

DEEPWATER

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NEWLETTER

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We acknowledge the elders (past, present and future) of the Ngorabul people.

This month we introduce the Deepwater Commercial Hotel (Top Pub)



Stuart and Susi O'Neill made the move to Deepwater in August 2022, coming to make a new life with the lovely building that was the old Commercial Hotel with 2 acres to use to let Caravans and RV's overnight there. Stuart was following his vision of having a mental health pub in a country town. Susi brought her lovely long table idea from Switzerland – something very new for the locals. People love it now and many groups come for lunches at the Hotel.



They brought fresh ideas and décor to the single story, brick building with accommodation and included the White house (an old residence that could be made into dormitory style of accommodation) for them to begin to make the Hotel into the best Mental Health facility in the village. The blue Motor Bike has been erected when a 'Blue Tree' was not available – this is a well-known signal asking R U Okay? In July 2020 after five years of compiling, Stuart had written his book Just One Reason and found it was helping many

people and families who were dealing with suicide. The book is designed to help prevent suicide and has been able to reach people all over Australia and the page has 7.6 k following and it is well received in the professional mental health field. Many health professionals liaise with Stuart for speaking opportunities both in the pub and away. Psychiatrists (Psych's on Bikes) visited in Sept this year. Just One Reason became a registered Charity in May 2025. The Blue Building is now the Charity's Western type opportunity shop. There have been many discussions about the mixing of alcohol and mental health – with the outcome being that the discussing of suicidal thoughts and sharing of struggles (particularly between men) is a good thing.



There is a suspended coffee arrangement there to help those who are down on their luck and needing a coffee – (a pay it forward idea). The coffee nook has been a welcome addition to the lounge area of the hotel. Very good coffee too.



Stuart and Susi got married at the pub in January 2023 and had brilliant photographs taken at the Railway station. Stuart (always an ideas man) voiced the idea of the village getting a lease for the station. Finally on 1st June 2026 this became a reality, through the Progress Association.

The Hotel has helped the local Jockey Club maintain its very successful annual race day.

They have over the years introduced many backpackers from all over the world to our little part of the world and most love it, though some find the cold too much for them.





DEEPWATER PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION



Deepwater Public School invites all children who are ready to start Kindergarten in 2026 to register for our upcoming transition days.

Thursday 24th September 8.30am - 3.00pm

Thursday 15th October 8.30am - 3.00pm

Thursday 22nd October 8.30am - 3.00pm



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Fire Season

GET READY FOR FIRE SEASON

The Bush Fire Danger Period is here — are you and your property prepared?

The Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) for the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area commenced on 1 August, and with hot, dry conditions developing across the Northern Tablelands, now is the time for every household and landholder in our community to prepare. The Deepwater Rural Fire Brigade is reminding residents that preparing early can make a significant difference when a fire threatens.

PREPARE YOUR HOME & PROPERTY

There are simple things you can do now to improve your property's chances of surviving a grass or bush fire:

- Clean your gutters — remove dry leaves, bark and twigs.
- Keep grass short — regularly mow lawns and paddocks, particularly around buildings.
- Trim vegetation — remove low-hanging branches and clear fallen timber and other combustible material from around your home.
- Check your water supply — make sure pumps, hoses and static water supplies are accessible, working and ready to use.
- Prepare your family — make sure everyone knows what they will do if a fire threatens.

Most importantly, have a Bush Fire Survival Plan. Discuss your plan with your family and decide when you will leave and where you will go.

 Complete or update your plan at MyFirePlan:

["www.myfireplan.com.au" \(https://reference-url-citation.invalid/0\)](https://reference-url-citation.invalid/0)

KNOW YOUR FIRE DANGER RATING

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) provides a nationally consistent way of communicating how dangerous fire conditions are. Knowing the daily rating can help you understand the level of risk and what action you should take.

☒ MODERATE — Plan & Prepare

Stay informed, make sure your Bush Fire Survival Plan is up to date and be ready to act if conditions change.

☐ HIGH — Be Ready to Act

Prepare your property and decide what you will do if a fire starts.

☒ EXTREME — Take Action Now

Take action to protect your life and property. If you are not prepared, consider leaving early.

☒ CATASTROPHIC — For Your Survival, Leave Early

If you are in a high-risk area, leaving early — preferably the night before or early in the morning — is the safest option.

A white bar indicating "No Rating" means there is no proactive action required based on the fire danger rating, although staying informed is still important.

 Check the current rating at the NSW RFS Fire Danger Ratings page:

["NSW RFS Fire Danger Ratings" \(https://reference-url-citation.invalid/1\)](https://reference-url-citation.invalid/1)

The Bush Fire Danger Period is currently in place.

During the BFDP, you must have a current Fire Permit before lighting a fire in the open, subject to applicable NSW fire restrictions and exemptions.

Getting a Fire Permit

Landholders can apply online through the NSW RFS permit system:

 "NSW RFS Permit & Notification Portal" (<https://reference-url-citation.invalid/2>)

You can also contact our local Permit Officer, Keith Cunningham, or the Northern Tablelands Fire Control Centre on (02) 6739 6900.

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IMPORTANT — NOTIFY BEFORE YOU BURN

Having a permit does not mean you can simply light your fire whenever you wish.

Before burning, check the conditions of your permit and complete the required notification process. At least 24 hours before lighting, notify your immediate neighbours and the RFS as required.

Notifications can be lodged through the NSW RFS Notify Burn Portal or, where applicable, by sending a clear photograph of your paper permit to the district notification number:  0429 322 555 Always check the current restrictions before lighting any fire.

MEET YOUR LOCAL DEEPWATER RFS BRIGADE

Our local Rural Fire Brigade is made up of volunteers who give their time to help protect our community.

If you see our members out and about, say hello! 

Deepwater Rural Fire Brigade — 2026/27

President: Jason Jarrett

Captain: Chris Warn

Senior Deputy Captain: Willem Van der Heul

Deputy Captains: Keith Cunningham, Daniel Skinner & Ben Carseldine

Permit Officer: Keith Cunningham

Secretary: Amie Warn

Treasurer: Bob Clarke

Equipment Officer: Nick Horne

Our volunteers train, prepare equipment, attend incidents and work to support the Deepwater community throughout the fire season.

STAY INFORMED. STAY PREPARED.

Fire conditions can change quickly. Don't wait until you can see smoke to start thinking about what you will do.

Download Hazards Near Me

Set your location and watch zones so you can receive important warnings and updates.

Check the Fire Danger Rating

Check the NSW RFS website regularly for the current fire danger rating and Total Fire Ban information.

EMERGENCY — CALL 000

If you see a fire and it is an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

PREPARE NOW — DON'T WAIT FOR THE SMOKE

Fire preparation is everyone's responsibility.

Take a few minutes this week to walk around your property, check your equipment, clear up combustible material and talk to your family about your Bush Fire Survival Plan.

A prepared community is a safer community.

Deepwater Rural Fire Brigade

Protecting our community through preparation, prevention and response. 



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29 YOUNG STREET, DEEPWATER, NSW, 2371

Deepwater Historical Railway Society Corner

On 29th August 2026 we celebrated the station's 140 years since its official opening on 1st September 1886. This was a 'soft opening'.

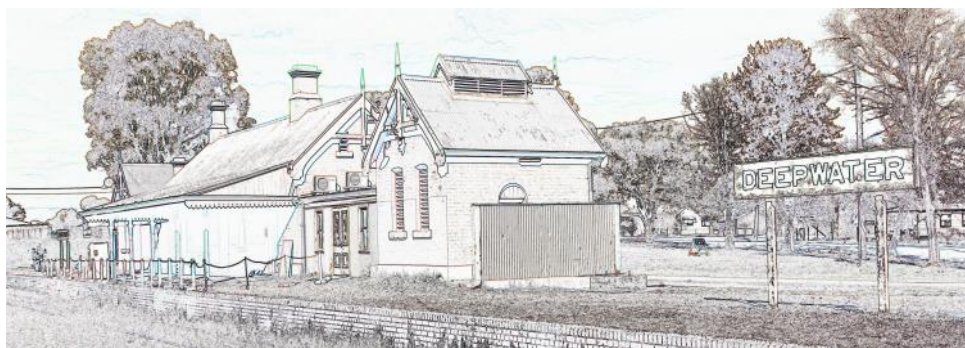
Around 40 people joined us for a lovely couple of hours with mulled wine and

cheese kindly provided by Mary Hollingworth. See Donna's photos on the Progress Facebook page.

Lovely music provided by Joe and a great time of sharing our re-opening of the station and our very fast filling visitor's book.

The large number of visitors will help us get grants for when we get permission from the GISC Heritage dept to carry out repairs.

The raffle was drawn. We thank Greg and Jenelle Wright for the first prize of a load of wood, won by Jenny Wilson of Deepwater and delivered by Tricia to them. **Foodworks** for second prize \$100 voucher, won by Joe Brown from the Tenterfield Bowling Club and **Deepwater Hotel** (Stuart and Susi) for third prize of two bottles of wine, won by Joan H also from Tenterfield Bowling Club.



Lucky numbers were in order D92, F70 and F30. Thanks to Kylie Long and Carol Sparks from GISC for drawing the raffle.

Willem provided a video with footage of the commemorative steam train trip in October 1989.

The local school want to bring an excursion through the station.

The Railway Station continues to open to the public on Monday's and Friday's from 9 am to 3 pm and on most Tuesday's 9 to 12; Thursday morning and on some Saturday and Sunday mornings. Thank you to Eileen, Roslyn, Jenelle, Tricia and Glenn and now Dean for volunteering so far. If you see the open sign on the mound, it is open when volunteers are available.

We thank Willem van der Heul for providing such wonderful old photographs from 1900. Thank you Richard and Michael for a 1920 Railway clock and thanks to Joe for the help in putting it up.

It is a very popular place for visitors from all over Australia.

We opened on 22nd July and counted 67 people visiting in July. During August we counted 107 visitors. This did include about 40 for the soft opening.

So far in September (to 21st) we have counted 81 visitors.

Sudoku

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	1	3	9				4	7
		6	3					1
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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Church Services:

Anglican Church Service (Forbes Street Deepwater & Moore Street Emmaville)

The Church services alternate weekly between Deepwater and Emmaville

if a Month has five Sundays the 5th Sunday will be in Torrington

First Sunday Deepwater 9:00am

Second Sunday Emmaville 9:00am

Church Wardens Deepwater - Reuben Cooper 0499 868 321

Emmaville - Heather Reynolds 0428 347 252

Catholic Church Service (Simpson Street)

Sunday at 10 am

Deepwater Rubbish Tip Hours:

Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday: 1:00 pm -3pm

Sunday: 10am -12 noon

Golf Program

Sunday	Oct	4	18 Hole Progressive Stableford
Sunday	Oct	11	18 Hole Stableford
Sunday	Oct	18	Emmaville 4BBB Open
Sunday	Oct	25	18 Hole Monthly Medal—Services Club Trophy
Sunday	Nov	1	Glen Innes open
Sunday	Nov	8	18 Hole Progressive Stableford



Library Service:

Wednesday 10 am - 12:30 pm and 1.30 pm - 4 pm

Home Library Service Deliveries available from 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm



Preschool:

at the CWA Hall

Tuesday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm



Progress Association Meeting & AGM

The next meeting is Wednesday 14 October 5:30 pm at the School of Arts Hall

(Code Of Conduct Rules will be followed)

Everyone welcome.

Sewing Group

Meets Monday's at the School of Arts Hall

9am to 4pm - leave when you want to.



Tiny Tots Playgroup

For Mums with little ones

Wednesday 1pm—3 pm At the Anglican Church Deepwater

Refreshments provided.

Contact Trudy 0428 266 417 or Penny 0408 728 149



Deepwater Post Office

Open hours Monday to Friday

8:30 am—3:30 pm

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7	4	6	3	8	9	5	2	1
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Sudoku answer

For notices to be included, please send details to eventsdeepwater@gmail.com

Cut OFF date for Articles and advertising is 20 October 2026



Join us for our annual

Christmas Carols and Twilight Markets

Stallholder Expressions of Interest

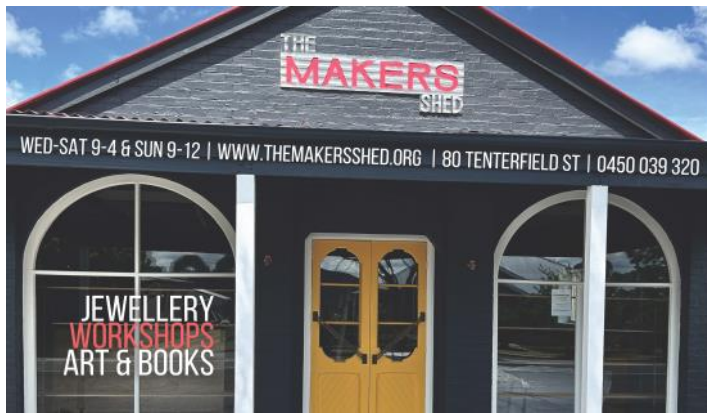
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