



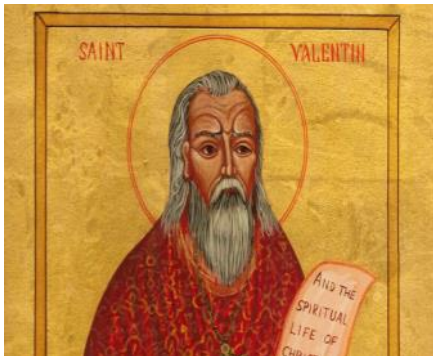
DEEPWATER

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

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day in Australia (and around the world) is an annual celebration of love. Although the origins of Saint Valentine himself were far from romantic, the date has become a popular occasion for people looking to cherish their relationship with that special someone. Although the day is not a public holiday, many Australians choose to give a gift, go on a date or embark on a romantic adventure – or all three! – on Valentine's Day as a celebration of their love. It's become something of a cultural ritual alongside Christmas gift-giving and chocolate eggs at Easter. However, as with national public holidays, like Australia Day, you'll find that not all Australians celebrate the occasion.



Valentine's day around the world is celebrated in the name of Saint Valentine, but who's this mysterious saint and why's the festival celebrated with such gusto! Although the truth behind the festival is murky, there are a few stories you would like to know. It's said that Valentine was a priest who served during the 3rd century in Rome, And when emperor Claudius II announced that single men made better soldiers than those with families and wives, he outlawed marriage for young soldiers. Valentine went against this injustice being done to young men and started performing secret marriages for young lovers. When the emperor found out about Valentine's actions, he ordered that the saint be put to death. The other tale suggests that the saint may have been killed while helping the Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were tortured. Gradually, Saint Valentine became so popular that couples all across

the world started celebrating Valentine's Day as the day of love.

Valentine's Day Traditions Around The World in 2026

Argentina—For a week of sweetness. Argentinians don't celebrate Valentine's Day in Feb, but "the week of sweetness" in July. It's the day when lovers exchange kisses and receive chocolates and other sweets. In the country, the day actually started as a commercial invention but later became Valentine's traditions.
France—Epicentre of Romance It is believed that the first-ever Valentine's Day card originated in France, when Charles, the Duke of Orleans, sent love letters to his wife from prison in 1415. The French village called "Valentine" turns into the epicentre of romance between the 12th and 14th of February. One can see the beautiful yards, trees, and homes decorated with love cards, roses, and proposals for marriage flakes. It probably is the most beautiful Valentine's Day traditions in the world.

South Korea—for a Unique set of experience. The romantic couples in South Korea celebrate the day of love on the 14th of each month. Yeah, you read it right! "the day of roses" is celebrated in May, "the day of kisses" is celebrated in June, "the day of hugs in December" and single people celebrate "the black day" in April by eating black noodles. It is a completely different and old Valentine's Day traditions around the world.

Philippines—Gala Event In the Philippines, Valentine's Day is the time when many young couples marry in an event sponsored by the government as a form of public service. Among the most amazing Valentine's Day celebrations around the world, this one is a gala event in the country and a special day for young people.

Denmark—A celebration of love. Although Valentine's Day is one of the new Denmark festivals, the country also

celebrates the day of love and romance on 14th Feb with a twist. In Denmark, Valentine's Day is not limited to roses and chocolates. Friends and lovers exchange handmade cards with pressed white flowers that are called snowdrops.

South West China—Sisters' meal Festival In Miao, southwest China, the "Sisters' Meal" festival is celebrated on 15th March. During the festival, women wear silver accessories and beautiful dresses, which are probably the most gorgeous Valentine's Day customs around the world. They cook various dishes of coloured rice that's offered on silk fabric to young men walking on roads. The destiny of the lovelies inside the object found in the chosen rice. Two chopsticks mean love and a clove of garlic means the love is over before it has even begun.

Japan—Exchange of unique gifts Japan does it quite differently. It is celebrated on 14th Feb and women buy gifts and chocolates for their male companions or lovers. Men can't return gifts until March 14, which is called the "white day".

England— Festival of romantic love On Valentine's day in England, women used to place five bay leaves on their pillows. This was done with an aim to bring dreams of their future husbands. In Norfolk, Jack Valentine acts as a Santa for Valentine's day. Children anxiously wait for Santa, though they don't get to see Old Father Valentine. On Valentine's day in England, women used to place five bay leaves on their pillows. This was done with an aim to bring dreams of their future husbands.



Recent happenings in Deepwater



We thank our Deepwater community for their many kindnesses, support and love at our special ceremony on Sunday 26th January

Special NOTE

Deepwater School of Arts Hall is a community Hall managed by generous and dedicated volunteers. Their commitment over many years has ensured our Hall is one of the BEST maintained and equipped in the New England region. We are grateful to the community for their support but there is no place for unfounded and anonymous criticism - please contact the chair Mary on 0429 345 255 if there is any issue you would like to discuss.

Introducing Nick and Rachel.

I am Nick and my wife Rachel; we both relocated from Singleton. I worked in mines as a mining engineer for about 24 years and Rachel worked in retail. We both were looking to have change and wanted to relocate to a nice and quiet place. Found Deepwater is nice and quiet. We bought the Deepwater Roadhouse Service Station, and we like it so far. The people have been very nice helpful around here. We found a nice Anglican church family. So when your next passing through, come and say Hi!

SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL DEEPWATER

Have you seen the lovely garden beside the Hall?

Have you been to any event in the Hall?

Do you have some spare time to help at the Hall?

We welcome any community members who could come and meet the lovely volunteers who run the hall and lend a hand to keep the garden nice or the Hall looking good.



Deepwater Anglican Church was named Community Organisation of the Year. Penny McCowen and Trudy Cooper receiving the award on the Churches behalf

Deepwater Jockey Club celebrated 161 years of racing.

The first race was held on Boxing day 1865. Mr. Cadell continued to lend the land to hold the races until his death in 1923. The Estate allowed the club to use the land providing the club paid a 10-guinea donation to charity until 1927, when the club bought the land from the Estate. In November 1867 a committee was formed known as the "Deepwater

DEEPWATER ROADHOUSE.

To all our valued customers

Deepwater Roadhouse, will NOT be selling any 91 or 95 unleaded fuel from 19th Jan

Diesel fuel will NOT be available from 25th Jan
The restaurant and shop will be open as normal.

Deepwater Roadhouse advise that they should be back in business in the second week in March.

They thank everyone for their patience while the upgrades are happening.

If you are over 55 and unemployed the Progress Association has an agreement with Centrelink to help you not to have to look for work.

See Tricia Stack if interested.



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Services NSW will be in Deepwater
 Thursday 5 March 2026 9:00 am 12:00 pm

The Service NSW Mobile Service Centre is scheduled to be in your area soon, and we'll be bringing a team from **Revenue NSW** to some locations.

If you've received a fine or overdue fine and are having difficulty paying, you may be eligible for support options such as a Work Development Order, having some or all your debt written off, or setting up a payment plan. The team will be there in person to assist you face to face.

- Other services we can help you with
- Vehicle registration renewals (can be done up to 3 months in advance).
 - Driver licence, photo card applications and renewals (renewals can be done up to 6 months in advance).
 - Birth, death and marriage registrations and certificates.
 - Driver knowledge tests.
 - Applying for a Seniors Card.

On the day
 Sometimes due to weather or mechanical issues our Mobile Service Centres get delayed or some services become unavailable. Please [check our website](#) before you leave home – details are updated each morning.

Bring your identity documents and any supporting paperwork with you when you visit us. Please note we're **cashless** – you can pay by EFTPOS, credit or debit card, or by cheque.

Our Mobile Service Centres have **disability access** and free customer **WiFi**.

Sudoku

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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
- Third Sunday Deepwater 9:00am
- Fourth Sunday Emmaville 9:00am
- Fifth Sunday Torrington 9:00am



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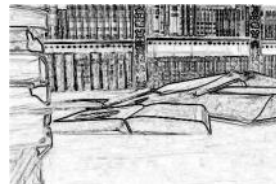
Catholic Church Service (Simpson Street)
Sunday at 10 am

Deepwater Rubbish Tip Hours:

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

Library Service:

Wednesday 10 am - 12 pm and 1.30 pm - 4 pm
Home Library Service Deliveries 1 pm – 1 .30 pm
Library will be closed from 17th December and
reopen Wednesday 14th January 2026



Preschool:

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



Progress Association Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 8th April 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 Group

For Mums with little ones
Mondays 1pm—3 pm At the Anglican Church Deepwater
Refreshments provided.
Contact Trudy 0428 266 417 or Penny 0408 728 149



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