



DEEPWATER

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We acknowledge the elders (past, present and future) of the Ngorabul people.

Mother's Day around the World

In Australia it was first celebrated in 1924 inspired by American traditions and the efforts of Sydney woman Janet Heyden to honour mothers affected by World War I.



Janet Heyden

Origins and International Influence

The modern concept of Mother's Day originated in the United States. In 1870, American activist Julia Ward Howe proposed a "Mother's Day for Peace" to encourage women to unite against war, though it did not gain widespread traction. Later, in 1908, Anna Marie Jarvis held a memorial to honour her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, a peace activist who had cared for soldiers during the American Civil War. Jarvis campaigned for a day to honour all mothers, and in 1914, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson officially declared the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Introduction to Australia

Mother's Day was introduced to Australia in 1924, following the heavy losses of

World War I. Sydney resident **Janet Heyden** initiated the tradition after visiting elderly mothers at Newington State Hospital, many of whom had lost husbands and sons in the war. She placed advertisements in local newspapers calling on the public to donate gifts to these women, ensuring they were remembered and honoured. The first Australian Mother's Day saw hundreds of gifts, including soaps, lollies, hairpins, and scarves, distributed to around 850 women in Sydney.

Development and Tradition

Heyden's initiative quickly gained popularity, and the practice of giving gifts, cards, and flowers became a central part of the celebration. Over time, Mother's Day in Australia evolved into a day for family reunions, special meals, and personal gestures of appreciation, while also becoming commercialised with florists and retailers promoting gifts. The second Sunday in May remains the official date for Mother's Day in Australia, aligning with the American observance.

United Kingdom

Mother's Day in the United Kingdom takes place on the fourth Sunday of Lent, a date that varies each year. The celebration originated in the Middle Ages as a religious holiday known as Mothering Sunday, when people in domestic service were allowed to return to their home, or mother, church and often visited family. Influenced by the modern American celebration, Mothering Sunday became largely secular by the 1950s, though it retained the traditional date in Lent. Today the holiday is known in the United Kingdom both as Mother's Day and Mothering Sunday and is celebrated much as it is in the United States. One traditional Mothering Sunday food is the Simnel cake, a light fruitcake made with marzipan, which is also popular at Easter.

Mexico

Mexico has celebrated Mother's Day since 1922, when it was established as part of an effort to promote motherhood as the roles of women expanded outside the home. Rafael Alducin, founder of the Mexico City newspaper *El Excelsior*, organized the first celebration on May 10, 1922. Today, in addition to giving mothers flowers, cards, and other gifts, families enjoy traditional Mexican foods and music. The celebration also frequently includes serenading mothers in the morning, some families even hire *mariachis* to accompany them, and continues with special masses and school performances.

Japan

Mother's Day in Japan was originally held on March 6, 1931, to celebrate the birthday of Empress Kojun, the mother of Emperor Emeritus Akihito, but it was banned as a Western influence during World War II. In 1949, Japan began celebrating Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. Today it is marked by families giving their mothers gifts, cards, and flowers, usually red carnations, which symbolize a mother's love and sacrifices, and enjoying traditional Japanese egg dishes.



Anna Marie Jarvis spent her life campaigning for Mother's Day. (Wikimedia Commons)

This month we introduce, THE MAKERS SHED



Michael Burge and Richard Moon opened The Makers Shed on Grey Street Glen Innes during November 2018. Work opportunities in their own fields had dried up and they hit on the idea of an open studio that served as a gallery in addition to Richard's jewellery workshop. They started out by stocking just Richard's sterling silver jewellery and now offer a stable of artisanal works, from paintings

to homewares, from books to beauty products. In 2024, they purchased the old butcher shop (was also the old Blue Belle Café) on Deepwater's Tenterfield Street, drawn by the heritage features of the property and its highway position. The Maker's Shed is now widely known as an artisanal hub, supporting local creative talent.

Richard and Michael are enjoying seeing other high street businesses being renovated and looking forward to seeing Deepwater blossom once again. They pride themselves on being an inclusive business where customers can ask anything. The golden doors of the Makers Shed are always open to locals and visitors alike.



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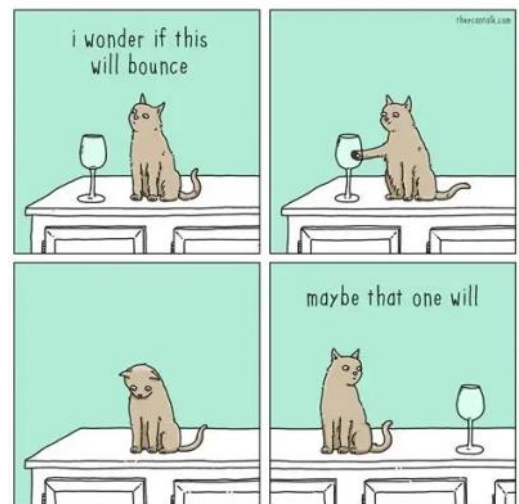
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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Church Services:

Anglican Church Service (Forbes Street Deepwater & Moore Street Emmaville)

The Church services alternate weekly between Deepwater and Emmaville if a Month has five Sundays the 5th Sunday will be in Torrington

- First Sunday Deepwater 9:00am
- Second Sunday Emmaville 9:00am
- Third Sunday Deepwater 9:00am
- Fourth Sunday Emmaville 9:00am
- Fifth Sunday Torrington 9:00am

Church Wardens Deepwater - Reuben Cooper 0499 868 321 **Emmaville** - Heather Reynolds 0428 347 252

Catholic Church Service (Simpson Street)

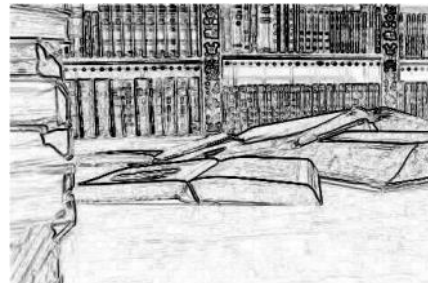
Sunday at 10 am

Deepwater Rubbish Tip Hours:

Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Saturday: 1:00 pm -3pm Sunday: 10am -12 noon

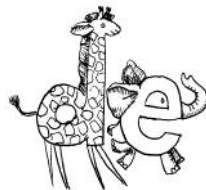
Library Service:

Wednesday 10 am - 12:30 pm and 1.30 pm - 4 pm
 Home Library Service Deliveries available from 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm
 Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm



Preschool:

at the CWA Hall
 Tuesday 9.00am – 3.00pm
 Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm



Progress Association Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 10th June 5:30 pm at the School of Arts Hall
(Code Of Conduct Rules will be followed)

Everyone welcome.



Sewing Group

Meets Monday's at the School of Arts Hall
 9am to 4pm - leave when you want to.

Tiny Tots Playgroup

For Mums with little ones
 Wednesday 1pm—3 pm At the Anglican Church Deepwater
 Refreshments provided.
 Contact Trudy 0428 266 417 or Penny 0408 728 149



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