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**NEXT
WTKCA MEETING
Monday 8th February
at
7.30 pm**

**This is our first
meeting of the year.
Please join us!**

FEBRUARY 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 & Mindful-
ness – Jacqui 0408 602 669

*WEDNESDAY Note : Rose Masca-
ro is presently taking a sabbatical,
and her Hatha Yoga Classes are due
to resume in July. But, in the mean-
time, Rose is offering a series of
online classes -- to be 'practised in
the comfort of your own home' – as
necessary. Please phone Rose on
0422 966 566 for further details, if
interested.

*THURSDAYS

2.00 – 5.00 pm Mah-jong – Heather
Morgan (0417 674 689) *Exact com-
mencement date still to be confirmed

*FRIDAYS

9.30-11am Yoga with
Laurie Jones 0423 589 877

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

JOHN MENTON'S GRAVESITE

A reminder as to the existence of the gravesite was brought to the attention of the members attending WTKCA's August Meeting. Interest was aroused and it was decided to clean up the area around the gravestone. Declared a floodplain it is located in the southern corner of Blythe and Stanley Streets. This piece of land belongs to Central Coast Council and is also the site of a beautiful forest with Swamp Mahogany, Sandpaper Figs, Lilly Pilly and Bangalow Palms.

However, there are weeds which need to be removed so we can fully appreciate the beauty of the block which we are hoping will become "John Menton Reserve".

In September a small group of volunteers began bush regeneration adjacent to the grave and work has seen the removal of lantana, two types of asparagus fern, ochra, morning glory and wandering jew. Progress has been made and the area is beginning to respond to the care but there is more to do. Central Coast Council's Bushcare and Heritage Officers are helping with the restoration.

So what is the history of John Menton's Grave?

From information provided by Charles Swancott in his book, *Brisbane Water Story*:

'In a little clump of trees about a hundred yards away from Ward's house and in a corner of the gully, there is a tiny grave bearing a headstone on which is carved the following words below a cross :- "sacred to the memory of John Menton born 1st July 1837 departed this life 1st October 1837".'

It is believed that two of the Menton womenfolk while bringing a punt-load of furniture which had been unloaded from a ketch on an old Killcare wharf, to their home on the eastern shore, were capsized and drowned. They were buried in a grave close to the old headstone.

From The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage:

While no proof can be found, the child may have been born to John Minton and his wife Mary, nee Butler, who married at St Mary's Catholic Church in Sydney in 1832. John came free to the colony, but Mary had received a sentence of 7 years and arrived in that year on 'Southworth'.

John Menton was in the district of Brisbane Water in 1836 and was in some trouble with the police.

In August 1838, a John Menton, shoemaker, was mentioned in a local court case as living down the river - a common description of Brisbane Water.

If you would like to help with the weeding, please join the volunteers on Saturdays at 10 am or Wednesday at 3.00 pm. For more information ring Robyn – 0416 069 311



Photo: Gwen Dundon
Robyn Warburton

Fox Control Program in Bouddi National Park

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will be undertaking a fox control program in Bouddi National Park using 1080 poison buried baits.

The bait program will commence on the 11th February 2021 and continue in an ongoing manner until the 1st April 2021, over a 7 week period.

NPWS would like to spread the word to the surrounding community as part of the notification process and compliance with the Pesticide Control Order.

1080 POISON IS LETHAL TO CATS AND DOGS.

Dogs and cats are prohibited in National Parks (NPW Act 1974 & Regulations). Penalties apply.



President's Notes

Wishing all our community a Happy New Year – even if a bit belated by the time this issue reaches you. The various knock-on effects of COVID are still lingering and our local businesses have been pretty pleased with the co-operation shown by the community and visitors.

WTKCA cancelled the Australia Day Breakfast this year purely on COVID grounds. We had all permissions and COVID Compliance plans in place but at the time we had to make the decision there was concern among many of our volunteers about exposure risks in larger gatherings. We have had many notes thanking us for taking these concerns into account, and all are looking forward to the opportunity to resume holding this event again next year.

We do not know how the situation will be by Easter when our Trash & Treasure is held in Wagstaffe Hall. No doubt stuff is building up in garages across the peninsula since our cancellation last year so if it happens it risks being huge. As always though, we will follow the formal Health Advice and make a call well in advance.

Enjoy the rest of summer in our beautiful area

Mike Allsop

KILLY CARES UPDATE

Happy New Year to all!

As 2020 came to an end, Killy Cares were delighted to jointly host "Drinks by the Bay" with Hardys Bay Community Church. For once the weather gods were kind, and over 60 members of our community gathered to celebrate the end of what was a challenging year for all.

The past year has seen a number of new residents move into our beautiful area, as well as a continuing need for us as a community to support and care for each other in difficult times. With 2021 upon us, Killy Cares has a number of initiatives underway for us to get to know and support each other:

Men's Shed on its way

"Men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder." That's what Prof Barry Golding once said to 350 men at an Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) conference, and it became the Association motto. There are now over 1,050 sheds around the nation, and our community is about to add another.

The creation of sheds began as part of a National Male Health Policy in 2010, and AMSA is very supportive of our local venture. A growing group of local men have been doing the homework and our Shed is not far from being established. As a Killy Cares initiative, our Shed is in its formative stage, and will use the shed belonging to Hardys Bay Community Church, along with kitchen and other facilities of HBCC.

The next steps are to incorporate our Men's Shed, form a committee and raise some seed funding to get it up and running. It will initially open for just a few daytime hours a week.

If you are interested in joining or supporting our Men's Shed in any way, please contact Terry Wilson [0405 909 070], Ted Harnett [0437 967 530], or Stephen Hinks [0439 744 657].

Ladies Sips and Dips

Late in 2020 a number of ladies from our community met for a casual drink and nibbles purely with the aim of getting to know each other and to catch up socially.

This gathering will continue this year on the second Friday of each month, starting on Friday 12th February at Hardys Bay Community Church. All welcome. Contact Cathy Baker on (0414241005) for more information.

Lyndall Jones



HBCC Easter Art Exhibition

Who is not looking forward to some special events in our community this year?

Hardys Bay Community Church will again host an Easter Art Exhibition and Sale this year, featuring works of local artists.

Given whatever COVID restrictions may apply in April, the exhibition will be held from **Friday 2nd to Monday 5th April**.

Local artists whose work will be in the exhibition and for sale are: Christ Clark, Nicole de Mestre, Margaret Fortey, Sandy James, Leanne Koppen, Peter McKnight, Denise McKnight and John Woulfe.



WRITERS FESTIVAL @ WAGSTAFFE SATURDAY 27 MARCH, 2021



The inaugural *Words on the Waves Writers Festival* will be held on the Central Coast, NSW over the June long weekend (12-13 June, 2021).

In support of the *Festival*, The Bouddi Society is hosting a one-day event at Wagstaffe Hall on Saturday March 27, 2021.

The exciting day's program comprises four sessions by the following well-known authors:

- **VICKI HASTRICH**, author of two novels and the luminous and remarkable memoir, *Night Fishing* will be interviewed by Stella Prize winning author **CHARLOTTE WOOD**
- **ANDREW KWONG**, whose memoir *One Bright Moon* shows childhood during the Great Leap Forward in China, will be interviewed by Walkley Award winning journalist **CHRIS MASTERS**
- **TOM KENEALLY**, award winning author of novels such as *Schindler's Ark*, will be in conversation with his daughter, novelist **MEG KENEALLY**, author of *Fled* and *The Wreck*
- **JUDY NUNN**, well-known actress and author of *Khaki Town* plus many others, will be interviewed by leading publisher **JANE PALFREYMAN**
- **GRAEME BLUNDELL**, actor, director, producer and writer will be MC for the day

The full program can be viewed on the website <https://wordsonthewaves.com.au/>

Tickets are \$89 (+ booking fee) for the full day and are available online through the website
(Covid Safe event; ticket refund will be available if the event needs to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions)



WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Fri 5/2	Trivia (Bookings Only)	7.30
Sat 6/2	GI Jane	6.30
Sun 7/2	Aubrey & Purton Band	2.00
Sat 13/2	Driftwood	6.30
Sun 14/2	Open Mic with Vera	2.00
Sat 20/2	Music Bingo (Bookings Only)	7.30
Sun 21/2	Night Owls	2.00
Sat 27/2	Vera's Band	6.30
Sun 28/2	Top Cat with Blue & The Doctor	2.00

YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB

14 Heath Rd, Hardys Bay NSW 2257

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MOBILE LIBRARY

The Gosford City Library Van
will visit Wagstaffe (adjacent to the Hall)
On Tuesdays following the Yellow Bin
February 9th & 23rd



Weekly church services resume in February

Our local church has resumed Sunday worship services this month, at Hardys Bay Community Church.

While continuing to be COVID cautious, those who want to again come together on Sundays at 9.30am are meeting each week.

Services are still restricted by COVID requirements, including limited numbers.

If you would like to attend, please contact Stephen Hinks [0439 744 657].

The longer plan is to also resume ways in which HBCC serves locals with events for our community – more on this throughout the year.

Stephen Hinks

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(Please note: PDFs impossible for TT)

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.....