



TALKING TURKEY



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**NEXT
WTKCA MEETING
AGM
Monday 13 July
at
7.30 pm**

JULY at WAGSTAFFE HALL

For information call 0490 403 822

*MONDAYS

9.30-11.00am Hatha Yoga - Gai
4360 1854 as of 22 June

6.00-7.00pm Pilates Michelle
4384 5005 / Simon 0425 224 532
as of 6 July

*TUESDAYS

10.30 am Movement & Mind-
fulness—Jacqui 0408 602 669
as of 23 June

1.30 –4.00pm: Knit Two Chat
Too—Helen 4360 2926
as of 23 June

*WEDNESDAYS

5.15 –6.30 pm Gentle Hatha Yoga
Rose Mascaro 0422 966 566
as of 17 June

*THURSDAYS

10-12.00 noon: Dance & Ballet --
Rachel Coulson 0422 865 045
as of 23 July

2.00-5.00 pm Mahjong - Heather
4360 2178 **not as yet due to social
distancing requirements**

*FRIDAYS

9.30-11am Yoga with Laurie Jones
0423 589 877 as of 26 June

1.30-4.30pm Old Wags Bridge
Group—Graeme; Ann on 4368
2003 **not as yet due to social dis-
tancing requirements**

LOCALS BRIGHTEN THE TIMES

Nothing can lessen the community's sadness at the illnesses and death of our precious Narelle Jones. But we know that Narelle, as she was taken to Waggy Store by the family who loved her, saw the way the community turned the restrictions of lockdown into an opportunity to take on projects that benefit everyone. Robyn and Karen rejuvenated the gardens into and around Waggy Square. And as for the tatty old bus stop! Margaret gurneyed off the dirt of the ages; sanding and patching was done by Julie, Anna and John; painting of the outside was Helen's task; Margaret and Julie dealt with the mouldy outside of the Hall, and then came renowned artist Virginia and the mural on the inside walls of the bus stop - 'Work in Progress' She has been entertained by the interest of passing pedestrians, and school kids from the bus once classes started again. All of us have been reminded yet again, in a world that's chaotic, how lucky we are to live where we live. Helen Menzies



VALE - Narelle Jones

Graeme Anderson begins WTKCA's tribute to Narelle: 'I came to Bouddi as an engineering philistine and was slowly converted by Narelle and her musical family to realise how much music is part of our life'. And Narelle was very generous in sharing her time and talent (with her gifted family too). She is remembered for many things: playing the piano beautifully for friends (think of the wedding at Wagstaffe Hall in February 2018), for Half Tides Rock Choir and the Community Church and singing with the a cappella group, Loco Voco. Recalled is her work with Pretty Beach Public School where she directed a musical event every second year for many years - often writing and composing the musicals and the many concerts she organised for the Bouddi Society at Wagstaffe Hall. And what about the House Concerts and Narelle's baking prowess? To accompany her daughters on violin she played the accordion too.

She was instrumental in so many people's lives, especially the children with their music lessons - and adults as recalled fondly by a member who remembers 'Narelle's patience and the joy she found in music - always there in her radiant, warm and generous smile to be remembered around here for a long time'. Narelle's cheerful positivity uplifted us all. Another member remembers Narelle walking along the beach with family and friends, and later on when the sand became too much, having a coffee at the surf club kiosk, but always with a smile when she could. 'A wonderful person who was amazing in her capacity' - as encapsulated in her wonderful rendition of *Nuvole Bianche* and *Passagio* by Italian composer, Ludovico Einaudi...played at the party put on for her by her family last August to bring together a huge number of friends and colleagues to celebrate her contribution to music in the community.

Like most people whose life Narelle touched, we too feel very sad that such a wonderful inspiring and gracious life could be taken from us in a most unfortunate way. She will be remembered very fondly and with great respect by our community.

WTKCA



President's Notes

Reopening of Wagstaffe Hall

With the further relaxation of restrictions on Community Halls and small group events, we are pleased to report that Wagstaffe Hall is now available for use by the community provided that various COVID-Safe practices are followed. Our regular hirers have been informed of requirements and may resume activities once they have made arrangements with their respective groups. Some may choose to hold off for a little while to see how the general situation develops, but that is fine. We are starting to see further event enquiries and inspections ramp up as well, and these will all be made well aware of the various requirements in place currently. These may be eased further closer to their event time, but all are very conscious of doing the right thing.

The hall itself has had some maintenance work undertaken by a band of volunteers led by Ian Bull. Our thanks go to Ian and Dave Loker and in particular to Ken Tough who has done a sterling job for us.

Pretty Beach Pool

In our last newsletter we mentioned the potential for Council to remove the pool at Pretty Beach. We have had no further news on this at the time of going to press, but thanks to all members of the community who have shared their views with us on the matter. As can be expected, many would like to see it remediated as part of a general beautification of the Pretty Beach shoreline. Several have indicated a preference for complete removal, while a middle ground would love to retain the piers to keep a perch for the sea birds. As the only readily accessible salt water pool on the Bouddi Peninsula, there are certainly grounds to consider a remediation option, provided it was sustainable, attractive and usable. It certainly presents a sad and unattractive sight at present.

We believe Council will conduct a more formal consultation process on their options and intentions, and we would encourage you to respond if you have a view.

AGM

WTKCA will be holding our AGM in the Wagstaffe Hall on Monday July 13, at 7:30pm. We will cover our formal agenda for this event first, then move on to general business. We have not met as a community in this forum for over 3 months so there are a wealth of topics to address. All members are most welcome to participate. The hall has capacity to accommodate 30 of us complying with the 4 m² rule, and these numbers are within the guidelines set by NSW Health. We will email any further advice closer to the date.

Mike Allsop

LOCAL HERO!

The quiet village of Wagstaffe rarely makes the pages of the Coast Community News, but there's one person here who, during the disruptions of the Coronavirus, has been such a hero to the community that she deserves public acknowledgement. The Wagstaffe General Store is old style in appearance, as befits a heritage building harking back to the days when this part of the Coast was dominated by the shacks of fishing people. The store is also old style - in the best sense - in what it offers: which is to say, everything! Coffees, milk shakes, fish and chips, bread, cakes, milk, lollies, fruit and vegies, newspapers and magazines, the keys to the community hall and the tennis court, a community library, and a post office. And presiding over all this is one person, the proprietor, Keron Irving. In the best of times, pre-Corona, Keron worked 12 hour days, 7 days a week, month after month, year after year. And during the Corona time, when so much else has been closed down, Keron still works 12 hour days, 7 days a week. With her loyal and cheerful staff, supported by a community that loves her, Keron put in place safety routines that have kept customers and staff out of danger and able to live as near as possible to "real life as we used to know it".



Helen Menzies



Killy Cares thanks our volunteers

A small but enthusiastic and happy group of Killy Cares volunteers, members and community members who have been helped by Killy Cares over the recent COVID lockdown gathered in chilly weather on the Hardys Bay waterfront over the June long weekend. They shared drinks and nibbles and a number of volunteers were able to meet and link up with those community members who they had cooked or delivered meals for, assisted with shopping or provided a friendly voice on the end of the phone. A sincere thankyou to all of our volunteers.

A big thankyou in particular to two Killcare Heights locals Sonja and Di who prepared, cooked and labelled just under 100 meals during the lockdown. Their cooking efforts continue.

As restrictions are relaxed, Killy Cares support will continue for as long as it is needed. Please contact one of our team if you need support:

Stephen Hinks - 0439744657

Cathy Baker - 0414241005

Brent Walker - 0412411496

Elizabeth Reynolds - 0411389600

Rose Mackay - 0477010299

Lyndall Jones - 0429038308

The New Normal

As restrictions ease across the nation, we are still living with precautions to safeguard against COVID-19. It is so good to be getting back to normal - more numbers of people able to attend cafes, shops, events, etc - just as well because our Bay waterfront has had very large numbers of people over recent weekends, particularly to watch the sunsets and with lots of visitors.

But it's a new and different normal. The 4m² rule actually determines how many people can be indoors, and we still need to be 1.5m apart. Businesses and our homes should provide hand sanitiser, and anti-bacterial sprays and wipes kept handy. You'll notice you need to leave your name and contact details before entering cafes etc for tracing purposes. As I write there are new cases in NSW & Victoria.

The new normal has blurred lines between home and everywhere else. It includes a different work routine for many; school and related children's activities like sport and even parenting has probably changed a little as well. Living in social isolation and having reduced income has had its impact on mental health as people feel increased pressures. Financially the road out for each of us, families and retirees, hasn't been this difficult since the 1930s, and nationally involves recovering from \$285 billion in government support to individuals and businesses to keep the economy ticking over during this crisis.

As we live with the easing of restrictions, let's continue to be kind to and look after each other. Remember to contact KillyCares if there is someone in special need in our community - www.killycares.org.

Stephen Hinks

It's TAX TIME 2020

It is time for that 2020 Tax Return and there is help locally to complete your tax return.

Vic Wilmot will help. Vic worked with the ATO for eighteen years so he is very experienced. He moved into private practice and established his business locally ten or more years ago. He can take the complexity out of the task and make it easy.

He is easy to find in Killcare Road. Just look for his sign or contact him on 4360 2836.

Many of our local organisations call on and appreciate Vic's ongoing support each year.

PRETTY BEACH BUSHCARE NEEDS YOU

The Pretty Beach Bushcare group meets every Monday along the dog track from 2:00pm to 4:00pm to pull weeds and plant native tube stock. It is a small friendly group and newcomers are very welcome. No experience is necessary and you will learn about native plants and how to identify and eradicate weeds. Any time you can give will help to rescue the native vegetation that supports the local wild life.

We are currently targeting *Bidens Pilosa* commonly known as Farmers Friend. This weed is detested by every Bushcare volunteer and home gardener. There is nothing attractive about this weed. It is native to the Americas and is an erect densely hairy woody plant with branching habit to about 1m high. It has a small yellow flower and the seeds are black, about 1cm long, with 2 or 3 barbed awns at the tip. These black burrs adhere to clothing, shoes, pet fur and skin. It is also a prolific seeder and will rapidly spread, dominating areas and squeezing out the native plants.



For more information about Pretty Beach Bushcare contact Toni Trent on 0401 587 988 or Council's Bushcare Officer on 4325 8222
Toni Trent



HARDYS BAY CLUB

Unfortunately, no opening date as yet.

However, a small group of volunteers are continuing to work with the owner in anticipation of a positive outcome for the club and the community.

If the club does reopen, volunteers will be needed in full force for a range of tasks.

Watch this space for more details.



Your Community CLUB

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MOBILE LIBRARY

The Gosford City Library's

Wagstaffe

Return date is not known

at this time

Work Wanted:

Karen is happy to do a wide variety of work to make ends meet in difficult times.

Dog walking, tutoring, house minding, gardening, cleaning.

Competitive rates, references available.

PH: 0488 614 916

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CCC CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

A free and safe way to dispose of unwanted potentially hazardous household waste such as paint, oils, batteries, fluorescent tubes cleaning products, pool chemicals, herbicides, gas bottles, etc.

Mt Penang Event Park at Kariong

9.30 am — 3.30 pm

August 1 and 2

PLEASE JOIN US

The Association has a proud history of promoting everything good about the unique character of the Bouddi Peninsula - the environment, the village character and the sense of community. Please consider joining us by completing the form below. (Note: Current Members will be advised when renewals are due).

Form is for New Members only: By signing this form you agree to uphold the Association's Aims and Objectives [find at www.wagstaffetokillcare.org.au or contact WTKCA for a copy or further information].

(1) Complete this form **(2) Enclose** payment of \$5p.p. [includes joining fee] **(3) List** details in spaces provided **(4) Sign** this form and return to **WTKCA Membership Secretary, PO Box 4069 WAGSTAFFE NSW 2257.**

FULL NAME of new member/s [use BLOCK letters].....

Mailing address.....

Email address.....

Phone/s.....

Signed.....