

Beach boys clean up



Reign and Arlo have fun and help clean up the beach at Evans Head after the damage done by Cyclone Alfred. Photo: Contributed

• **SUSANNA FREYMARK**

Demi Fraser is a proud mum. When she asked her sons, Reign, 8, and Arlo, 5, if they wanted to do a clean up on the beach at Evans Head after the storm, they didn't hesitate.

"They picked up so much rubbish, including a big hose I pulled from the water and bagged and binned

it all," Demi said.

"Unfortunately, there were some things that were too heavy for us to remove but they did what they could."

Demi said they are an RAAF family who moved to Evans Head in 2024.

"We fell in love with Evans and the marine life," Demi said. "I am a family photographer

and in my spare time I love photographing the sea turtles, dolphins and the eagle rays, so we are down at the break wall and beach almost every afternoon.

"So often we pick up rubbish on our walks, we figured that the storm would have washed up a lot and we've seen the harm rubbish can cause to our turtles, particularly

as we actually pulled a turtle out of the river deceased wrapped in line in January," Demi said. "It's really important to me that I raise boys who are compassionate for animals and looking after our community."

Reign and Arlo had fun and expected nothing in return except the enjoyment of a clean beach.

LOOKING BACK: Bridges up high over the river



The first Irving Bridge in Casino (above) was a high-level timber bridge constructed on the McCallum truss principle with the spans being longer than any other bridge built in the colony. It was opened in June 1876 and named after Clark Irving. In 1887, a huge flood swept down the river but the bridge stood the test of strength. A second bridge (below) was opened in 1909 after termites affected the first timber bridge. During the record flood in Casino in 1954 a span of the second bridge was washed away. A Bailey bridge was erected until a third bridge was built. The third Irving bridge was opened on July 9, 1959 and is still in use today.

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Every week someone comes up to me – in the supermarket, the street or at the farmers market – to tell me they miss holding a newspaper in their hands. I miss it too.

Local news keeps us connected. Online or on paper.

Here at IndyNR.com we want to try something different – kind of a social experiment – to offer a way for readers to print their own local newspaper. It's called the *Inky* – and it's the inked version of the *Indy*.

It's a way to hold a printed newspaper in your hands. It will take a small effort from you.

The print your own newspaper will be available on indynr.com every Wednesday – one week *Richmond Valley Inky* is published and the next week *Kyogle Inky* is.

Open the newspaper and hit print. If you don't have a printer at home, go to the library in Casino, Evans Head or Kyogle or go to a print shop and get it printed there. Ask your favourite cafe to print out a copy for customers to read.

\$900 FOR FAMILIES, AND \$180 FOR INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY CYCLONE ALFRED

Emergency financial assistance of \$180 for individuals or up to \$900 per family to cover essential costs such as food, clothing, medicines and emergency accommodation is being offered to people impacted by Cyclone Alfred.

The Personal Hardship Assistance Grant for individuals and families is funded by state and federal governments.

To be eligible for the grant, individuals must reside in one of the declared affected Local Government Areas, including Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tenterfield.

To get the grant, individuals must have:

Been subject to evacuation orders (category red emergency warning) or experienced power outages of more than 48 hours.

Applicants must demonstrate they have suffered hardship as result of the disaster, making them unable to meet immediate needs.

Applications open Wednesday, March 12 until April 8.

Impacted community members can visit one of the NSW Government Recovery Assistance Points in Lismore or Ballina.

To find out where these assistance points are and for other support available go to www.nsw.gov.au/cyclonealfredrecovery

Have you been to the

CASINO HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Walker Street, Casino
(opposite the police station)

OPEN
10am-2pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Entry \$5
Students free

Open by appointment
0478 704 772

A vintage-style globe on a wooden stand, showing a map of Australia with a red outline of the state of New South Wales.

Terri goes natural with her creams and remedies at farmers market



• **SUSANNA FREYMARK**

Terri Brown (above) says she is “bursting with courage.”

Every Saturday, she is at the Casino Lions Farmers Market with her homemade

products of natural skin care, soaps, ointments, moisturisers and her food products of kimchi, jams and sauerkraut. Everything is chemical-free and everything is made by Terri.

She knows exactly what is in the product and has grown it herself at her property in Yorklea.

“I’m the daughter of a mother who raised seven daughters,” Terri said. Being aware of

what you eat and the products you use on your body is a way to take charge of your life, Terri said.

Talk to Terri every Saturday at the market at Crawford Square Park at 8am–11am.

‘We love this market, it’s just down the road.’

Ellie McLennan,
Casino



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‘It’s very fresh, and they have plants’

Marie Scholes,
Casino



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GOVERNMENT OFFERS DISASTER RECOVERY MONEY TO WORKERS

If your income has fallen well below the average Australian weekly income as a result of the recent floods, the Federal Government is activating financial support.

The Disaster Recovery Allowance offers up to 13 weeks of income support for eligible workers and sole traders depending on their personal circumstances who have suffered a loss of income as a direct result of the event.

This support will be available in 17 Local Government Areas in NSW and 14 Local Government Areas in Queensland.

In NSW this includes Richmond Valley, Kyogle, Clarence Valley,



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese visited Lismore on Monday, March 10, pictured here with Janelle Saffin MP. Photo: Contributed

Lismore, and Tenterfield.

Before claiming, people can check their eligibility on the Services Australia website at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au

The easiest way to claim is online through my.gov.au

If people need help to claim, they can call the Australian Government Emergency Information Line on 180 22 66.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said, "At the worst of times we see the best of the Australian character."

Man in his 80s rescued from floodwaters

Emergency services rushed to assist a car stuck in floodwaters at Rappville at 11am on Sunday, March 9.

When the VRA Rescue NSW strike team arrived, they found a car off the road stuck in floodwaters near some trees.

The VRA team included out-of-area swift water operators as well as boat and land-based operators and a composite crew from the SES. Swift water



Emergency services used an inflatable raft to rescue a man trapped in a car in flood water at Rappville. Photo: Contributed

technicians entered the water and rescued a man in his 80s

who had been in the water for some time.

He was transported through the water by an inflatable raft known as the Ark Angel.

Paramedics were there to assess the man's condition. There were no physical injuries and the man was taken to Casino to meet up with his daughter.

There are more flood stories to read at the indynr.com website. Thank you to all volunteers.

Crochet a way to health



Katherine Golchert has moved to Casino, you can see one of her creations at Cassino Gallery in Barker St. ABOVE: Her piece that was shown in New York. Photos: Contributed

• SUSANNA FREYMARK

Katherine Golchert uses her crocheting and knitting skills to make jumpers for trees.

“I like the creative challenge of thinking of something, then crocheting it with my hands and then seeing people’s surprise and smiles,” Katherine said.

The teapot she made for Vogue Knitting Live in New York took three months to make as well. *Crochet is a Conversation Starter* was selected for the January exhibition along with 15 other artists. (See photo above).

The 43 year old fibre artist comes from Bundaberg and has worked in the fashion industry for 20 years. Katherine left Brisbane and for three

months tried to find a house close to her Wollongbar TAFE job teaching fashion. Five months ago, Katherine came to Casino with her dog Shadow and is enjoying the “quiet lifestyle”.

Katherine said that people always stop and speak with her when she sits and crochets in public.

They tell me a story about their nan or ask what I’m working on,” Katherine said.

She started crocheting after a serious motorbike accident when she was 35 when she broke her back in a crash in Brisbane and was bed bound.

She goes to the Northern Rivers Crafternoon at McKees Hill every month.

Find Katherine on Instagram @katherinethecreator_craft

FUNERAL NOTICES

Email funeral notices to indynr.com@gmail.com and they will be published here.

In Loving Memory
Of
JAMES WILLIAM STONE
‘Jimmy’
16/07/1939 - 03/03/2025
85 Years

Passed away peacefully at Lismore Base Hospital
Loving Husband of Roslyn (Decd)
Cherished Grandfather of Jenna and Brad and
Great Grandfather to all his Grandchildren

Family & Friends are invited to attend Jimmy’s Funeral Service to be held at
St. Marys Catholic Church, Canterbury Street, Casino
On FRIDAY (March 14th) 2025, commencing at 11am

Following the Service the cortege will proceed to the Casino Lawn Cemetery.



Simplicity
Funerals

WHAT I MADE

Narelle Hancock makes pens – lots of pens, at the Casino Community Men's Shed.

"I got fascinated by them," Narelle said.

"I thought – how the hell do they do that?"

The outer case of Narelle's pens are made of wood.

"I buy the metal bits and ink cartridge."

A wooden pen costs \$20 and a resin pen is \$30.



Narelle Hancock makes her own pens at the men's shed in Casino. Photo: Susanna Freymark

WHAT'S ON AT OUR LIBRARIES

MORE THAN BOOKS

Did you know your local library stocks more than all the wonderful books you see when you walk in?

There is a seed library, you can borrow a cake tin, an audio book and more.

There are car manuals, computer tutorials, research databases – ask your librarian for assistance at Casino or Evans Head libraries or the mobile library when it visits your area.

You can print a copy of the Inky at the library.

Read online

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Download the Libby app or head to our eLibrary to get started at <https://bit.ly/rucrl>



HOW WE MET

The *Inky* invites you to send in your story of how you met your significant other, your best friend, your mate. Send some words and a photo to indynr.com@gmail.com Sharing stories of love and friendship – because we can.

RECIPE: *Yummy Wagon Wheel Slice*

This was the first recipe Debbie Reid gave us. There are pages of her recipes on indynr.com

Ingredients

185g butter, softened

1/3 cup caster sugar

1 1/2 cups plain flour

1 cup raspberry jam

1 packet of white and pink marshmallows, halved

200g plain chocolate

1 tablespoon of vegetable oil



Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C. Grease a 3cm deep 16cm by 26cm slice pan and line with baking paper extending edges.

2. Beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy then add flour and stir until a dough comes together. Press mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 20 minutes until golden.

3. Spread warm base with the jam then cover with alternate coloured halved marshmallows cut side down. Bake for 4 mins then remove from the oven and press down the softened marshmallows to a level surface.



Cool in the tin.

4. Break chocolate into pieces and place in a microwave safe jug. Microwave on 45 second intervals and mix until chocolate has completely melted then add the oil and stir in.

5. Pour the chocolate over the marshmallows and tap the pan to level the surface. Refrigerate for two hours or until set. Stand for 5 minutes at room temperature before cutting.



Quizmaster John James Maloney has a quiz that will make your head spin like a cyclone.

QUESTIONS

- 1 What is the female version of the given name Alfred?
- 2 Complete the line from a hit song for Dionne Warwick: What's it all about ...?
- 3 Who directed the films *The Birds*, *Vertigo* and *Psycho*?
- 4 Alfred E. Neuman was the mascot and cover boy for what comic magazine?
- 5 In what sport was Alfie Langer a champion?

6 British comedian Alfred Hawthorne Hill was better known by what name?

7 Who invented dynamite and bequeathed his fortune to establish a major peace prize?

8 Who was the only prime minister of Australia called Alfred?

9 Who was Batman's faithful butler?

10 It's only a half-hearted Alfred but it's a delicious dessert. What is it called?

Answers below (no peeking).

COMING EVENTS

Many events have been cancelled because of wet weather.

Here are some dates to put on your calendar

EVERY SATURDAY

8pm–11am

CASINO FARMERS MARKET

Crawford Sq. Summerland Way, Casino

May 15–17

PRIMEX

Casino

May 18–25

CASINO BEEF WEEK



Beef Week theme is *Secrets of the Museum*

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Alfreda. 2 Alfie. 3 Alfred Hitchcock. 4 Mad Magazine. 5 Allan Jeffrey 'Alfie' Langer AM is a former rugby league footballer who played in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s and worked as an assistant coach for the Australian national team, Queensland Maroons and Brisbane Broncos. 6 Benny Hill. 7 Alfred Bernhard Nobel was a Swedish chemist who made a fortune from inventing dynamite and many other things. (He held 355 patents.) 8 Alfred Deakin, was prime minister in 1903–1904, 1905–1908 and 1909–1910. 9 Alfred Thaddeus Crane Pennyworth, commonly known simply as Alfred. 10 Semifreddo (Italian: half-cold) is a type of frozen dessert similar to ice cream.