3,824
Kendall Community Centre	\$9,027
Kendall Tennis Club	\$2,800
Camden Haven PAH&I Society	\$19,990
Lorne Rural Fire Brigade	\$8,644
Heart Health NSW	\$16,990
Camden Haven Historical Society	\$2,950
Kendall Tactile Art Group	\$3,110
Camden Haven Girl Guides	\$5,160
Community Grants Total	\$82,993

A complete list of grants amounts awarded in every year from 2009-2023 and brief descriptions of projects can be found on the Kendall Community Op Shop's website: www.kendallcommunityopshop.com.au (Click on Grants)

Guest Presenter Cameron Marshall expressed his thanks and pleasure at being invited to be the Presenter at the Grants Evening, exclaiming how astounded he was at the achievements of the Op Shop, calling it the "Shop that Roared!"

President Sheila Ayshford concluded the 2023 Grants Night and thanked everyone involved and offered her congratulations to all recipients of the Awards in the different categories. She also thanked the 2022 Grants recipients for sharing how their individual projects were brought to fruition by the grants received last year. She thanked Cameron Marshall for being a guest presenter and Leslie Williams for her kind words and for attending the evening.

Sheila gave a brief overview of the different way the Grants Process was carried out in 2023, involving a sub Committee comprised of Committee members and also Volunteers. She thanked Phillip Higgins for Chairing this Sub Committee. Everyone was then invited to a light supper, including tea and coffee.

Our sincere thanks to all and everyone who supports, provides goods, shops at the Op Shop and helps achieve a brilliant outcome

If you are interested in volunteering and being part of giving back to the community: get an application from the Op Shop at 1a Comboyne St, Kendall NSW 2439 or tel. 6559 0084.

For more information browse www.kendallcommunityopshop.com.au or Facebook

SUNDAY OPENING: Op Shop will be open on 2nd April 9am-12 noon.

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Kendall District Garden Club News

by Jim Leewin

(Patrons: Christine and Richard Cullen)

John welcomed everyone and reminded people to sign in and wear their badges. There was a variety of items for the raffle. Some plants were sold to those who wanted them. A couple of more books were added to our library one on heritage roses and another on North Coast Weeds.

Hastings Landcare is holding a *Forest, Fire & Birds Workshop* on Saturday 1st April 2023 at the Wauchope Community Arts Hall.

To attend register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/forest-fire-birds-workshop-tickets-576571018437>

Jim and Don talked about Camden Haven Landcare – a stall will be held at the Kendall Markets on 2nd April.

Di and Doug passed around Jaboticaba to try – a Brazilian fruit. Bunya pine seeds were available and some coriander. Our fertilizer table now has blood and bone containing other supplements such as potassium available.

This month our speaker was Rochelle Horsley, Community Engagement Worker for the Mid North Coast Legal Centre. There are offices in Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour.

If you are having an issue that may be a legal issue for free legal help, you can contact them through email:

info@mncllegal.org.au or phone: 02 6580 2111. If they are unable to handle your issue, they can refer you to the appropriate organisation.

The matters that can be advised on include Motor Vehicle Accidents, Discrimination, NDIS, Law for older people, Traffic Law, Complaints about government decisions, Domestic Violence, insurance fines, consumer Law, Fines, Victims services, employment law, credit and debit law and law for young people.

A number of questions were asked and John thanked Rochelle for her presentation

Bendigo Bank closure of the Kendall Agency

The Kendall Community Centre was informed on 16th March 2023 that the Bendigo Bank would cease to operate an Agency at this centre.

The Bendigo Bank have said that all customers will receive communication regarding the closure.

DO NOT PANIC!

We at the Centre have taken swift action to ensure that Kendall will still have a Banking Agency.

We ask for your patience and understanding.

Again, don't panic, with community support, it is possible that we can improve on what we have had.

Please do not make any major decisions yet.

We will keep you informed.

Louise Hudson
Chairperson

Kendall Community Centre

Next month's activity for Garden Club is an excursion to SOHIP. Car pooling at the hall leaving at 9:30am.

**Next meeting will be on
Monday 17th April 2023.**

Photo on right:
Rochelle Horsley, Community
Engagement Worker for the
Mid North Coast Legal
Centre.



The oldest computer can be tracked back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple, but had very limited memory space, just one byte. Then everything crashed!!

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Kendall War Memorial - 100 years old!

This ANZAC Day we commemorate the 108th Anniversary of the landing on the beaches of Gallipoli by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, at dawn on this very day ... 25th April 1915.

We will also be celebrating the unveiling of the Kendall War Memorial, which took place on 25th April 1923, 100 years ago this ANZAC Day.

Kendall Sub-Branch will be holding both a Dawn Service and Main Service this ANZAC Day and both services will be held at the War Memorial Park, Comboyne Street, Kendall.

The Dawn Service will commence at 5:30am to commemorate the landing at Gallipoli and to pay our respects to the ANZACs. Prayers will be offered and wreaths laid.

The Main Service will commence at 10:00am sharp. It will feature guest speakers from Camden Haven High School, Major Bev Kingston from the Salvation Army who will offer the Prayer of remembrance and Oration. The Camden Haven Pony Club will have horses in the March and the 41st sqn Army Reservists will provide the Catafalque Party. Army Reservist Lieutenant Aiden Stelling will also join us.

Kendall Community Preschool will again decorate the Cenotaph. Thank you Sooz.

We will also be joined by Federal Member Dr David Gillespie, Mayor Peta Pinson and bugler Derek Moule.

Marchers, please note, you will need to start forming up at 9:45am, in front of The Kendall Shop, so the march can step off at precisely 10:00am SHARP.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be road closures in place from 9:30am to 11:30am to permit the ANZAC March and Commemorative Service to take place. The public is asked not to park cars inside the closure between 9:30am and 11:30am – especially Comboyne Street as this area needs to be clear for marchers and horses.

ROAD CLOSURES:

- Comboyne Street between Kendall Community Hall to Orara Street;
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- Albert Street at the intersection of Jackson Street.

For more information please contact President Lance Gainey on 6559 4478 or 0402 477 390.



Laurieton Rotary Club supports Camden Haven Community at 3!



President Nigel Urwin of Laurieton Rotary Club presenting Theo Hazelgrove of Camden Haven Community at 3 with vouchers to launch the Winter Appeal.
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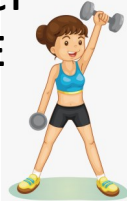
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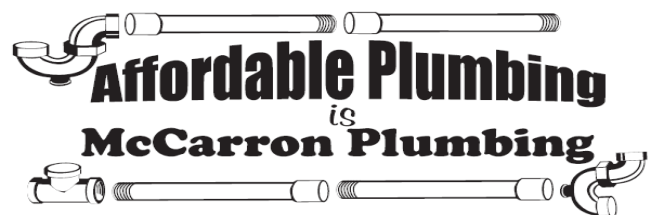
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March - NEWS

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We started out with a couple of innovative ladies who wanted a local facility to work on their pottery, mosaics and other hands on crafts.

Over the time the studio has developed with the purchase of equipment eg: Kiln, shelving,

Installation of a small working area with tank water and clean up area.

We have run numerous workshops on mosaics, pottery, hyper tufa pot making, basket making and other interesting activities.

We would like to welcome our new members this year Christine, Lorraine, Lyn and Phillipa.

Christine has recently moved to Camden Haven area for a sea change after living on the land for many years.

We are currently working on our workshop program for the coming months – more details to come. Watch this space.



Mosaic pebble birdbath on farm plough disc by Christine one of our newer members.

If you have the chance to visit our great Kendall Markets on the 1st Sunday of the month, you will find some of the TAG members busy in our studio. We invite you to drop in and have a chat and see what we are about.

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Things to ponder ...

- Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same?
- Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?
- Why are you "in" a movie" but "on" TV?
- Why is a "pair" of underwear one item?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?



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Water is the most important resource they have to combat fire and to have the ability to know where it is and to have access to it in a timely matter.

They ask you, as residents of the Camden Haven Rural Fire Brigade area, to assist us identifying water supply that are suitable for our firefighting should the need arise in your area.

To do this we have a Static Water Supply (SWS) program. The SWS Program is a free service that enables residents to help local firefighters by identifying existing water supplies (such as dams, tanks or swimming pools with more than 3,000 litre capacity) on their property that could be used for firefighting purposes.

After you contact them, they will conduct an inspection to make sure the firefighting team have all weather access for a large tanker (Category 1 appliance) to your supply and then they issue you with the SWS plaque for you to display on your gate post.

They also carry out property inspections and advise you on how to prepare your property ready for the fire season. Remember a well prepared property stands a better chance of surviving a bush fire.

Camden Haven Rural Fire Brigade is looking forward to hearing from you.

You can contact and leave a message on their Station phone – 6559 0097.

Or the Community Engagement Officer – 0418 251 569.

If you require any more information, please don't hesitate to get in contact with your local Brigade.

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How do we cope with financial stress?

Here are seven ways to help you manage financial stress during trying times:

1. Prioritize what you can control
2. Find ways to earn more money
3. Pay essential bills
4. Save money (if you can)
5. Track your money-saving progress
6. Talk to your lenders
7. Consult with financial professionals

Understanding financial stress:

If you're worried about money, you're not alone. Many of us, from all over the world and from all walks of life, are having to deal with financial stress and uncertainty at this difficult time. Whether your problems stem from a loss of work, escalating debt, unexpected expenses, or a combination of factors, financial worry is one of the most common stressors in modern life

If you are feeling overwhelmed by money worries? Whatever your circumstances, there are ways to get through these tough economic times, ease stress and anxiety, and regain control of your finances.

The important consideration is that you talk to someone.

**If you or anyone you know needs help:
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Camden Haven Day VIEW Club

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Kendall Community Global Food Garden

As we come out of Summer into Autumn, it is time to plant our Winter vegetables.

Whether you are Vegan, Vegetarian, or Paleo, herbs provide flavourful ways to enhance any dish.

In our garden we have Chives, Parsley, Basil, Thyme, Rosemary, and Oregano, along with Lemongrass and Mint for making tea.

Turmeric is a favourite of gardeners, the benefits provides an antioxidant for well-being; and the gel of Aloe Vera soothes sunburn.



Basil Pesto



Ingredients:

- 2 cups of fresh basil leaves
- ¼ cup of chives
- 2 tablespoons of infused olive oil
- Add 1-2 cloves to warm olive oil, let it infuse for 4 -5 minutes.
- 3 tablespoons of parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons of pine nuts

Method:

Blanch basil and chives in salted water for 10 – 15 seconds, remove and place in ice water, and when cooled squeeze out excess water.
 In a blender add Basil and Chives with remaining ingredients, blend on medium until smooth and thick.
 Add extra olive oil if too thick. Season to taste and enjoy with your favourite pasta.

Working at the post office, I'm used to dealing with some moody customers. So when one irate woman stormed my desk, I responded in my calmest voice, "What's the trouble?"

"I went out this morning," she began, "and when I came home I found a card saying the postman tried to deliver a package but no one was home. I'll have you know, my husband was in all morning! He never heard a thing!"

After apologizing, I got her parcel.

"Oh good!" she gushed. "We've been waiting for this for ages!"

"What is it?" I asked.

"My husband's new hearing aid".

Joke for Kylie at the Post Office!

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This month's SUDOKU is for Masters!!!!

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'Diary of a different Outback Adventure'

I began this on 30th October 2022.

Bob and I volunteer at Trilby Station, Louth NSW, a 320,000 acre sheep station that opens its property to travellers so they can experience life in the outback; we have been doing this for a number of years now.. On our first visit Bob was able to paddle a canoe on the Darling River; the next visit the Darling was just big puddles and the station was struggling with drought. What a barren outlook. The family has worked this property for generations – the good times and the bad – they just keep going.

Well ... that was until the Darling River began to carry all this water down from the northern rains. We made the commitment to stay.

Here we are now, river rising daily, cut off in all directions - we are literally on an island in the outback!

The family are working their sheep station every day, then coming back to the homestead area and moving earth to close up the levee to protect the homestead area. (Station is now closed to all visitors)

Bob and I were raised in country areas (WA and NSW) – we know country life – both of us now in our 70's and this is a new experience. It's a little frightening, our ute and van could be damaged – water (and fire) are very destructive.

As I write this, I can hear the big machinery moving the dirt; today the river is at 12.6 metres; they predict 13.5 metres; and the levee is supposed to hold back 14 metres!

If the airstrip begins to go under, the planes will be moved over to the eastern side of the river and be accessed by the 'tinnie'.

At the moment I don't know how I feel – this is so different for us! We are seeing more lizards and snakes along with wild pigs and a family of 'roos' on this 'island' with us. We potter along doing our daily chores watching the river rise and are coming to the conclusion that we may be spending Christmas on this island.

We have lived in Lorne for well over 20 years and for the last four years our daughter and her kids have resided here with us, so for now we have a built-in house sitter while we do our outback thing.

It's now 1st November 2022 and these are the changes so far – the mail is delivered to Louth; someone flies there to get it and also the groceries when ordered online.

A trip to 'town', if those roads are opened, is to fly into Louth (vehicles already there prior to roads being impassable), one and a half to two hours drive, shop, drive one and a half to two hours back, be picked up by plane to fly back to the station.

We have been on the 'island' for some time now; the river continues to rise (now at 12.7 metres); and the family continues to work the station and build the levee. Only way out for us now would be a medical emergency and that's the Royal Flying Doctor. Luckily our contact with this service has been by phone for fairly minor problems – but such an eye opener for us coastal dwellers. Stations have a medical box, locked at all

times with a strict routine for the supply of medicines. SES is now delivering essential to stations by chopper.

It is now 23rd November and the river is at 13.2 metres and still rising. This generous family has given us the choice to go home for Christmas. We will leave the station about 3rd December by 'tinnie' and plane for Bob and me in the mustering chopper, out to the Fees Yards where vehicles and machinery are kept away from the flood plain. There we will have the use of a station ute to drive home (the long, long way – via White Cliffs). The ute and van remain isolated at the homestead island.

Local news reports tell us that many main roads are closed and some accessible with escort only and closed at night. All 26 campsites here (river and billabong) are under water now along with the 10 'drop toilets'. It will be a big clean up once the water recedes – hoping to re-open in March.

I never thought I'd ever see 360 degree water views in the outback. The river reached its peak the day we left at 13.5 metres.

The trip home was long and tiring. Seeing the flood from the air was mind-boggling with a flood plain of 100s of kilometres, roads, and bridges all under that water. We had to drive an extra 500kms to get to the Barrier Highway. The trip back was better, most roads were opened, except for the one we wanted so we drove to Louth and AJ flew us back to the station, leaving the ute at the airfield until the roads were opened again; this was 30th December.

During the next two weeks the river dropped dramatically and our next job was put on hold until March, so with the station still closed, not much could be done, we packed up and left the 40+ degree days and headed home on 21st January 2023 – and yes – we go back again to help for five to six weeks at the end of March 2023 – so we are packing again.

Those last three + months have been so different from our usual travels – just a great experience – and so lucky to be with the Murray family who know how to handle what the weather throws at them. Now they need rain to wash the earth. "I love a sunburnt country!"

Muriel Lange (05/03/2023)



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GROUP	DAY/S	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Art Café - Create with Heart	2nd Sunday of month	10.00am to 12.00pm	Kendall Community Hall	Karina 0431 772 698
Book Club Meeting	1st Wednesday	2:00pm	Bookends	Next meeting - Wednesday 1st March
Camden Haven Girl Guides	every Thursday	Junior - 4:30-6:00pm; Guides & Seniors - 6:30-8:30pm	Laurieton Sea Scout Hall, Tunis St, Laurieton	Kim Woodhouse - 0427 645 145
Camden Haven PAH&I Show Society	Office open: Wednesday	9:00 am -12:00 md	Kendall Showground	President Ron Porter - Kendall Showground phone - 6559 4463
Camden Haven Rural Fire Brigade	3rd Wednesday	7.30pm	179 Kendall Road, Kew.	Captain Tom Patrick on 0422 826 138
Camden Haven Landcare	4th Monday	7.30pm	War Memorial Rooms	Contact Jim on 6559 4352
Community Playgroup	2nd Wednesday	9am to 10:30am (term time)	Kendall Public School	Phone school 6559 0040 for updates.
Coastal Zen Yoga	Monday Wednesday	6:45pm - 7:45pm 4:00-5:00pm	Kendall Community Hall	Amanda Rivers - 0434 908 545
Exercise Class - low impact	every Wednesday	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Kendall Community Hall	Sue 0458 601 616.
Golf Coaching/games	every Sunday	9.00am	Kew Country Club	Luke Garel 6559 4596
Kendall Boat Shed - Kayaking on the River	Paddles - Tuesday - 9:00am & Thursday 8:00am		Kendall Boat Ramp, Old Bridge Road	Diane 6559 0159.
Kendall CWA	3rd Tuesday	10.00am	War Memorial Rooms	Sue Carter 6556 9677
Kendall Community Op Shop	Monday - Fri day 9am - 4pm; Saturday 9am - 12:30pm			Phone 6559 0084.
Kendall Community Preschool	Monday to Friday	8am to 4pm	19 Railway Street, Kendall	Phone 6559 4555.
Kendall Garden Club	3rd Monday	10.00am	Kendall Community Hall	John Carter - 6556 9677.
Kendall Heritage Society	1st Thursday	12:00 md	Kendall Services Club	Phone 0428 109 234 for information.
Kendall Community Garden	Thursday	10.00am to 12.00md	Kendall Community Centre	Tin Hta Nu - 6559 4834 or 0448 315 169
Kendall Kettles Craft	2nd & 4th Monday	9.00am - 1.00pm	Kendall Services Club	Contact Sue Ward on 6559 0046.
Kendall Markets	1st Sunday	8am to 12noon	Kendall Showground	For more information contact Louise Hudson 6559 4163.
Kendall Men's Shed	Tuesday Thursday	8.00am - 4.00pm 8.00am - 12.00pm	Kendall Showground	Contact John White on 0427 562 800.
Kendall Music Exchange	1st Friday of month	Doors open at 6:30pm	Kendall Community Hall	kendallmusicexchange0@gmail.com
Kendall Riding for the Disabled	Tuesday Wednesday	8:30am - 1:30pm	29 The Old Coach Road, Kendall	Phone 0450 798 874.
Kendall Tennis Club	Check out the Club's website for court hire & competition details - https://play.tennis.com.au/kendalltennisclub Phone Wendy on 0419 634 848.			
Line Dancing - Diamonds 'n Denim	every Monday, (not 3rd Monday)	From 11:00am Beginners welcome anytime	Kendall Community Hall	For more information phone Di Andrews 0418 636 278.
Lone Rangers Craft	every Wednesday	10.00am	Lorne Community Hall	Nicole 6556 9773
Lorne Rural Fire Brigade	2nd Monday	7.30pm	Fire Stn Stewarts River Rd	Phone Aaron on 0438 074 828.
Tactile Arts Group at Kendall	Monday to Saturday	9:00am to 3:00pm by arrangement	Kendall Showground	Phone Carol on 0427 625 751
The Meeting Place Café & Market Bazaar	Every Thursday	9.00am - 12.00md	Kendall Community Centre	Phone 6559 0055 for bookings.
Pilates with Ali	Monday Friday	4.30pm - 5.30pm 9.00am - 10.00am	Kendall Community Hall	Ali 0431 463 461

The last word ... "Never argue with a fool, onlookers may not be able to tell the difference."

Mark Twain.