

COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, WEEK 2

22 OCTOBER 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to students and staff for the start of Term 4. My apologies for the lateness in getting this newsletter out – with the final week of Year 12 and their graduation, we were pressed for time at the end of last term.

Year 12 Graduation

The final week of Year 12 was a great success for our students. It culminated in the Graduation Assembly on the Friday, which was extra special this year because it saw the introduction of students wearing academic dress for the ceremony. Academic dress is a tradition dating back to Medieval times in Europe. Since then, the tradition has spread and changed across many cultures and countries. It has come to symbolise the achievement of graduation from a course, predominately university, but more recently for school graduations in the United States and progressively in the last 25 or so years in Australia. Therefore, it was not surprising that I was approached earlier this year by students asking that we incorporate this tradition into our Year 12 graduation. We are now one of several Coffs Harbour high schools that have adopted this tradition to recognise our students' achievement in graduating high school.

The difference between the academic dress worn at university graduation and that worn by our Year 12 students is that a university graduate would wear a coloured sash or gown associated with the degree and school of the university they had studied in. In contrast, our students wore plain black gowns with sashes that symbolised our school. This sash had the school crest and the graduation year – 2024. While we intend to re-use the academic gowns for future graduates, the blue and gold sashes made for this year group were theirs to keep as a memento of their graduation. We intend to have student fundraising for Year 12 in future years and contribute to a special sash for each year group as an ongoing tradition that students can take with them. I want to thank our school P&C, Mrs Austin, and Mrs Guthrie for organising and funding the purchase of academic dress for Year 12. For many families, completing Year 12 represents a significant milestone, so it is only fitting that we recognise the importance of this occasion.

School fencing and security

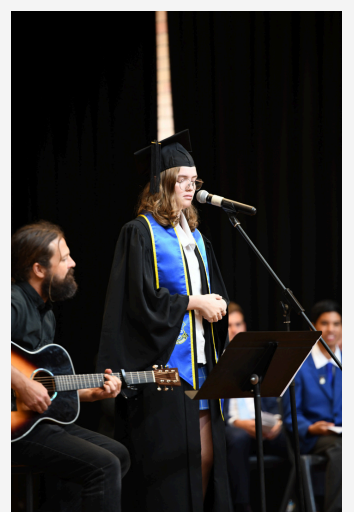
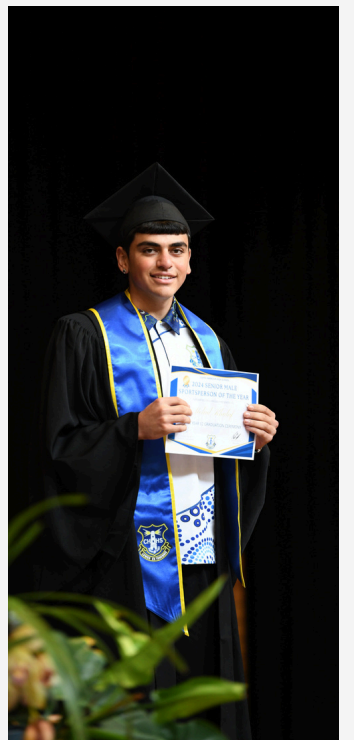
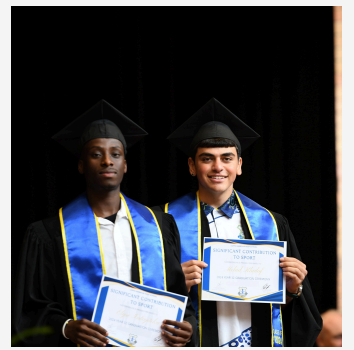
Parents and carers may have noticed the work done over the holidays to install fencing to the remainder of the open perimeter of the school. We are now only a few weeks from this being completed. When it is completed, the main entry to the school during school hours will be a new gate at the very top of the school at the corner of Edinburgh and Nile Street. This gate and the gates on Harbour Drive and Camperdown Street will be opened in the morning and closed at 9:10 am. They will re-open at 3:10 pm to allow students to exit. During the day, visitors must “buzz in” through an intercom at the main entrance, connecting to our office staff, who can open the gate remotely. There is also an additional wheelchair-accessible entrance near this main entrance that can be manually opened as needed. At the same time as we are having this system installed, we will also update our signage to inform visitors that we have CCTV cameras onsite (there will now be one at the front gate). These cameras are throughout all of the public spaces within the school, much like the cameras used in shopping centres. They record video and audio that can be later accessed if needed.

Concerning students leaving and entering the school, I have had some concerns raised regarding bus zones and drop-off/pick-up areas for students. Whilst I appreciate the issue, I have no control over how the council designates the parking areas around the school, as these are all external to the school site. Our school is a major bus interchange for many students from other schools. This means we have many buses accessing the school over a relatively short period, with all our bus zones particularly full at peak times in the afternoon. As such, some time ago council would have deemed it necessary to have three separate bus zones on 3 of the four streets surrounding the school. Unfortunately, a consequence of this is that it impacts parking for the 100 or so staff that work at the school and obviously for parents/carers at the start and end of the day. Parents and carers should be aware that Police periodically monitor school zones and fine drivers who are illegally parked. There is a small drop-off/pick-up zone on Camperdown Street near the Post Office and a disabled parking/drop-off on Edinburg Street near the front of the school. Again, the placement of these zones is something the school has no control over. Given that we are a secondary school with older students, I would suggest that if parents/carers find it challenging to drop off a child at school legally, then they simply need to park 50 to 100 metres up the road, where there is generally less congestion. Students should easily handle the short walk between the school and that point.

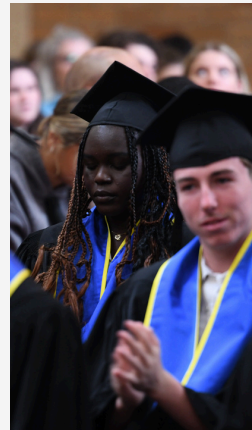
YEAR 12 GRADUATION



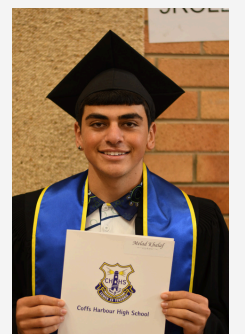
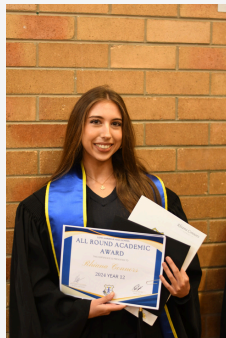
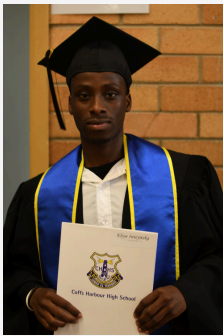
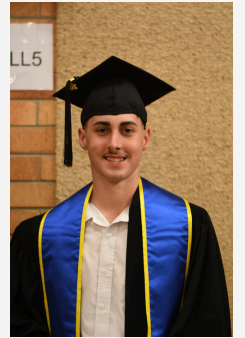
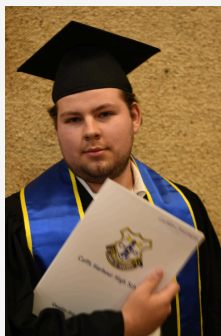
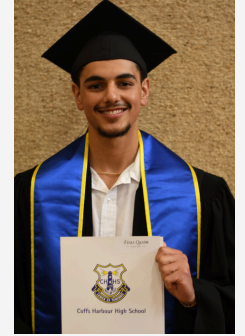
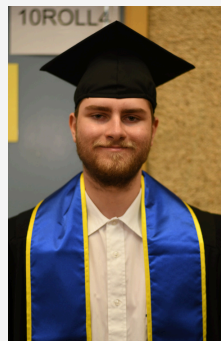
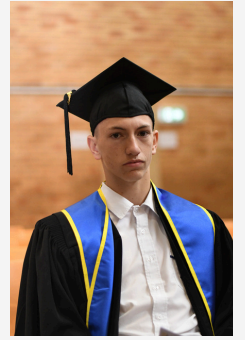
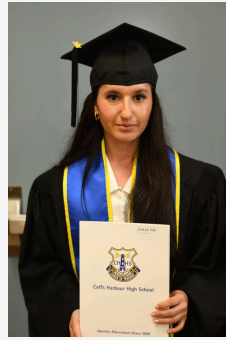
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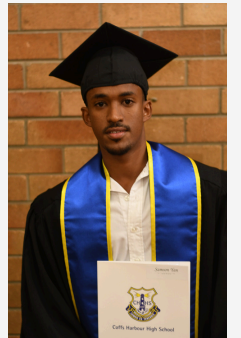
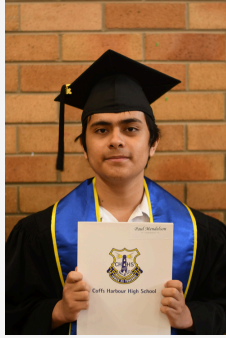
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IMPORTANT DATES

15 October-8 November	HSC Exams
6 November	Year 7 2025 Parent Information Evening
14 November	Year 12 Formal
24-30 November	Heron Island Excursion
3 December	Year 7 Rewards Excursion
3 December	Year 7 2025 Orientation Day
11-13 December	Year 10 White Water Canoe and Camp
16 December	Year Assemblies 7/9 P1&P2, 8/10 P3&P4
17 December	Formal Presentation Assembly 10:50 to 12:50
18 December	Last Day Term 4 for Students



YEAR 7 2025 Coffs Harbour High School

Parent Information Session

Wednesday 6th November 2024 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

- * Parents to meet in the school hall (students are welcome to also attend).
- * This is your chance to learn more about the school, our programs, school structure and activities, as well as a chance to meet key staff. Afternoon tea will be provided.
- * If parents would like to purchase uniforms or book packs the canteen will be open from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.
- * Parents will be able to collect an Orientation Information Pack.

SMALL Schools Orientation Day

Thursday 21st November 2024 – 1.45pm to 3.10pm

- * This Orientation Day is only for those students from the smaller schools – Boambee, Karangi, Nana Glen, Orara Upper, Sandy Beach, Sawtell, St Augustines, Tyalla, William Bayldon and Woolgoolga.
- * Any students that cannot attend the All Schools Orientation Day on 3/12/24 are also invited to attend the session on 21/11/24.
- * Students are to meet in the front office foyer prior to 1.45pm. The front office can be accessed via Edinburgh Street. If your child is attending, please email the high school at coffsharb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child's name.
- * Please ensure students come dressed in their Primary School uniform including covered shoes.
- * Students from the Small Schools Orientation Day are also invited to attend the ALL Schools Orientation Day.

ALL Schools Orientation Day

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 – 9.45am to 2.15pm

- * Please ensure students come dressed in their Primary School uniform including covered shoes.
- * Please ensure students bring a hat, morning tea and a drink – lunch will be provided.
- * Students will engage in activities with their peer support teams and have sample lessons.
- * Students may be collected from 2.15pm.

**1st day of attendance for Year 7 students
Tuesday 4th February 2025**

Year 7 Excursion 2025

- * There will be a Year 7 camp for 2025 in Term 2.
- * The camp will cost approximately \$400.00 per student – a payment schedule will be issued.
- * This camp is held early in the year to facilitate the forming of student friendships and teambuilding skills, and all students are highly encouraged to attend.
- * More information about the camp will be sent out early in 2025.

NSW Department of Education

Free internet for eligible families

The Australian Government's School Student Broadband Initiative offers free home internet for eligible families.

Check your eligibility

- Call the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610
- Visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- Email studentinternet@anglicarevic.org.au



Find out more: Call the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610, visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet or scan the QR code for more information



FREE HOME INTERNET FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

Free home internet is available through the Australian Government's School Student Broadband Initiative for eligible families.

The Australian Government's offer of free home internet until 31 December 2025 is still available for families with school aged students who have not had an active nbn® network internet service in the previous 14 days through its School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI).

Who is eligible for the SSBI Program?

The SSBI aims to help families with school-aged children who may be struggling with cost-of-living issues and are unable to maintain a broadband internet connection at home. To be eligible for the SSBI, families must:

- have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (from Kindergarten up to Year 12 in NSW)
- not have an active nbn® network internet service in the previous 14 days – having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility
- live in a premises that can access a standard nbn service
- either be referred by a Nominating Organisation or have your suitability determined via an assessment conducted by the National Referral Centre (NRC).

How can families check their eligibility?

Families can check their eligibility by following these simple steps:

1. Contact the National Referral Centre (NRC), operated by Anglicare Victoria, on 1800 954 610, visit their [website](#) or email them at studentinternet@anglicarevic.org.au.
2. The NRC team will assess the family's eligibility for the SSBI, including a check of their residential address and current financial situation.
3. If eligible, the family will be issued a voucher which can be redeemed at any of the participating SSBI retail service providers. The NRC can also assist with contacting the SSBI internet provider of choice or providing follow-up support.

Hello School Community

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Amanda Langfield for stepping up and running our canteen this term during the absence of our canteen manager. The P&C and the entire school community truly appreciate your ongoing commitment and support.

We also extend our gratitude to the new casual staff who have joined us and helped fill in. Your contribution is invaluable.

As we bid farewell to Year 12 of 2024, we also want to acknowledge the parents and families who have been instrumental in the success of the canteen and the P&C over the years. Thank you for your continued involvement.

A reminder that our online ordering system, Spriggy, is available at the canteen to assist busy households. Please find the pamphlet attached for more details.

Our P&C meetings are held on the first Monday of every month, and we warmly welcome new members. Meetings take place in the school library, with access through the Front Office, at 7pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 4th November, where we will be reviewing funding requests submitted to the school.

We would love to hear from you! You can join the meeting or share your thoughts via email at chhspandc@gmail.com



Place your canteen orders online with **Spriggy Schools**

We are excited to announce the introduction of a new online lunch ordering system called Spriggy Schools on 13 November 2023.

Spriggy Schools will make lunch orders more convenient for both families and the canteen.

Steps to get started:

1. Go to www.spriggy.schools.com.au to register and download the app.
2. Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL and your child's class.
3. Start placing lunch orders!

If you have any questions, please contact Spriggy Schools via their website.

Muani Lal Thla Muani -
Salty breeze and sun-kissed sand

Salty breeze and sun-kissed sand
A place of peace from the rest of the world
As the water glisten like stars
In the night sky
The water crashes on the sand
Bringing precious stuff like colourful shells to the land
If you're lucky you might see a tiny crab
Going Snap! Snap! Snap!
You will see rubbish, it's really hard to miss.
Even with your plastic debris
You're still perfect to me.
Oh beautiful beach, oh beautiful.
Even with your imperfections
You still have a beautiful complexion.



Ruby Dyer - Truthful Sea

I see a neverending bed of water shimmering like glitter in the sun.
The fading colour of green to midnight blue,
Silently forcing me to stare into its paralysing view.
Day after day, you never rarely change,
Your lifestyle is dull, hypnotising and cruel.
You're momentous in this world, and as beautiful as a pearl,
You speak so powerfully yet no sound is around,
With each crash against the shoreline you seem so violent,
Yet when you reverse you're so quiet.
Help me understand your difficult ways,
As the sun awakens and your waves lay low,
Why can't you express your darkness like you exhibit your beauty?



Joshua Degle - Australia

Australia's mighty green and gold,
Save the hearts of us all,
Sausage sizzle on a hot summer's day
Crack open a cold beer and say G'day
Box up a kangaroo in your new shoes
Or jump in a canoe and make some stew
Jump into your hilux with some mates
And drive along the great dividing range
Throughout the scorching hot and dusty plains
Oh isn't Australia a great place!

Our Students Excel in the 2024 Australian Geography Competition

The results are finally in! Back in May a number of students from across our school sat the Australian Geography Competition. Their entries showed the student's geographical skills and knowledge compared with other students all around Australia. Over 54,000 students from 600 schools entered this year, providing a solid benchmark from which to compare our students' performance.

Koby Rowan (Year 10) received a high distinction in his level of the competition, performing well in knowledge, application and reasoning aspects of Geography. Jarryd Ellingham and Brody Rombola, both in our Year 8 Enrichment class, received distinction level results. Jasmine Chou, Darcy Hazlett, Jolie Why (all in our Year 7 Enrichment class); Nathan Clarke (Year 8), Maya Brooks (Year 9) and Jak Petleung (Year 10) all achieved at a credit level.



“Geography is such an important subject because it develops in students a holistic understanding of the world around them, and their place in it,” said Tiffanie Jones, Acting Head Teacher for HSIE and Languages. “The Competition aims to encourage student interest in the subject and reward student excellence. Congratulations to all participants and especially to those receiving high level awards.”

We look forward to many more students participating in 2025!



Ray Pobjoy
HSIE TEACHER

Year 12 Spanish

On Friday September 12 the Year 9 Spanish elective class went on a much anticipated excursion to La Hacienda 101 Mexican restaurant in Woolgoolga. Over the preceding classes, students had studied the Spanish language version of the menu and practised how to order food in Spanish because they all knew: if they couldn't order on Spanish they wouldn't be getting any food!

Fortunately, everyone remembered their lines on the day and enjoyed an awesome lunch. Now it's on to writing a restaurant review - in Spanish - for their next assessment task.

Thank you to Mrs Jones for accompanying us, and we can all fully recommend La Hacienda 101 if you're after Mexican food that is deliciosa and auténtica!



David Dun
SPANISH TEACHER

NSW CHS Athletics Report

The NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) Athletics Carnival, held at Sydney's Eastern Creek Olympic Park from the 11th to the 13th of September, showcased outstanding talent and sportsmanship across a variety of track and field events. Our athletes performed remarkably, demonstrating hard work, resilience, and dedication throughout the competition.

Poppy Barclay competed in the 12 to 14 years 1500m run and delivered a strong performance, finishing 6th with a time of 5:09.37. Her speed and endurance against tough competition were impressive, and she made her school proud.

Jude Bateman participated in the 12 to 13 year Javelin(600g), achieving a personal best with a throw of 26.34m despite challenging headwinds. His remarkable effort landed him in the top 12, a significant milestone in his athletic journey.



A special mention goes to Zane Guthrie, who claimed 1st place in the 14 year boys Javelin (700g) with an exceptional throw of 43.47m. His powerful performance earned him the top spot on the podium, reflecting his elite skill and determination.

Eliette Munn Power qualified for four events in the 12 to 13 years age group, showing versatility across multiple disciplines. In the Javelin (400g), she finished 17th with a distance of 20.92m. In the 12 years long jump, she placed 5th with a leap of 4.26m, demonstrating her strength in jumping events.

She also took 9th place in the 12 year high jump, clearing 1.30m, and secured 11th place in the discus (750g) with a throw of 20.93m. Her all-around athletic abilities were on full display throughout the competition.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our students and athletes for their incredible representation in the 2024 school athletics season. Your commitment to your sport and determination to achieve personal bests have been inspiring. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the parents for their ongoing support and dedication, which has been vital in enabling our students to perform and excel in school sport.

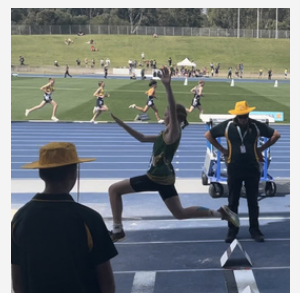
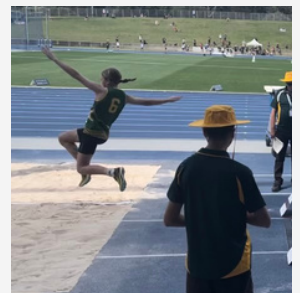
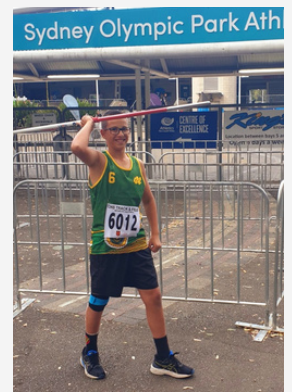
Australian All Schools Cross Country

Sara Bergen ran the 17-19yr MC 3km in Yara Glen at the Australian All Schools Cross Country, Sara crossed the line first in her age group but placed 2nd on points. And she also one gold as part of the NSW team.

Jennifer Pearce

PDHPE TEACHER

CHHS CARNIVAL COORDINATOR



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

2024/2025 INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Friday 20th September we had our 2024/2025 Induction Ceremony. At this assembly we were very excited to induct our School Captains, Vice Captain, Student Representative Council (SRC) and our House Captains. Family and friends joined in the celebration and our leadership team were presented with their badges.

Our 2024/25 Team are:

Captains: Jasper Gurber and Melchor Gurber , Vice Captain: Kate Hardy



SRC Members:

Year 7 (into 8): Jude Bateman, Layla Cunningham, Okuba Getahun, Eliette Munn-Power, Mia Veitch, Nate Wardell, Zianna Welsh Year 8 (into 9) :Zoe Tarlington



Nate Wardell, Zianna Welsh, Eliette Munn-Power, Mia Veitch, Layla Cunningham, Okuba Getahun, Zoe Tarlington and Jude Bateman

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Year 9 (into 10) : Freder Dawt Cer, Zane Guthrie, Nadyar Kenjo, Selma Nayif, Jarrah Onley, Leo Tarlinton, Baianna Ward and Cindy Yao



L-R Front: Selma Nayif, Cindy Yao, Baianna Ward, Freder Dawt Cer, Jarrah Onley
L-R Back: Zane Guthrie, Nadyar Kenjo, Leo Tarlinton

Year 10 (into11): Winner Degle, Indy Miller, Deegan Tomlinson



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House Captains

Sapphire (blue):

Dan Craig, Hannah Dickson, Sammon Ali

Emerald (green): Media Khalaf, Zar Gurber

McCauleys (red): Tali McFaull, Leeanna Richardson

Gallows (white): Angus Webster, Mohammed Shamsan

Body



Zar Gurber



Mohammed Shamsan



Tali McFaull, Leeanna Richardson

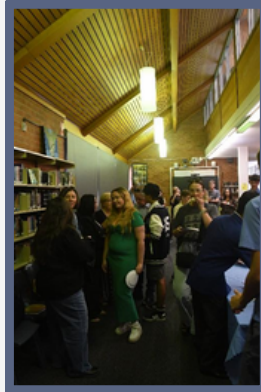
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Cindy Yao singing National Anthem



Layla Cunningham : Acknowledgement of Country



Congratulations to our newly inducted school leaders.





Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Training

We deliver a robust and evidence based program which focuses upon educating people about suicide, challenging attitudes and teaching basic engagement and suicide intervention skills.

Participants will have increased confidence in their ability to identify people who may be at risk of suicide, communicate appropriately with a suicidal person, ask a person if they are considering suicide and conduct a suicide intervention.

Participants will learn:

- Awareness of the requirements for classification of a death as suicide
- Knowledge of the occurrence and demographics of suicide in Australia
- Be able to identify risk and protective factors
- Differentiate between risk factors and warning signs
- Capability to be able to implement the SALT suicide intervention strategy
- Identify national and local suicide prevention resources

"The workshop was so beneficial for me personally and professionally. It was presented with genuine authenticity and care towards everyone attending. I will be recommending the training to my colleagues." Recent Participant

Date & Time: Tuesday, 3 December 2024,

09:00 am – 4:00 pm AEDT

Location: The Link, 631 Hogbin Drive,
Toormina, NSW 2452

Lunch provided

Register with this link: [Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Full Day Workshop - Coffs Harbour, NSW Tickets, Tue 03/12/2024 at 9:00 am | Eventbrite](#)

Email lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au or call 1800 100 024 for more information

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Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program gratefully acknowledges the funding provided by the Australian Government

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