



TALKING TURKEY



WTKCA WEBSITE: www.wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

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WTKCA MEETING

The September meeting is cancelled because of COVID.



Let's remember Fay

**PREPARE A PLATE
SAVE THE DATE**

**Garden Party
postponed until**

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 7th**

20th ANNIVERSARIES

2001 was a VERY GOOD YEAR

TALKING TURKEY is twenty years old. The first edition was published in August 2001. The leading article announced the formation of a Bushcare Group – see item below. The problem of garbage bins on the streets was addressed: 'GCC is to be applauded for the recently introduced recycling program but it means that we now have THREE bins'.

Many bins are still left on the street! Another item praised Council for 'ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE PROUD OF' including 'At long last character assessment is now part of the DA assessment process'. *We wish!* Another: 'Signage has been erected preventing articulated vehicles on Wards Hill Road'. These were just some of the issues for which the Progress (now Community) Association had been lobbying Council. Bill Gregor was

the first editor and it was he who designed the layout and it hasn't changed very much. The photo at left was taken at TT's tenth birthday party held at Wagstaffe Hall. We cannot celebrate its 20th birthday with a gathering so let's fill and raise our glasses and toast Talking Turkey at home.



THE BOUDDI SOCIETY was born in 2001 with its aims to encourage and support matters of local cultural and historical and community interest. It certainly has done that and continues to do so with many wonderful events held and books published during the last twenty years. The first events included concerts to raise money that resulted in the gift of a new piano for the hall by the Bouddi Society in 2001 and a 'welcome the piano' concert where John Bell and Anna Volska were honoured guests.

Hello Kawai: Hello Dolly

SUNDAY March 10th
5 pm to 7 pm
WAGSTAFFE HALL

We invite you to:

- An unveiling and welcome to our new Kawai Piano and its custom designed Dolly and Cover
- A thanksgiving to all who helped to make the purchase of this piano possible and that includes you
- A varied programs of short musical items to illustrate the range and uses of our new instrument and to enjoy the talents of its potential users



PRETTY BEACH BUSHCARE began on the Dog Track and other sites in 2001. The volunteers turned up ready for work on November 10, 2001 and would continue to meet on the second and fourth Saturday of each month for the next decade. The first years saw lantana and asparagus fern (see 'before' photo at left) removed along the water's edge, from the boat ramp end to a point more than half way along the track, where it was felt that the good work done along the lower side of the track could be maintained. The

top side has now been cleared too. The improvement and work being done is admired by all. The work continues, now weekly, on Monday afternoons. Volunteers meet at the Boat Ramp end of the track at 2.00pm.

Robyn Warburton



President's Notes

No doubt you are working your own way through this lockdown period while looking forward to the gradual easing of restrictions. It was good to see the Central Coast LGA excised from the "Greater Sydney" classification which should hopefully give us a bit more freedom of movement and association later in September. We can live in hope, but I guess we can expect some level of precautions to be retained for some time yet even once the national program takes effect.

We have been unable to hold our regular Community Meetings since June but in the meantime, the business of the Association still goes on with Zoom and email etc, just like every other organization. In the expectation that we might be able to hold meetings again later in the year, we have recently confirmed that the Administrator of Central Coast Council, Mr Rik Hart, will be able to join us as guest speaker at the meeting scheduled for November 8. He will cover matters pertaining to the financial recovery of CCC as well as the path to return to an elected council. Because this is so topical for all of us and that some COVID restrictions are still likely to apply, numbers may need to be limited. We will keep our members informed as we get closer to the date.

Tennis

One aspect of WTKCA responsibilities has been the maintenance and operation of the Turo Park Tennis Court so that the community can continue to enjoy a hit-out, even if singles-only at the moment. Coaching is also on offer under Tennis NSW guidelines. We have great support for bookings and payment through the Wagstaffe Store while our volunteers continue to keep the playing surface and general area of the court in top shape. If you see them at work stop and say hi and thank them for their tireless efforts. They usually "book" maintenance times after the last paid playing period of the day, so that would be a good time to thank them or to offer to be on their roster.

Turo Park Play Area

We recently received notice from Council that the kids play equipment and raised space in Turo Park is planned to be demolished and replaced by a new, accessible play area with modern facilities nearby. This apparently is due to the very close proximity of underground services in the current location prohibiting any works to improve accessibility or to replace items of equipment. Any work would be undertaken probably in autumn 2022, with new turf to make good the area removed. We have seen no specific plans as yet but have pointed out the need to retain both the open play space and soccer net for larger kids as well as provide fun and interesting equipment for the younger kids. The adult exercise equipment is to be retained as is. Council will carry out wider community consultation once options are clearer, and WTKCA will particularly encourage feedback from local young families. The "just give it a coat of paint" argument has been dismissed by CCC.

Telecoms Tower

The DA proposal for the telecoms tower on Wards Hill Road has been recommended for approval by CCC. This was reviewed by the independent Central Coast Local Planning Panel recently. Verbal submissions were invited from the community both for and against the proposal, plus replies from the proponent and from council assessors. The WTKCA submission noted our long campaign for improved mobile coverage in our area and the recognition that the tower proposal is the only viable solution. We have always insisted though that this be implemented with consideration to minimize the visual impact at ground level through screen planting etc and that such planting be well maintained. The panel have now deferred their decision till late October after requesting that the Darkinjung Land Council be consulted. CCC had already checked the Aboriginal Heritage Register for compliance, but specific input has now been requested. We look forward to a positive response.

Mike Allsop—President

KILLY CARES READY TO HELP DURING COVID LOCKDOWN

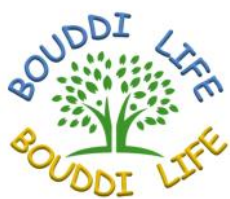
We recognise that now is a challenging time for many people in our community. Anyone who needs some support during the current Covid lockdown should feel free to contact one of the volunteers from Killy Cares on a confidential basis.

We are ready to assist with providing meals, doing grocery shopping, driving you for Covid vaccinations or tests. Feel free to contact us if you would just like to have a chat on the phone or go for a walk with a volunteer.

You can be assured strict Covid protocols will be always observed.

Our committee members can be contacted on the following mobile numbers

**Poss Reynolds — Volunteer Coordinator — 0411389600 Ted Harnett - 0437 967 530, Helen Hill - 0413 325 525
Brent Walker - 0412 411 496**



ON-LINE ART SHOW for LOCAL ARTISTS

Due to the uncertainty regarding COVID-19 restrictions that will be in place at the beginning of October on the Central Coast, the Bouddi Society has decided to cancel the planned Art Show at Wagstaffe that was to be held on the October long weekend.

The Art Show may be held later in the year, but in the interim the Bouddi Society is going to host an **On-Line Art Show** starting on the Saturday of the October long weekend and running until the following Sunday (2-10 October).

The theme of the Art Show is 'Bouddi Life' and all art work submitted will be based on that theme. This show is open to all artists who reside on the Bouddi Peninsula or have close ties with it. An artist will be limited to two works. Art work will be for sale and can be purchased directly from the artist.

The Show will be hosted on the Bouddi Society Website in the 'Artshow' folder. www.bouddisociety.org.au/artshow

Artists interested in participating in the show and who have not been contacted directly by the Bouddi Society, can contact Margaret Crane at bouddisociety1@gmail.com



COMMUNITY DAY AT KILLCARE SURF CLUB

Killcare Surf Club will be holding a Community Open Day when COVID restrictions allow. Come along and see your local Surf Club in action with training rescues and rip identification on the beach. Off the beach there will be hourly defib and resuscitation demonstrations.

Other community emergency services organisations will be present including the Killcare RFS, Killy Cares and Maritime Services.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions and get information from your local emergency services organisations. We will operate to the COVID requirements at the time so stay tuned to the Surf Club website and Facebook page as things can change. There will be a sausage sizzle and a bouncing castle.

Your local Surf Club **NEEDS** your support. We always need more Patrollers and a new training course starts in October. Patrolling on the beach is a great way to give back to the community. We have patrolling members from 15 to over 70. Find out what is involved and how you could get fit and have fun while keeping our beach safe.

There are other ways you can support the Club such as joining as a Community Member and enjoy the great social benefits of being part of the Club. If you have young kids our Nippers have great fun every Sunday morning while learning water skills and safety.

Can't make the day and want to know more? See our website www.killcaresurfclub.com.au or contact Heather at admin@killcaresurfclub.com.au

**HARDYS BAY CLUB**

Although the Club is currently closed due to lockdown, we are working behind the scenes in anticipation of re-opening in a COVID safe environment when restrictions ease.

The Club will need volunteers for Covid Safety Marshals, QR Code check-ins, cleaning and sanitising. All hands on deck would be welcome and very much appreciated.

In the meantime, the Club **NEEDS YOUR HELP** as bills still need to be paid during COVID closure. Any amount helps!

Please contribute via GoFundMe

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-save-our-hardys-bay-community-club>

OR

BSB:062544

A/C: 10590461

**September @ HBCC**

Under normal circumstances, this month has two highlights for us.

Father's Day service on 5th

RFS & Surf Club service on 19th to mark the beginning of their seasons

As we continue to follow Covid restrictions, we are committed to praying for & supporting others.

Meanwhile our online learning series continues in the book of Deuteronomy.

Other groups usually meeting in HBCC need to contact their leader during Covid - please always check-in

& observe restrictions.

For support during COVID:

Call Stephen - 0439 744 657

YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB

14 Heath Rd, Hardys Bay NSW 2257 4360 1072

WTKCA MEMBERSHIP

A number of memberships are now due. These members would have received a reminder some time since the end of June to that fact. We would appreciate your response by updating your membership at your earliest convenience.

Bruce Fraser (Membership Secretary)

WTKCA CONTACTS

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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.....