



DEEPWATER

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

Deepwater Race Day

Deepwater has just run another fantastic race day drawing huge crowds to the village.

To do this it takes a village! The tradition continues. The recent running of the Deepwater Cup was the 160th year since two wise men put their heads together to create an event for the community of Deepwater. The horses, jockeys, bookies, Raceday attire all feature prominently, however the real feature of the races are the volunteers who annually come together to guarantee the races continue each year.

The Deepwater Jockey Club have approx. 20 locals who all volunteer their time as committee members. From here tasks get assigned to help share the load around. This year's races accrued 970 volunteer hours over 12 months. That's just an amazing effort by more than 40 individuals locally. Many of these volunteers also donate fuel, paint, machinery use and numerous other items required to keep the maintenance up on the track, fence, grand stand, stables and much more.

Over the course of 160 years, it's likely 970 hours is required annually. When you cast an eye back 50+ years it's likely the efficiencies of today's equipment has reduced the annual workload. 1000's of hours would have been volunteered to construct the stand 113 years ago.

Based on annual average of 970 hours, the community has contributed 154,230 hours of volunteer labour since the Races idea became an event. At today's rate of just \$25 per hour, the community has donated their time and expertise to the tune of \$3.85M in unpaid labour. What an amazing achievement for the village of Deepwater!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Why I live, Where I live

“The reason I came to live on Ngoorabul County is easy: the property prices were affordable,” Richard Moon says. “The reasons I choose to remain here are far more interesting.”

A silver-worker, Richard and his husband Michael Burge had been looking for a home in the highlands for two years before a real estate algorithm threw up an option at Deepwater, and they came for a weekend of house hunting seven years ago.

“I knew I wanted to live in our property before we even arrived,” he recalls of the 1885 former railway gatekeeper’s cottage he and Michael now call home. “The place looked so sunny and surrounded by nature.”

While out and about at local events with his market stall, Richard soon met many long-term locals.

“We felt embraced very quickly,” he says.

By 2018, Richard had opened the doors of his silver jewellery

workshop and studio, The Makers Shed at 123 Grey Street Glen Innes.

“So often I find that I can come home to Deepwater and not leave for the entire weekend. Everything we need is here, from the supermarket, the pharmacy, the post office, the antique shop and the tennis club, to the many places we can go for a drink and a meal,” he says.

“I always feel Deepwater punches above its weight in terms of the way the community supports its owns, like the regular events at the School of Arts hall.”

In 2018, Richard was recruited into the cast of the hall committee’s fundraising production of *Threadly Sins*, and in 2021 he was invited to direct the next production, *Phantom of the Music Hall*.

The signs of local heritage are another aspect that Richard enjoys.

“I love wandering through the Common,” he says. “I once

found a brick near an old kiln. There were fingerprints on it, undoubtedly the marks of the person who made it. It gives me a strong sense of connection to this place.”

In 2023, Richard visited the Cooramah Cultural Centre in Glen Innes for an Indigenous artisan market during the annual Celtic Festival.

“I met a Ngorabul Elder who showed me the Ngorabul name for Deepwater:

‘Dhalgambuun nandaa’, which translates as ‘place of dead trees’,” Richard says.

“You only have to look around the region to see how it got its original name.”

Richard provides free collection and delivery for Deepwater residents who’d like silver jewellery repairs, remodelling and commissions completed





The 159th running of the Deepwater Races attracted around 2500 racegoers. The Fashions on the Field were spectacular- in all categories. The day ended an hour earlier just as a storm rolled in. A very welcome 60 mm of rain fell on Saturday night to finish a quite wonderful day.



The Newman Family

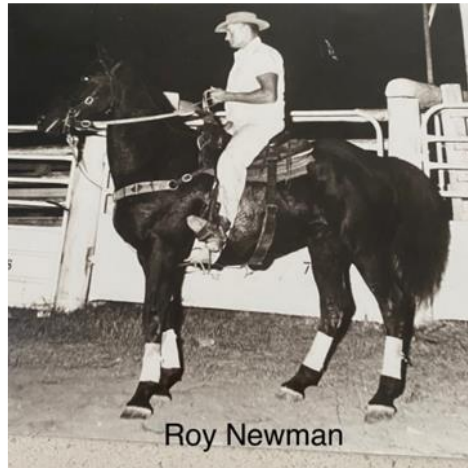
As the local Deepwater Races celebrate nearly 160 years here on the same grounds – we share the story of the Newman men who are entwined in the Deepwater Jockey Clubs history.

After the Depression and no race meetings for 1933 or 1934 Mr Fred William Newman (a local horseman) attended the 1935 races in the capacity of the Clerk of the Course.



Fred worked in this capacity for many years and was invited by the Club Secretary to come in 1949. As Fred's grandson Roy took over in 1950 – this

may have been close to retiring age for Fred. Thanks, Fred, for 15 years' service. Fred also trained racehorses at the local racecourse with his grandson Roy riding trackwork for him.



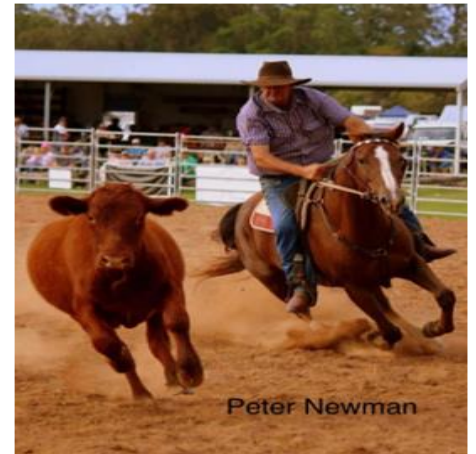
Fred's grandson Roy (also a local horseman) took over the position in about 1950, Roy rode his favourite horse Monty for many years, followed by Jacko and in later years he rode his horse Pedro and worked as Clerk of the Course up until his retiring in 1983.

Roy's son Peter (also a local horseman) took over from about 1984 also riding Pedro working as Clerk of the Course until about 1995. Thanks, Peter, for about 11 years' service.

Peter's son Cameron worked assisting Errol Andrews (who began in 1997) in attending the barriers (assisting as Clerk of the Course for 10 years) from

2014 until the present. Thanks, Cameron, for about 10 years' service

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Sunday	4	Deepwater	9: am
Sunday	11	Emmaville	9: am
Sunday	18	Deepwater	9: am
Sunday	25	Emmaville	9: am
Sunday March	3	Deepwater	9: am



Church Wardens Deepwater - Reuben Cooper 0499 868 321 **Emmaville** - Dave Ashard

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Catholic Church Service (Simpson Street)
Sunday at 10 am

Church in the Shed (Deepwater School Of Arts Hall Tenterfield Street)
Sundays at 10 am

Deepwater Rubbish Tip Hours:

Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday: 1:00 pm -3pm
Sunday: 10am -12 noon

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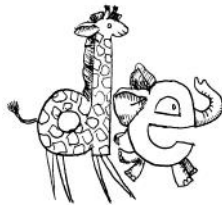
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Preschool:

at the CWA Hall
Tuesday 9.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm



Progress Association:

The next meeting is set for Wednesday 21 February 7 Pm at the School of Arts Hall
Everyone welcome.

The Progress Association is looking for a new Treasurer

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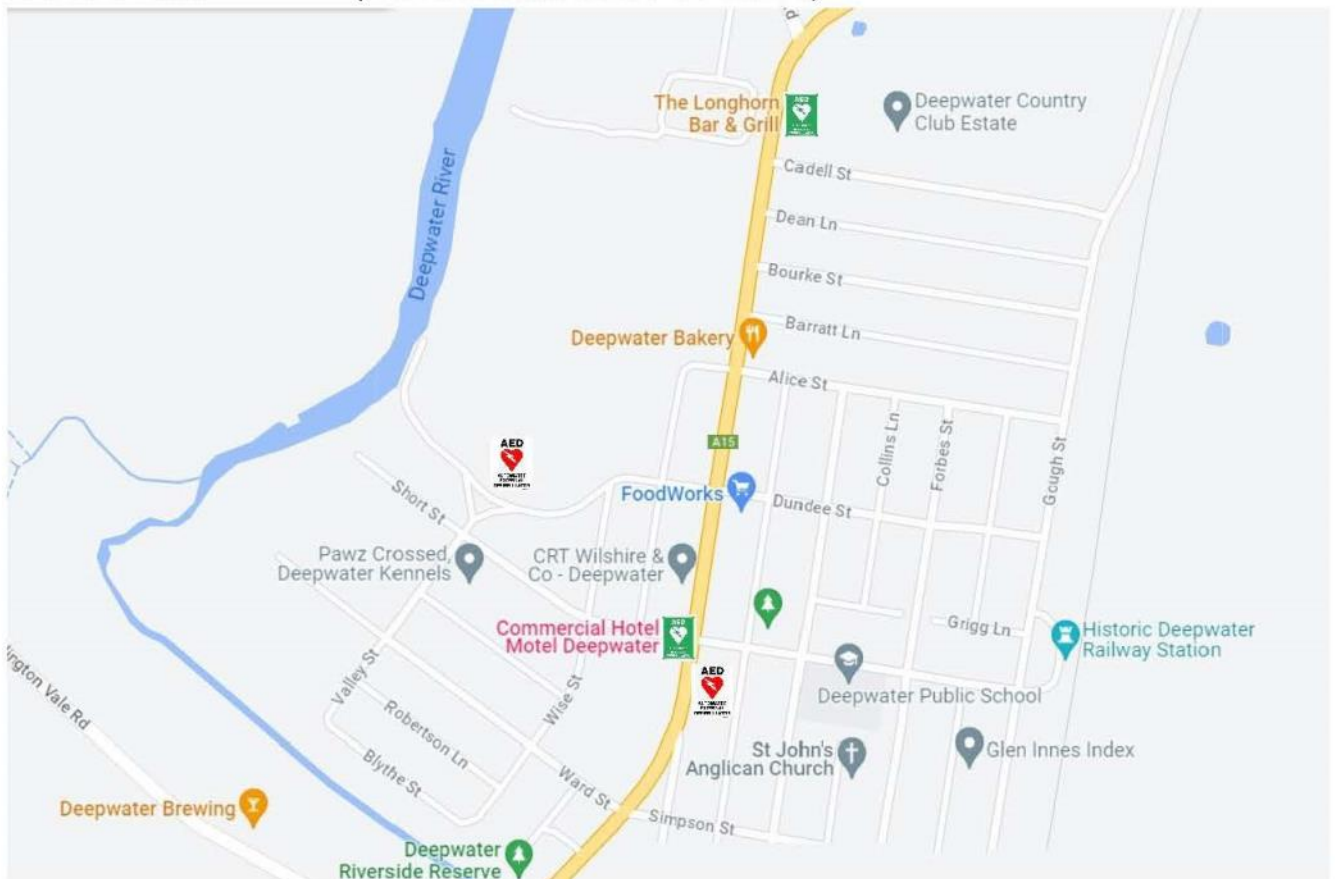
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We are guessing that you are all very grateful (as we are) for the lovely recent rains.

There were varying amounts of fall for different areas. 40 on race night on the river, 63 on the track and not so much up on Silent Grove Road. The old saying of 'you have to be under it' certainly applies.

We can almost see the grass growing in front of us and certainly the flowers are going gang busters.

Dahlias are blooming wonderfully. Here are a few photos of some of the Dahlias around. One of a triple hibiscus included. We invite you to send us your best garden photos if you want to share their beauty with everyone.



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