

Evans Head Library

Construction on the renovated Evans Head Library/Council building will commence in early 2021 and it is expected work will take approximately 20 weeks This a major project which will triple the size of the library and provide much needed space.

The Library and Council Customer Service/Experience has relocated to a temporary location in the **Evans Head Visitor Information Centre** while construction takes place.

The opening hours of the Evans Head Library operating from the Evans Head Visitor Centre are from **Monday 11 January 2021:**

Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 4.30pm Saturday: 9am to 12pm

While this temporary library service will be a restricted service, there will be a good selection of books, magazines, DVDs and music CDs to choose from. Library members will still have access to over 45,000 items throughout the region. Library members are encouraged to reserve items they would like to borrow. You can do this by contacting the library, or why not try the new library app?

During the COVID-19 period of 24 March to 1 June 2020 when the libraries were closed for 10 weeks, the Evans Head Library still provided a quality library service with "Reserve and Collect". 1,325 items were loaned and 749 reserves satisfied during this time.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing there will only be 3 internet PCs for public use. Free WiFi will also be available.

The customer service team will continue to assist with the community's enquiries and process applications and rates payments from the temporary office location.



15 Years of Service



Library team member, Sue Bland celebrated 15 years working for the Regional Library on 13 December 2020. Sue has proven to be a valuable and dedicated member of the team who goes about her work effectively and efficiently. During her 15 years where she has seen many changes, she has also carried out the duties of Inter-library loans officer and ensured it runs like clockwork. Sue has introduced the Jigsaw Puzzle collection and the Knitting Needles & Crochet Hooks collection. She also runs the very popular Adult Colouring Group in Casino.

For those with long memories, prior to working full-time with the library, Sue was also involved in a major project way back in 1992 where she was involved in data entry and being part of the team that helped implement the library management system.

Staff had a small celebration with Sue where she was presented with flowers and chocolates.

New Feature for Casino



For the past 42 years customers at Casino Library have had to look at plain brick walls with a few Bentley Art Prize paintings decorating the interior of the library.

Now there is an amazing feature wall that has brightened up the inside of the library.



The Junior Non Fiction and Adult Non Fiction collections have also been separated after being first interfiled way back in 1991. The job of separating the two collections was carried out by library staff during the 10 week COVID-19 closure.

A new sign celebrating the Junior Non Fiction collection has been created. Both the feature wall and the Junior Non Fiction sign were the work of Signarama.

Drop into Casino Library and check them out!



For details of our regular monthly programs, please visit the <u>What's on</u> page of our website.

Please note that **bookings are essential** for all programs, due to physical distancing regulations. For Casino programs, phone 6660 0250, and for Kyogle, phone 6632 1134.

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Australia Day 2021 is a time to reflect, respect and celebrate. We **reflect** on the strength and resilience of First Nations Australians. We pay **respect** to our heroic frontline workers. We **celebrate** the Australian spirit, our mateship and our sense of community. We find optimism and hope as we look to the future.

All library branches will be closed on Tuesday 26 January for the public holiday.

NSW Reads Lucky's



The New South Wales Public Library Association is thrilled to announce the very first state-wide reading program, *NSW Reads*. It's a big book club, and everyone in New South Wales is invited.

From 10 December 2020 to 17 February 2021, library members across the state are encouraged to read Sydney author Andrew Pippos's debut novel, *Lucky's*.

Described as "a must-read saga, and a gripping monument to Greek diaspora" by The Guardian Australia, central to the theme of Lucky's is the iconic Greek milk bar/café businesses, found in so many Australian towns and suburbs. NSW Reads will celebrate the heritage of these venues and the migrant experiences of food and community as readers from all over the state share a reading experience.

"After a year that has been so isolating, it's wonderful for readers to be able to come together and all read the same book" says NSW Public Libraries Association Executive Officer, Adele Casey, "We are thrilled that Lucky's is our pick for the first NSW Reads program. The librarians of New South Wales felt it was important to choose a novel with far reaching appeal. Lucky's will resonate and deliver a sense of nostalgia to Australians of all ages in both metro and regional areas."

To celebrate NSW Reads, join in an Instagram read-along via @nswlibraryevents, take part in an online panel discussion on Greek-Australian cafés past and present, and meet the author, Andrew Pippos, online in a Lucky's 'In Conversation' with Amy Heap from the Riverina Regional Library.

Pop in to your local library to get your copy of Lucky's by Andrew Pippos, and join in as **NSW Reads**!



Head to the <u>Read all about it</u> webpage for book reviews written by library staff and members, and to see what's new to borrow in our library collection! You can also download the 2021 RUCRL Reading Challenge. The winner of our 2020 Reading Challenge was Kari-Anne Storton from Evans Head. Congratulations!



We are now taking expressions of interest for forming online audiobook clubs – **Bookworms** for children and **Talking Books** for adults. Listen to one audiobook each month, available for free on the ULIBRARY app, then join in a Skype session to talk about it with our other members. If you'd like to take part or find out more, please email enquiries@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au



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Enter the next round of our monthly photo competition. January's theme is 'I SEE ARCHITECTURE'.

Send us your entry by midnight on Sunday 31 January. Voting will take place the following week on our Facebook page.

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NOVEMBER WINNER Mandy Whitney -Casino



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