

TALKING TURKEY

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Christmas Greetings from WTKCA

The committee of the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association join in extending our best Christmas and New Year wishes to all in our community, whether residents or visitors, and trust that you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Thanks go to the committee and the numerous volunteers who always step in to help with our various activities and generally set the welcoming tone this community is renowned for. 2020 has been a challenge, but we are proud that you have helped us journey through the COVID conundrum and helped us adapt to short term changes as required.

Looking ahead, we are still planning to hold our Australia Day event in the square outside Wagstaffe Hall on January 26th, along with the BBQ breakfast. Final confirmation of arrangements will be circulated in early January. We also hope to be able to hold our Bouddi Big Band event on or around January 26th as well, still subject to COVID advice. Stay tuned!

Our Hall and Tennis Court plan to operate as usual throughout the summer.

All the best

Mike Allsop (President)



**NEXT
WTKCA MEETING
Monday 14th December
at
7.30 pm**

**This is our Christmas
meeting.
Please join us!**

DECEMBER at WAGSTAFFE HALL

For information call 0476 033 650

*MONDAYS

9.30-11.00am **Hatha Yoga** -
Gai 4360 1854

last class 21/12 resuming 18/01

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

last class 14/12 resuming 18/01

*TUESDAYS

10.30 am Movement & Mindfulness—Jacqui 0408 602 669
last class resumes 02/02

1.30 –4.00pm: **Knit Two Chat Too**—Helen 4360 2926
resumes March 2021

*FRIDAYS

9.30-11am **Yoga** with
Laurie Jones 0423 589 877

1.00-4.30pm Old Wags Bridge Group—Ann 4368 2003

Last meeting 11/12 resumes
08/01



Christmas
CELEBRATION

COME AND JOIN US...

**HARDYS BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
& KILLY CARES**

INVITE NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS FOR

Christmas Drinks

WHERE: ARALUEN DRIVE NEAR THE CHURCH

WHEN: SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 5-7PM

**WHAT TO BRING: YOUR FAVOURITE DRINK,
AND A GLASS**

WE WILL PROVIDE: SCRUMPTIOUS NIBBLES

*all
welcome*



The Bus Shelter at Wagstaffe is declared open

It took the work of quite a few people to make it happen but the improvement to the bus shelter and surrounds adjacent to Wagstaffe Square has seen it become something to be proud of.

Cleaners, painters, weeders, mulchers—all turned up to do their bit but then there was the artist. Virginia Henderson's mural has made the ordinary old bus shelter bright and beautiful and something worth inspecting closely.

How many people stop to admire the scene depicting the water—creatures of the sea, fish, birds, water-craft. The more you look, the more you see.

Virginia is here (with helpers, Helen Menzies, Margaret Boughton and Julie Ho) about to cut the ribbon to celebrate the momentous event.



President's Notes

Now that December is upon us and the holiday season is ramping up, at least it's great to see we are having one. Barring any unfortunate change in COVID matters we would expect to see a strong buzz returning to our area for Christmas and the school holidays. It will be important to note the remaining COVID restrictions though, and to especially be mindful of the requirements our various venues might have to comply with. Let's all stick to the advice and exercise common sense as this whole thing plays out.

On Council matters, the newly appointed Administrator, Mr Dick Persson, is now firmly in the seat and spending time coming to grips with the huge range of issues and undertakings facing the whole Central Coast Council area. It is important for his work to reach conclusions and recommendations based on detailed examination and professional advice. While speculation continues around root causes going back before the council merger and through the merger itself, Mr Persson and his team have no brief to consider de-merging at this stage. Rather, their focus will be aimed at the core management matters of financial planning and control, operational services and HR more broadly. This association has written to Mr Persson with the request for inclusion of the various capital improvement works in our area in their priority lists and consideration of continuing to plan for them even if capital for delivery is constrained at the moment.

One area of council responsibility that has seemed to be dodged locally however is the obligation to maintain our water supply irrespective of capital constraints on "new" works. There is a major issue requiring the replacement of the water main in Araluen Drive between Heath Rd and the cul-de-sac at the Dog Track. The residents there have had over 20 breakages in this line in recent times, with continual digging and patching to rectify, notwithstanding the inconvenience of being without water. Apparently Council has agreed to replace about 600m of old pipeline entirely, but these works have been held up ostensibly to undertake an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment and have a permit issued before works can proceed. Latest advice was that this assessment is likely to finalise in early 2021 and a permit issued by Easter. The Act is clear that such a permit is not required for works associated with existing utilities, so this Association and the Hardys Bay Residents Group have written to the Administrator very strongly on this matter requesting that works be undertaken without undue delay. We all respect and support the AHIA&P process but in this case feel that it is being mis-applied to the detriment of local residents. Common sense must prevail.

Mike Allsop



Words on the Waves Writers Festival

@ Wagstaffe

Hosted by The Bouddi Society

A new writers' festival will be held on the Central Coast, NSW over the June long weekend 12&13 June in 2021.

To be known as the *Words on the Waves Writers Festival*, this inaugural event will take place over the two days with a School's Program also running in the festival precinct of Umina Beach on Friday June 11.

The festival will be launched with a one-day celebration at Wagstaffe Hall on Saturday March 27, 2021, hosted by the Bouddi Society. Composed of four author sessions, the festival can reveal Tom Keneally AO, author of *Schindler's Ark* and patron of the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts, together with his daughter Meg who was co-author of the Monsarrat series, will be in attendance. More leading authors with a link to the area will be revealed closer to the date, along with the opportunity to purchase tickets.

Commenting on the upcoming event, the President of the Bouddi Society, Phil Donnelly, said: "Any kind of celebration enriches a community, but one such as this, which highlights the great benefits that literature brings to all our lives, is particularly notable. The Bouddi Society is very pleased to be part of it."

Words on the Waves Writers Festival Launch Event

When: Saturday March 27, 2021

Where: Wagstaffe Hall

Words on the Waves Writers Festival

When: Saturday June 12 - Sunday June 13, 2021

Where: Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club

More information: <https://wordsonthewaves.com.au/>

Sign up for updates: <http://bit.ly/WordsOnWaves>

Margaret Crane

The Arts Weekend in October – have your say

"The Arts Weekend in October has become an exciting activity which offers residents and visitors the opportunity to view artwork, engage with local artisans and learn more about the creative arts. And this year was no exception, even with all of the barriers thrown up by COVID restrictions we had record turnout.

The organisers are keen to better understand the attitudes of participants and visitors to the Arts Show at Wagstaffe Hall and the Arts Trail over the long weekend so we make next year's events even better. A survey is circulating in our community to get your feedback. So make sure your voice is heard!

You can contact Susan Brooks on mssusanbrooks@gmail.com and she will forward you a copy of the survey."

Susan Brooks



HARDYS BAY CLUB

Fri 4/12 Trivia (Bookings only)

FREE Live Music

Sun 6/912 Bohemian Bees

Sun 13/12 Top Cat Open Mic

Sun 20/12 Night Owls

Sun 27/12 Vera's Band

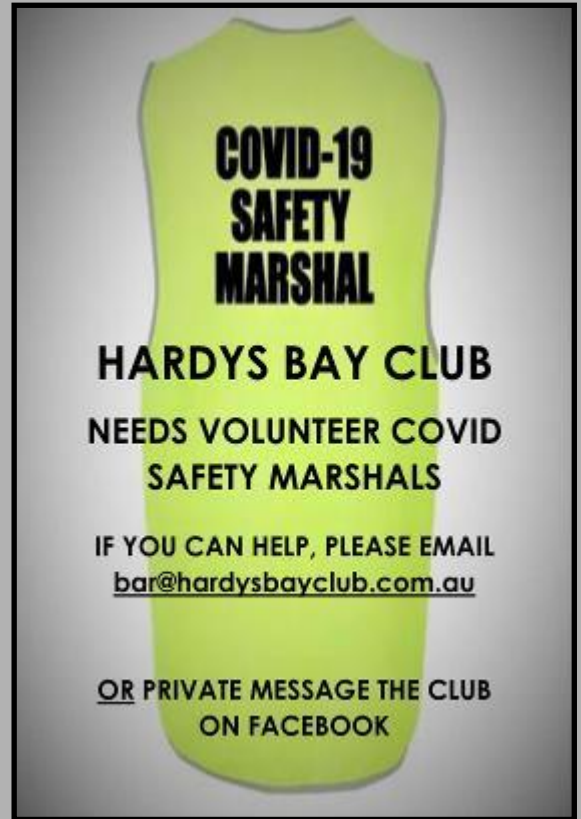
Thurs 31/12 New Years Eve

Aubrey & Purton Band

YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB

**14 Heath Rd, Hardys Bay NSW 2257
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SUNDAY BBQ FROM MIDDAY



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MOBILE LIBRARY

The Gosford City Library Van

will visit Wagstaffe

(adjacent to the Hall)

**On Tuesdays following the
Yellow Bin**

December 15th & 29th

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.....