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BOWEN MOUNTAIN 50th Anniversary ASSOCIATION



"Spring Orchid". Photo: Alison Kerr

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Editor's Letter




Welcome to the Spring edition of the Newsletter.
A must read is the Spring – Summer Fire Report as its time to Get Ready for the Fire season.

The Bowen Mountain Association Annual General Meeting on August 23rd, 2026, had as its theme "Hawkesbury Rates and Roads – an Update" which Clr. Mary Lyons – Buckett of Hawkesbury City Council spoke on. She introduced new Councillor Peter Ryan. Mary willingly addressed questions from residents following her talk. These questions and Mary's responses are published further on in the newsletter. Also, key AGM reports are published further on in this Newsletter.

Interesting and informative reading is a new column by Lance introducing the Bowen Mountain Bushwalking Club and the first of many picturesque Bowen Mountain bush trails to walk and enjoy. Don't forget to book your tickets for the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Information further on in the Newsletter.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Col Levy, a respected, talented, much loved and admired Bowen Mountain resident. Our condolences to Maureen, Col's wife and their family.

This Newsletter is published four times a year to coincide with the seasons Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. If would prefer to receive a hard copy, please let the BMA Secretary know and one will be delivered to you, otherwise the newsletter will continue to be available via a link on the Bowen Mountain Facebook page and the Bowen Mountain website.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and revitalised Spring**.**

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The 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Bowen Mountain Association was held in the Bowen Mountain Park Hall on Sunday 23rd of August. The meeting was well attended by both Bowen Mountain and Grose Vale residents. Clr. Mary Lyons – Buckett of Hawkesbury City Council spoke on "Hawkesbury Rates and Roads – an Update".

Clr. Lyons-Buckett introduced new Councillor Peter Ryan who works a lot with his local community. Mary believes that it is important for councillors to go out into the community and speak to the local communities and discuss and explain Council decisions and why those decisions have been made.

Mary commented that she was aware that one of the issues on Bowen Mountain was sullage and sewerage run off and pump out. Sydney water has said that they are not putting any water sewerage up here. Anyone wanting sewerage will now need to organise their own. Mary discussed several suggestions involving community pooling of resources. She spoke of the issues surrounding roads and rates on Bowen Mountain stating that 5% increase in rates was necessary. If this increase didn't happen now then we would have to bear an even higher increase of 10% next year. Money is needed by Council to repair roads and other costs. $ 6.8 million has been allocated to roads in the Hawkesbury. Mary discussed some of the issues that have been raised regarding kerbside collections. If you are having issues with kerbside collection then please contact Mary.

An update to Richmond Swimming pool disclosed that the pool is long overdue for modernisation. It is currently the wrong size for any competition. It will be a fantastic addition to the Hawkesbury and will draw people from all over the Hawkesbury and beyond. Plans for the Nth. Richmond Bridge are almost complete. Richmond bridge works have begun. Bridge opening will depend on how many lots are being sold at Redbank Village. There is further planned development.

Both Mary and Peter are exploring the emergency service levy as ratepayers pay for this service, even though they don't use all of the service. Questions were then asked from the meeting and Mary responded to these. A summary of the questions and the response are presented below:

1) **Why do I have to pay rates when I have an envirocycle?** Historic planning and what was once allowed has now changed. It's an issue and unfair but Council doesn't make the rules. Pensioners get half their sullage paid for. The government is not going to give us a reduced rate or a solution. Council can't afford to pay this sullage**.**
2) **Is there any way we could do what Agnes Banks does with their sullage …they have a holding tank?** Problem is that Bowen Mountain is not a flat area and there is no one flat area. Each of our pump outs are metred. If people are encouraged to reduce their usage then we should have to pay less. Mary suggested that we have a forum on Bowen Mountain to discuss the issue of sullage and pump out. Discuss what people are prepared to do to solve the issue.
3) **Who is the decision maker on pump out?** The decision maker is Council who tenders for a contractor for pump out services. The reason that pump out is expensive is the travel and the cost to and from the mountain. If the community were happy to work to find a solution and put in a case to reduce these costs, this would be beneficial. Grey water system and composting may be a solution.
4) **Are there plans for Council to approach government for funding?** Every council is facing issues regarding funding. There is an ongoing gap between Council funding and Government.
5) **How many employees does Council employ?** Council employs approximately 436 employees.

Clr. Lyons-Buckett commented that Council has done a lot to improve the Hawkesbury area. Many people are now heading out this way for weekends to get out of the city, which is excellent for the local economy. Mary's discussion with attendees at the meeting concluded with the suggestion to have a community meeting to discuss the issue of sewerage, sullage and any other issues facing Bowen Mountain residents. The Bowen Mountain Association and Clr. Mary Lyons-Buckett will organise this meeting and inform all residents.

Thank you to everyone for nominating for a position on the 2026 - 2027 BMA Management Committee. Congratulations to the following people who were successful in their nomination:
President: Bill Kerr
Vice President: Lance Mitchell
Treasurer: Liz Rowan
Secretary: Alison Kerr
General Committee: Karl O'Rourke, Sarah Morgan, Lara Rupac, Peter Jamieson, Terrie Lee-Agnew.

Postscript: **Congratulations to Clr. Mary Lyons-Buckett on recently being elected as Hawkesbury City Council Mayor.**

RFS FIRE REPORT – SPRING 2026

We are now well into our Bush Fire Season that started on October 1, and this is the time to prepare your homes.

Four Simple Steps to Protect Your Family and Home for the Bush Fire Season

All it takes is just 20 minutes to create a Bush Fire Survival Plan. Being prepared before a fire starts can make a significant difference to the safety of your family, pets, and property.

1. **Discuss -** Families should talk about when they would leave, where they would go, what they would take, and how they would stay in touch. Residents are reminded that **leaving early is the safest option**, particularly on days of Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger. Discuss with your neighbours. Consider yours and your family members' ability to cope if a fire comes.

2. **Prepare -** Preparing your property is equally important. Key actions include clearing gutters, mowing grass, removing flammable materials from around the home, trimming overhanging vegetation, and ensuring there is access to water and firefighting equipment if you plan to stay and defend your property.

3. **Know -** You should also familiarise yourselves with Bush Fire Alert Levels and Fire Danger Ratings.

4. **Keep informed**. monitor conditions regularly, and use multiple sources of information during an emergency, including the Hazards Near Me app, local radio, and the NSW Rural Fire Service website.

The message is simple: **plan ahead, prepare early, and stay informed.** Taking action now can help keep your household safe when bush fire season arrives.

For more information and to download your bush fire plan template go to https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan



COMBINED ANNUAL PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
INCORPORATING SOCIAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY CARE REPORTS

AUGUST 2026

During the 2025 – 2026 year, the Bowen Mountain Association has been kept busy pursuing is main aim of improving the quality of life of Bowen Mountain residents and its community as it continued to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Bowen Mountain Association.

Towards the end of October 2025, the Nature Conservation Council of NSW with the BMA ran a Preparing for Fire and Biodiversity workshop in the Park Hall. The aim of this workshop was to develop community connection and increase understanding in bushfire management, preparing for fire and environmental protection through a community workshop. The day began with an outdoors smoking ceremony Welcome to Country from Shane Law, Dharug and Darkinjung Man from Merana, Aboriginal and Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc. We then listened to presentations from Luc Roberts, Operational Officer, Community Risk Lead – Hawkesbury District NSW RFS; Dave Monahan, Ranger Hawkesbury Nattai Area, NPWS; Nick Soudakoff, Secretary, Hawkesbury Environmental Network; Bill Kerr, President, Bowen Mountain Association Inc. and Belinda Kenny, National Conservation Council BFMC representative. After the presentations, we went for a very informative and educational field walk through vacant land adjacent to the Park Hall stopping at 4 different locations where presenters applied their information to the specific site. Topics viewed and discussed were as follows: bushfire risk and preparing for fire; fire ecology and biodiversity; managing fire and biodiversity and culture, country and fire. This was a most timely, interesting, relevant, informative and comprehensive workshop.

In late October the BMA sent an email to Council expressing our objections to the proposed rate increase to almost 40% permanently. This was in response to requests for comments on this proposal by Council and the Bowen Mountain community.

October 2025 ended with many Bowen Mountaineers taking Halloween to the Streets by trick or treating around the mountain. Many colourful costumes, scary faces and haunting horrors filled the mountain as ghosts, zombies, witches, movie characters; celebrities and more wandered the streets trick or treating.

A Christmas Lunch for Seniors was held on 15th December as part of the BMA Community Care. A delicious two-course lunch was expertly organised by Liz and Martha in the Park Hall. Christmas goodies packs for people who couldn't attend the actual Christmas lunch were distributed to their homes.

2025 ended once again with the popular and successful Christmas Gingerbread House-Making Workshop, on December 22nd in the Park Hall. Families enjoyed the pre- Christmas fun and were kept busy making very creative houses. Many thanks to Karl and Liz for organising this activity.

2026 was again a memorable year for the Bowen Mountain Association as it was nominated for an Australia Day award and it continues to celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a fun and entertaining Picnic in the Park on March 14th. After weeks of rain, even on the Friday before the Picnic, the gods smiled on us on Saturday with a magnificent sunshine blue-sky day! Susan Templeman-MP Federal Member for Macquarie, Prime Minister's Special Envoy for the Arts enthusiastically welcomed everyone to the Picnic.

An Open Mic session for musicians ensured the Picnic had a continuous variety of music from many local musicians giving the Picnic a festive air. Children's games of egg and spoon races, piggyback races, hula hoop contests proved to be great fun and well-liked. All ages enthusiastically joined in the Tug of War with a North versus South Mountain competition. The Mayor, Clr. Les Sheather, and Clrs. Mary Lyons Buckett and Jill Reardon cut a 50th Anniversary cake and presented the BMA with a 50th Anniversary certificate. Everyone enjoyed the cake and was left with green mouths due to some vey green icing on the cake. As the smell of sizzling sausages filled the air, expertly cooked by Karl and Roy, picnickers were encouraged to partake of a delicious sausage sandwich. Alpacas from the local Alpaca Kisses proved to be a great hit with all age groups, especially when they obliged by giving you a gentle kiss on the cheek. Oh to feel so loved!!!

We were saddened to learn of the passing of John Wulff, a much loved and admired Bowen Mountain resident. John with his wife Robin contributed significantly to the Bowen Mountain Association and Bowen Mountain community over the years. John was the layout expert for the Bowen Mountain Association Newsletter for many years. John and Robin married in Bowen Mountain Park and had family photos under the old Oak tree. Bowen Mountain was very special to John. He commented that he always felt at home on Bowen Mountain and that it was a place where he had been the happiest in his life. John had a wicked sense of humour, sang in the Chorella Choir and was always willing to tell stories from his very varied and inspiring life. He will be sadly missed.

An enthusiastic group of St Patrick's Day revellers enjoyed green curry, a filling banquet and lively conversation to mark the occasion at Kasalong Thai in Richmond on March 17th. An Easter Morning tea for Seniors was held on April 1st as part of the BMA Community Care. A delicious array of scones, jam and cream, cakes, slices, sausage rolls and spring rolls with tea and coffee was expertly organised by Liz and Martha in the Park Hall. Everyone enjoyed the lively conversation and catching up with friends and neighbours.

Due to a few concerns expressed by Bowen Mountain residents in regard to the recent rate increase, the Bowen Mountain Association made a submission to Council earlier this year. Despite many submissions, the rate increase proposal was accepted. Interestingly, IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal) which is the NSW Government's independent regulator for water, energy, public transport and local government rates called for submissions to be made regarding the rate increase. IPART ensures fair pricing; sets rate pegs for councils, licenses essential services, and investigates industries to promote efficiency, protecting consumers from overcharging. The BMA made a submission to IPART regarding the special variation and rate increase of 39%.

Our hearts went out to Skye and David and their family following the tragic loss of Myla and River in the horrific fire that destroyed their home in the early hours of Monday morning, 27th April. We expressed our deepest sympathy and condolences to Skye and David and their family, as well as friends, loved ones and neighbours who were involved in this heartbreaking house fire. Our thoughts and love went out to Myla and River, who bought so much joy during their young lives. We wish them eternal peace and love. Thank you to the first responders, neighbours and friends who acted without hesitation and did everything they possibly could in overwhelmingly horrendous circumstances. We grieved together and showed our love, respect and compassion for this family, their friends, neighbours and the first responders.

Due to extenuating circumstances on the mountain and out of respect to families, friends and the community it was decided to postpone the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance until Saturday 14th November 6.30 pm in the Bowen Mountain Park Hall.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Woods, a respected and well-regarded Bowen Mountain resident. Our condolences to Peter's wife, Noela and their family. Peter was a multi-talented person who lived a fascinating and exciting life to the fullest. He particularly loved riding his motor bike. He will be sadly missed.

Recently, we have had several requests for the popular Bushwalk book depleting our stocks. However, we have ordered more books, which are now available for purchase.

A much loved and admired Bowen Mountain resident, Phillip Mansley recently passed away. Phillip and his wife Jenny contributed significantly to the Bowen Mountain Association and Bowen Mountain community over the years particularly to the Bowen Mountain Art Show. Phillip designed and printed the Children's Awards for the Art Show displaying his artistic talents and Jenny with several helpers organised the children's art show and activities. Phillip was a lovely, quiet and gentle man who was always positive, inspiring, supportive and caring. He will be sadly missed. Our condolences to Jenny and the family.

We would like to thank the Bowen Mountain Management Committee and the subcommittees for all their tireless work throughout 2025 and 2026 as they strive to make Bowen Mountain a quality environment for all to enjoy. Without their commitment, dedication and tireless efforts, the Bowen Mountain Association would cease to exist. Finally, thank you, the residents of Bowen Mountain for your interest and support of the Bowen Mountain Association and all its activities.

Bill Kerr, President
Alison Kerr, Secretary.
Bowen Mountain Association Inc.



BOWEN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION

2026 AGM FACEBOOK REPORT

'Bowen Mountain, NSW' with the Bunya tree is the official Facebook page of the Bowen Mountain Association (BMA). This page is used as a way of celebrating Bowen Mountain's wonderful community and beautiful natural surroundings.

The page was originally created as an online notice board to host information regarding community events, news and notices posted by the BMA. Over the few years the page has grown significantly due to the rapid reporting on natural disasters such as floods and bushfires. In co-operation with community resources such as the Rural Fire Service, Roads & Maritime, Hawkesbury Police and the SES, the page is able to relate real time information to residents. The page currently has over 15,000 followers from all around the globe, which is significant for a small community organisation.

The page also updates residents on the publications of the Bowen Mountain Newsletter and directs them to the BMA website. If you are not yet connected to the page, open Facebook and search for 'Bowen Mountain, NSW'. Click on the 'Like' or 'Follow' button and stay up to date with everything happening on the mountain.

BOWEN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION 2026
CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

REPEAT ITEMS: BMA COMMITTEE MEETING: Second Monday of every month commencing in January 2026. Commencing 7.30 pm in Bowen Mountain Park Hall.
Note: Dates may be subject to change depending on weather and other factors. Due notice will be provided.

DATE		ITEM
NOVEMBER	Monday 9th	BMA MEETING – Bowen Mountain Park Hall
	Saturday 14th	50th Anniversary Dinner dance – Park Hall
DECEMBER	Thursday 3rd	BMPMC Meeting- 7.30pm
	Sunday 6th	BMPMC - Christmas in the Park
	Monday 14th	BMA MEETING – Bowen Mountain Park Hall Christmas Party
	Tuesday 22nd	Christmas Gingerbread House Workshop



AGM WEBSITE REPORT 2026

The stats show that the newsletters are downloaded around 600 times for each edition. It does not include those who access the newsletter through Facebook. The statistics reflect around 450 hits when the newsletter is released and then 100 the next month. The site has every back issue from 2014 onwards. Older issues are getting around 10 hits month. The site is averaging around 3000 visits per month.

RITVA VOUTILA - Illustrator

Ritva Voutila was an illustrator living in Kurrajong, who for many years contributed to the Newsletter Children's page for many years. We have reproduced one of her unusual children's pages in this edition of the newsletter.

Ritva was born in Nokia, Finland in 1946 commencing her art studies in Helsinki before moving to Australia in 1968 and then to Spain in 1971 where she continued to perfect her drawing and painting skills. She moved back to Sydney, Australia in 1981 and continued her art studies at the Julian Ashton Art School as well as graduating in Philosophy from Macquarie University, Sydney in 1993.

In 1987 she began illustrating books, first school textbooks in black and white graphics, cartoons and full colour illustrations. Her first book as a sole illustrator was published in 1990. Written by Carly Little it was called *101 Excuses for Not Doing Homework*, which proved to be a great success with children all over the world selling over 150,000 copies. Other books soon followed *The Cat's Handbook* by Sam Carey in 1991, *The Student Diary* and *Animal Puzzle Parade* also in 1991 and in 1992, the popular *Midge, Mum and the Neighbours* was written by Phil Cummings and illustrated by Ritva.

As Ritva has moved from Kurrajong, we are indeed fortunate to have such a successful, unique and talented illustrator share her Children's page with us in this Newsletter.

VALE – COLIN (COL) LEVY
1933 –2026

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Colin (Col) Levy, a respected and well-regarded Bowen Mountain resident. Col and his wife Maureen have lived on the mountain for over fifty years. Col was a multi-talented person who lived a fascinating and exciting life to the fullest. Col was one of Australia's most significant potters. He was an inspiring teacher and a passionate, knowledgeable potter who has left a lasting legacy in Australian ceramics. Bowen Mountain played a special role in the development of Col's pottery abilities as he said, "my pots aren't different at all, since moving to Bowen Mountain. You see, my whole philosophy is that one's inspiration comes from seeing pots. and the more you make, the more you're influenced by the pots you make.

I dig my own clay from around here (Bowen Mountain) – from my own geological area. I think you've got to have a direct relationship with your materials, that's environment.

My pots are reflecting- one hopes - the indigenous nature of the materials that I've used. In other words, if I've used clay that I've found locally, then I hope that I've used it in a way that reflects its own character". (Littlemore, A & Carlstrom, K. (1973) *Nine Artist Potters*, p. 11. Sydney: Jack Pollard Pty Ltd.

Rick Jamieson, a well-known and respected Bowen Mountain resident interviewed Col Levy for an article, which appeared in the Summer Issue No.32, 1992 of the Newsletter. Here are excerpts from Rick's interview:

"Our purpose in living is the search for meaning," says Col Levy, one of Australia's most highly regarded potters and one of Bowen Mountain's outstanding residents. …. Talking to Col about pottery is an inspiring experience. He is continually striving to discover the way pottery was originally made to "return to the origins" of pottery, to "discover its simplistic beginnings".

He has travelled to Japan to learn Japanese and Chinese techniques and has been successful in adapting a method of wood-firing from Bizen which employs no glaze but depends on materials in the wood to give the colour and patterns to the pots. For this he uses our native black wattle for fuel. Col manufactures his own clay and glazes.

To Col making pots is "a search for truth". His pots have a basic simplicity, and he tries to get the materials to express their natural characteristics. The things that are within the natural materials themselves become their own expressions of beauty. Col says he finds meaning in "the discovery of God in things". Certainly, Col's pots reveal the hand of an inspired and creative spirit" *Rick Jamieson*

Col was a lovely, quiet and gentle man who was always positive, inspiring, supportive and caring. He is regarded throughout the world as one of Australia's greatest national treasures and will be sadly missed. Our condolences to Maureen and the family.



Bowen Mountain Bushwalking Club with Lance

Please find following, details of one of my favourite walks.

Name: Chase the Dragon loop.

Length: 3.0km

Climb: approximately 70m

Terrain: Mostly flat single walking track with some rock sections

Time: Allow approximately 45 minutes

Attraction: This easily accessible walk provides a beautiful range of Bowen Mountain scenery. It takes walkers and mountain bike riders to a clear view of Mt Banks and the Greater Blue Mountains National Park. It also crosses a shady creek with cool fern areas and tall eucalypts. The walk might also give walkers the opportunity to spot some of Bowen Mountain's amazing bird life.

Directions:

Start at the intersection of Duffy and Bunnings Fire trails. This intersection can be found behind the Bowen Mountain RFS shed.



Follow Bunnings to the first fork. Take the left fork (Bunnings Fire Trail)



At the end of this short trail, you will see a single walking track heading off into the bush to the southwest. This is “Chase the Dragon” (see also Mountain Bike sector on Strava).

Follow this single track until it pops you back out onto Duffy’s Fire Trail.

Walking back to start point will complete 3km.

Mobile phone coverage throughout, always let someone know where you are going, carry a snake bandage, water and a mobile phone. Always stay alert for the presence of snakes in the bush. If you do see a snake, slowly back away and go back the way you came, advising others along the way.

Happy Bushwalking!

Lance





CULINARY CORNER



SPIDER BREAD WITH CREEPY SPINACH DIP
Serves: 6–8
Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 25–30 minutes

Ingredients
For the spider bread:

- **1 loaf of ready-made bread dough (or 500g homemade pizza/bread dough)**
- **1 egg, lightly beaten (for egg wash)**
- **2 small olives (for eyes)**

For the spinach dip:



- **250g frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained well**
- **200g sour cream**
- **125g cream cheese, softened**
- **1 cup grated cheese (tasty or mozzarella)**
- **1 clove garlic, minced**
- **Salt and pepper to taste**

Method
Step 1A: ***Prepare the dip***

1. **In a medium bowl, mix the spinach, sour cream, cream cheese, grated cheese, and garlic until well combined.**
2. **Season with salt and pepper to taste.**
3. **Spoon the mixture into a small, oven-safe ramekin or bowl and set aside.**

Step 2B: ***Shape the spider***

1. **Preheat the oven to 200°C and line a large baking tray with baking paper.**
2. **Divide the bread dough into portions: one large piece for the body, one smaller piece for the head, and eight equal pieces for the legs.**
3. **Shape the large dough ball into a rounded body, flattening the top slightly so the ramekin will sit securely later.**
4. **Roll the smaller pieces into long, thin ropes for legs, and attach four to each side of the body.**
5. **Add the small dough ball for the head and gently press it against the body.**
6. **Brush the entire spider lightly with beaten egg for a shiny, golden crust.**
7. **Press olive halves into the head to make eyes.**

Step 3: ***Bake***

1. **Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until the bread is golden and cooked through.**
2. **If the legs brown too quickly, cover them loosely with foil while the rest finishes baking.**

Step 4: ***Serve***

1. **Let the spider cool slightly.**
2. **Place the ramekin of warm spinach dip in the centre of the spider's back.**
3. **Serve immediately — tear off the legs and dip them into the "swampy" spinach ce ıtre!**

Tip:
Brush the spider with melted butter and sprinkle with garlic salt or parmesan before baking for extra flavour.

Christine Johns



CHILDREN'S PAGE



Halloween Jokes

1. What did one ghost ask the other ghost? **"Do you believe in people?"**
2. What do monsters use to stay in shape? **Scare-obics.**
3. What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurry? **Spooktacles.**
4. What's in a ghost's nose? **Boo-gers!**

(Source: https://www.rd.com/article/halloween-jokes/)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Care assists residents of our community in need of assistance with transport to medical appointments, local social events, or general information regarding Hawkesbury Community Services.
Community Care organises social morning teas and luncheons for residents in the Bowen Mountain Hall. Transport is available if needed. Please check the newsletter and website for social events.
Phone: Liz Rowan 4572 2416

CRAGO OBSERVATORY

Crago Observatory is closed for renovations. No public or member observing nights are currently available.



JOIN THE BOWEN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION!

It is that time of year to join/ renew your membership of the Bowen Mountain Association Inc (BMA) for the 2026-27 membership year.
*Single Rate $5.00 * Family Rate $10.00

Your membership will assist the non-profit BMA to run all its activities such as musical events, fairs, markets and other activities throughout the year and publish the Newsletter.

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If you are a new member, could you please email the secretary, Alison Kerr at:

secretary@bowenmountain.org.au

with the following details First Name, Last Name, Address and Contact Number. Thank you.

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(The logo is the Bunya Tree)
Click "Like"
You will find lots of up to the minute information from the Mountain.







REMINDER: Daylight Saving will begin at 2am on Sunday 4th October 2026. On Saturday night set your clocks forward one hour. This is also a good time to check your smoke alarm.



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