



# Valla Views

Project of the Valla Beach Community Association

## Valla Beach Community Market

**Saturday**  
**3rd February**  
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**Slim Pickens** plays Americana music from the early 20th Century onwards. He has toured all over Australia and Europe. He is a multi award winner who has produced 10 studio albums. He has performed at many festivals including Byron Bay Blues Festival, Blues on Broadbeach and the Gympie Muster. If you like Olde time Blues, Delta Blues, Lead Belly, Hank Williams, Woody Guthrie and John Prine, you will love this artist.

### Come along to our February Market

Great opportunity to wander around the stalls - you might just find that special something you've been searching for. And there is always terrific food and drinks available all whilst listening to fantastic live music.

**Come and enjoy the atmosphere.**



**Sarah Jae** will be there with her great face painting.



**Free** Family Arts and Craft activities with Phillida. And Book reading with Sue. Lots of puzzles, games, books and art activities for all.



Donations received at the entrance tables will be used to fund the Valley's Forest Ecology Alliance Team - [article on Pg 4](#)

### Market opening times:

**6am** for stallholders to enter site for setup; **7am** for community tent stalls; **8am** for customers; Trading till **1pm** (no pack up before 1pm)

Cost for sites: (3m x 3m) \$30  
Community Tent (chair and table under marquee) \$15  
Casual insurance \$10 (\$5 for community tent)  
Food stalls \$50 (+\$10 for power)

**All enquiries: Peter Sobey**  
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## VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (VBCA) REPORT:

“**Happy New Year** to everyone! It would be nice if the new year brought with it some peace and kindness but the horror movie that is the 6:30 news does not engender much optimism. And while we may feel powerless in the face of world affairs we can still do our bit to make our bit of the world, at least, a friendlier and nicer place.

The **Valla Beach Market on February 3rd** is one way to spread the love with family and friends. It is a Community Market so, as well as the food and clothes and plants and crafts, we have live entertainment (Slim Pickens), activities for the kids, you can bring your dog (on a leash), and we also have a number of community stalls. These include a group trying to save our forests and the ecology that they support, and a group lobbying for a fairer deal for refugees and asylum seekers, among others.

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Our **Family Christmas Evening**, held in December, was a great success with several hundred people enjoying a balmy evening of entertainment hosted by Snez and Stewart Peters. The committee that organised this event are to be commended for their wonderful efforts and hard work. We look forward to another Christmas Evening for the community at the end of this year.

We must also thank our **Valla Expressions Exhibition Committee** who recently put together the most wonderful Exhibition in our Community Hall - the Hall was completely transformed - please see a report below from the new Coordinator Julie Collins. Well done everyone.

The permanent stage and the rebuilding of the Valla footbridge are set to start in February. We will have to deal with some disruptions during construction but it should be worth it.



Our regular **Community Meetings** are held three times a year at the Valla Beach Community Hall next to the Preschool. These meetings allow the community to ask questions of the members of Council staff who are in attendance so, if you have an issue that you would like raised, contact the secretary, Carole Andersen, on [vallabeachcommunityassoc@gmail.com](mailto:vallabeachcommunityassoc@gmail.com) before the meeting and we will make sure that the staff are aware of it before they come. Council has also recently introduced a new phone app **Antenno.com** which allows anyone to make a comment, complaint or thanks to the Council on any number of topics and it is dealt with swiftly.

If you would like to be a part of making Valla an even nicer place to live then get involved. Whether a little or a lot, it is the time and activity of all the volunteers that make these things happen. If you are new to the area, volunteering is a good way to meet new people. **Peter Sobey - VBCA President/Treasurer**”

Any enquiries, please call on Peter’s number above or email [vallabeachcommunityassoc@gmail.com](mailto:vallabeachcommunityassoc@gmail.com) Check out our website [vallabeachmarkets.org.au](http://vallabeachmarkets.org.au)

We thank Simon from [www.twoluckyducks.com.au](http://www.twoluckyducks.com.au) and our own Pete Rundle for keeping our website up-to-date. And don’t forget our next **VBCA General Meeting** will be held on **Monday 6th March 7pm** in our Community Hall adjacent to the Preschool. Please come along and be informed.



**Nambucca Valley Council is holding a Public Meeting on Monday 29 January 10am at the Valla Reserve regarding the new footbridge.**

### “Valla Expressions update:

The seventh Valla Expressions Art Show held recently was the most successful yet. Twelve local artists had their work displayed in the Valla Beach Community Hall for just over a week and the response was phenomenal!

Thank you to all of the local residents who supported us plus our community was blessed with a record number of visitors in the New Year. Thanks also go out to the Valla Beach Community Association for the use of the hall and marquee. The eighth show will be on again next January and we hope to see you then.

**Julie Collins - Coordinator**”

**New in 2024** - due to rising costs in paper and toner, **VBCA will be trialling a new online system** for our Valla Views. Printed copies of our **Valla Views** will not be delivered throughout Valla Beach and rural Valla. There will be limited hard copies available at the Nourish Café and Grocery, the Beach House Providore, Valla Pharmacy and Valla Real Estate. But residents will be able to apply to receive each bi-monthly newsletter via their email and/or download and view the newsletter from our VBCA website. Or if need be, we can organise a hard copy to be printed and delivered. Enquiries: Carole Andersen 0413 611 531



### Valla Beach Family Christmas celebration:

"The volunteer organisers of the Valla Beach Family Christmas Celebration, held on December 8th, would like to thank our wonderful community for coming along and supporting this free event.



It was a fabulous way to start the festive season. From the pre carols entertainment involving face painting, circus activities and dancing, to the music and sing along Christmas carols performed by Stewart Peters, Snez, Thoughts and Prayers and The Valla Voce Choir, a visit from Santa Claus, followed by the amazing display of fire twirling, all while enjoying food brought from home or purchased from the various vendors on site, a fun, relaxed and entertaining evening was had by all.

A new format was trialled last year, which saw a more contemporary approach to how the evening was presented. We would welcome any feedback or suggestions on what might be included in this year's event to make it even better. **Kerri Mergan Coordinator**"

### 2NVR 105.9fm Nambucca Valley Radio



"Happy New Year to all our 2NVR, Nambucca Valley Radio 105.9fm listeners, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and the New Year brings you lots of love and happiness.

It has been a relatively quiet time at the radio station, however in early December we were invited to do an Outside Broadcast for the Nambucca Heads Railway Centenary. What a wonderful day it was, lots of displays and things to do, we were entertained by the Nambucca Valley Band and local musician and Australian Songwriter of the Year, Graham Howle. A large crowd was in attendance on one of the hottest days of the year, but everyone got into the spirit of the day, especially those who got dressed up in period costumes. Congratulations to all those involved, organisers, volunteers and the community

We were also invited to participate in the Valla Beach Family Christmas on Friday December 8 and again, congratulations to all involved. Plenty of activities for the kids to enjoy, it was wonderful to see all the families getting involved in the carol singing and dancing. There were food stalls, face painting, dancing, hula hoops and fire twirling, it was most enjoyable.

Another Radio training course was held in December and we are thrilled to welcome 3 new Presenters into the ranks. If you think you would like to become a presenter or perhaps work behind the scenes, please contact [admin2nvr@gmail.com](mailto:admin2nvr@gmail.com)

Also on the **3rd Friday of each month, 6-8pm, we have a FREE concert at the station**, 834 Rodeo Drive, Tewinga, called 'Studio 3 Live'. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. In the warmer weather we will be holding the concert out the back of the studios, so bring a blanket or a chair, just in case. We'd love to see you there. It's also broadcast on 105.9fm & streamed live via [2nvr.org.au](http://2nvr.org.au)

**Feb 16th, local songstress Sarah McKenna** will entertain us with her beautiful voice.

**March 15th Grafton band 'Hats Off'** who have a wonderful repertoire of original music & a dash of covers will perform.

All reports indicate that this fire season will be challenging for emergency services and our community. 2NVR is committed to keeping our community informed and up to date during emergency situations. Should the circumstances require, 2NVR will revert to emergency broadcasting between the hours of 7am to 7pm."

**All enquiries 2NVR studio phone 02 6564 7777**

### Valla Beach Tennis Club - Did you know?



Your local Tennis Club in Thompson Street boasts 2 synthetic grass surface courts available for hire any day or night. If you become a member of the Club, you pay less for court hire, have access to the clubhouse and its facilities and to tennis balls. Membership runs from end of June to 1st July the following year. Pro rata membership of \$20 is available now until 30 June this year. So don't pay the visitor's hire fee of \$20 per hour. Save yourself some money. Become a member and support your local Club and its committee who are the caretakers of this great facility. Just google [vallabeachtennisclub](http://vallabeachtennisclub). Enq: Carole Andersen 0413 611 531

### "DRAMA CLASSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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### “Valla Rural Fire Brigade

Many good people are apprehensive about joining well-meaning volunteer groups, perhaps scarred by previous experience of internal politics, ego and agenda.

At Valla Rural Fire Brigade there is none of that – it’s a family brigade of professional volunteers. There are many Broughams and Pades, and new members are instantly ‘adopted’ by both.

Our Christmas party at the station was a relaxed affair, albeit an historic one as it will be the last at the ‘old shed’ on Valla Rd with major expansion of the facility to get underway in 2024.

It was also ground-breaking for the brigade to do a Santa run for the first time in decades – as our trucks full of elves meandered through the district, pleasingly met by young families.

We’ve had a good drop of rain to start the year but remind all residents we remain in the Bush Fire Danger Period. So please, assess your risk – clear your gutters and move combustibles like wood for winter away from the immediate area of your residence.

Take action now to safeguard your family and home – don’t wait until a challenging situation is on your doorstep. For tips on how you can prepare visit <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/>

**Chris Knight, Valla RFS training officer”**



(Valla Christmas):

Treasured Valla volunteer and RFS staffer Michael Brougham easily won the contest for the most festive outfit. He is pictured here with Ella, brigade president Sarah and Lachlan Pade.



(Nice gate scene): Ho, ho, ho – Santa and helpers roll into Valla

**“Forest Ecology Alliance (FEA)** is a local community environmental organisation formed in 2020, during the global pandemic, in the hope that people could enhance their sense of well-being by spending time in forests and working towards the conservation of habitat forests, waterways and biodiversity on Gumbaynggirr homelands.

Group members are ecologists, botanists, citizen scientists and local residents who primarily conduct field studies in local forests, co-ordinate citizen science ecological surveys, compile data, produce reports and raise awareness about the intrinsic values of forests well beyond that of industrialised timber harvesting.

FEA focus on forest conservation for healthy water, air, soil and carbon sequestration.

FEA is a non-exclusive alliance. They are not affiliated with any political party and mutually support other community organisations.

FEA members are all volunteers and receive no government funding. Any donations received are spent to raise community awareness and enable them to continue forest conservation field study surveys within the forests, often in remote areas. They are currently aiming to purchase field study necessities, such as wildlife cameras and audio equipment.

All are welcome to attend FEA gatherings, forest surveys, walks and nature-based activities. If you would like more information, please have a chat with an **FEA representative at either Market gate**, or contact FEA on their Facebook page or via email [forestecologyalliance@gmail.com](mailto:forestecologyalliance@gmail.com)”

FEA philosophy can be summed up by a quote from Howard Zahniser, primary author of the US Wilderness Act in 1964, “...to know the wilderness is to know a profound humility, to recognize one’s littleness, to sense dependence and interdependence, indebtedness and responsibility”.



Green tracks on the Nambucca Valley.  
Photo - Erin Campbell

## “Sea Turtle Nesting in NSW Update and Heads up for Hatchlings

Sea turtle nesting in NSW can vary dramatically each season. With 7 nesting activities and 5 confirmed nests already, by the end of 2023 its looking like we may have a busy season ahead. 4 of the 5 nests so far this season, have needed to be relocated, as they were laid below the high tide line. Relocating doomed nests is only ever done when the original nest site is deemed unsafe or not viable. These relocations give the nests the best chance of hatching. Sea turtle hatchlings should also begin to emerge on local beaches anytime from January and continue until May. These hatchlings can be affected by marine debris, light pollution, predators and coastal erosion. It’s estimated that only 1 out of every 1000 hatchlings will survive to adulthood, so, early detection and response is important to ensure management actions can be applied. With increased summer storms, both sea turtle nests and hatchlings can be subject to threat. Nests and tracks can disappear quickly and hatchlings may be washed back ashore. If you see a hatchling, please don’t pick it up or interfere with its path to the sea, instead report it immediately to NSW TurtleWatch.

This season, nesting activities have been reported in Byron, Ballina, Clarence

Valley, Nambucca Valley and Mid Coast. Historically only one other nest has ever been reported from the Nambucca Valley, with limited data obtained from the nest. So, with so much coast to cover we are asking all beach goers to be extra vigilant over the coming months. January is generally the busiest time for nesting in NSW, so if you see a nesting female on the beach, please remember to give her space and call NSW TurtleWatch immediately. Additionally, if you find sea turtle tracks, please do not disturb the tracks or nest and call [NSW TurtleWatch on 0447 877 149](https://www.nsw.gov.au/turtlewatch). All monitoring is done in collaboration with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.”

Merryn Dunleavy & Holly West - Project Officers - NSW TurtleWatch  
Australian Seabird & Turtle Rescue Inc. [www.seabirdrescue.org.au](http://www.seabirdrescue.org.au)



Loggerhead nest relocation on the Mid Coast  
by NPWS. Photo - Lisa Dufty

## “Do you fancy yourself a bit of a movie buff?

Valla resident Alan Petschack has converted his basement garage into a wheelchair accessible home cinema room. There is seating for an audience of about 15 people. It features a 100 inch front projection screen that he picked up on an online auction site. It had been originally installed in a conference room. Reflected light off that projector screen, compared to a LED TV or OLED TV that produces and emits its own light, is much easier on the eyes. Just like the image on a commercial cinema screen.

The **Basement Cinema** is fitted out with Dolby Amos surround sound speakers and is air conditioned. Alan screens foreign, independent and classic films and documentaries from his large DVD collection. Also classical music recitals and concerts. There is no charge for admission, however a gold coin donation would be appreciated towards the cost of tea and coffee after the film.

If you would like to be notified of upcoming Valla film screenings, send an email to [bowerbirdflicks@gmail.com](mailto:bowerbirdflicks@gmail.com) with the subject heading “subscribe”.  
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rural Valla history items?  
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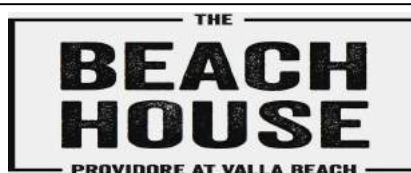


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