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KOOKABURRA  
RETREAT

# TIME OUT

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**A magazine especially for Shoalhaven Defence Families**

Welcome to the 2019 Autumn/Winter edition of Timeout. This publication is created by the Shoalhaven Defence Families Association especially for defence families and is a great way to get to know what's happening in the Shoalhaven area...

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# From the Coordinator

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It's been an interesting year for the SDFA, defence families and the world. Fires, floods, Covid19, more floods and more Covid19 have kept us on our toes. We had intended to have this issue out earlier in the year but understandably, that did not happen.

The period from July to Dec 2019 saw our regular programs of craft, fitness, tai chi, playgroup, cuppa & chat and creche being enjoyed by everyone. First Friday Club continued to be the most popular with those attending getting a chance to let their hair down and have some fun. There is never a dull moment at Kooka.

The Open day held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 was our most successful yet with over 200 attending. We had 3 Christmas events where we played games, enjoyed yummy food and shared gifts in the Christmas present swap game. Playgroup got to enjoy the Jumping Castle water slide donated by Sue Kennedy. Each Kooka Kids Club child received a gift from the SDFA. Christmas 2020 at Kooka is tracking to be just as fabulous.

During Covid19 Lockdown we were required to close Kooka with no idea when we could reopen. As a centre operating to support defence families that are particularly vulnerable to isolation, it was initially heart breaking to close our doors. Despite the challenges the SDFA continued supporting members by amending the strategic plan to ensure we were compliant with the Pandemic policy and government restrictions. With the support of Defence Community Organisation and the collaboration with other regional Defence Community Centre's, we developed unique and effective ways to reach out to defence families in our area whilst restricted by Covid-19. We delivered care packages to every SDFA member in our area, having the opportunity to personally provide support and encouragement through gifts such as the book 'The Invisible String'. We used old school methods of contact such as posting handmade 'Thinking of You' and Mother's Day cards, as well as providing opportunities for connection through online classes for fitness and hobbies, and virtual social nights. We worked tirelessly to prepare the centre for the launch of amended programs within Covid-19 guidelines. It was wonderful to reopen in July and once again be blessed with everyone's company. I am grateful to know so many amazing people and to be a part of something so important.

We have received Grant funding for another 2 years from the DCOs Family Support Funding Program. This means the continuation of programs and activities held at Kooka. The Grants program received considerably more bids for funding then they had available to hand out and we were told that receiving 2 years of funding was a credit to our application and centre. We will however need to amend how we originally planned to spend the money due to Covid19 and I look forward to brainstorming ideas and options with the committee and members.

I love my role as the Coordinator for the SDFA and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their involvement in making Kookaburra Retreat the welcoming, safe and fun environment it is.

Kookaburra Retreat - where Fun and Support meet.

Coordinator: Maxine Starkey

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## **SDFA Mission Statement**

To promote companionship and mutual assistance amongst local and visiting Defence Force spouses, friends and the community.

To promote the interest of members of the Association in all matters affecting their welfare.

At all times act in a manner that encourages a welcoming and friendly atmosphere to members.

It is important to note that although priority is given to Defence families, the SDFA welcome and encourage the wider community to use the facilities.

# Kookaburra Retreat



Kookaburra Retreat Community Centre is located just outside HMAS Albatross and is the home of The Shoalhaven Defence Families Association (SDFA).

The organisation supports defence families in the Shoalhaven and surrounding areas.

The association is a not for profit organisation funded by the Defence Community Organisation (DCO) Family Support Funding Program.

The primary focus of the SDFA is for Kookaburra Retreat to be a safe, welcoming place for people to relax, form friendships, have fun and feel connected within the community. There is a strong emphasis on providing support to those facing the particular challenges associated with the defence way-of-life.

Annual membership is \$30 and allows you access to the activities, training, creche and events held at Kookaburra Retreat, along with use of the centre for private hire. Playgroup Membership is just \$10 and can be upgraded at any time.

**Drop In,  
Coffee & Chat**  
*Monday, Thursday  
and Friday*  
*From 9.30am*  
*(crèche available until  
12.30pm)*

**Playgroup**  
*Tuesday*  
*10am to 12.00pm*  
*(\$3 per family)*

*Kookaburra Retreat offers a fantastic opportunity to make new friends so why not come along and experience the wonderful range of activities provided, or call to find out more information.*

A lot has changed since this photo was taken in 1987 but one thing has remained the same, Kookaburra Retreat is here for you!



**Centre Hours: 9.30am—2.30pm**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
*\*Times vary during School Holidays*

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# Kookaburra Retreat

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## There's always something to do at Kooka

Various training courses, workshops and activities are run throughout the year. Keep an eye on the website, Facebook page and group for upcoming events.

**\*Fitness sessions are run on Thursdays.** Sessions are facilitated by a personal trainer and can be varied to suit all ability levels.

**\*Craft classes/workshops - Monthly.** Learn a new skill or craft by participating in one of the many organised activities and workshops that run throughout the year or bring your own craft project.

**Cuppa and Chat!!** You are welcome to pop in and visit anytime during centre open hours. Relax in the adult space, have a cuppa, catch up on emails etc using the communal office space and **Free Wifi**, or attend any of the programs running. You can also attend the gym on base if you have an access pass.

Feel free to share any ideas you may have. We are always open to suggestion. If you would like to run an activity, please speak with the coordinator.

- Subject to change



## Kooka Kids Club Crèche



Those with young children can enjoy 'me time' in the adult space next door and participate in activities, knowing their child/ren are safe and well cared for by fully qualified early childhood educators from the South Coast Nannies.

The crèche operates on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm (during school terms). The subsidised cost is; one child \$15, two children \$20 and three or more children \$25.

To book your child into a creche session, see the weekly creche posts on the Facebook group or contact the Coordinator.



Awareness of allergies provide a safe environment for children in our care. With this in mind, we ask that **no nut products** be brought to the crèche.

## School Holiday Sessions

The SDFA conduct activities during school holidays, each session goes from 10am—2pm. Dates and details for School Holiday Sessions' are announced prior to the school holidays commencing on our Facebook group and via email.

Cost: One child, \$25. Two children, \$35. Three or more children, \$40.

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# Get Involved with SDFA

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## Committee

The SDFA is managed by a voluntary committee who are voted in at each Annual General Meeting. The committee members act in accordance with the constitution and the fair trading agreement. A casual coordinator is employed to manage the administration of the SDFA.



### **Executive Committee:**

President – Cassilea Townsend

Vice President – Amy Parmley

Treasurer – Amy Graham

Secretary – Belinda Crockett



## Meetings

Meetings are held roughly every six weeks at Kookaburra Retreat. All current SDFA members are welcome to attend meetings and participate with sharing ideas, learn how to volunteer, help out with fundraising or with simple admin tasks. Every little bit helps.

**Please don't hesitate to have a chat with any of the committee members or the coordinator should you wish to contribute in any way.**

For more information visit our website  
**[www.sdfa.com.au](http://www.sdfa.com.au)**

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# More information

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## Hire Kookaburra Retreat

Kookaburra Retreat can be hired by members for private functions. The centre offers a great environment for children's birthday parties with outdoor play equipment. It can also be used for meetings, gatherings etc. The fee is just \$20 with a \$50 bond which is refundable after the event. Visit [www.sdfa.com.au](http://www.sdfa.com.au) for further information and forms required for booking.



**Kookaburra Retreat has a Strictly No Smoking policy**



**Group - Shoalhaven Defence Families Association**

**Page - Shoalhaven Defence Families - Kookaburra Retreat**

Our Facebook group is managed by the SDFA Kookaburra Retreat Coordinator profile. Please be aware that it is a private group which will require you to 'ask' to join. By joining you can keep up with events and activities as well as gaining support. The Facebook group and page are for posts relevant to SDFA and defence families.

## **Advertising in Time Out Magazine**

Advertising your business or service is easy. To submit an article or advertisement for future issues of the magazine, please contact the SDFA Coordinator on 4421 566 or email [shoalhavendfa@gmail.com](mailto:shoalhavendfa@gmail.com). Fee is \$50 for an A4 page and \$25 for A5.

Your Ad will always be displayed on our website and Facebook page.



# What's Been Happening at 'Kooka'



We had a team volunteer at the Huskisson Triathlon Festival in Feb which had members involved in the local community, feeling a sense of purpose and achievement and raising some funds for the SDFA. Members love the opportunity to 'give back' to Kooka.  
29.2.2020

Enjoy the physical and mental benefits fitness and wellbeing activities.



Tour the T Bake Sale 6.9.2019



Bigfoot Adventure Bus 1.11.2019



Pam was presented with SDFA Life Membership for her outstanding contribution to Kookaburra Retreat over the years.

*"I love the friendship of people that are involved with Kookaburra Retreat. I have become a lifetime member which I really appreciate. I love to be involved with activities that are arranged by the committee." - Pam P*

# What's Been Happening at 'Kooka'

SDFA Open Day 23rd November 2019  
Our most successful open/family day yet.

Thanks to our Sponsors  
**Defence Community Organisation**  
**Defence Health**  
**Navy Health**  
**Stella Studioz**





# Kookaburra Retreat Playgroup

For more information visit  
[www.sdffa.com.au](http://www.sdffa.com.au)

## Tuesday

- 10am Free play - inside and outside
- 10.30am Morning tea
- 10.50am Craft activity such as painting, gluing, threading, etc
- 11.20am Circle Time - Story and or Music
- 12pm Pack up time.



Flat 1 & 2 Canberra Dr Nowra Hill NSW 2540



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# Christmas at Kooka

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2019 Christmas festivities

From top left - Kooka Kids Creche books from the SDFA, Christmas parties with Naughty Santa game, Playgroup Christmas Party Day.



*“Kooka has been incredible for my children and I to connect with our new community very quickly and in a meaningful way. No lip service here, just genuine people from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in bringing people together and because of that, the sense of community becomes infectious and I feel compelled to do the same.”*

*- Rebecca J*

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**DIFFERENT THEME EACH MONTH**

# FIRST FRIDAY CLUB



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.  
COME AND HAVE SOME FUN.  
6:00PM TILL CLOSE! \$5 EACH ADULTS ONLY!

See Facebook event and emails for theme.

KOOKABURRA RETREAT  
FLAT 2, CANBERRA DRIVE, NOWRA HILL  
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[www.sdfa.com.au](http://www.sdfa.com.au)



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# First Friday Club

A very popular program as it allows members to have a night off to enjoy great company and fun. We pick a different theme each month to encourage everyone to get involved.



*"In January 2019, I moved to Nowra and was new to the area. Kookaburra Retreat helped me to meet new people, and in particular defence spouses, within the region and provided my children and I with the support we needed. At Kookaburra Retreat, I feel welcomed, valued and supported. The atmosphere at the retreat is always welcoming, light-hearted and friendly." - Amy S*



*"Kooka is a place to be yourself in a friendly, relaxed space. A place to learn new skills in scheduled activities, chat with different people, laugh, cry (when needed) and support and be supported by a community. There is a dedicated space for children to play at Playgroup or creche with qualified nannies. The adult space can also be an area for study or work or enjoy the company of other who understand the unique way of life of defence families." - Georgie P*



During closure due to Covid19 we continued FFC via Zoom to enjoy time together and to support each other.



# Craft at Kooka

Craft activities and workshops are always popular at Kooka. We endeavour to host a wide range of classes around member interest. Got an idea or skill you would like to share? We would love to collaborate with you.



"I have been coming to Kooka for the last 3 years and have found the support invaluable. I have developed strong friendships that have helped me while I have gone through multiple unaccompanied postings." - Katrina G

Military life is  
having a plan. Then a  
new plan. Then  
another plan. Then the  
first plan. Then a  
brand new plan only  
to go back to the 2nd  
plan.



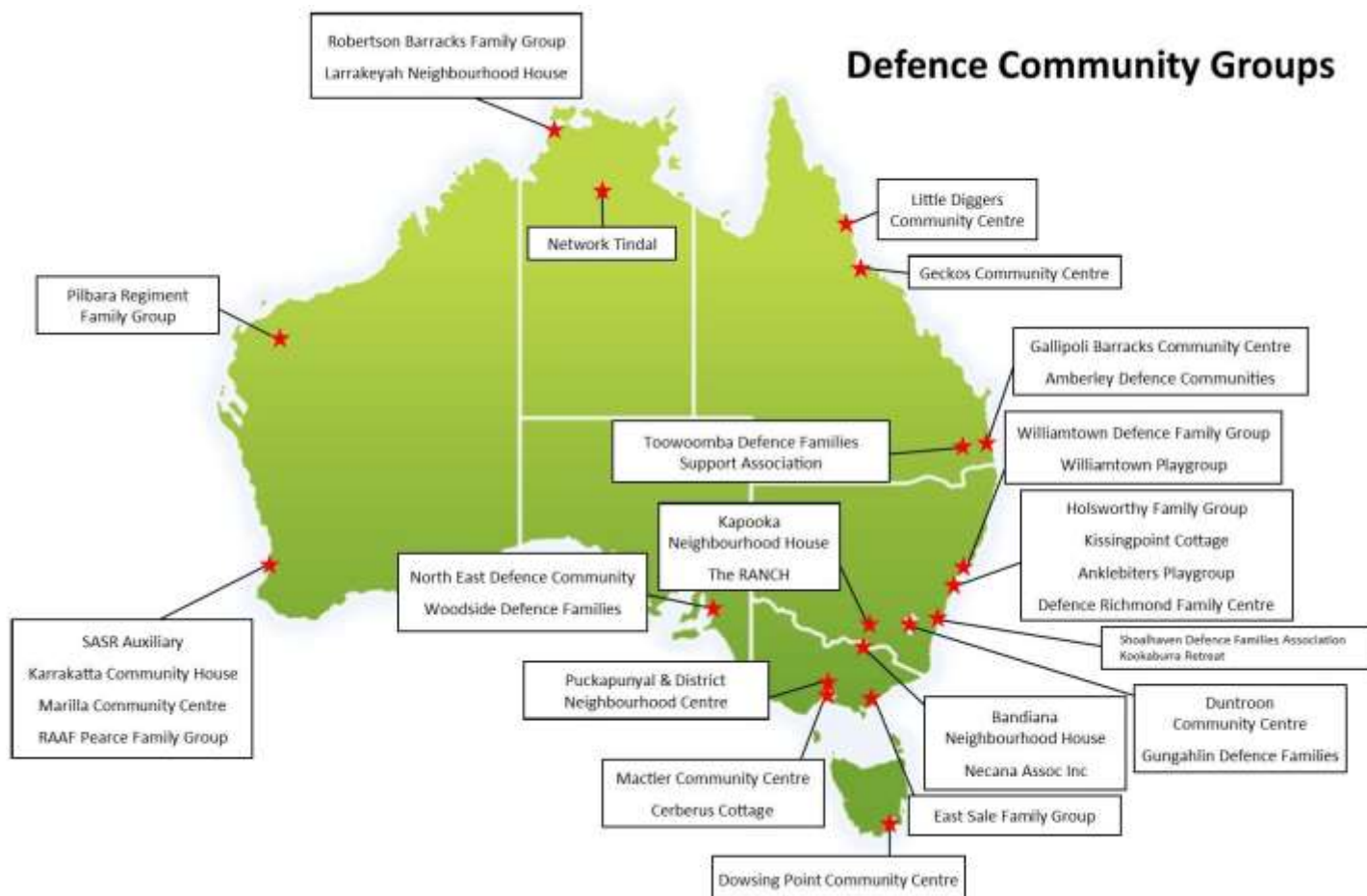
[soldierwifeofcrazylife.com](http://soldierwifeofcrazylife.com)

HEY YOU  
YOU CAN'T DO  
ALL OF THE THINGS  
ALL OF THE TIME;  
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU  
DO WHATEVER YOU CAN AS  
AS BEST AS YOU CAN.

@LAURAJANEILLUSTRATIONS

# Are you posting?

Please contact us and we can organise an information  
pack from your new location Defence Community Group.  
**Help us, Help you!**



# SOUTH COAST NANNIES



For families visiting and living in the South Coast, we provide qualified, experienced, mature, professional Babysitters and Nannies who value the importance of your children's safety, happiness and well-being.

## Our Nannies and Babysitters

- Qualified Professionals
- Working with Children Check
- Current First Aid Certificate
- A Minimum of 2 years' Experience
- Personally Interviewed & Reference Checked

## Our Services

- Babysitting
- In Home Care
- Share A Nanny
- Holiday Help
- Before / After School
- Overnight Care
- Wedding Services
- Corporate Care
- Domestic Assistance

They are passionate, trustworthy, and fun!

## BABYSITTING CLUB



Wanting a child free  
night out ?

Are you missing out on  
'ME TIME' or 'US TIME' ?

Need to be somewhere  
without the children ?

For local families in our community, we offer the Babysitting Club!

By joining you can pre-purchase Babysitting Vouchers in packs of 5 or 10 and use our Express Booking Form for simple and easy bookings. The benefits are:- receiving discounted Booking Fees, having a regular Babysitter known to your family and providing continuity of care for your children.

Defence Personnel receive 50% off the \$75 Registration Fee and Babysitting Club Vouchers have no expiry date and can be used anytime.

CONTACT US FOR ALL YOUR CHILD CARE NEEDS

02 4422 8808

E: [office@southcoastnannies.com.au](mailto:office@southcoastnannies.com.au)

W: [www.southcoastnannies.com.au](http://www.southcoastnannies.com.au)

F: [www.facebook.com/SouthCoastNannies](https://www.facebook.com/SouthCoastNannies)

I: [www.instagram.com/southcoastnannies](https://www.instagram.com/southcoastnannies)

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# Defence Community Organisation

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## **DCO are there for YOU!**

Defence Community Organisation offers a broad range of programs and services to help Defence families make the most of the challenges and opportunities provided by the military way of life.

The best way to access any of these services is to contact the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on [DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au) or 1800 624 608.

### **Strong Families, Strong Communities, Strong Defence.**

Recognising that the strength of the Defence force is in the family and the strength of the family is in the community. Working with Defence families and community organisations to develop ideas and initiatives which help build a strong, connected and resilient Defence community.



### **DCO Coffee mornings**

The DCO coffee mornings are a relaxed and friendly way to meet up with other Defence spouses for a casual morning tea. Locations are kid friendly.

Organised around interest participation. Please contact DCO with your interest.

Simply order and pay for your own coffee and/or food.

The Family Liaison Officer (FLO) Tamasin Wolf-Smith will be there to chat, if you wish to talk about anything specific.

**Contact DCO Nowra for details on a Coffee morning near you.**



Australian Government  
Department of Defence

Need advice, support or connection  
with your local community?

**Call the Defence Family Helpline on  
1800 624 608**

The new Defence Family Helpline  
operates 24–7 and is staffed by  
qualified human services  
professionals including social  
workers and psychologists.

The Defence Family  
Helpline is the first  
point of contact for  
ADF members, their  
partners, children and  
relatives (for whom the  
member has primary  
responsibility) who  
seek assistance with:

- » referral to a Defence Community Organisation area office,
- » managing during deployment, posting and relocation,
- » support for partners' employment and education,
- » support services in the local community,
- » help during crisis and emergency,
- » transitioning to civilian life,
- » support available to Defence community groups,
- » assistance with children's education, childcare options, and support for children with special needs.

Brought to you by the  
**DEFENCE COMMUNITY**  
ORGANISATION  
Connecting with your community



# DCO Nowra



**Family Liaison Officer  
Tamasin Wolf-Smith**



**Military Support Officer  
Andrew Sansom**

**DCO Canberra/Nowra  
55-57 Berry Street  
PO Box 1163  
Nowra NSW 2541  
P: (02) 4421 3855**

## **Family Liaison Officer**

My name is Tamasin and I am the Family Liaison Officer for DCO Nowra. I come from a mental health background and am also a Defence spouse. I have been through deployment, postings, MWDU and everything in between! My role as a Family Liaison Officer is to connect you with local services to help support you in your life as a Defence family. This is done through the running of capacity building programs such as FamilySMART and KidSMART, social events such as coffee mornings and outdoor activities and continued support through our Nowra office.

If you would like to get involved in our events, take a look at our [Eventbrite](#) page or follow us on [Facebook](#). If you would like regular updates on what is happening at DCO Nowra, send an email to [dco-canberra-nowra@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco-canberra-nowra@defence.gov.au) and sign up to our mailing list. I work out of the Berry Street office Monday to Thursday.

## **Military Support Officer**

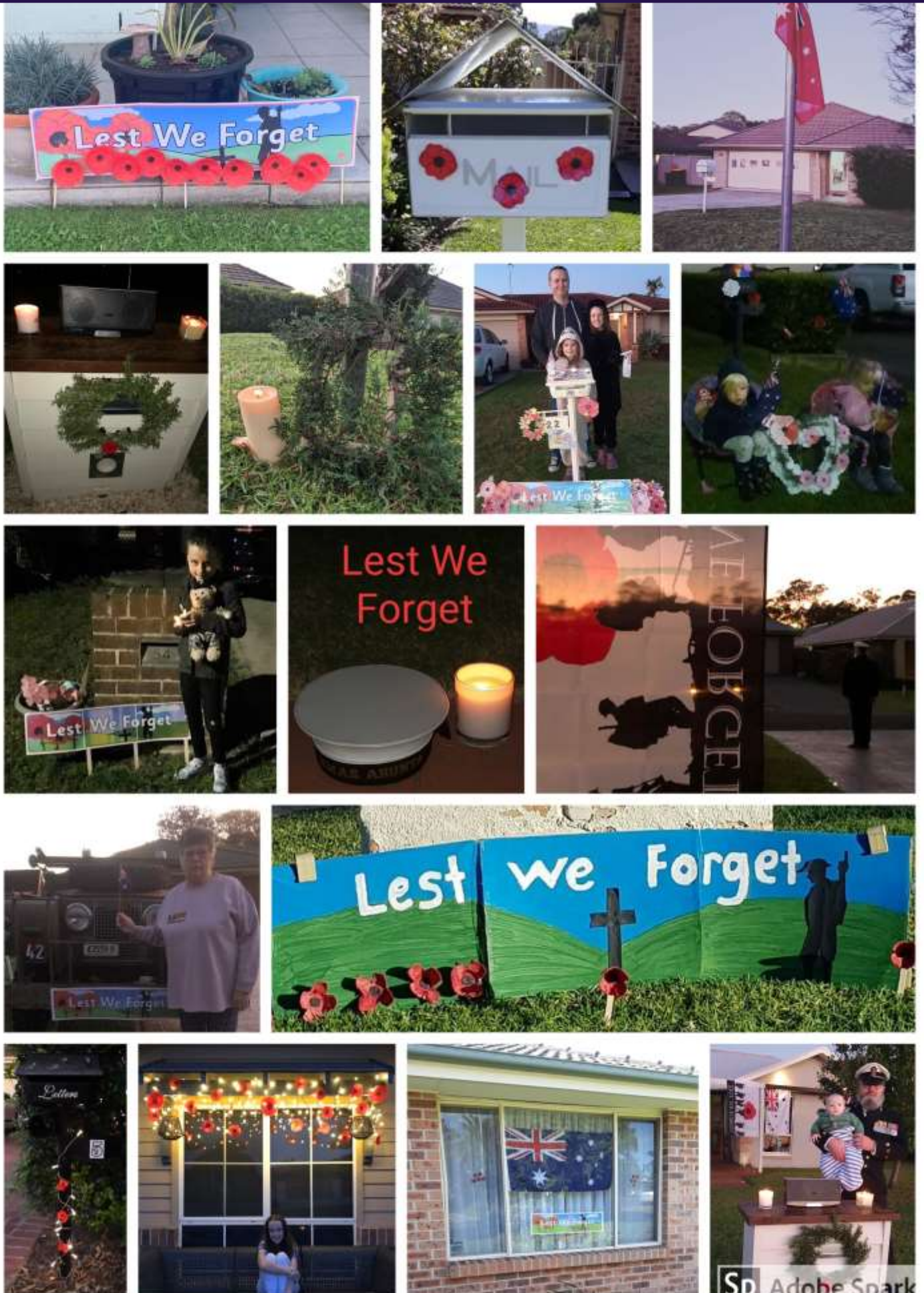
My name is Andrew and I am the Military Support Officer for DCO Nowra. I have been in the Royal Australian Navy for 42 years, having joined when I was 15 years old. During my time in the Navy I have visited many countries in South East Asia as well as England, Japan, Egypt, Greece and Pakistan. Some of my career highlights are being part of Anzac Day Commemorative services in Turkey and France and two weeks in Afghanistan as part of Operation Slipper.

My role as a Military Support Officer covers support to Command at HMAS Creswell and HMAS Albatross as well as support to families in the areas of Defence Bereavement and Critical Incidents. Also, if families have any questions with regards to military/service issues I can generally assist. I work out of the Nowra Office in Berry Street from Monday to Friday.

If you are seeking support, or want to touch base, feel free to give the Defence Family Helpline a call on 1800 624 608 or email [dco-canberra-nowra@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco-canberra-nowra@defence.gov.au).



# Anzac Day 2020



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# Chaplain

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Chaplain RAN  
Jenny Schleusener

## Professional Offices

**Building 57**

**HMAS Albatross**

**Ph: 02 44241788**

**M: 0408 161 301**

Hi everyone,

It is hard to believe that this year is nearly over and that Christmas is upon us. I'm sure it will look rather different this year for many of us as we may not be able to go home to family.

Speaking of family I understand that raising a family can be rather challenging so I offer the 5 ideas below from the Power of Positive Parenting courses I facilitate, to give you some tools to choose from. This course has 30 years of research behind it and has been implemented the world over.

5 point to assist you in parenting children and teenagers.

### **1. Create a safe and interesting environment**

Bored kids are likely to misbehave bored teenagers May find trouble. So create an environment that keeps your children entertained. Remove potential dangers from the home and teach basic safety.

### **2. Have a positive learning environment**

If a child or teenager comes to you for help or a hat, they're ready to learn. Give them positive attention, even if only for a minute or so. Encourage their ideas and opinions.

### **3. Use assertive discipline**

Set clear rules and boundaries and follow through with fair consequences. You can negotiate some of these with older kids and decide on the rules and consequences together. Praise little and big kids to encourage the behaviour you require.

### **4. Have realistic expectations**

Nobody's perfect – kids and teenagers or adults – so don't expect your child to do more than they're capable of. And remember all parents make mistakes some times.

### **5. Take care of yourself as a parent**

It's all about balance. You have got to look after your own needs too, so make sure you're getting some support, time with friends, and maybe even a little time to yourself.

If you would like some more information or to attend a 3 night seminar. Please don't hesitate to contact me. These seminars can be run in a Covid safe manner or even done on Zoom.

If you would like support or to simply have a chat I can be contacted on 0408 161 301.

Blessings  
Chaplain Jenny

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# Defence Families of Australia (DFA)

At DFA, we are all partners of current serving ADF members which gives us a unique insight into the needs of future policy affecting Defence families.

We advocate for Defence families at both a regional and national level. We have National Delegates located across Australia near most major bases who know their communities and who can advocate for you locally.

Our Canberra based staff champion national issues by researching, writing submissions, meeting with stakeholders and participating in national working groups.

Please contact **Victoria Dixon**, your DFA Delegate for the ACT and Southern NSW, if you would like to have your say on an issue or have been unsuccessful in resolving a concern through either your local relevant channels or national channels.

Follow us through our communication channels for the latest news and information relevant to Defence families.



Victoria Dixon  
National Delegate  
ACT and Southern NSW  
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*Advocating for Defence Families*

DFA is the official ADF families advisory body to the Minister for Defence Personnel and CDF.

Our organisation sits outside of Defence systems, allowing DFA independence and impartiality to act in the best interests of ADF families.

DFA operates under a Charter jointly signed by the Assistant Minister for Defence and the CDF.

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# ForceNet

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[www.forcenet.gov.au](http://www.forcenet.gov.au)

**Ph: 1800 DEFENCE (1800 333 362)**

ForceNet is a Defence e-communications platform used to connect family with the Services related to their Defence member.

ForceNet registration is available to current Defence members, sponsored Defence family members and other approved users.

**ForceNet can now be accessed through the ForceNet mobile app, available for free from Google Play and the App Store.**

ForceNet is also available through a web browser via desktop and mobile devices. For further information on ForceNet and/or to apply to register to use ForceNet please go to [www.forcenet.gov.au](http://www.forcenet.gov.au)

ForceNet provides a secure means for Defence families to access authoritative information on Defence matters relevant to them as well as a channel for discussions.

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## Defence Housing Australia

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**Suite 3, Level 2 Bridgeton House  
55-57 Berry Street Nowra, NSW, 2541**

**Customer Service and Maintenance 139 342**

[www.dha.gov.au](http://www.dha.gov.au)

Defence Housing Australia (DHA), provide quality housing and related services to Defence members and families. In doing this, supporting the operational, recruitment and retention goals of the Department of Defence.

To meet Defence housing obligations, they are active in Australian residential housing markets, acquiring and developing land, and constructing and purchasing houses. Learn more about our residential developments by visiting [dha.gov.au](http://dha.gov.au).

# DVA's official partner for veteran benefits

**APOD (Australian Partners of Defence)** is an Australian owned and operated organisation created by veteran families, for veteran families.

Since 2012, APOD has been working to connect the defence community with businesses of all sizes who recognise their service and want to say 'thank you' by offering a discount.

We understand the sacrifices made in the name of service and our team of veteran and defence spouses are committed to creating a secure platform which supports the recognition of veterans and defence families across Australia.

Current and ex-service ADF personnel, spouses and widows, allied forces and

immediate family members are all welcome to join the APOD community and access discounts from over **20,000** business outlets ranging from fuel to groceries, tech, auto, accommodation and lots more!

APOD's purpose is for benefits and recognition to be simple, accessible and rewarding. This is why we have map search functions and offer categories like everyday, veteran owned and gift cards to help our **72,000+** members find discounts that suit their lifestyle.

## Why join:

- ✓ Save money
- ✓ Be uniquely recognised for your service
- ✓ Support veteran-owned businesses
- ✓ Belong to a growing discount community

## APOD is free for:

- ✓ All veterans, spouses and/or widows\*
- ✓ All business partners including veteran-owned and spouse-owned businesses

\*For all DVA Veteran Card holders and spouses (white, gold, orange)



## Who can join?



Serving Defence Members



Veterans & Former Defence



Immediate Family Members

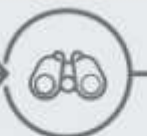
## Becoming a member is easy!



JOIN



VALIDATE



VIEW



START

Join today and start saving! [www.apod.com.au](http://www.apod.com.au)

**APOD**  
Recognising those who serve



Phone 1300 00 APOD (2763)

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# RSL Defence Care

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Ph: 02 8088 0388

[www.defencecare.org.au](http://www.defencecare.org.au)

## Mission:

RSL DefenceCare is dedicated to meeting the needs of serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members and their families seeking help with claims through the Department of Veterans' Affairs, advocacy at the Veterans' Review Board and well-being.

RSL DefenceCare is a charity and not-for-profit organisation helping current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their families in times of injury, illness or crisis.

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They understand that each service man or woman's situation is unique and they aim to help without judgement.

RSL DefenceCare also promote the support of our veterans amongst the wider Australian community.

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## Soldier On

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Ph: 1300 620 380

<https://soldieron.org.au/>

Soldier On's mission is to ***enable veterans and their families to thrive.***

Soldier On services are holistic and integrated and are able to be tailored to meet the needs of individuals and their families. Developed in line with world's best practice, our services are evidenced based and have been designed in consultation with Defence personnel, veterans, and their families.

Soldier On staff work side by side with individuals and families, to strengthen resilience and develop meaningful connections with family members, mates, and the local community through a diverse range of health and wellbeing services, employment opportunities, learning and education programs, and participation in community, social, and sporting activities.

Grounded in the principles of Trauma Informed Care, Soldier On's model of care ensures individuals and family members are at the centre of all our services.

# Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling



Ph: 1800 011 046      [www.openarms.gov.au](http://www.openarms.gov.au)  
Support 24/7 with free and confidential counselling and group programs.

Open Arms (formerly VVCS) provides free and confidential, nation-wide counselling and support for war and service-related mental health conditions, such as posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, sleep disturbance and anger. Support is also available for relationship and family matters that can arise due to the unique nature of the military lifestyle.

Open Arms counsellors have an understanding of military culture and can work with clients to find effective solutions for improved mental health and wellbeing.

Open Arms provides the following services:

- \* individual, couple and family counselling and support for those with more complex needs
- \* services to enhance family functioning and parenting
- \* after-hours crisis telephone counselling through Veterans Line
- \* group programs to develop skills and enhance support
- \* information, education and self-help resources
- \* referrals to other services or specialist treatment programs.

## Nowra Hub



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# Military Wife Life

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[militarywifelife.com.au](http://militarywifelife.com.au)

[hello@militarywifelife.com.au](mailto:hello@militarywifelife.com.au)

Military Wife Life is for anyone who has ever felt alone, overwhelmed or underwhelmed on this wild ride that is military life!

MWL promotes the celebration of strength, building connections and self care.

Let's cheer each other on through the everyday ups and downs, the wins and the sometimes funny fails.

Online Communities – including Facebook, Instagram and a website — where you can connect with other military spouses.”

The Military Wife Life Podcast – where YOUR stories are told!

Lots of Love boxes – Where you can send self-care love bombs (aka a box of cool FREE stuff) to other military spouses who may need a 'boost' and a reminder that the MWL community has their back.

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## Shoalhaven Womens Health Centre

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**5 McGrath Ave, Nowra NSW 2541  
(Opposite Harry Sawkins Park)**

**Ph - 4421 0730  
[swhc@swhc.org.au](mailto:swhc@swhc.org.au)**

Shoalhaven Women's Health Centre is a community based, not for profit organisation that has existed for over 20 years providing a range of holistic health services to women from a feminist framework.

Their vision is for a peaceful and equitable society where all women are empowered, respected and enjoy optimum health and wellbeing.

Known for their supportive, friendly, professional, caring and confidential approach, they have a wonderful team of qualified and experienced staff.

Services offered at the Shoalhaven Women's Health Centre include:

counselling, massage, herbal medicine, a Women's Health Nurse, pregnancy and termination information and support, workshops on a range of issues, information and referral, groups and activities (e.g., yoga and meditation)

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# Veterans Motorcycle Club

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Ph: DK 0401 219 400

A club based on the military brotherhood and bonds of military service.

Military Veterans, currently serving, ex-serving and supporters alike with a strong brotherhood that exists to support veterans, veterans families and the biker lifestyle.

Sharing a love of the military and motorcycles, with a proud history of service to our country.

Please make inquiries via the Facebook Page.

**The Ode** — "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them." Lest We Forget

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## Remount

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Ph: 0439 423 891

[www.remount.org.au](http://www.remount.org.au)

[ben@remount.org.au](mailto:ben@remount.org.au)

**Assisting those who have served to get 'back in the saddle' and reconnect through horsemanship.**

Remount is a not-for-profit organisation delivering horsemanship programs for current and former service men and women and their families, who may be experiencing stress related to their service, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and/or physical injury. Remount is delivered at no cost to all current or former serving members of the military. Two, three and four days programs include onsite accommodation, catering, tuition and workshirts.

The experienced team will take you through all aspects of horsemanship and mustering. After-hours activities include leatherwork and enjoying some quiet time around the camp fire.

This unique environment is a great place to spend time with your colleagues, or if travelling alone, getting to know new people. Of course you may just like to have some quite time alone on retreat.

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# Women Veteran Network Association

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Ph: 0418 283 752

[www.wvna.org.au](http://www.wvna.org.au)

Women Veterans Network Australia Inc (WVNA) is a not-for-profit organisation. WVNA is a network helping women veterans connect with each other to share information and access services via social media and in local groups. WVNA is inclusive of all ranks who are currently serving or have served in the Navy, Army or Air Force, either in a full time or Reserve capacity, whether they have deployed or not.

Our Mission:

Connect past and present Women of Defence with resources, support & information.

WVNA support all organisations who help veterans and work with them to establish peer support networks focused on the specific health and wellbeing needs of women veterans.

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## Bravery Trust

**Their battle isn't over.**

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**Fighting for your country takes courage, but the battle afterwards takes even more.**

Bravery Trust provides urgently needed financial support to our veterans and their families who are suffering as a result of their service. The physical and mental impact can be overwhelming for our brave families. Help give them the support they deserve. They gave everything for Australia. Australia, it's time to give back to them. **Donate at [braverytrust.org.au](http://braverytrust.org.au)**

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Bravery Trust is the trading name of the Australian Defence Force Assistance Trust.

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# Defence School Mentors

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To minimise the impact of the mobile lifestyle on children's education, the Defence Community Organisation (DCO) provides funding for embedded support staff in schools that wish to build capability to support children from military families.

The Defence School Mentors support Defence students when transitioning from school to school and during times of parental absence. Mentors help schools, families and children to develop strategies to help families successfully integrate into the school community.



## In-School Support

Defence Mentors are based within primary and secondary schools across Australia for the purpose of providing support to the children of mobile Defence families.

Mentors' activities include:

- assisting children and families to integrate into the new school and local community,
  - coordinating appropriate welcome and farewell activities,
  - smoothing the transition from school to school and between different education systems (including minimising the impact of relocation on learning outcomes),
  - monitoring the social, emotional and academic wellbeing of Defence students,
  - helping students develop self-confidence, self-reliance and resilience,
  - referring students to services, or school and community programs that meet their needs,
  - enhancing awareness and appreciation of the unique Defence lifestyle in schools and communities, and providing support to children during times of parental absence.
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# Nowra Hill Public School



## Defence School Mentor

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From the DSM desk at Nowra Hill Public School. With such a disrupted year, it was lovely to have the opportunity to hold a Remembrance Day ceremony. Although we could not have visitors on site to join us, the school community and solidarity was felt during the service. It was a stunning morning and students helped me to create a beautiful assembly area with poppies and Defence posters of past eras. Our Year 6 Defence students, Abbey, Taylah, Olivia, and Scarlett hosted the service and read some beautiful, respectful and thought-provoking passages as well as a wonderful reading of 'In Flanders Fields' and 'The Ode'. The girls did us proud and were perfect! We were also blessed to have our teacher Mrs Rossouw play 'The Last Post' and 'The Reveille'. To

have the live sound of the bugle was haunting and very special. All the students were respectful and contemplative throughout the service and you could hear a pin drop during the minutes silence.

Although we could not have our ANZAC Day service, the staff and students enjoyed coming together to commemorate Remembrance Day and to be thankful for the past and present service and sacrifices of our Defence men and women. We are hoping that next year we can have visitors on site to come together to have an ANZAC Day service and to have parents join our school activities. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas!



# Nowra Public School



## Defence School Mentor

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Wow, what a year 2020 has been.

For Defence families in particular this year has been extremely tough with postings being changed and cancelled and reunion trips being cancelled.

For some Defence families they have gone almost the whole year without seeing each other. Luckily things are starting to settle down and with border restrictions opening up, families are getting excited about reunions and Christmases together.



Here at Nowra Public School I have kept up regular visits to students in classes and run as many activities as possible with small groups of students. This year I organised for every Defence family at the school to receive a copy of a book called 'The Invisible String', which helps young children to understand the message that you are never alone. I know that all of the students have enjoyed reading this book at home with their parents and it has helped many of them who haven't been able to see family members this year.

ANZAC Day this year looked very different, with almost all public ceremonies cancelled. I know a few of the Defence families here at Nowra Public took part in the Driveway at Dawn ceremony.

For Remembrance Day this year, I worked with some of the Defence students to put together a video that was played across all classrooms in the school explaining the importance of Remembrance Day and while we still commemorate it today. I was so proud of all of the students for how hard they worked to learn their parts.



# Vincentia Public School



## Defence School Mentor

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What a year 2020 has been so far! A lot of the usual activities we do at school have had to be done differently this year.

Our families have shown great resilience throughout this time and ANZAC Day was no exception. A lot of families stood on their driveways to commemorate this special day. ANZAC craft activities were done at home and this was Hayden's ANZAC tealight holder.

NAIDOC Week was moved to November and our students enjoyed the many activities arranged during that week. There was boomerang throwing, fire making, dancing and lots of art and crafts.

Due to the ongoing restrictions on assemblies we conducted a very moving Remembrance Day

service via the

loudspeakers into the classrooms. Each class made poppies that formed a lovely 'Poppy Walk' around the whole school.

Let's hope 2021 starts better than this year and everyone stays safe over the holiday period.



# Vincentia High School



## Defence School Mentor

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## Celebrating milestones

This year has certainly presented many challenges and now, more than ever, it was important to celebrate the achievement of special milestones.

Although our Year 12 students were not able to graduate from Vincentia High School in the traditional way, our staff made sure that the Year 12 cohort were able to celebrate this significant event with a breakfast in our beautiful school grounds followed by the “lock-in” and Zoom assembly.

The “lock-in” is a unique tradition that began in 2016 with the creation of the memory lane installation. The large, rustic instillation allows students to lock engraved padlocks as a year group thereby connecting them to Vincentia alumni and each other.

We are very proud of our Year 12 students and wish them all the best for the future!



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or email [coordinator.shoalhaven@amwchoir.com](mailto:coordinator.shoalhaven@amwchoir.com)  
to connect with a singing group near you.

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# Defence Special Needs Support Group

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**nowra@dsnsg.org.au**

**www.dsnsg.org.au**

The Defence Special Needs Support Group Inc is a non-profit benevolent volunteer organisation established to assist Navy, Army and Air Force families with a family member with special needs

The group provides support, information, assistance and advocacy for all ADF families who have a dependant (child, spouse or other dependant) with special needs.

The term special needs basically covers the full range of medical, disability, therapy and education needs. It includes: chronic illness or medical conditions like asthma, diabetes or arthritis, intellectual disability, physical disability, sensory disability, Mental Illness, speech and language disorders, epilepsy, autism spectrum disorder, ADD/ADHD, developmental delay, Anxiety, gifted and talented, Depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, learning disability/difficulty and many others

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## The Younger Heroes

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**Ph: 0411 593 885**

**E: support@theyoungerheroes.org**

**www.theyoungerheroes.org/**

The Younger Heroes (TYH) Program is a family relationship focused program, supporting participants (parents and their children) in connecting with their loved ones.

This Program is particularly relevant for individuals (parents) who may have experienced time away from their families as a result of their employment (Military, Police and other First Responders), or those individuals whose work experience/environments may have impacted their family connection or tempered their communication/relationship with their family (ie: traumatic exposure, direct communication styles, hierarchical command structure).

Designed by professionals to enhance and strengthen the critical bond between a returned servicemen and women and those that have served the nation and their children (optimal target age 8-15 years).



Interchange Shoalhaven is a community-based not-for-profit organisation founded in 1988. For more than thirty years we've been putting people first by providing flexible and personalised support services in communities across the Shoalhaven.

Every day, our network of skilled carers and volunteers provide carefully created pathways for local people with disabilities, giving them greater choices and supporting them to lead their lives their way.

## Our Services

### NDIS Funded Services

Interchange Shoalhaven is registered to provide a wide range of NDIS support services including:

#### Daily Tasks and Shared Living

This involves assistance with personal activities, life stage transition, travel and transport. The support we provide can also assist people with daily living activities such as cleaning, cooking, shopping and help with organising everyday household activities.

#### Increased Social and Community Participation

Goal-based support like Social and Community Participation helps people be involved in everyday community and social activities. The focus is on building independence and creating strong community connections.

#### Co-ordination of Supports

Interchange Shoalhaven is able to identify and help refer people with disabilities to compatible organisations or service providers under the NDIS.



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# AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS



## Cadet Pilot Training

The Australian Air Force Cadets provides excellent Pilot Training in powered trainer aircraft.

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As sponsorship is provided by the Air Force, the cost of lessons to cadets is substantially cheaper than the external commercial flying schools and it is more "one on one" training with strict emphasis on safety.

## Learn how to fly and become a Pilot

Flying training is conducted during school holidays and weekends strictly in accordance with the CASA syllabus. Cadets will progress through the syllabus to First Solo, then General Flying Proficiency Test (GFPT) and onto the Private Pilots License (PPL). All training is undertaken at Air Force approved service providers (Flying Schools).

Graduates qualify to wear AAFC cadet wings and are capable of flying family and friends in their local training area as the Pilot in Command.

## AAFC Cadets wishing to learn to fly must meet the following criteria

- One year's basic training at a Squadron.

- A minimum of 15½ years of age at the date of commencement of training and a minimum of 16 years of age to fly solo.
- Be recommended by their Squadron Commanding Officer.
- Meet standard powered flying medical requirements.
- Attain parental consent.
- Undertake a selection interview for suitability.

## The Air Force Flying Scholarships

Flying Scholarships for cadets were first sponsored by the Air Force in the 1960's.

The Chief of the Air Force has reintroduced the Air Force Scholarship programme in 2009 for both powered flying and gliding disciplines. It provides considerable financial assistance to successful applicants with their initial flying training.

Cadets applying for an Air Force scholarship must be recommended by their Squadron Commanding Officer, have parental consent, and be selected on their overall commitment to the AAFC through attendance at a home Squadron, and Wing based activities and undertake a selection interview to seek out personal suitability, enthusiasm and commitment to aviation.

## For further information

[www.aafc.org.au](http://www.aafc.org.au)



## No 330 (City of Shoalhaven) Squadron – Nowra Hill



Cadet Training Facility, Hmas Albatross, Nowra Hill NSW  
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# HMAS Albatross

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The decision to build an airfield on the land now occupied by the Naval Air Station was taken soon after WWII was declared in 1939. The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) occupied the new base on 7 May 1942 and was soon followed by the US Army Air Corps and the Royal Netherlands East Indies Air Force.



In 1944, the British Admiralty directed forces to the South-West Pacific necessitating shore base establishments in Australia to support the Royal Navy and its Fleet Air Arm.

RAAF Base Nowra was considered ideal because of its proximity to Jervis Bay, which was large enough to accommodate the entire British Pacific Fleet. The Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm began operations at Nowra in late October 1944, and the base was renamed HMS Nabbington. In March 1946, the base reverted to RAAF control "to be retained but not maintained".

In July 1947, the Commonwealth Defence Council approved the formation of a Fleet Air Arm which would be controlled and operated by the RAN. The initial planning included purchase of two aircraft carriers, aircraft and establishment of shore facilities. The carriers were named HMA Ships Sydney and Melbourne, and the shore facilities were at Nowra.

HMAS *Albatross* was commissioned in August 1948 and the 20th Carrier Air Group, comprising Sea Fury and Firefly aircraft, was brought from England to Australia by HMAS Sydney. These aircraft, operated by 805 and 816 Squadrons, disembarked to Nowra in May 1949. In November 1950, they were joined by the Carrier Air Group of 808 and 817 Squadrons, also flying Sea Furies and Fireflies.

HMAS *Albatross* has been expanding ever since. As more capable aircraft have been acquired, so ground support facilities have had to be built. In 1955, Sea Venoms and Gannets arrived, requiring radar workshops and test facilities. More aircraft necessitated stricter standards of air traffic control and a new control tower was built in 1958. In 1964 the introduction of Wessex helicopters, with a dunking sonar capability, required a further expansion of services.

In 1965, it was decided to buy American aircraft to replace the ageing British Gannets and Sea Venoms. McDonnell Douglas Skyhawks and Grumman Trackers were chosen and additional avionics facilities were built to service the complex equipment they carried.

The helicopters now based at HMAS *Albatross* have restored to the RAN much of the anti-submarine capability lost when the Tracker squadron was disbanded in 1983.

In recent years significant redevelopment has taken place, continuing the operation of HMAS *Albatross* and recognising its strategic importance as the sole Royal Australian Navy Air Station.



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# Kreative Kidz OSHC at Vincentia

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Vincentia Public School has an Out of School Hours Care service called Kreative Kidz.

Kreative Kidz pride themselves in delivering high quality Before, After and Vacation care to school aged children.

They provide care where children are treated as individuals with a strong focus on fostering their strengths in a fun-filled environment.

The Centre aims to:

- Provide a safe and healthy environment with a range of activities that promote play and involvement for all children.
- To develop a strong sense of belonging, self-worth and independence.
- To encourage the children to develop life skills focussing on respect and empathy.
- Build a safe, caring and fun environment for children and their families by consulting with them, encouraging their involvement and feedback.

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## Sanctuary Point Connect

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**4443 0520 | [www.sanctuarypointconnect.org](http://www.sanctuarypointconnect.org)**

Sanctuary Point Connect provides a range of groups and projects that support families and their children 0-8 years living in Sanctuary Point and the wider Bay and Basin area.

Our program is funded on research that highlights the importance of:

- the early years of a child's development
- the important role that parents have as their child's first teach
- the role of community in raising a child

We run fun playgroups, an active transition to school program, MyTime disability support group, parent education and more.

We are located in the grounds of Sanctuary Point Public School.



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# One Tree Community Services

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Ph: 1800 270 640

[www.dcu.onetree.org.au](http://www.dcu.onetree.org.au)

The Defence Childcare Program is designed to provide childcare to Defence personnel families and local communities.

## **TINGIRA CHILD CARE CENTRE**

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Tingira Child Care Centre is a long day care centre situated near HMAS Albatross and cares for children ages 0-6 years.

ADF Members and Defence APS employees are granted priority of access.

Care is provided in a warm and caring environment to extend and enrich children's learning.

A full preschool program is implemented to prepare children for the transition to school.

The Centre maintains a comprehensive educational program that meets the requirements under the National Early Years Learning Framework and we utilise Storypark, an online app, to document and share information about children's learning with families.

All meals, including breakfast, morning tea, afternoon tea and a cooked lunch are provided by a qualified cook.

Bedford St, Nowra Hill, NSW 2540

Ph: 4421 0799

[Kidscrew.dco@onetree.org.au](mailto:Kidscrew.dco@onetree.org.au)

## **KIDS CREW OSHC**

Kids Crew is a Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care facility situated next to Tingira and Nowra Hill Public School.

Quality education program including; sport, craft, cooking, experiences and quiet time for reading and homework.

Meals are provided while children are in the service.

19 Benson Rd, Jervis Bay, ACT 2540

Ph: 02 4442 1173

[Kangaroocottage.dcu@onetree.org.au](mailto:Kangaroocottage.dcu@onetree.org.au)

## **KANGAROO COTTAGE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE**

Kangaroo Cottage is an early learning centre situated at HMAS Creswell.

They provide a warm, safe and nurturing environment and their educators are able to create an atmosphere where children flourish.



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# Supported Playgroups of Shoalhaven

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**SPLASH operates during school terms**

**Renee Ph: 02 4424 7100**

**Ph: 0423 606 559**

**[splash@anglicare.org.au](mailto:splash@anglicare.org.au)**

The venues SPLASH is operating are:

**Monday** 9.30am – 11.00am  
Paradise Beach Reserve  
Walmer Avenue, Sanctuary Point

**Tuesday** 9.30am – 11.00am  
Bomaderry Anglican Church  
Cnr Princes Highway & Birriley St,  
Bomaderry

**Wednesday** 9.30am – 11.00am  
Sussex Inlet Community Centre  
Thomson St, Sussex Inlet

Splash is a free, mobile supported playgroup for families in the Shoalhaven area.

It's a place where:

- \* parents, carers and community members can support each other and learn together
- \* children can play, explore and learn in a safe and nurturing environment
- \* we seek to help each child according to their individual needs
- \* individuals can work together to develop a strong and supportive community
- \* everyone is respected, included and valued

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## Lyrebird Preschool

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**101 Jervis Street**

**Nowra East, NSW 2540**

**Ph: 02 4421 4604**

**[www.lyrebirdpreschool.com.au](http://www.lyrebirdpreschool.com.au)**

We are a community based and not-for-profit preschool providing quality education for 3-5 year olds. The Preschool is managed by our Parent Committee.

Lyrebird Preschool has qualified and experienced staff who are focused on providing a safe, caring and stimulating environment that offers a variety of interest based play experiences both indoors and outdoors.

We have a large natural playground providing plenty of opportunities for children to explore and investigate the natural world. Affordable fees ranging from \$6-\$31.

Our Preschool hours are 8:00am–3:30pm during school terms. We do offer extended care from 8-8:45 and 3:30–4pm at an additional cost. Visitors and enquiries welcome.

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# Noah's Inclusion Services

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**Building 303 Shoalhaven Campus of UOW**

**Georges Evens Rd West Nowra, NSW 2541**

**Ph - 02 4423 5022**

**[www.noahs.org.au](http://www.noahs.org.au)**

**[nowra@noahsark.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nowra@noahsark.nsw.edu.au)**

Noah's Shoalhaven offers flexible, high quality services to children with special needs and caring support to their families.

Over more than 33 years, Noah's has grown from a toy library operating from the verandah of a small cottage to a vital centre for the Nowra community, providing services for around 900 children per year.

They support families and listen to their community. They strive to provide family-centred, evidence-based intervention for young children and their families, and to celebrate the diversity and dignity of children of all apparent levels of ability

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Mundamia Early Learning Centre, Noah's Building  
Shoalhaven Campus, University of Wollongong  
George Evans Road, Mundamia, **West Nowra**  
(02) 4423 5022 [mundamia@noahsark.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mundamia@noahsark.nsw.edu.au)  
[www.noahs.org.au](http://www.noahs.org.au)



Managed by Noah's - open to all

**[www.mundamia.com.au](http://www.mundamia.com.au)**

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# Shoalhaven Libraries

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10 Berry St Nowra, NSW 2541

Phone - 02 4429 3705

[www.shoalhavenlibraries.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenlibraries.com.au)

## STORYTIME

Join in our vibrant, fun Storytime sessions at 10am every second Tuesday during school terms. We have books, songs and crafts for 2-5 year olds.

## RHYMETIME

Wiggle and jiggle to music, rhyme and repetition for infants ages 0-2 years. We meet every second Thursday at 10am during school terms.

## TODDLER TIME

Join us for 30 minutes of songs, dance, and movement for children aged 18 months-3 years. Run every second Friday at 10am during school terms.

## STEAM CLUB

Develop your STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) skills and enhance your critical thinking with fun and creative challenges at 4pm on the first Wednesday of the month during school terms! Suitable for ages 8-12 years.

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# Jumbunna Children's Centre

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81 Osborne St Nowra, NSW 2541

Ph: 4422 1622

[jumbunna@jumbunna.org.au](mailto:jumbunna@jumbunna.org.au)

8am — 6pm

Jumbunna is a non-profit, community based long day care centre with occasional care available. Jumbunna is the Aboriginal word meaning - "A place to talk together", an Early Learning Centre - "Where relationships matter".

### Mission:

To provide the highest quality community based education and care for young children and to accommodate the needs of their families in our community.

Their educational environment reflects a holistic approach to learning and provides endless opportunities and possibilities that support children's wellbeing and education.

10% discount for serving families, Active Reservists  
(SERCAT 3-5) and White and Gold Veteran Cardholders\*

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\*Active Reservists (SERCAT 3-5) and White and Gold Veteran Cardholders must be covered by the membership for the discount to apply.

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# Navy Canteens and Ticketing

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HMAS Albatross and HMAS Creswell

Ph: 02 4442 1056

[www.navycanteens.com.au](http://www.navycanteens.com.au)

Navy Canteens exists to benefit Navy members by providing a range of welfare and lifestyle benefits as well as products and services for serving Navy members.

Navy Canteens operates the following core businesses:

**SALT** Navy branded clothing, accessories and memorabilia

**Win with Navy** A fortnightly raffle for Navy members

**Canteens** Located on Navy bases across Australia offering food and beverage services as well as general supplies to Navy and visitors

**Holiday Centres** Including BIG4 Bungalow Park on Burrill Lake, Amblin Holiday Park, Foster Holiday Village and Pandanus Pocket with discounts for Navy members

**Ticketing** A service providing discounted pricing and preferential seating to major performances and events for Navy (as well as Defence and APS members) through major ticketing agencies and venues.

Profits generated from these activities are combined to provide benefits to serving Navy members through distributions of funds to the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund (RANRTF), Navy Sports Council (NSC) and Ships Company Amenity Funds (SCAFs). Navy Canteens also facilitates a grants program to extend monetary grants to ships, sport and welfare activities that benefit the Navy community.

The National Support Office for Navy Canteens is located in Canberra with staff and business operations located right across Australia.

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# Canberra Flats

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**Ph: 02 4424 3108**

**Gwenda.leroy@spotless.com.au**

The units above and beside Kookaburra Retreat, known as Canberra Flats are temporary accommodation available for defence members.

Bookings are arranged through base security.

PMKeyS number of the person booking required.

Cost is \$55 per night with a minimum two night stay.

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# Army Amenities Fund

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**Ph: 02 6144 7857**

**[www.armyholidays.com.au](http://www.armyholidays.com.au)**

**[AHQ.ARTF@defence.gov.au](mailto:AHQ.ARTF@defence.gov.au)**

The objectives of the Company are to provide amenities to enhance the well being of the soldiers in the Australian Army. This is achieved through a variety of means; however, the focal point is the provision of AAF Company owned holiday facilities and loans and grants for worthwhile projects.

All members booking will be required to provide their PMKeyS Number; rank; full name and Unit or workplace details. Retired ADF members are required to provide proof of service (service number) and or a current retired ADF superannuants identity number.

# RAAF Holidays



[www.raafholidays.com.au](http://www.raafholidays.com.au)

Ph: 0417 780 961

[aambassador@bigpond.com](mailto:aambassador@bigpond.com)

The RAAF Welfare Recreational Company (RWRC) was established to provide benefits to members of the Royal Australian Air Force and partners and families of such members, ex-members and their dependants, members of the RAN and Australian Army (serving or retired) and their partners and families and civilian staff employed by the Department.

These benefits have been provided primarily by the provision of discounted holiday accommodation, loans and grants to bases / sporting clubs for worthwhile purposes and, in some cases, support to RAAF Recreational Theatres.

PMKeyS number of the person booking required.

## Cerberus Community Hub



**Ideal for:**

- Graduation Parades
- Spouse Reunions
- Family Visits

Accommodation at HMAS Cerberus for Defence Personnel and their families.  
16 Cook Road, HMAS Cerberus, VIC 3920  
For more information Call 03 5983 0274 or email [coordinator@cerberuscottage.com.au](mailto:coordinator@cerberuscottage.com.au)

Each property is fully self contained and can be hired through Cerberus Cottage office. They represent exceptional value for money and sleep up to eight guests each.

**PRICING:**

<b>Low Season:</b>	
Cerberus Cottage Member:	\$90 per night
Non-Member:	\$100 per night
<b>High Season:</b>	
Cerberus Cottage Member:	\$100 per night
Non-Member:	\$110 per night

\$100 refundable bond required for all bookings





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# TARONGA ZOO PASSES

EMAIL: [hmasalbatross.persops@defence.gov.au](mailto:hmasalbatross.persops@defence.gov.au)

PHONE: 0244241904 OR 41564 OR 41681 OR 41029



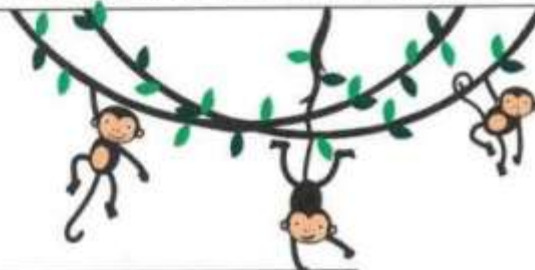
## WHAT:

Did you know HMAS Albatross maintains two zoo, passes which are available for anyone to borrow?

## HOW:

Phone the Personnel Office for availability. Payment for the passes is made when you collect them from the Personnel Office.

**\$30** for each pass. Normally **\$118.40!**



Zoo passes can be used to gain entry to Taronga and Dubbo zoo. Also the pass provides a 10% discount at the zoo merchandising stores!

**4 people** allowed per pass.



# Shoalhaven Family Day Care

## Recruiting Educators

**Are you interested in a career in early  
childhood education and care?  
Shoalhaven Family Day Care can help you!**

Being a Family Day Care educator is probably the most rewarding career you can have.

- You can combine your love of children, together with your love of leading, teaching and inspiring, in a business that you can call your own.
- You can choose which hours and days suit you.
- You have full control over the operations of your business.
- You can look after your own children while you look after others.
- You have the full support from our expert Child Development Co-ordinators and on-going administrative support.

Shoalhaven Family Day Care is a high quality home-based education and care service which has been actively supporting local families for 40 years.

Call our Co-ordination Unit on 44295610.

Email: [familydaycare@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](mailto:familydaycare@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)

### **Looking for childcare?**

*We have Educators  
throughout the Shoalhaven.  
Please contact us to find  
out more...*

**Under the Defence Partner Employment Assistance Program, eligible partners who run a family day care business may be eligible for reimbursement for re-registration costs**

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# Kiama & Shoalhaven Community Colleges

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1 Mattes Way Bomaderry, NSW 2541

Ph: 02 4423 0351

[sccreception@kcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sccreception@kcc.nsw.edu.au)

7 Railway Pde Kiama, NSW 2533

Ph: 02 4232 1050

[info@kcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@kcc.nsw.edu.au)

[www.kcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kcc.nsw.edu.au)

Kiama and Shoalhaven Community Colleges are a volunteer-managed, community based adult education provider. They operate as an independent, incorporated, non-for-profit association to provide high quality, adult education courses and activities to meet the expressed learning needs of the community.

The College focuses on delivering education and learning projects that meet the social, economic and cultural needs of these communities.

They offer a range of nationally accredited courses, as well as leisure and interest courses, there is something for everyone, whether for employment or just for fun!

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## Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra

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Nowra School of Arts

Ph: 0466 379 866

[www.shoalhavenyouthorchestra.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenyouthorchestra.com.au)

[manager@shoalhavenyouthorchestra.com.au](mailto:manager@shoalhavenyouthorchestra.com.au)

The Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra was founded in 2000, and has inspired and encouraged its players ever since. Some members of the orchestra have gone on to study music at tertiary level, and even to make careers out of performing and teaching music. Others have simply enjoyed their time playing music together and learned as much in social and other skills as in musicianship. Now a NSW creative kids provider.

**Tuning In! will provide your child with a positive start into the world of music. The program will promote a love of and enjoyment of music and promote the cognitive and social benefits of learning music .**

Babies (6 months +) A nurturing environment to help babies enjoy and benefit from early musical experiences, movement, language and social interactions.

\* Level 1 (2 – 3.5 years) A fun introduction to beat, rhythm and percussion instruments through movement, storytelling and music.

\* Level 2 (3 – 5 years) Refining music knowledge, exploring beat, rhythm, tempo and pitch through hands-on and playful learning.

\* Level 3 (5 – 7 years) Further developing knowledge and skills in rhythm notation, pitch and music patterns through fun and developmentally appropriate activities.

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# Things to do in the Shoalhaven

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## Guide to Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands

[www.guidetoshoalhavenandsouthernhighlands.com.au](http://www.guidetoshoalhavenandsouthernhighlands.com.au)

### Shoalhaven City Council

[www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)

[www.100beachchallenge.com](http://www.100beachchallenge.com)

### Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

[www.shoalhavenentertainment.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenentertainment.com.au)

Ph: 4429 5757

### Shoalhaven Tourism

[www.shoalhaven.com](http://www.shoalhaven.com)



## INDOOR

Roxy Cinema Complex

41 Berry St , Nowra

4423 5222

Huskisson Pictures

19 Sydney St, Huskisson

4441 5076

Indoor Climb South Coast

15 Duranbah Dr, Huskisson

4441 7310

The Northy Gym, Indoor Rock Climbing

McMahons Rd, North Nowra

4421 0587

Funland Ulladulla

93 Princes Hwy, Ulladulla

4454 3220

Fleet Air Arm Museum

489A Albatross Rd, Nowra Hill

4421 1920

Shoalhaven City Lanes Bowling

54 Narang Rd, Bomaderry

4422 1200

Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre

Cambewarra Road, Bomaderry

4429 5552

Shoalhaven Regional Gallery Nowra

12 Berry Street, Nowra

4429 5444

## OUTDOOR

Shoalhaven Zoo

23 Rock Hill Rd, North Nowra

4421 3949

Penwood Miniature Railway

215A Princes Hwy, Jaspers Brush

4464 1201

Archer Miniature Railway

Albatross Rd, Nowra

0412 706 045

Nowra Mini Golf

Greenwell Point Rd, Nowra

4423 3003

Club Husky Mini Golf

336 Huskisson Rd, Huskisson

4441 5135

Trees Adventure

23 Rock Hill Rd, North Nowra

0429 807 411

Bigfoot Adventures

1335 Bolong Road, Shoalhaven Heads

0428 244 229

Valhalla Horse Riding

39 Falls Rd, Falls Creek

4447 8320

Jamberoo Action Park

1215 Jamberoo Road, Jamberoo

4236 0114



- BEST RUSH TO BEACH**
2. Comerong Island Beach
  7. Abrahams Basin Beach
  15. Hare Bay
  42. Sussex Inlet Entrance Beach
  44. Berrara Beach
  46. Monument Beach
  51. Shell Girt Beach (Red Head)
  67. Burill Lake Entrance Beach
  72. Tabourie Point Beach
  87. Avenue Beach
  99. Tranquility Bay

- SECRET**
10. Target Beach
  12. Honeymoon Bay
  13. Bedjine Beach
  22. Orion Beach
  27. Steamers Beach
  43. Lobster Jacks
  74. Sunburne Beach
  78. North Beach
  84. Bull Pup Beach
  92. Singing Stones Beach
  93. O'Hara Island Beach South
  94. Dawson Island Beach

- CAMPING BY THE BEACH**
33. Briato Point Beach
  40. Cave Beach
  73. Stokes Island Beach
  76. Meroo Beach
  88. Kioloa Beach
  90. Pretty Beach
  98. Depot Beach

- BEST PICNIC SPOTS**
4. Tibury Cove
  19. Currarong Beach
  23. Barilour Beach
  47. Flat Rock Beach
  53. Manyana Beach
  61. Ulladulla Harbour Inner Beach
  68. Bulli Beach
  83. Carr and Kitten Beach
  - 8A. Shelly Beach

- 24 HR PET FRIENDLY**
1. Seven Mile Beach
  49. Wardenwomans Beach
  59. Colliers Beach
  60. Ulladulla Harbour North Beach
  80. Cormorant Beach

- BEST FOR FAMILIES**
17. Callala Beach
  19. Huskisson Beach
  20. Moona Moona Beach
  24. Nelson Beach
  27. Chinaman Beach
  32. Green Patch Beach
  34. Scottish Rocks Beach
  45. Cudmirrah Nature Reserve Beach
  48. Dee Beach
  50. Boat Harbour Beach
  52. Bending Beach (Inyabba Beach)
  57. Narrawallee Beach
  62. Ulladulla Harbour Outer (Sea Pools)

- BEST INSTAGRAM SPOTS**
9. Lobster Bay
  18. Shark Net Beach
  36. Hole in the Wall Beach
  56. Buckleys Beach
  65. Rannies Beach
  71. Crampton Island Beach
  75. Termed Past Beach
  85. Racecourse Beach 2
  89. Merry Beach
  91. Island Beach
  97. Pebbly Beach

- SURFING**
3. Culbura Beach
  5. Warrain Beach
  43. Cudmirrah Beach
  54. Curjurong Beach
  58. Mollmook Beach (Coomee Nulung)
  64. Ulladulla Bonnie
  69. Dolphin Point
  79. Bawley Beach
  81. Gannet Beach
  100. North Durras Beach

- WHITEST SAND**
14. Long Beach
  16. Callala Bay
  21. Collingwood Beach
  25. Blenheim Beach
  26. Greenfield Beach
  28. Little Hyams Beach
  29. Hyams (Seamans) Beach
  30. Captains Beach
  31. Iuka Beach
  36. Murrays Beach

- BEST FOR WALKING**
8. Wilsons Beach
  11. Silica Cove
  38. Kitty Beach
  39. Whiting Beach
  41. Bherwarre Beach
  55. Conjola Lake Ocean Beach
  66. Racecourse Beach 1
  70. Wato Beach
  77. Nugget Point Beach
  82. Murrumbidgee Beach
  95. Snake Bay
  96. Burns Bay

02 4421 0778  
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Please pay respect to the Wreck Bay community and their private land by accessing beaches

via Steamers Beach car park

MANY EXPERIENCES - ONE DESTINATION

PARKS FOR FAMILIES				KEY
	PARK & LOCATION	DESCRIPTION		
BASIN VIEW	Boat Ramp Reserve Basin View Pde	A magic location to walk, swim, fish and ENJOY!	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Accessibility
BAWLEY POINT	Bawley Point Reserve Johnson St	Magnificent scenic location. A great day for beach, BBQ and bike.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Gym equipment
BENDALONG	Boat Ramp Reserve Boronia St	Keep an eye out for large sting rays near the boat ramp area when the fishermen arrive.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Cycle track
BURRILL LAKE	Burrill Lake Lions Park Dolphin Point Rd	Plenty of shade and shallow swimming areas. Accessible paths, fishing platforms and seating.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	BBQ
CALLALA BEACH	Callala Beach Foreshore Park	Beach access to the white sands of Jervis Bay for the family. Accessible paths, picnic tables and toilets.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Picnic facilities
CULBURRA BEACH	Tilbury Cove Penguin Head Rd	Pretty, sheltered and perfect for little ones. Great location for beginner surfers of all ages.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Playground
GREENWELL POINT	Titania Park Adelaide St	A colourful marine themed playground. Lunch with the pelicans and try the famous fish and chips.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Toilets
HUSKISSON	White Sands Park Hawke St	BBQ or takeaway from local eateries while kids enjoy the playground. Shared pathway around the bay.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
LAKE CONJOLA	Lake Conjola Boat Ramp Lake Conjola Entrance Rd	Picturesque spot beside the lake for paddling or fishing. Accessible toilet and picnic tables.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
MILTON	Mick Ryan Reserve Princes Hwy	Let the kids burn some energy when visit Milton. Relax and enjoy the sweeping escarpment views.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
MOLLYMOOK	Livvi's Place - Cnr Mitchell Pde & Ocean St	Colourful new playground with wheelchair accessible picnic tables and Changing Place toilet facilities.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
NARRAWALLEE	Narawallee Inlet Matron Porter Dr	Shallow swimming, good for kids. Sheltered bush track along the creek.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
NOWRA	Marriott Park Plunkett St	Shady park with duck pond and adventure playground.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
SANCTUARY POINT	Ray Brooks Reserve, Palm Beach	Picnic spot with safe swimming in the Basin. Beach wheelchair available from Oscar's Corner Store.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
SHOALHAVEN HEADS	River Road Reserve River Rd	Keep the kids busy all day. Beach, walks, cycle and toddler friendly swimming by the river.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
SUSSEX INLET	Sussex Inlet Foreshore Jacobs Dr	A family friendly playground for all ages with the beautiful inlet backdrop.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
ULLADULLA	Ulladulla Rotary Park Princes Hwy/Crescent St	Enjoy a BBQ while watching the coming and goings in Ulladulla Harbour.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
VINCENTIA	Plantation Point Reserve Plantation Point Pde	Plenty of room for ball games. Set amongst an idyllic bush coastal setting.	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	

AQUATIC CENTRES & POOLS		* Note: Open Nov - Mar inclusive	
BERRY	Berry Swimming Pool*	Albany St	02 4464 2952
BOMADERRY	Bomaderry Aquatic Centre	127 Cambewarra Rd	02 4429 5600
	Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre	84 Cambewarra Rd	02 4429 5552
CURRARONG	Currarong Rock Pool	Beecroft Pde	
GREENWELL POINT	Greenwell Point Village Pool*	114 Greenwell Point Rd	02 4447 0185
HUSKISSON	Huskisson Sea Pool*	(Voyager Park) Currumbene St	02 4406 2022
KANGAROO VALLEY	Kangaroo Valley Village Pool*	Kangaroo Valley Showground	02 4429 5493
		Moss Vale Rd	
NOWRA	Nowra Aquatic Park	20 Scenic Dr	02 4429 5641
SHOALHAVEN HEADS	Shoalhaven Heads Swimming Pool*	Cnr Shoalhaven Heads Rd	02 4429 5490
		& McIntosh St	
SUSSEX INLET	Sussex Inlet Aquatic Centre	Thomson St Sporting Complex	02 4406 2055
ULLADULLA	Ulladulla Leisure Centre	Cnr Warden & Green Sts	02 4444 8811
		Ulladulla Sea Pool*	
VINCENTIA	Bay & Basin Leisure Centre	50 Wason St (Ulladulla Harbour)	02 4444 8811
		The Wool Rd	02 4406 2022

#### PATROLLED BEACHES

CROOKHAVEN HEADS	Culburra Beach	Prince Edward Ave	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Patrolled 9am-5pm daily Summer School Holidays
CULBURRA BEACH	Tilbury Cove	Ocean St	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Patrolled 9am-5pm daily Dec - Jan - Feb
	Warrain Beach	Farrant Ave	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Patrolled 9am-5pm Weekends Oct Long Weekend to Anzac Weekend
MOLLYMOOK	North Mollymook Beach	Beach Rd	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	
MOLLYMOOK SOUTH	South Mollymook Beach	Ocean St	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Wheelchair access
NARRAWALLEE	Narrawallee Beach	Surfers Ave	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Outdoor shower
SHOALHAVEN HEADS	Seven Mile Beach	Shoalhaven Heads Rd	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Toilets
SUSSEX INLET	Cudmirrah Beach	Area in front of Surf Club	✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Toilets with change
			✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Picnic facilities
			✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂	Playground

# Markets

MARKETS				
BERRY	Berry Bowling Club Markets	2nd Sat	Berry Bowling Club, 140 Queen St	8.00am-2.30pm
	Berry Country Fair	1st Sun exc Feb	Berry Showground, Alexandra St	8.00am-2.30pm
	Berry Produce Market	2nd Sat, 4th Sun	Andrew Place Park, 102 Queen St	8.00am-2.00pm
	Berry Farmers Market	Every Thurs	Berry Showground	3:00pm-6:00pm
CALLALA BAY	Callala Friendly Markets	2nd Sat	Callala Community Ctr, 42 Emmet St	10:00am-2:00pm
CULBURRA	Culburra Beach Markets	1st Sun	Cnr West Cres & Prince Edward Ave (Opp. Bowling Club)	8.30am-1.00pm
GREENWELL POINT	Riverside Markets	3rd Sun	Greenwell Point Bowling Club, Greens Rd	9.00am-2.00pm
HUSKISSON	Huskisson Market	2nd Sun	Sporting Ground (next to Club Husky)	7.00am-1.00pm
	Jervis Bay Maritime Museum Produce/Craft	1st Sat	Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Woollamia Rd, 3-7pm in day light saving	8.00am-1.00pm
KANGAROO VALLEY	Kangaroo Valley Farmers Market	2nd Sun	165 Moss Vale Rd	8.30am-1.00pm
KIOLOA	Murramarang Community Markets	various	Kioloa Community Hall, Murramarang Rd	9.00am - 1.00pm
MILTON	Milton Village Showground Markets	1st Sat	Milton Showground, Croobyar Rd	9.00am-1.00pm
	Milton Produce Markets	Every Sat	Milton Showground	8.30am-11.30am
MOLLYMOOK	Mollymook Markets	5th Sun	Beach Reserve, Mitchell Pde	8.00am-2.00pm
NOWRA	Wesley Centre Market	4th Sat	Wesley Centre, Berry St	8.00am-1.00pm
	Nowra Uniting Church Monthly Bazaar	1st Fri except Jan & Good Fri	Wesley Centre, Berry St	8.30-11.30am
PYREE	Pyree Village Arts & Craft Markets	4th Sun	Shoalhaven Potters Workshop, Greenwell Point Rd	9.00am-2.30pm
	Jindy Andy Mill Markets	3rd Sat	Jindy Andy Mill, Greenwell Point Rd	8.00am-12.00pm
SHOALHAVEN HEADS	Shoalhaven Heads Red Cross Market	Easter Sat, Jun & Oct Long W/E	Community Centre, Shoalhaven Heads Rd	9.00am-1.00pm
SUSSEX INLET	Sussex Inlet Flea Markets	2nd Saturday	Uniting Church Hall, Jacobs Dr	9.00am-1.00pm
TOMERONG	Tomerong Village Markets	3rd Sat	School of Arts, Hawken Rd	8.00am-1.00pm
ULLADULLA	Cupitt's Growers Market	Last Sat	Cupitt's Winery, 58 Washburton Rd	10.00am-12.00pm
	Ulladulla Marine Rescue Harbour Markets	2nd Sun	Harbour & Wharf, Wason St	8.00am-1.00pm

## Second Hand Shops

Anglicare Bomaderry Opportunity Shop, Meroo Street, Bomaderry

Anglicare Op Shop, 3/4 Weston St, Culburra Beach

Minute by Minute Disaster Relief, 3/57 Albatross Rd Nowra

Mission Australia, 37 Plunkett St, Nowra

Mission Australia, 136 Island Point Road, St Georges Basin

Mission Family Store— Shop 4, 197 Kerry St, Sanctuary Point

Red Cross, 21 Schofields Lane, Nowra

Salvos, 2/182 Princes Highway, South Nowra

Vinnies, 117b Queen Street, Berry

Vinnies, 5 Berry Street, Nowra

Vinnies, 199 Kerry Street, Sanctuary Point

Vinnies, Shop 1, The Village Centre, Shoalhaven Heads Road, Shoalhaven Heads

Vinnies, 11/159 Princess Hwy, South Nowra

Wesley Uniting Church Op Shop, 60 Junction St, Nowra

# National ADF Family Health Program



Did you know dependants of ADF members are eligible to receive \$400 per person towards allied health services?

Visit [www.adffamilyhealth.com](http://www.adffamilyhealth.com) for more information  
or email [adf.dependanthealth@defence.gov.au](mailto:adf.dependanthealth@defence.gov.au)

1300 561 454

Enrol  
now!

## Medical Centres and Hospitals

### HOSPITAL EMERGENCY

NOWRA	Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital	2 Scenic Dr	02 4423 9500
MILTON	Milton Ulladulla Hospital	106 Princes Highway	02 4454 9100
EMERGENCY	Police - Fire - Ambulance		000

### MEDICAL CENTRES

BASIN VIEW	Basin View Medical Centre	3 Tallyan Point Rd	02 4443 4959
BERRY	Berry Medical Centre	22 Prince Alfred St	02 4464 1577
BOMADERRY	Meroo Street Family Practice	1 Meroo St	02 4421 4655
CALLALA BAY	Callala Surgery	6 Chisholm St	02 4446 5350
CULBURRA BEACH	Culburra Beach General Practice	14 The Lake Cct	02 4447 2450
	Culburra Beach Medical Centre	Cnr Canal St & Prince Edward Ave	02 4447 5430
KANGAROO VALLEY	Dr Jeanette Keir	2 Broughton St	02 4465 2007
MILTON	Milton Lighthouse Family Medical Practice	122 Princes Hwy	02 4454 4257
	Milton Medical Centre	141 Princes Hwy	02 4455 5755
MOLLYMOOK	Mollymook Medical Centre	78 Tallwood Ave	02 4455 3111
NORTH NOWRA	North Nowra Medical Practice	23 McMahon Rd	02 4423 5991
NOWRA	Grand Pacific Health	107 Scenic Dr	02 4448 2255
	Junction Street Family Practice	45 Junction St	02 4423 5644
	Moss Street Medical Practice	1 Moss St	02 4422 1210
	Worrigee Street Medical Centre	59 Worrigee St	02 4421 4422
SANCTUARY POINT	Sanctuary Point Medical Centre	195 Kerry St	02 4443 0955
SHOALHAVEN HEADS	Shoalhaven Heads Family Practice	130 Shoalhaven Heads Rd	02 4448 7398
SUSSEX INLET	Dr Lockhart Medical Centre	180 Jacobs Dr	02 4441 2786
	Sussex Inlet Medical Centre	164 Jacobs Dr	02 4441 2675
ULLADULLA	Ulladulla Medical Clinic	Philip Centre Shop 6 Princes Hwy	02 4455 1291
VINCENTIA	Vincentia Bay Medical Centre	Shop 22, Vincentia Marketplace	02 4443 9888
	Vincentia Medical Centre	5 Halloran St	02 4443 2443
WORRIGEE	Worrigee Medical Centre	53 Isa Rd	02 4421 6199

# Spouse Register

On the following page are some of the businesses run by Defence spouses in the local area. If you run a business and want to add your business card to these pages send a jpeg image to shoalhavendfa@gmail.com and it will be added to the page.



**CREATE  
INSPIRE  
FUN**

**CREATIVE KIDS**  
YOUTH THEATRE

Drama for Pre-school through Secondary  
Nowra Studios

Mrs Belinda Crockett  
<https://www.Facebook.com/CreativeStarzY.T/>

**Suzanne Burnett**  
Owner / Operator

0480 299 682  
info@slbcleaningservices.com.au  
SLBcleaningservicesAU  
slbcleaningservices.com.au



**SLB CLEANING  
SERVICES**



*Krista Lee*

0411 957 002  
@kldweddings @kldportraits  
Wedding and Portrait Photographer  
[WWW.KLDPHOTOGRAPHY.COM.AU](http://WWW.KLDPHOTOGRAPHY.COM.AU)



Tell your friends about our fundraiser!

BE THE FIRST TO GET SPECIAL OFFERS AT  
[FACEBOOK.COM/BRIGHTSTARKIDS](http://FACEBOOK.COM/BRIGHTSTARKIDS)

**SHOP FOR LABELS & SUPPORT OUR GROUP**  
Help us raise funds when you buy Name Labels, Bags, Wall Art or anything else from Bright Star Kids cute range of products!

NOMINATE OUR GROUP  
IN THE PAYMENT AREA  
WHEN YOU CHECKOUT:

**Kookaburra Retreat**  
FIND US IN THE 'NOMINATE A FUNRAISER' SECTION  
UNDER 'GIVEN & PAY' IN THE CHECKOUT



GET FREE\* DELIVERY WHEN YOU SHOP ONLINE:  
[WWW.BRIGHTSTARKIDS.COM.AU](http://WWW.BRIGHTSTARKIDS.COM.AU)

**Support Our Group!**  
Help us raise funds when you buy anything from Bright Star Kids super cute range. Turn over for more information on how to nominate us.



**PERSONALISED TSHIRTS**  
ZOE'S PLAYROOM

**KIDS WALL ART**

**WALL DECALS**

**KIDS BAGS**

**BAG TAGS**

GET HEAPS OF REWARD POINTS WHEN YOU SHOP, REVIEW OR REFER



FREE\* DELIVERY WHEN YOU SHOP ONLINE  
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# Kids Stuff



## SDFA Find-A-Word

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# Kids Stuff



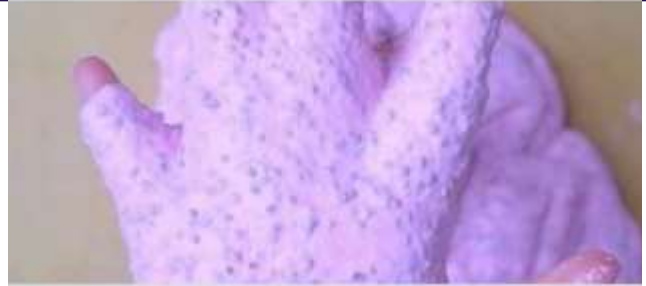
## MOTHERCOULD FIZZY BLOCKS

### YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup baking soda
- 1tsp clear gelatin
- 1/4 cup water
- Food coloring
- Ice cube tray
- Vinegar

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix together the baking soda and gelatin.
2. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water and pour into the baking soda mixture. Mix well.
3. Separate the mixture evenly into the ice cube tray.
4. Freeze overnight.
5. Remove the cubes from the tray and pour some vinegar on top. Watch it fizz.



## MOTHERCOULD TASTE SAFE SLIME

### YOU'LL NEED:

- 1/4 cup chia seeds
- 1 + 3/4 cup water
- Food coloring
- 3-4 cups corn starch

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix the chia seeds, water and food coloring together.
2. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
3. Uncover and add the corn starch a little at a time. About a cup at a time. Mix and then continue until you achieve the desired consistency. Should be like regular slime. Slimy but can be easily taken off the hands.
4. Store covered in the refrigerator. You will need to add a little water each time you take it out to use it. It will reactive the slime.



## MOTHERCOULD TASTE SAFE PAINT

### YOU'LL NEED:

- 1/4 cup salt
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water
- Food coloring

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix the flour and salt in a bowl.
  2. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water. Pour into the flour and salt mixture.
  3. Whip well until and the clumps dissolve.
- \*You can add more or less water depending on the consistency you desire.
- \*\*Store in the refrigerator. Can keep for 6 months or so.



## MOTHERCOULD PUFFY PAINT

### YOU'LL NEED:

- Glue
- Shaving cream
- Food coloring
- Ziploc bag
- Scissors

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add equal parts glue and shaving cream in a bowl.
  2. Add food coloring and mix well.
- If you want to use the paint in a DIY piping bag:
1. Add the paint to a ziplock bag.
  2. Close the bag and cut a small piece of corner off.
  3. Squeeze the paint through the opening

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# Reference Guide

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## ***Shoalhaven Defence Families Association***

Coordinator: Maxine Starkey  
Kookaburra Retreat  
Flat 2 Canberra Drive NOWRA HILL  
Ph: 4421 5766 Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri. 9.30am—2.30pm  
Email: shoalhavendfa@gmail.com  
Www.sdfa.com.au



## ***Defence Community Organisation***

Suite 2, Level 2  
Bridgeton House  
55-57 Berry Street, NOWRA  
Ph: 1800 624 608



## ***Defence Families of Australia***

National Delegate ACT/Sth NSW  
Email: act.sthnsw@dfa.org.au  
Ph: 1800 100 509 or 0419 333 101



## ***Defence Housing Australia***

Suite 3, Level 2  
Bridgeton House  
55-57 Berry Street, NOWRA  
Ph: 4421 1500  
Fax: 4421 1560



## ***Toll Transitions***

Customer Service 1800 819 167

***After hours support:  
National Welfare Coordination Centre  
Ph: 1800 801 026***



Shoalhaven  
Defence  
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## 2021 Membership Application (1st Jan to 31st Dec 2021)

**Membership Type** – (please circle) Full \$30 or Playgroup \$10 **Payment Eft/Cash** (please circle)

Are you a new member or renewing your membership **New / Renewing from 2020**

**Relationship to defence** (please circle) **Navy – Army – Air Force – Civilian**

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Family Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Origin?

**Y/N**

How did you find out about the SDFA and Kookaburra Retreat?

Preferred Method of contact?

**Email/Facebook**

Would you like the Time Out Magazine emailed to you?

**Y/N**

Do you give permission for your details to be shared with the local DCO contact list? **Yes/No (please circle)**

### EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** \_\_\_\_\_

### Children's Details

<b>Name</b> _____	<b>DOB</b> _____
<b>Name</b> _____	<b>DOB</b> _____
<b>Name</b> _____	<b>DOB</b> _____
<b>Name</b> _____	<b>DOB</b> _____

I.....the parent/guardian of the above named children (please circle) **give/do not give** the SDFA permission to use any still and/or moving image being *video footage, photographs and/or frames and/or audio footage* depicting my/our children named above, taken at Kookaburra Retreat or associated events, on behalf of the SDFA, for any of the following uses: Advertisements, marketing, leaflets, or any other use such as for training, educational or publicity purposes.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*I have been advised to read and abide by the SDFA Constitution and the Code of Ethics*

**EFT payments - NAME: SDFA BSB: 012787 ACC: 184071187 Description: MEMSurname**

### NON-DEFENCE MEMBER

Nominated by:

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by:

**Name/Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

EFT/Cash (receipt no) \_\_\_\_\_ QB \_\_\_\_\_  
Members list \_\_\_\_\_ Email contacts \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook – Profile \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ DCO \_\_\_\_\_



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## Open 9am – 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

\*during school terms

Members and guests are welcome to participate in an activity or come in when we are open to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

### Regular activities for members and guests include:

- Cuppa and Chat: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9am – 3pm
- Playgroup: Tuesday 10am – 12pm \$3 per family
- First Friday Club - 1st Fri of the month 6pm
- Fitness and Wellness sessions - Thursdays
- Craft Classes/Workshops - Monthly


### Kooka Kids Creche

Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:30am – 12:30pm

Cost: \$15 one child, \$20 two children, \$25 for three or more children

\*Bookings Essential

*On entry to Kookaburra Retreat you will be required to enter your details in the visitor's log and COVID-19 Declaration and sanitise your hands. During your visit you are to remain 1.5 metres from others and clean before you leave (instructions at Kooka).*

Please find us on  for up to date info or visit our website

**[www.sdffa.com.au](http://www.sdffa.com.au)**

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