Over the past few weeks I have had the privilege of interviewing many of our Year 12 students who have just completed their formal secondary schooling. The overwhelming message is that our students value the sense of community at NAC and they value how their teachers have treated them, cared for them and challenged them in their learning, particularly in their Collegian years. I have been so impressed by their sense of camaraderie and connection to the College and to their friends. As a principal I am proud of how they have “turned out” and I am reassured that they will be successful as they enter the next chapters of their lives.

Relationships are important in our school community. At the end of Term 3 Senior School students were surveyed regarding Pastoral Care and Well-being at Nowra Anglican College. The data that we have collected has provided us with interesting information about their connection to school, to their friends and to their teachers. It has also provided us valuable data to help us develop further programs to assist our students to develop good mental health and well-being.

Positive peer relationships at school are linked to many positive and desirable pupil outcomes such as sound levels of academic performance, optimal levels of well-being and adult mental health. On the other hand social isolation or rejection at school are linked to a range of negative pupil outcomes such as lack of engagement, disconnection to school, absenteeism, being bullied, behavioural difficulties, drug usage, depression, anxiety and social difficulties. (McGrath and Noble, 2010)

One of the topics that we included in the Pastoral Care and Well-being student surveys focused on bullying. I believe that bullying has become a significant and sinister issue in Australian society. Bullying is not acceptable in any school. No student, teacher, parent or community member should experience bullying within our learning community and it is our intention to make it very clear that bullying is antisocial and not acceptable in our school.

A clear message from current research about pupil well-being is the need to develop whole school programs that develop positive relationships, particularly positive peer relationships. For positive peer relationships and pupil engagement to occur, school leaders must be intentional about the development of a safe, caring and inclusive school culture. (Battisch et al. 2001)
McGrath and Noble highlight four common factors that contribute to the development of a safe, caring and inclusive school culture. These are:

1. Making pupil well-being a high priority
2. Planning for a “relationship culture”
3. Having an effective school leadership team that focuses on whole school well-being and the personal growth of pupils
4. Incorporating whole school behaviour management programs.

Whole school approaches that have been found to contribute to the development of positive peer relationships include such things as peer support, peer counselling, peer mediation, buddy systems and peer tutoring.

The explicit teaching of pro-social values within the school community also underpins the development of positive peer relationships. Pro-social values are relatively stable, pervasive and enduring holistic beliefs that people hold about what is right and wrong and how to treat others.

As a result of our Pastoral Care and Well-being surveys we have organised for the Make Bullying History organisation to present a session to our Year 6 and Senior School students on Monday 30th November to help our students develop positive peer relationships.

We will also be holding a parent information session about bullying on Monday 30th November, 2015 and I encourage all parents from Junior and Senior school to attend. The session starts at 5:30pm. I look forward to seeing many of you at this event.

Mrs Lorrae Sampson

Make Bullying History is an organisation which focuses on addressing bullying issues in schools and building resilience in students by offering advice and a holistic approach to stop bullying.

This involves all members of the College community understanding what is meant by the term ‘bullying’ and working to alleviate the issues which arise from it, as well as implementing strategies to eradicate this problem.

The Make Bullying History Foundation aims to help young people, families and communities better themselves and offer encouragement and hope to students, families and teachers in dealing with this issue.

Make Bullying history will be providing a parent seminar on this topic:

Monday, November 30
5.30pm– 7.30pm
in the Recital room
You are warmly invited to attend this special information evening.

Please RSVP online:
http://www.trybooking.com/167907

TEAR has a big impact on aiding and developing small villages. They help them by motivating and informing members of the community to make a change. In these villages they are contributing to empowering women and strengthening the community as whole by helping provide them assistance with their health, education and livelihoods, as well as making them environmentally sustainable. TEAR is quite effective in small areas as they strengthen the society and have quite a major contribution to these small villages, however in world disasters they only have a minor contribution.

Year 8 Christian Studies Mission Expo

Year 8 Christian Studies recently conducted their annual Mission Expo. Over a number of lessons they participated in a Project Based Learning group assessment, researching, creating, evaluating and presented on a Christian mission seeking to make a difference in the world. The work of our students was terrific. It was also great having Year 6 visit as guest judges.

One of the categories was an article for NAC News on the effectiveness of the organisation being researched. The following winning article was written by Cordelia Ewers, who also produced an outstanding website and video. Along with group members Courtney Western, Sophie Emery and Hayley Faust they produced the best overall group work.

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

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TEAR thinks that the development they make is more than just providing the disadvantaged with shelter or food for example, but they believe that their actions might produce something that is more spiritually and socially sustainable. They have made a major effect in all areas of the people who they are helping. Things that they could do to improve are to assist more with places that are affected by major world disasters and they should help villages that vary in sizes, as currently they mainly work with smaller villages.

TEAR works holistically in communities to develop and provide relief, with help from their project partners. They use religion as their motivation through God giving them the compassion and hope for helping people. They think it will change the world and give hope for people who live in poverty. TEAR Australia is motivated by their understanding of God, the words and actions of Jesus and the mission that he passed on to the Church. They believe that God seeks them to involve in the work of God’s Kingdom, involving them to work for justice and hope with and alongside people living with poverty. They believe that it is their responsibility to respect and care for human society. Being a Christian is a major part of their organisation and helps them have the courage and strength to work with people who are living in poverty.

I think that TEAR is a great Christian organisation that helps many small villages their daily life. They are very productive and are helping people who live in poverty have a better life and a better chance of breaking out of the poverty cycle. Overall they have a major effect on the people they help and have an impact on breaking the poverty cycle.

Cordelia Ewers
Mr Jim Dayhew

Art wars
For our fifth year running, the College held the Art War House Competition. Each House had to create a team with one member from each year group. They were workshoped by art teacher Mrs Robertson and then last Monday in Periods 5-6 the whole Senior School came to the Gym to watch each member of the House teams begin painting a huge portrait on an easel of one of the teachers in their House. Each member was given 5 minutes and had their work filmed and projected for everyone to see. Accompanying this was music and commentary from the House Captains.

The winner was Procter and the runner up was Best.

P&F Family Movie Night
Friday 27 November 2015
“The Princess Bride”
A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. He must find her after a long separation and save her. They must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other.

NOTE - while this movie sounds soppy - it is suitable for all ages and features sword fights, giants and a great deal of action.

$2 per person
please pre-purchase tickets from NAC administration.

6pm
Hot Dogs, Drinks and Popcorn will be available for sale

7pm
movie commences

Come along dressed for comfort. Bring along picnic rugs, bean bags, cushions etc... If you bring camp chairs you will be encouraged to sit towards the back.

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL
“Tuesday 8th December is the final school day for students.”
Two Mufti Days
We have had two mufti days in quick succession. Last week’s mufti day which raised funds for World Vision and this Tuesday which raised much needed funds and tinned food for All Saints Community Care. Thankyou to all students and families who gave generously.

Improvement and Presentation Assembly
On Tuesday 1st December 9.30am we will be holding our Annual Improvement and Semester 2 Presentation Assembly. This assembly will be a time to acknowledge those students who have demonstrated marked improvement in a subject over the course of the year. During this assembly we will also be giving out Light of the Cross Awards as well as other awards that students have received.

Christmas Chapel
Our whole school Christmas Chapel will be held in the College gymnasium on Thursday 3rd December beginning at 9.30am. Our Kindergarten classes will be presenting the annual nativity play. Families are welcome to attend.

Last Day for Students
Tuesday 8th December is the final school day for students. All Senior School students wear normal summer uniform on this day. The school day will run as normal and finish at normal time (3.15pm). Rehearsals will be held during the day and students who have a role to play will be at the Gymnasium during the day for rehearsals.

Senior School Presentation Evening
The Senior School Presentation Evening will be held in the College Gymnasium starting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 8th December. Students must wear full summer uniform.

We look forward to a wonderful end of term and finale to 2015. Thank you for your support and help over the year.

Mr David Hamaty

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Visit to Year 7 from SCARF

On Thursday 19th November, all of year seven were lucky enough to experience a visit from Narges Mirazee, as well as Sharyn Mackenzie, who is a representative from the Strategic Community Assistance for Refugee Families (SCARF), which is also a major part of the Refugee Council of Australia in the Illawarra.

Sharyn informed all of us about Refugee’s, Asylum Seekers, the difference between the two titles, information on a day in their lives, and also such things as where Australia takes most of their refugee's from, which changes regularly depending on the government’s decisions. It was absolutely astounding to realise just how poor the quality of their lives are because of uncontrollable circumstances such as war, terror and beliefs.

Not only did we learn interesting, shocking information, but we also met an extremely intelligent, persistent Afghan refugee from Iran, Narges Mirazee. Narges is such a strong, determined woman, who told us her story of all of the terrible things she faced in Iran. These things included; the pressure of the Taliban, the terrible loss of her father, the terrible things she faced at school due to her nationality, the terrible bullying she faced at school, the medical service, and the reduction of her marks at school due to her nationality. These things included; the pressure of the Taliban, the terrible loss of her father, the terrible bullying she faced at school due to her nationality, the terrible things she faced at school due to her nationality.

Narges is currently studying at the University of Wollongong to become a doctor which, after she finishes, she aspires to go back and work in Iran, to help those seeking medical help.

We all learnt so much from this visit, and truly got to understand what it is like to be a refugee and just how hard and terrifying the lifestyle. It was a once in a lifetime experience that we will never forget, and will always make us think twice about our opinions and perspectives on refugees and asylum seekers.

By Lily Morris

Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair

On Wednesday November 4, 10 students from NAC attended the Illawarra Regional Science Fair at University of Wollongong. These included: Macauley Bate, Grace Cleary, Matthew Davison, Sophie Emery, Ethan Ford, Luke Goldman, Bronte Heslehurst, Thomas Pascoe, Emily Percival and Kylie Van Altena. The students presented their science projects to a field of judges and were among hundreds of other projects from over 914 students from dozens of schools. The students attending had a good time and enjoyed the opportunity to compete with so many strong entries from around the region. They had the opportunity to interact with other students, to converse with many judges and other visitors, as well as the chance to catch a glimpse of scientific work and inquiry on a broader scale. It is hoped that this experience will inspire them and others to possibly pursue a career in science and technology and to always strive for excellence in any future endeavour.

Dr Shannon Marecic

Tour the T Fun Run

A small group of hardy souls headed out to join the’ Tour the T’ fun run on the 20th November this year. This is a run along the edge of the airstrips out at Albatross Airbase. The ‘T’ part is where the airstrips are perpendicular to each other. This also coincided with one of the hottest November days ever recorded. Unfortunately due to an email mix up, everyone but us, knew that the fun run had moved forward an hour to avoid the heat so we turned up and the race had started without us – literally - hundreds of runners were already out half way down the airstrip and the NAC students were just putting their shoes on. However the Albatross staff were unfazed and found another stopwatch and simply started the NAC students off later. The girls ended up doing the 4 km event but the boys stuck it out in the heat for a massive 8 km. One particular student who shall remain nameless was so keen he ended up doing extra. In the end, after the adjusted time had been factored in, Copper Thomson yr 8 came second in the School Boy category and Joshua Pearson yr 9 came third. Congratulations to both. Given the heat and the rushed start, the NAC students all did well.

The plan is to attend again next year with a bigger and fitter contingent and this time we will get there ridiculously early.
Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients this week

Silver Light of the Cross Awards
Jordan Hockey x2 Yr10
Amy Ou Yr10

Bronze Awards
Academic
Corey Bate Yr12
Bridie Harris Yr7
Brody King Yr7
Lily Morris x2 Yr7

Co-Curricular Awards
Elisha Ball Yr7
Corey Bate x2 Yr12
Brody King Yr7

Service & Character Awards
Austin Baker Yr7
Elisha Ball x2 Yr7
Harrison Bice Yr7
Altong Crear Yr7
Ashlee Cummins Yr7
Jordan Hockey Yr10
Brody King Yr7
Mayah Leach Yr7
Amy Ou x3 Yr10
Ebony Zillesen Yr7

Girls Night In – Event – Thursday, December 3

On Thursday, December 3, 3.30-5.30pm a few Year 12 girls from NAC have kindly offered to host a ‘Girls Night In’ in the MPC here at NAC which is aimed at highlighting some of the issues that young adolescent girls face such as friendships, body image and self-confidence. The event will also raise awareness of, and serve as a fundraiser for, Women’s Cancers. Our Year 12 girls will hold a few workshops which will include discussions about coping with social pressures at school, balancing work and life issues, communicating effectively with peers, how to cope with changes to our bodies, and there will also be a fun and practical session to teach girls how to apply make-up properly.

Girls from Years 7-9 are invited to attend and afternoon tea will be provided by Year 12 for all girls attending. The girls are also invited to wear something pink for the afternoon and are encouraged to pack this in their school bags to get changed into after school. The event is $10 to attend and all proceeds will go directly to women’s cancer research.

We hope to see as many year 7-9 girls as possible. The teachers attending will be Ms Reynolds and Miss Turner.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Chapel & Kindergarten Nativity Play

Kindergarten is very excited about performing on stage in their Christmas Nativity Play. We warmly invite parents and friends to join us for this very special event on Thursday 3 December in the gymnasium.

Morning Tea

Following Christmas Chapel there will be a morning tea to thank all our volunteers who have so generously given of their time during the year to support our school and our students. We really encourage you to come, even if you feel that your contribution has been small because every bit counts and we want you to know how much we appreciate your help.

Year 6 Graduation

We will be sad to farewell Year 6 because they are such a wonderful group of children and they have made such a terrific contribution to the Junior School. They’re looking forward with eager anticipation to their graduation and it will be a lovely evening of celebration for them and their families. We wish them well as they move on to the Senior School.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day is an important event in the school calendar. We celebrate the achievements of the past year and acknowledge the work of our students. It’s a great opportunity for our students to showcase their musical talents.

The Junior School Presentation Day will be held in the College gymnasium, beginning at 11.00am. Students are expected to wear their full summer uniform with shoes shined and hair combed. We warmly invite parents and friends to join us for this special event.

Following the event students are permitted to go home with their parents. Please collect your child from their classroom where the teacher will mark their name off the roll. This is instead of going to Student Services for the usual sign out. Students who remain at school will be supervised until the end of the normal school day.

Picnic Day

Picnic Day is always lots of fun and a wonderful way to finish the year. K-2 will be going to Palm Beach and 3-6 to Plantation Point. All
students will travel by bus from the school. Parents are welcome to join us at the picnic ground. If you wish to take your child home afterwards we ask that you return your child’s name marked off by their teacher before your departure.

Safety is our first priority and children are expected to follow their teachers’ directions at all times as they would on any other excursion. In accordance with our sun safe policy children should wear hats and wear clothing which covers their body sufficiently to avoid sunburn. Closed shoes (e.g. joggers) are also mandatory.

2016

The first day back for students in Years 1-6 is Thursday 28 January. Because enrolments have continued to grow at a rapid rate we are adding an additional class to the Junior School moving to a double stream from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Waiting lists exist for some grades.

The first day back for Kindergarten is Monday 1 February.

Much time and thought on the part of our staff is put into the composition of classes to ensure the right balance of gender, academic abilities and social/emotional considerations. Of course it will never be perfect and not everyone is completely satisfied. But what we do know is that children look to their teachers and parents for assurance and, when they receive positive affirmation they are optimistic about their class, their teacher and the year ahead. We are blessed with a wonderful staff and their aim is to provide the best possible learning environment for your children. We really appreciate your support, especially at the beginning of each new school year.

Thank you

On behalf of the Junior School staff I would like to thank parents, grandparents and carers for your help in so many ways. Thank you for affirming our staff. Thank you for encouraging and assisting your children with their homework and for keeping track of diaries. Thank you for ensuring that your children come to school each day well dressed in their uniform.

We wish you a very happy Christmas and a relaxing holiday.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9: 6-7

Susan Pearson

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After finishing runners up at the local gala day the 3/4 girls team was brimming with confidence as they headed to Penrith for the state finals of the CSSA basketball competition. The girls were in a pool of five teams, which meant that they needed to finish in the top two to progress to the semi-finals.

The first game was against Oxford Falls, who had taken out the boys competition the week before. It was a tight game with NAC holding a slim lead for the majority of match until they were overpowered at the end.

NAC defeat old rivals to move into the final

Playing against Inaburra in cricket in the Junior School has always been a bit of a David vs Goliath battle, except without the victory for David. This year, however David has finally had his day as the NAC junior cricket team felled the Goliath that is Inaburra.

We finally had a day that was more like an Australian summer day for cricket as we drove to Sydney to take on Inaburra in the CSSA cricket knockout semi-final. Despite a last minute change of venue and losing the toss and being asked to bowl first, we still had high hopes. Reality set in however after the first two overs went for 12 and their opening batsmen looked very comfortable. The bowling tightened up after that and only 4 runs came off the next four overs. Needing to push the run rate along, their number one batter took on Troy Sweet in the field. Sweet swooped in and with a beautiful pick up, throw and direct hit had him on his way for 12. Runs were hard to come by and in the last over before drinks, the other Sweet, Jack, proved that anything his brother could do he could do just as well as he ran out another batsmen. Wickets began to fall at a regular rate and despite some late hitting we restricted Inaburra to 8/58 from their allotted overs. Best with the ball for NAC was Jack Sweet 2/5, Troy Sweet, Toby Huard, Jack Walsh and Tully Dennis all chimed in with a wicket each.

At the start of the NAC innings Ben Lans looked like he had an early lunch reservation as he set about reducing the target as quickly as possible. After he fell for a quick 12 the Jacks, Sweet and Walsh compiled a brilliant partnership of 42 to take us to a 9 wicket victory. Sweet finished unbeaten on 24 which included three boundaries and Walsh finished also unbeaten on 17, also with three boundaries.

It was a brilliant team effort from the boys. We will now take on Green Point in the final to be played in the next two weeks.

More Maths glory for Jack and Troy Sweet!

Jack and Troy Sweet bring home more Maths glory. They attended an award ceremony at Sydney Grammar School last week and discovered that Jack performed in the top 0.03% and Troy in the top 3% in the Australian Maths comp.

(This is really good since mostly the top students do this comp!)
Science unit in stage two
‘Beneath our feet’

This semester, stage two has been investigating soil and erosion. Students were engaged in stimulating practical experiments such as building modelled landscapes, collecting soil samples to classify soil types and creating soil solutions in glass jars to explore what soil is made of.

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I liked waiting and finding out what happened to the soil we put in jars because it was exciting and very interesting for me. Cade Missingham

I like science because we find out interesting things and so far I did not know any of the things we discovered. Jasmine Rankin

I like building landscapes because I liked how the water came down and ruined the sand. This was fun and interesting. Sebastian Vaughn

I liked building the model then pouring the water on it because the mountain fell down straight away. Olivia Garrick

I enjoyed searching in the dirt to see what type of soil it is and watching it float to the top of the jar. I could clearly see what was in my soil. Charlotte Hopperton

I loved building the mountains and landscapes to see how erosion works. Oscar Lewis

What I enjoyed the most was making models to see how landscapes work when we pour water on them. Ours made a valley which was very cool. We then learnt about erosion and I enjoyed it heaps. Sarah Moore

I enjoyed doing the experiment in the sand pit where we built a model structure out of blocks and then finished off with sand. We then modelled erosion by tipping water onto the model. When we recorded the results we learnt about erosion. Indigo Brindley

I like science because you always get to see if your guess was right or wrong and it is challenging. Zen Sheppard

3S

I like making sand models and watching them erode. Arielle 3S

The thing I LOVE most in science is making models because my group and I were awesome at modelling erosion. Amy 3S

I like making models in science. Indy 3S

I like doing science because you can predict what is going to happen and I like seeing what will happen in 1000 years. Laura 3S

I really enjoy the experiments we do in science. Brendon 3S

I liked building mountains out of sand. Ben 3S
Purple Snow at Preschool
We have a beautiful purple covering in our back yard at the moment. There are also a large number of seed pods on the ground. Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been collecting purple flowers that have fallen from the Jacaranda tree. This is also the time the seed pods fall from the tree. I had pictures of our yard carpeted in the beautiful flowers to show.

Kimmie: ‘Does anyone know where this is?’
Children: ‘The flowers over there’ (pointing to the back yard).
Theresa’s ‘lots’ of flowers say’s Angela.
Isla: ‘100.’
Lyall: ‘189.’
Kimmie: ‘Where do you think they come from?’
Hannah: ‘It’s the Jacaranda tree.’
What do you think is inside these (Kimmie holds up the Jacaranda seed pods)
Cameron: ‘Eggs.’
Ben: ‘Ant Eggs.’
Hannah: ‘Eggs.’
Pep: ‘Eggs.’
Lyall: ‘Tadpole eggs.’
Grace: ‘They’re seeds, the seeds are inside.’
Angela: ‘Seed pods.’
Ben: ‘Inside there’s ants.’
Ben: ‘They need to grow.’
Cameron: ‘In seed pods there is…oh it moved, (Cam’s breath blows the seeds). You might find treasure.’
Delilah: ‘Seeds.’
Hannah: ‘An egg inside.’
Cam: ‘We could plant.’
Lyall: ‘We could plant some flowers.’
Kimmie: ‘This tiny seeds grows into?’
Cam: ‘Like Jack and the bean stalk?’ (Pointing to the props for this story on the story board).

What great thoughts and connections the children were able to make. The seed pods were opened to reveal the tiny wafer like seeds inside. Using our seeds the children helped to plant these in small containers in the hope that they will sprout. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we had all our seeds germinate, being able to watch their progress over the next couple of weeks (Learning Outcome 2.4: Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment when they, show growing appreciation and care for natural and constructed environments). Later in the afternoon we read a book called ‘Purple Snow’, a lovely story about the Jacaranda trees in Grafton NSW.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Bomaderry Anglican
Cnr Princes Hwy & West Birriley St, Bomaderry

Christmas Eve - 6.30pm
Celebration service for all ages with characters & carols

Christmas Day - 9am
A contemporary service with Kids’ Church

Every Sunday:
From Christmas Day to January 31 - 9am
A service for all ages with Kids’ Church

Church contact: Sean Heslehurst, 0401 225 204
seanheslehurst@icloud.com

Vincentia
Jervis Bay Anglican Church meets at Vincentia Public School, George Caley Place, Vincentia (off The Wool Road).

Sunday 6 Dec 10am
Children’s Christmas Puppet Show

Sunday 20 Dec 10am
Modern Family Carol Service

Christmas Eve Thurs 24 Dec - 7.30pm
Christmas Eve Service with free Glowstix

Christmas Day - 10am
Modern Family Celebration Service

Contact: Rev. Ray Goldman 4441 5755 rgoldman@huskisson.anglican.asn.au

St Peter’s Shoalhaven Heads
Corner Scott St and Booner Dr, Shoalhaven Heads.

Service Day and times (note service particulars if targeted service):
24th 6pm Family Celebration
25th 9am Christmas Day service

Church contact: Anthony Douglas, 44488179 anthony@spsh.org.au,

St. Luke’s Anglican Church, Berry
68A Princess Street, Berry

Service Day and times (note service particulars if targeted service):
Christmas Eve
11.00pm - Holy Communion
Christmas Day
8.00am - Holy Communion
9.30am - Family Celebration

Church contact: Neil Percival, 4464 1058, office@berry.anglican.asn.au

Sign Up for Milo In2Cricket
North Nowra Cambewarra Cricket Club is running Milo In2Cricket for the 2015/16 cricket season. Come along and sign up – Fridays 5.30pm to 7pm at Bernie Regan Sporting Complex. Cost $90 including bat, ball, hat, shirt and bag.
Enquiries to Tim Bricklebank Milo Co-ordinator 0438 550 259 or visit www.nnccc.org.au
Shoalhaven Football will be conducting School Holiday Clinics (ages 5 – 13 years) in January at:

**Shoalhaven Heads**
14th & 15th 9am – 12 noon  Cost = $70

**Sth Nowra**
19th, 20th & 21st 9 am – 12 noon  Cost = $100

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