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Christmas Lights!

It was a very excited crew who recently visited the spectacular light show at Hunter Valley Gardens. David, Margaret, Zephania, Alyssa, Gwen, Peter, Julie, Audrey & Brooke had a great time getting amongst the stunning light displays.

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Bruce, Andrew and Dougie went out for a days fishing at Manning Point recently - and had a very successful day! Dougie caught a flathead and a brim and Andrew caught the flathead shown in the photos. Well done guys!



The Valley Industries Special Olympic Team all travelled down to Cessnock to participate in the Hunter Valley Club competition recently.

It was an early start from Taree as they had to be in time for the 10am start.

Peter Gyde won THREE ribbons in the competition – First prize for Freestyle and Second prize for Backstroke and Breaststroke.

When we asked Peter how long he's been involved with the Special Olympics, he answered, "a very long time!"

Peter does swimming practice every Tuesday to make sure he keeps up his technique and his speed.



Emma Johnson also took part and she won THREE ribbons – all FIRSTS! For Breaststroke, Backstroke and Freestyle. Congratulations to both of them for a fantastic achievement.



Photography skills are one of the things that are taught at Valley Skills for Life - and here we've got a fine example of a photo taken by Christine from a recent day out with support worker Chloe Northam!





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MEET THE REDHEADS!

Jackson Crick from Valley Bees, met Patrick Johannson from Valley Skills for Life, Forster.

“We met this morning and connected on a ranga level,” said Jackson.

Jackson has a bushy red beard, and Patrick is very definitely a ginger. It was an instant bonding!

Patrick is a Support Worker at Valley Skills for Life in Forster. Patrick used to work in the Valley Industries factory while he was at school and after graduating from year 12 recently was keen to join the team.

“Being ginger is not common,” he had to say, “but it has its benefits. My Auntie lost me in a crowd when I was a child and she only found me again because she could see my red hair. My first mate was a red head too.”

Patrick’s life ambition is to have a beard as lovely and luxuriant as Jackson’s!



EMMA BLISSETT

SARAH MINETT

TONY BERRY

KIM RUSSELL

FRASER POLLOCK

EVIE CROKER

KRISTY - ANN HINTON

DEAN FERA

LES WALSH

MARGARET ROBINSON

ZAC ASHLEY

MADDI STEBER

GLEN KING

CODY ROBERTS

TRENT DOOLAN

GRACE LETISI

GWEN WEBSTER

VANESSA RELF

JULIE TOWNSEND

ZAR WATTERS

KEO BAYES

JASMIN BAKER

MATTHEW WILLIAMS

ESMAE YARNOLD

RACHAEL DICK

JODIE MCKENZIE

PETER SEINOR

LARISSA CLARK

CHRISTOPHER JAMES



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WHAT'S COMING UP

Saturday 7th March 9am-3pm



Koala Hospital Port Macquarie
Come and see how the Koalas are doing after the recent fires and bring a donation to support the great work being done to help them recover
Followed by lunch in Port Macquarie
Bring money for lunch
Names in by 22nd February

Saturday 14th March 9am-3pm



Yippin Creek Miniature Railway
Join us for this popular day out on the little trains followed by a BBQ with the Lions club
Bring \$2/ride and \$5 for lunch
Names in by 28th February

Saturday 21st March 9am-3pm



Bi-Annual Tuncurry Putt Putt Challenge
Grab a friend or make up a team!
Bring \$15 for Putt Putt and Hydrogolf and money for lunch
Names in by 6th March

Saturday 28th March 9am-3pm



Picnic at Green Point
Come and paddle in the lake and chill out under the trees. Bring your camera and sunblock!
Bring your own lunch or money to buy lunch
Names in by 14th March