



Mullet Mail

NEWS & VIEWS OF DANGAR ISLAND RESIDENTS

88 Summer 2025

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Frog Pond, 2025 | Photo: Di Robertson

Mullet Mail acknowledges traditional custodians of country. Together we care for our island and river, for the future!
Always was, always will be, indigenous land.



REELING IN THE YEAR

TERRY STEWART, PRESIDENT DIL

Acknowledgements and Welcome

At our recent AGM, two long-serving committee members - Stephen Boyle and David Noakes - stepped down. We thank them for their contributions, especially Stephen's years as President and his steady hand on gnarly issues like parking (which he'll continue to assist with). Ollie Brown has stepped down as Treasurer but remains on the Committee, with Ken Smith now taking on the Treasurer role. We also welcome Lisa Bateman, whose experience will be invaluable as we tackle flood and insurance matters

The year that (almost) was

As the tide rolls out on 2025, it's time to reel in the year and look ahead to what's swimming our way in 2026. We've landed a few wins, tangled a few lines with HMS Hornsby, and encountered the odd surprise that might've been better left to drift - like those mythical floods in Council's draft plan.

Parking (Actioned by Terry Stewart & Stephen Boyle)

Parking remained the big fish, sparking plenty of tangles from here to Hornsby. Many hours have gone into unravelling the legal and historical knots and drafting a brief for Senior Counsel. This will inform our submission to the Minister responsible for Crown Lands about how the law should be interpreted. We have updated the Mayor about the submission and been advised that Council has "parked" any new changes until that's complete. The work is complex and entirely pro bono, but it's progressing.

Roads (Actioned by Bronek Karcz)

Thanks entirely to Bronek reeling in the Council asset-management team, road and gutter conditions have improved markedly over the past year. He's now pressing for further upgrades.

Hall Hire (Actioned by Peter Godbolt)

The League continues to seek a sole-hire arrangement for the Community Hall, supported by Councillor Olivia Simons. Council's current stance makes this difficult - costs are high and responsibility for maintenance may fall to the League. Meanwhile, we've taken out insurance to keep access open and allocated some "start-up funding" for informal bookings, though full funding isn't sustainable long-term. A Hall Sub-Committee will be assembled to manage bookings and ensure financial viability through community contributions. If you'd like to donate, the QR code is below.



Use this QR code to make a donation to the Hall or go to <https://bit.ly/3XZOKXH>

Volunteers (Actioned by Terry Stewart)

We're still casting the net for new volunteers across all island organisations. The League website lists many groups—if yours isn't there, please get in touch. We're also sending welcome letters to new residents to help them connect and participate in island life.

Car-Sharing (Actioned by Ken Smith)

Council has gone to tender for a Shire-wide car-share scheme that includes Brooklyn. A spot or two may be coming next year, but no guarantees it seems. The League has explored a peer-to-peer model - like Airbnb, but for cars - which also shows Council we're serious about reducing parking demand.

Membership (Actioned by Ollie Brown & David Rupin)

Our membership register has been refreshed. Membership fees keep the League afloat—and ensure this newsletter reaches you.

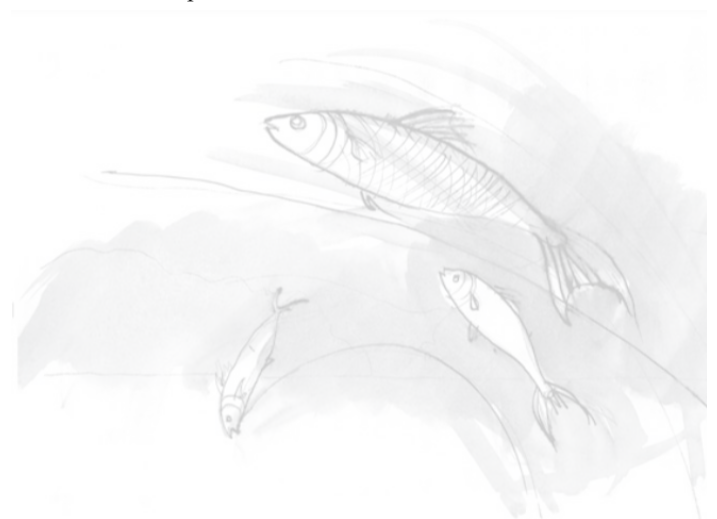
Opal

Visitor numbers have clearly risen since Opal arrived on the ferry. That's good news for the Bowlo and Depot - key parts of our island fabric. The Bowlo will trial extended Saturday hours over summer to encourage people to linger for a meal or drink, potentially creating part-time work for locals during the school holidays.

Floods and Insurance

Flooding and insurance have dominated discussion lately. The League has written to Council raising concerns with the accuracy of its Floodplain Risk Management Study. Submissions are now being collated, with recommendations due to Councillors at an unspecified date. We'll stay across developments and step up advocacy on both flood planning and insurance as needed.

On behalf of the Dangar Island League, I wish everyone a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing summer on this island paradise that we call home.



Citizen Science

Ana Pollak

During one week in October islanders took part in a national survey, counting birds seen on and around Dangar Island. Over the whole country, as part of Birdlife Australia's Aussie Bird Count, more than 5 million birds were counted and identified by thousands of people. You can see the lists of birds counted on Dangar Island by going to the Aussie Bird Count site and zooming in on their map (QR), or in the list below.

On Dangar Island, around 30 different bird species were spotted, ranging from the tiny White-browed Scrubwren (*Sericornis frontalis*) to the mighty White-bellied Sea Eagle (*Ichthyophaga leucogaster*). They included the beautiful chestnut and white Brahminy Kites (*Haliastur indus*) that are currently caring for their chicks on the top of a large Blackbutt near Kiparra Reserve. Also spotted was an Eastern Spinebill (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*), seen dipping quickly for a drink into one of the water holes at the rock engravings site in the reserve.

Water holes provide an important water source for birds, especially during hot and dry days. During the bird survey, the remains of a Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus moluccanus*) were seen by the engravings. We can all help to care for our wildlife, by keeping our companion cat or dog at home and indoors at night. If you wish to feed or provide water for island wildlife, make sure that any water is out of reach of cats, under shade and regularly cleaned and refreshed.



Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur indus*) | Photo: Bill Lynn-Robinson

List of birds spotted in and around Dangar Island in October 2025 during The Aussie Bird Count (common names in alphabetical order):

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| Australasian Darter | Pacific Black Duck |
| Australian King Parrot | Pied Currawong |
| Australian Magpie | Rainbow Lorikeet |
| Australian Pelican | Red Wattlebird |
| Australian Raven | Silver Gull |
| Black Kite | Southern Boobook |
| Brahminy Kite | Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo |
| Channel-billed Cuckoo | Tawny Frogmouth |
| Crested Pigeon | Torresian Crow |
| Eastern Spinebill | Welcome Swallow |
| Galah | White-bellied Sea Eagle |
| Gang-gang Cockatoo | White-browed Scrubwren |
| Grey Butcherbird | White-faced Heron |
| Laughing Kookaburra | White-necked Heron |
| Little Black Cormorant | |
| Little Pied Cormorant | |
| Long-billed Corella | |
| Masked Lapwing | |
| Noisy Miner | |

This QR code will lead you to the Aussie Bird Count map and statistics.
<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/statistics/>



DANGAR LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

WHAT MAKES THE ISLAND SPECIAL FOR YOU?

∞ CLOSING DATE: 31 DECEMBER 2025 ∞

Categories: Under [9] | Under [16] | Over 16 [A]

Judges: Genevieve and Hilary.

Exhibition: The top 5 photos in each category will be professionally printed and displayed in the Dangar Island Depot in February 2026.

Prizes: Awarded to the best in each category.

Enquiries: Michael 0406 511 008

Enter: To enter, email photos to dangarlifephotocomp@gmail.com

File: Your name_Title of image_Age category (eg: Ansel Adams_Headland_A)

Conditions: If your photo includes people, please first obtain their permission to submit.

Maximum file size - 5MB per photo

Maximum 5 entries per person



Experimental rabbit enclosure | Photo: CSIRO



Random mentions: Rabbits

ROSE CURTIS, DIHS

Between 1880 and 1885, three news sources mention rabbits on the island.

In 1880 the island was described as a capital spot for rabbit-shooting and fishing¹. At this time there were few buildings on the island and visitors made day trips from Circular Quay, by yacht.

In August 1885 Henry Cary Dangar (HCD) (owner of the island from 1864 to 1917) wrote a letter to *The Sydney Morning Herald* offering the island as an isolated location to research ways to exterminate the “little brutes”².

One month later Agnes Fagan, wife of Samuel Fagan, a land owner in the Galston and Arcadia districts, described her visit to the area and mentions the island is infested with rabbits³.

Just as well HCD’s idea to become a research station wasn’t taken up by the government, as only several months later in 1886, HCD leased the island to the Union Bridge Company from New York, who discovered when they arrived in Australia that they needed to find

1 YACHTING AND SAILING

The Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser
3 January 1880 p 28-29

Broken Bay, the much favoured resort of yachting men, in holiday time, has this Christmas received a good amount of patronage, and but for the threatening nature of the elements quite a large fleet of our harbour cruisers would have visited the bay.

Magic, Violet, Waitangi, Oithona, Eva, and Mabel (yachts), and Coryphene (open boat) cruised in various parts of the locality. Sea Breeze, Ripple, and other open boats had arranged for similar trips; but the aspect of the weather and the cross sea tumbling on the coast induced them to remain within the heads.

However, those that did venture out had on the whole a good time of it.

Rabbit-shooting at Dangar Island and capital fishing in the bay appear to have afforded excellent sport.

flat land to assemble the bridge as there was none either side of the bridge site. Rabbits were not mentioned in Bridge builder’s diary in 1888 so perhaps the workers stationed on the island from 1886 to 1889 hunted/ate them all.

Five domestic rabbits were introduced to Sydney on the First Fleet in 1788. At least 90 more importations followed, but none became invasive until 1859 when Thomas Austin imported 24 wild

rabbits to Geelong in Victoria. Within three years “Austin rabbits” had multiplied to thousands and by the beginning of the 20th century, the “grey Blanket” had spread over the country at a rate of 100 km per year - the fastest colonisation rate for an introduced mammal ever recorded. Research in 2022, using DNA, confirmed the Austin rabbits were responsible for widespread invasion⁴.

At that rate it would have only taken 10 years to travel the 981 kilometres from Geelong to the island. So its possible the rabbits on the island were Austins.

2 RABBITS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD

The Sydney Morning Herald 26
August 1885 p4

The multiplying power of these useless little brutes [rabbits] is so enormous, and the hold they have got on the country is so wide and tenacious, that nothing but a systematic and wholesale mode of destruction will eradicate them. About two years ago, when the tuberculosis idea was advanced, I gave my consent to the Minister that the rabbits infesting an island of mine in the Hawkesbury River should be experimented upon. I am afraid nothing has been attempted, or, if the experiment has been tried it must have failed, as I am told that the rabbits are as numerous and active as ever. If the poisoning by inoculation idea can be made sufficiently active it would, I think, be by far the cheapest and the best mode of dealing with the pest. Failing that, I see nothing for it but the suffocation plan adopted pretty generally, I believe, in Victoria.

I write this letter, Sir, chiefly to say that having a supply of rabbits in a position of isolation favourable for the trial of experiment I offer them for the purpose of discovering any humane method of destruction (not that I think humanity need be introduced into a question affecting the Commonwealth as much as this does), and I will bear any reasonable cost in that behalf. No charlatans need apply. I am, &c.,
HENRY C. DANGAR.
August 25.

SHELF HEALTH

Liz Nolf, Shelf Monitor (self-appointed)

As I talk to islanders about the ferry shed, they reminisce about truly great finds: a Dolce & Gabbana jacket, a red tomato hat (or strawberry, depending who you ask), a high chair, a desired book, fabulous glassware, brand new sneakers, and of course many wonderful items of clothing. Some islanders suspect that the shed possesses special powers, reporting that just when they need something, it arrives on the shelf. And island children gleefully comb through it for toys and reading material. Plus, it is such a handy way to declutter without ever leaving the island.

I myself am a huge fan, it makes my day when I look down and realise I am entirely dressed in ferry shed couture! I was so gutted when the shed was out of business during the early days of Covid lock-down. It was a dark time.

Of course not all is wine and roses down at the ferry shed. The Hall of Shame includes a spear gun, various knives, prescription medicine, a used toilet brush, and a whole bag of clothing absolutely reeking of animal urine. I (and others in our motley crew of self-appointed ferry shed monitors) regularly find items definitely - let's say - unsuitable for children! And of course stuff that is just plain junk, like underwear complete with skidmarks, toys with critical pieces missing, out-of-date textbooks, and mouldy worn out shoes. Sometimes people move out and bring huge amounts down all at once, and we throw stuff straight in the bin just because there's too much.

So, dear readers, please help by remembering the #1 thing about the ferry shed: the stuff you put there needs to be STILL GOOD, i.e. not stained or ripped or broken or otherwise valueless! Plus of course, stuff needs to be SAFE FOR CHILDREN. And please, no large fragile electronics - if they weren't broken before, they will be soon, by wind or rain or children. Use the Dangar Island Marketplace on Facebook for those.

You too can give things a bit of a tidy from time to time. You'll find it's much more fun than cleaning up at your own house! Also, if you would like to take on the (currently vacant) role of donating items off-island, for example taking unwanted bedding to a pet shelter, that would be awesome.



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Agnes Fagan's Diary 1885

Joan Fenton, editor (1991) *Historical records of the Central Coast of NSW*, Gosford: Gosford District Local History Study Group. p 36

September 1885: "George rowed me over to 'Dangar's Island' a very pretty spot on which there is a splendid orchard but sad to relate the island is infested with rabbits which are barking all the trees."



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How the rabbit plague took over Australia. AAP kyfreepress.com.au

Original research - Joel M Alves et al 2022. A single introduction of wild rabbits triggered the biological invasion of Australia. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 119



Photos of the Shelf
Clockwise from top:
"Oh no, the whole shelf is overwhelmed and no-one can find anything"; "That's better! So neat!"; Martin Lloyd in his beloved ferry shed beanie
| Photos: Liz Nolf



A wrap on 2025

Brenda Hall, CFR33 Dangar Island,
dangarcfr33@gmail.com

We responded to 16 triple zero call outs as at mid-November, which brings us to 105 call outs since I started keeping records in March 2020.

We also worked alongside the RFS with a couple of patient transports.

In April, several members of the team went for a fun and educational stopover in the Hunter Valley to join with other CFR units in practising realistic emergency scenarios.

In September, MERV floated off on the barge for its first ever off-island service and came back with four swanky new tyres, new 'clears' with bungee cord fasteners, a handy tray for our roll-chair and a new charging unit in case we get a flat battery (it happens, if we leave the lights on).

Barry Kepert retired after 10 years of service, and Amie Barbelier joined us. More from Amie about the training involved in becoming a CFR in the next Mullet Mail.

We completed eight 'Maintenance of Skills' units covering: patient assessment, medication safety, work health and safety, mass casualty incidents, trauma, endocrine emergencies, asthma and automated external defibrillator (AED) use. We also revised and had to demonstrate to our NSW Ambulance (NSWA) educators, our advanced resuscitation skills for our annual recertification.

But wait ... our monthly training for the First Responder team isn't all hard work ... sometimes there's cake!



Above: When you focus on the cake everything else becomes a blur. | Photo Sean Blackadder our NSWA educator; Below: The little ambulance that could., MERV, barged off island for the first time. | Photo: Brenda Hall



CHAMPAGNE GARVEY ROMPS COMP

Fruity-tooty, Frühshoppen frothies fail to fire

JONATHAN SYKES

Records tumbled at the Oktoberfest Homebrew Comp, as a seasoned, nay grizzled trio locked hops before the most expert judges yet. Garvey's pole position never looked threatened, as the international panel sat in the sun and sung a Tom Waits song in German, about ferrets, mittens and morning drinking, leaving later entrants asking, "is she OK?" And "I'll get some water..." "Spritzzy... with a light humm" summed up Northside bolter Tom Garvey's Sparkling Ale, while "straight out of Hobbiton", "e-numbers meets Sydney Water" and "like soil" condemned the field to a tournament-first 3-point deficit.



Oktoberfest shenanigans. Top: Plenty of joy and camaraderie as (L-R) Steve Griffiths, Tom Garvey and Jonathan Sykes test each others brews; Above: Bowlo Oktoberfest homebrew competition judges hard at work scoring the finest brews of Dangar Island 2025. (clockwise from bottom left) Regina, Alex, Chabela, Greta, Dagmar, Jane, Karen and Peter. | Photos: Cybele Shorter

Oktoberfest winning brew line-up

1. Sparkling Ale – Tom Garvey – 47pts;
2. XPA – Steve Griffiths – 44pts;
3. Oatmeal Stout – Jonathan Sykes – 44pts

CONGRATULATIONS BILL AND GEORGIA

Josh Ginty, Community Engagement, DIRFB



Left to right: Life member Bill Lynn-Robinson, President Jonathan Sykes, Life member Georgia Lynn-Robinson and Captain Kathy Merrick. | Photo: Bill Lyn-Robinson

The Dangar Island Rural Fire Brigade are proud to announce that Bill & Georgia Lynn-Robinson have been granted life membership to the brigade. Life membership acknowledges that an individual's efforts have gone above and beyond, and is a formal way for the brigade and community to express their deep appreciation.

Bill and Georgia took up critical roles in the brigade in 2001; they then held those roles for the following 21 years.

This saw Bill, as Equipment Officer, take on the never-ending task of ensuring that all equipment was maintained either within the brigade or through co-ordination with our District office. In addition, throughout this period, Bill managed the issuing of fire permits across the island, as well as being the brigade's unofficial photographer.

As brigade Secretary Georgia mastered the labyrinthine administration of triplicate forms and documentation that was the constant stream of largely pre-digitised communication with District necessary to run the brigade. Complementing this role Georgia catered for countless Bridge-to-Bridge events and Easter Film Nights and assisted in raising thousands of dollars for the brigade through planned fund-raising events.

Bill and Georgia, we will miss your regular presence in the fire shed and on behalf of the brigade and the wider community cannot thank you enough for over two decades of volunteer service.



The 2025-26 bushfire season has started.

Our Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Fire District experiences approximately 40 bushfire events on average each year. Except for occasional electrical sources & lightning strikes, fires are caused by human activity: deliberately lit fires, recreational fires, pile burns, and machinery use.

Always be vigilant to minimise the risk of fire:

- No fires of any kind are permitted during total fire bans -

Actively monitor firepits, campfires and BBQ's and ensure that you have a cleared area and a constant water supply at hand.

It is illegal in NSW National Parks to light a campfire (unless an official firepit is in place).

Be always mindful of weather conditions and do not light fires on days with wind above a gentle breeze.

Be aware of your fire risk when using hot work tools such as grinders, brush cutters and welders.

Where possible use your green bin or store leaf litter in compressed piles to be used as garden mulch, rather than doing a pile burn.

If you are completing a pile burn, ensure you have the appropriate approval and adhere to the prescribed methods issued from Council & the RFS (during fire season).

AT THE BOWLO

STEVE GRIFFITHS, PRESIDENT, DIBC



We had a very well attended AGM back on 25th October and we'd like to thank all who attended and participated in a very spirited discussion – particularly regarding an agenda item suggesting a review of the Club's constitution.

Contrary to what some have gathered, the Club Board is not steering the organization away from being a Bowling Club, we just feel it's imperative to review a constitution that is desperately outdated and needs changing to reflect how the club operates now.

Through my 8 years on the board - and 5th as President – I've heard a familiar story at each AGM. This is a Club that relies entirely on its Board, volunteers and members to remain solvent and to serve its purpose of being the key hub of our unique island community.

This past year was no different. In fact, the last 12 months have forced the board to make changes to help the club survive the current set of challenges to its existence.

Hospitality businesses all over the country are failing as the cost of living crisis has intensified and so we have been happy to report that there is some cause for cautious optimism, with the changes made having a positive effect and the last financial year seeing a modest profit.

In the last year, we have performed a complete overhaul of our membership system. The new online booking system – although not perfect – is extremely easy to manage and costs the club nothing. We now have over 200 members. It's far easier for us to communicate directly with our members. We have also started implementing discounts and specials to members – only possible with a centralized member database and the ability to email them all directly.

Memberships are now annual and run from 1st June. If your membership has lapsed, please consider renewing by scanning the QR code or going to the website.

If you live within 5kms of the Club and want to enjoy using the green, restaurant or bar, you are required to be a member of the Club.

We're looking forward to an exciting Summer of events and some new initiatives to make membership even more value for money, including members only discounted bottle shop prices and regular Members Happy Hours. We will also be extending our Saturday opening hours with the bar open all day from noon and kitchen open for lunch and dinner through the holidays, so please pop in for a meal or a sundowner!

And we also are looking for bar staff for the busy months ahead, so get in touch if you'd like to join the team.

Coming up at the DIBC

- * Sat 20 Dec – Carols In The Park
- * Sat 27 Dec – Summer Discotech
- * Sun 11 Jan – Ben Lee
- * Sun 25 Jan – Latin Fiesta w/ Cumbiamuffin (14 piece orchestra) & Samba Ninja
- * Sun 8 Feb – Josh Pike
- * Sat 28 Feb – Dangardigras



Use this QR code for memberships.
Or visit www.trybooking.com/CZXFE



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Jazz Donkified

Jack Goodwin-Moore



Jazz Donkeys | Photo: Hilary Cam and Nic Enilane

The Brooklyn Spring fair was recently shot up into the stratosphere from its cozy little nook in Dyarubbin by a surprise performance from the fabled Jazz Donkeys, of feature film fame. More polished than their dazzling brass instruments, the Donkeys blasted it out of the paddock with some old classics. Robin was first out the gates with a trumpet solo, his eye-stingingly skillful fingers whizzing faster than Barry B Benson's wings. Next Sir Roland's sonorous clarinet solo struck more awe than the blow of his namesake's horn. Then golly, was it Gilly, whose jolly trombone brought knees a-wobbling. With Big Lex on bass guitar strumming a funky and impeccable heartbeat that the others could frolic around, Coco rolling their fingers around the keyboard to spinning a jazzy web tying it all together, and the Great Godbolt behind the drums, not the scenes, with sticks, doubling in percussive and conducting capacities, the Donkeys were sounding better together than ever.

Like dark horses galloping afore the wavefront of an Australian struggle to define a culture unto itself unique and true, they pushed the envelope of jazz further with *Smoke-o*, a ballad celebrating a workday tobacco incense ritual considered sacrosanct to the most elite and celebrated caste of Australian society - the 'Tradie'. After demonstrating polished, world-class jazz, this primal bray was a hee-hawing, rip-roaring finish reminding the world that these donkeys had not abandoned their homegrown roots deep in the muddy pastures of the Dyarubbin riverside.

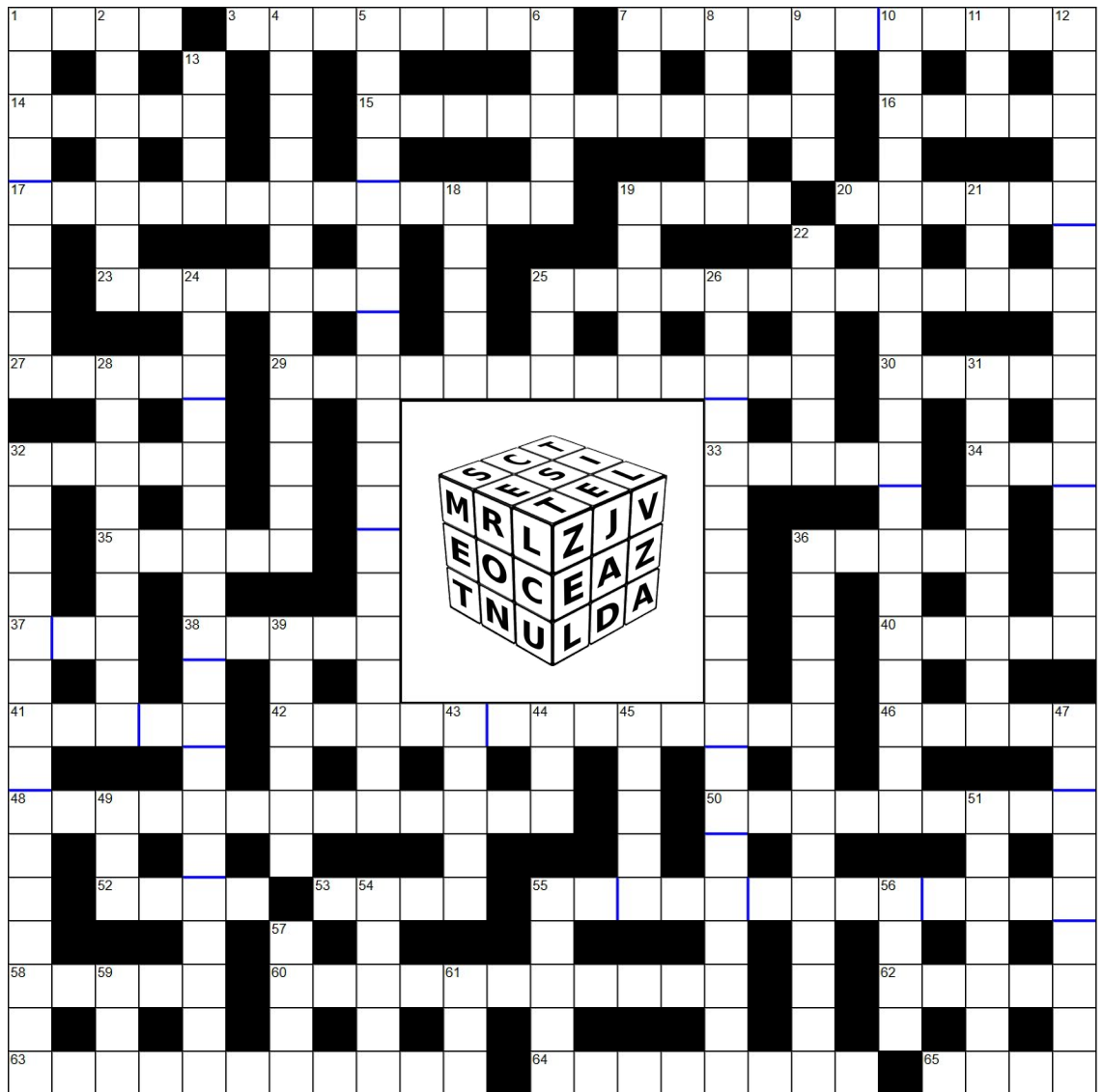
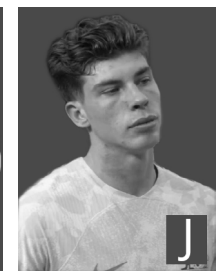
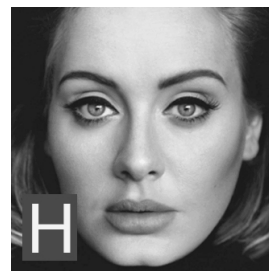
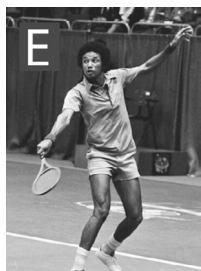
The weekend after brought no respite to rest on laurels, hay or haunches, for these jazz-beasts of burden. The clarion call had been made for an unprecedented two-day Dangar jazzapalooza. The headliner, Australian jazz legend James Morrison. James Morrison would be opened by James, of The Morrisons who would form one half of gypsy jazz duo Dangar Reinhardt, alongside Alex, of Alex and Dagmar Reinhardt. And opening the opening? The Jazz Donkeys, of course.

On Saturday, stubborn rains and strong winds didn't stop the Jazz Donkeys warming up with hours of busking outside the hall, and die-hard fans showed up with coffee and inverted umbrellas in hand. When then the crowds gathered outside the bowlo under gazebos, it was time to really blow them away. *Cantaloupe Island* bopped back a sunny tropicality into this shady, drizzly place of shady grizzly people, on the back of brilliantly dazzling finger and back blistering solos by Robin and Roland. Then it was *Bass Groove* to smooth and salve with solid pumps from Gilly's trombone, massaged in with Coco's spontaneous keyboard magic. *Donkified* was where this pack of cool cats packaged and wrapped it all together in this noir track, smooth as dark chocolate. Then, Robin and his nameless and numberless identical twins played a nameless and numberless number of instruments they'd each painstakingly mastered over their 13 years of life, smoothly subbing in for one another to make it seem like a single person was doing it all.

The Donkeys revealed their extra-terrestrial origins on planet jazz in *Where Pathways Meet* a rousing *Star Wars* mash-up phasing into mainstay *Fully Donkified*, rounding up the act for a palm-bruising round of applause. Deafening audience encore calls resounded from stink-face aching jaws. However, they would be left wanting more, until given a wonderful surprise hidden within the closing songs of Dangar Reinhardt's stellar set. In the midst of the audience, the donkeys' unmistakable sound resounded from around, as Godbolt the Greater on sax and Robin led a procession through the crowd, trailed by Gilly, Roland and Coco, all to take their rightful equal places on stage in an inter-generational orchestra of Dangar jazz legends. What better than to return again under waving palm-fronds in Sunday's slightly better weather after Halloween, to show that if anything is undead or undying on Dangar, it's the ever-living spirit of jazz.

Summer Holiday Crossword

CHICO & RHEA



Across

- 1 See 41a
- 3 A girl's best friend (8)
- 7 Sitcom (Pic A) (6,5)
- 14 World's largest investment bank Goldman _____ (5)
- 15 Hormone precursor (11)
- 16 Auntie on screen (5)
- 17 5, 24 & 26 (13)
- 19 Lighten (4)
- 20 Nicked (6)
- 23 Canadian province (7)
- 25 Fair (13)
- 27 Cetacean (5)
- 29 Of riches, a lot. Of comfort, not much (13)

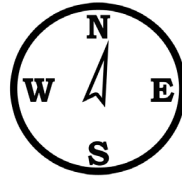
- 30 Pushed (5)
- 32 South American grassland (5)
- 33 Written composition (5)
- 34 I am in Spanish sauce (3)
- 35 Musical interval (5)
- 36 Fleece (5)
- 37 Marriage vow (1,2)
- 38 Culpability (5)
- 40 Spelling mistakes (5)
- 41, 1 Roast joint (3,2,4)
- 42 Pic B (5,8)
- 46 Vision (5)
- 48 Of the mind (13)
- 50 Pioneering Australian music computer and Sydney suburb (9)



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INTERNATIONAL CODE of SIGNALS

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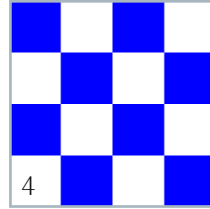
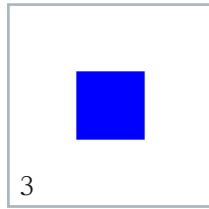
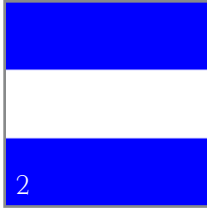
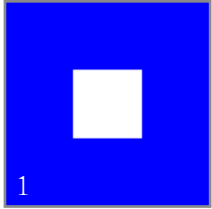


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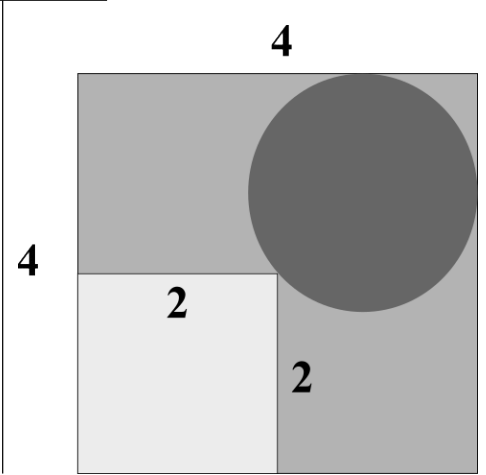
The two quadrilaterals are perfect squares with the dimensions illustrated. What is the area of the circle?

Answers: page 12.

Match the following **blue and white** international maritime signal flag designs to their alphabet word codes and their maritime meanings.



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|------------|--|
| A Juliet | A Negative |
| B November | B I'm on Fire |
| C Papa | C I am operating astern propulsion. |
| D Sierra | D All persons should report on board as the vessel is about to proceed to sea. |



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| 52 Band (Pic C) (4) | 19 Candy, dental or brain _____ (5) |
| 53 Better call Pic D (4) | 21 Floral necklace (3) |
| 55 Simultaneously (2,3,4,4) | 22 Craftsmen (6) |
| 58 Take to mean (5) | 24 Play in which a toff tortures a woman into marrying him (3,6,2,3,5) |
| 60 Turkic ethnicity (11) | 25 Hot spring bath (3) |
| 62 Water horse (5) | 26 Play in which a Jewish banker demands justice (3,8,2,6) |
| 63 Taylor Swift, Joni Mitchell and PJ Harvey, for example (11) | 28 Actor Kerry _____ (Pic F) (9) |
| 64 Lights (8) | 31 Snail or slug (9) |
| 65 Fermented honey (4) | 32 Sub-atomic study (8,7) |
| Down | 36 Down ranking (13) |
| 1 Breaks the donkey's back (4,5) | 39 Musician Tame _____ (Pic G) (6) |
| 2 Construction toy (7) | 43 Spreadsheet software (5) |
| 4 Green (13) | 44 Not well (3) |
| 5 Sex comedy, 1590s-style (4,3,5,7) | 45 Fool (5) |
| 6 Rear of a boat (5) | 47 Influential beat novel (2,3,4) |
| 7 Sandbrook Inlet, or The ____ (3) | 49 Central Asian ox (3) |
| 8 Vivid (5) | 51 Quick look (7) |
| 9 Parramatta (4) | 54 Singer-songwriter (Pic H) (5) |
| 10 Headlined this year by The 1975, Olivia Rodrigo and Neil Young (11,8) | 55 Little mermaid (Pic I) (5) |
| 11 Red button (3) | 56 Sonic repeat (4) |
| 12 Pride, greed, wrath, envy, sloth, gluttony & lust (5,6,4) | 57 Old-fashioned Uber (4) |
| 13 Tennis legend Arthur _____ (Pic E) (4) | 59 Fishy limb (3) |
| 18 Senior indigenous person (5) | 61 Socceroo Jordy ____ (Pic L) |



Mullet Dictionary
Gore-tex /gor-tekz/
(n) stab a cowboy



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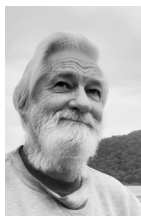
Natural fibre weaving

CYBELE SHORTER



Above: (left to right) Ben, Sam Cybele and Chabela at the weaving workshop; Right: Our results | Photos: Cybele Shorter

Four islanders ventured off to the Hornsby Bushcare weaving workshop. We really enjoyed discovering fibres we know from gardens on the island.



SOCIETY
BRUCE LAMBERT

*A blast from the past, circa 1966, or,
The more things change the more
they remain the same.*

Political expediency
is the name of the game.
With graft, gambling and Galston,
and no one to blame.

Aborigines drink at the bar
of the Empress Hotel,
And the Redfern detectives
know the area well.

The smokers of grass
know the risk that they take.
Perhaps if they are lucky,
there will be a file in a cake.

The new morality has given us
freedom from guilt,
But must our self interest go
right to the hilt.

The needy and suffering,
barely living at all.
As society matrons attend
a Masked Ball.

The militant unionists
cry out for more.
Could it now be
they really are poor?

The Gross National Product
must continue to rise.
As our standard of living
climbs nearer the skies.

Foul pollutants of man
will soon poison the earth.
Of the ethics of industry,
there must be a dearth.

Truth is the casualty
of lies and deceit.
Which gives many companies
a fat balance sheet.

Both Barton and Son
relax in Brazil.
Far from the scene
of their financial kill.

“Run over the bastards”,
cries that thumper of tubs.
Whilst the Mafia Royal Commission
shows the evil in clubs.

To question these values
you must be aware:
When asking yourself,
“Do I really care?”

Ahoy Dangan Islanders

MARTIN LLOYD

Ahoy, I am hoping to start a Chapter of the Moral Ambition Community on the island.

If you have an intent to better the world, and ideas, please join me at the Hall on Thursday 15/1/26 @ 1930.

For more information please follow the QR codes. Left: Rutger Bregman on ABC Radio Program Late Night Live; right: The school for Moral Ambition.



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Botetket Answers: 1=DC, 2=AB, 3=CD, 4=BA
Area of the Circle Solution: 4.312