



TALKING TURKEY

**NEXT
WTKCA MEETING**

**Monday 9th November
at
7.30 pm**

All welcome



WTKCA WEBSITE: www.wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

No 209 November 2020

NOVEMBER at WAGSTAFFE HALL

For information call 0476 033 650

***MONDAYS**

9.30-11.00am Hatha Yoga - Gai
4360 1854

6.00-7.00pm Pilates Michelle
4384 5005 / Simon 0425 224 532

***TUESDAYS**

**10.30 am Movement & Mind-
fulness**—Jacqui 0408 602 669

1.30 –4.00pm: Knit Two Chat
Too—Helen 4360 2926
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***WEDNESDAYS**

5.15 –6.30 pm Gentle Hatha Yoga
Rose Mascaro 0422 966 566

***FRIDAYS**

9.30-11am Yoga with Laurie Jones
0423 589 877

An appalling act! Vandalism of Native Vines on the Pretty Beach Dog Track

Native vines are an important component in plant communities providing food and shelter to insects including bees and butterflies, animals and birds. Native vines also provide extra shade in our increasing hot landscape.

A number of very dense vines have been sawed off at the base, on the water side of the track before the first boat shed.

A large and very old Monkey Rope native rainforest vine has been sawed off and other vines including Pandorea Pandorana or Wonga Wonga Vine have also been vandalised. Of course this means there is a lot of dead foliage in the tree tops.



This is not the first incidence of vandalism in this area. Trees and plants were poisoned and removed near the beginning of the track at the Pretty Beach end. The Dog Track is a precious community asset and it will take a strong and caring community to stop this continued destruction of the vegetation.

If you have any information about this vandalism, report it to Council by ringing **1300 463 954** or go to Central Coast Councils website and click on 'Report an Issue'.
Toni Trent

Because We Care Boutique—Fundraising Luncheon

A simple suggestion by personal trainer Jacqui Payne of 'Strong Bodies Strong Minds' to run a fitness session for women reclaiming their lives, led to the idea of a luncheon to support the charity ***Because We Care Boutique***. The boutique's normal fundraising activities which cover day to day costs of operating, were severely impacted by COVID 19 restrictions.

Women gaining independence, confidence and re-establishing themselves in the workforce need all the help they can get. The fundraising luncheon will be held at Killcare Surf Club on Saturday 14th November 2020 at 12.30pm will aim to raise \$5,000.

Sharyn Burgess, Coordinator of ***Because We Care Boutique*** and Madeleine Shaw - women's business coach, will be the two interesting guest speakers with delicious catering by Pachamama and of course some great raffles.

Prior to the 14th November luncheon, on Saturday 31st October at Hardy's Bay Community Church between 12 and 5 pm, Jacqui's willing team members will be accepting donations of good-quality business wear and the essentials that we take for granted - shampoo, soap, sanitary items, toothbrushes, hair brushes etc. for 'Dignity Handbags'.

Donations can also be made by contacting Jacqui directly at strongbodiesstrongminds@gmail.com or on 0433 482 1130. Gaye Follington

Because We Care Boutique...

helps women re-establish themselves in the workforce. It is run by stylist volunteers who assist women by providing professional attire & support prior to interviews - a service for women who have faced challenges and are aiming to seek paid employment to improve their lives & the lives of their families.



President's Notes November

As summer approaches we usually have the benefit of various community meetings featuring safety presentations and an Open Day from our local RFS. Under the COVID measures they have not been held, but it doesn't mean that the messages are no longer important or relevant. Elsewhere in this issue you will see some key points courtesy of our RFS, and we urge you to take heed of their recommendations. Remember also that the Killcare RFS are our prime emergency co-ordinator in this area, and that they can help in an SES capacity if needed – with flood, fallen trees etc etc, not just fires.

More broadly, WTKCA, Hardys Bay Residents Group, Killy Cares, RFS and Killcare SLSC have been supporting a Community Resilience Plan which goes well beyond bushfire matters. The objective is to ensure that our community and their visitors are made aware of the emergency arrangements for our little area, know who to call for what, what services to expect and to understand who may need particular assistance. To assist in these efforts we are putting a small website together along with links to helpful contacts and to various weather and fire warnings etc. We also hope to produce a one page laminated flyer to keep at home or to include in your guest services book if you own a rental property. This should be available in early December.

On another note, we were very disappointed to hear of the financial tribulations of the Central Coast Council leading to interim governance arrangements and restrictions imposed on their activities. This has an immediate bearing on delivery of infrastructure improvements and other general works in our area which WTKCA have been pressing for. We understand that there is an immediate freeze on improvement projects and limitations on maintenance services, although critical services such as water supply etc. are not restricted. While we wait for the findings of the various audits on their activities, we continue to maintain contact with the council officers who have carriage of the works we are following. We hope that planning and scheduling activities may proceed even though delivery of the works themselves is uncertain.

Changing the subject a bit, there has been a lot of community interest in the proposed telecomms tower to improve our mobile reception. WTKCA have been a strong advocate for improved service, and we have been following the labyrinthine design and approvals process with interest. The latest update tells us that various changes are being made to siting of equipment, to landscaping and access to the site. Once resolved, they will be put back for public comment. The telcos themselves really want this to proceed, which is good news.

On a final note, we are following up on the issue of traffic turning out of Wards Hill Road at the intersection with Empire Bay Drive. This has been of concern for some time and has a history of complaint and request going back several years. Along with other representations, we have approached our State Member Adam Crouch to press RMS for a solution. We have been fobbed off in the past but we really need consideration for either a roundabout or a safe turn and merge lane out of Wards Hill Road in both directions. Similar arrangements apply at the intersections serving Empire Bay and St Huberts Island and we have much greater traffic volumes than either of these localities.

In the meantime, lets just enjoy our beautiful and peaceful part of the world, and keep it safe for summer.

Mike Allsop



Fire Season 2020/2021

As we are currently in the Fire Season, we wanted to remind everyone of some important information. We understand that there are, understandably, a lot of community members nervous about the fire season.

Normally we have our monthly cake stalls and our Open Day where people would come for a chat about their concerns. Unfortunately due to COVID, these have not been possible. If you would like a chat, pop down to the Fire Station at Stanley Street, Killcare on any Wednesday night at 7:30pm and we can have a chat. Alternatively, email killcarerfb@gmail.com and we can organise a time to meet up.

Some important MUSTS for everyone:

- (1) Complete the Four Simple Steps to develop your Plan
- (2) Download the Fires Near Me App
- (3) Know your local Bushfire Neighbourhood Safer Places.

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS

There are four simple steps to get ready for a bush fire.

Visit www.fireplan.com.au for more information. Alternatively you can also pick up an RFS pack to assist you with developing your Bushfire Survival Plan at Waggy Store and Killcare Cellars (while stocks last), the Bouddi Gallery and the Killcare Fire Station on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm. Or you can send us a message via Email (killcarerfb@gmail.com) or Facebook and we will drop one around to your house.

STEP 1 – DISCUSS

DISCUSS WHAT TO DO IF A BUSH FIRE THREATENS YOUR HOME

Many households find that having a discussion over dinner works best as everybody is together and focussed.

STEP 2 - PREPARE

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND GET IT READY FOR BUSH FIRE SEASON

There are simple things you can do around your home to prepare it for a bush fire, like keeping the grass and leaves low and having a cleared area around your home.

STEP 3 - KNOW

KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

If there is a fire in your area you will find its alert level on the NSW RFS website and in the 'Fires Near Me' app. You need to keep track of the alert level so you know what you should do.

STEP 4 - KEEP

KEEP ALL THE BUSH FIRE INFORMATION NUMBERS, WEBSITES AND THE SMARTPHONE APP

In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up to date on conditions in your area.

Phone:

In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)

For information on bush fire, call the Bush Fire Information Line 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)





Websites:

NSW Rural Fire Service Website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

For the Fire Danger Ratings: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr

(Our local Fire Danger Rating Board is located at the bottom of Wards Hill Rd, near the Service Station)

Killcare Fires: www.Killcarerfb.com

Smartphone App - Get the 'Fires Near Me' smartphone app. It is free. It will inform you of Incidents, Emergency Information, Fire Danger Ratings and Hazard Reductions. Set up your Watch Zone for notifications of fires in our area.



Social media-

Facebook:

NSW Rural Fire Service Facebook Page

Killcare Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade Facebook Page

Twitter:

NSW RFS

Others -

Local radio, local ABC/emergency broadcaster frequency, TV, newspapers

BUSH FIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES

Our local Bush Fire Neighbourhood Safer Places

The Wagstaffe Public Wharf

The Killcare Public Wharf (the wharf near the shops)



Neighbourhood Safer Places are a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency. Please note that travelling to or sheltering at a Neighbourhood Safer Place does not guarantee your safety.

They are to be used when all other options in your bush fire survival plan can't be put into action safely.

Remember:

- Your safest option will always be to leave early.
- People with special needs, such as the elderly and people with a disability, should always leave before the threat of bush fire.
- If it is unsafe to leave the area or stay and defend your property, and the path is clear, you should move to your pre-identified Neighbourhood Safer Place, or other safer location, prior to the impact of a bush fire.
- Be aware that when you are travelling to your Neighbourhood Safer Place there may be heavy smoke and poor visibility.
- It is important that you are familiar with the area. Gather at the Neighbourhood Safer Place location and remain there until the bush fire threat has passed.
- The conditions at the Neighbourhood Safer Place may be uncomfortable and you may be affected by heat, smoke and embers.
- Water, toilets and food may not be available at the Neighbourhood Safer Place and emergency service personnel may not be present.
- Neighbourhood Safer Places are not intended for pets and livestock.

Michelle Biddulph - Captain
Killcare Wagstaffe Rural Fire Service



Are you interested in establishing a Men's Shed ?

If you are interested in a Men's Shed being established here in our community, now is the time to express your interest.

Killy Cares has begun researching the possibility of a Men's Shed, and we are at the stage of seeing if there are enough men interested.

So far, here's what could make this a reality:

- We have support from the national Men's Shed Association – a representative has already met with some local men, and we also had a site-visit to the Terrigal Community Men's Shed to check things out.
- We already have a suitable shed available for such use - on our local Community Church's property.
- There are various avenues of funding available, but the shed needs to be up & running before we can utilise the opportunities.
- The purposes are varied: building relationships among men in our community, making things for our community or individual members of our community who need help, linking with boys from local schools to provide a mentor relationship, participating in national projects e.g. some Men's Sheds are currently making bird nesting boxes for WIRES.

The Shed will of course require a core of men to fill various roles, guys who know about handling machine tools, WHS, First Aid, administration, etc.

If you would like to express an interest, please contact: Terry Wilson 0405 909 070, Ted Harnett 0437 967 530, or Stephen Hinks 0439 744 657.

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REVIEW OF 2020 ART SHOW



On the October long weekend the Bouddi Society hosted an Art Show at the Wagstaffe Hall for local artists. The theme was 'Birds of a Feather' and it was interesting the number of ways that our avian friends were represented. Apart from paintings & prints of various mediums, there was some ceramics and jewellery. There was also a wonderful mechanism of the White-bellied Sea Eagle's wing structure created by Gab Paananen.

The Hall resonated to the sound of bird calls whilst a video of the birds of the Bouddi Peninsula was shown on the stage wall. This video was interspersed with the pre-recorded opening ceremony with Judy Nunn opening and reading bird poems by Judith Wright and John Bell interviewing Gab Paananen. (the bird video and opening ceremony can be viewed on the Bouddi Society website www.bouddisociety.org.au).

Even with Covid restrictions, the show was a great success with over 700 people attending over the two days. Sales exceeded \$14,000 and the Bouddi Society made over \$3,000.

The Bouddi Society would like to thank the exhibiting artists and the local community who helped to make the show so successful.

Margaret Crane

VANDALISM at the TENNIS COURT



After several good years we have had a return of vandalism at the Pretty Beach tennis court with fence destruction. I am certain it is "children" as they were the proven offenders last time. The vandals are hitting back because we will not allow them to use soccer balls on the court. Soccer balls have a heavy impact on the tennis net, and structurally weaken the posts where they join the concrete.

We went to lengthy trouble to get the soccer net installed so the children can seriously practice playing goalie and striker. This net is actually provided by our tennis players and maintained. They are not cheap. We provide a small gate to permit soccer balls to be recovered if they fly over into the court.

So parents, it is time to have a heads on chat with your children and enquire as to their activities near the court. Warn them that vandalism is a crime, it is not a game. Maybe it is not your child, but they will all know who it is, so get the word passed ... desist.

Graeme Anderson
Tennis Court Convenor

**HARDYS BAY CLUB**

*LIVE MUSIC *GOOD FOOD

*KID FRIENDLY

FREE Live Music

Sun 1/11	Bohemian Bees 1.00pm
Tues 3/11	Melbourne Cup (Tickets \$20) 12.00pm
Fri 6/11	Trivia (Bookings Essential) 7.30pm
Sun 8/11	Trifecta 1.00pm
Fri 13/11	HG Nelson – Sydney Olympics 20 Years On – Tickets \$20 12.30pm
Sun 15/11	Short & Curly 1.00pm
Sun 22/11	Vera & Friends Open Mic 1.00pm
Sun 29/11	Blue & The Doctor 1.00pm

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The Gosford City Library Van

visits Wagstaffe

(adjacent to the Hall)

on Tuesdays following the Yellow Bin

From 10.30 am – 11.15 am

This month – November 3rd & 17th

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.....