



# TALKING TURKEY



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**WTKCA MEETING**  
Monday  
11th April  
All  
welcome

## APRIL at WAGSTAFFE HALL

### \*MONDAYS

9.30 - 11.00 am **Hatha Yoga** -  
Gai Davies (02 4360 1854)

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

### \*TUESDAYS

10.30 - 12 noon **Movement &  
Mindfulness** - Jacqui Dawson  
(0408 602 669)  
1.30—4pm **Knit 2 Chat 2**  
**2nd and 4th Tuesdays** 8 & 22  
March -- Helen 4360 2926

### \*WEDNESDAYS

**Gentle Hatha Yoga** – Rose has  
gone to Avoca (0422 966 566)

### \* THURSDAYS

2.00 – 5.00 pm **Mah-jong** –  
Pat Hamilton (0404 955 259)

### \* FRIDAYS

9.30 - 11.00 am **Yoga** - Laurie  
Jones (0423 589 877)

1.30 – 4.30 pm **'Old Wags'**  
**Bridge Club** (4360 1302)



## TRASH 'N' TREASURE 2022

**Easter Saturday 16 April**

**9am to 1pm**

*Donations can be left at Wagstaffe Hall on Thursday night from 5pm until  
8pm and all day Friday from 9am to 5pm*

*We accept all manner of things and would like to add **PLANTS** this year-  
but please **NO** clothes, **NO** large heavy furniture or beds  
& **NO BOOKS/CDs/DVDs** this year.*

*If you are unable to deliver & need goods to be picked up –phone  
Ian on 0419 833 945 or email [secretary.wtkca@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wtkca@gmail.com)*

*As always we will need volunteers to assist in setting up on Thursday  
night, Friday & to assist on the day.*

*Please telephone Robyn if you would like to help 0416069311*

*This is always a fun event with money raised going back into the  
local community. This year a portion will be go towards Flood Relief*

*For the last hour, you are invited to fill a box or a bag for \$5!!*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BERYL— Beryl Hughes turns 98

Beryl is truly a remarkable woman. She came to Killcare as a small child so lived here for 90 years. She went to Pretty Beach School and Gosford High School. Beryl first worked as an usherette at the cinema in Woy Woy owned by Clarrie Riley of Rileys Bay. The Rileys had a farm on Rileys Island; she visited often because she was 'keeping company' with one of the Riley boys. She joined the Land Army during the war. The war meant more difficult years and struggling families without men. They had all joined the armed forces.



For many years she had a penfriend, Megan, in Wales whose family had decided to come to Australia. One sad day, she received a letter from Megan's husband, Emlyn, to say Megan had died so only Emlyn and his son David came to Australia and Beryl helped them settle. The friendship developed and Beryl married Emlyn in 1960. Together, they brought up David and two adopted boys, Michael and Gwynn.

Beryl was most famous for her work as the cleaner at Pretty Beach Public School. She worked there for thirty-eight years. The children became very fond of her and thought of her as 'Nanna'. She watched the children grow up, become adults and have children of their own. For health reasons she lives with her son at Woy Woy now but she will always love Killcare and her memories. Robyn Warburton



### President's Notes

It looks like a busy time coming up in our area in April.

On the Easter weekend there will be the traditional Trash and Treasure at Wagstaffe and the Art Exhibition at the Hardys Bay Community Church. These are always very popular with locals and visitors alike.

The following weekend will be the last weekend of the swimming season coinciding with Anzac Day on Monday 25. An Anzac service will be held at The Hardys Bay Club in the morning and later that day you can watch the "Flags Down" ceremony at Killcare SLSC as the flags are piped off the beach.

The Dorian Mode concert will be held in Wagstaffe Hall on Friday 29.

Finally, on Saturday 30 at 2pm WTKCA will host a pre-election "Meet the Candidates" session in Wagstaffe Hall. The various candidates for the Federal Seat of Robertson will be invited to address the community with a brief pitch and to take questions from the floor. The main rule is for the pitch to be positive with no sledging. We will put out reminders closer to the time and confirm the speakers who are able to attend. So far Lucy Wicks and Gordon Reid have confirmed.

Enjoy!

Mike Allsop – President

### UPDATE ON THE HARDYS BAY MEN'S SHED

The concept for Hardys Bay Men's Shed to serve the local community moved forward over 2021. We incorporated as a not-for-profit association, joined as a member of the Australian Men's Shed Association and conducted fundraising activities. Community contribution to this fundraising has been amazing and we are very thankful to the community for their support.

Plans to locate the shed at the rear of the Hardy's Bay Community Church (HBCC) are unable to proceed following notification from HBCC that they are terminating the agreement to lease a shed on the Church premises to operate the Men's Shed. We understand the reason for the HBCC decision is concern regarding the level of noise the shed would create and written objections which were submitted to Central Coast Council. We appreciate this has been a difficult decision, particularly following the considerable consultation which has been undertaken with HBCC and Council, nevertheless we respect and accept their action.

The Committee of the Hardys Bay Men's Shed are committed to finding an alternative location for establishing the Shed and are actively looking at options. If any members of the community have suggestions, we would welcome feedback - Email or Contact President Terry Wilson M 0405909070.

Brian Plain  
Secretary  
Hardys Bay Men's Shed Association



### WTKCA CONTACTS

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## EASTER ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

Hosted by Hardys Bay Community Church

EXHIBITION OPEN

Good Friday 15th to Easter Monday 18 April

DAILY HOURS

Friday & Sunday 12-5pm, Saturday 10-5pm, Monday 10-3pm

FREE ENTRY

JANELLE WHITE - STEVE THOMPSON - LIANA ZVERINA  
LEANNE KOPPEN - JOHN WOULFE - KATHRYN MOORE

Images of original work from left to right & top to bottom



Hardys Bay Community Church, 114 Araluen Drive, Hardys Bay  
[www.hbcc.com.au](http://www.hbcc.com.au)

## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS Community Award to Michelle Biddulph

Michelle's award was presented by Mike Allsop  
President of the WTKCA on 14th March at a  
well attended meeting of the Killcare Rural Fire  
Brigade. More of the story will be told in May's  
edition of Talking Turkey.  
Watch this Space.

## Unforgettable Dorian Mode Trio



The Bouddi Society  
presents  
**Dorian Mode's  
Unforgettable**  
A Tribute to the  
Nat King Cole Trio

Friday 29 April  
7:30pm  
Wagstaffe Hall  
Tickets \$29

Since early teens, Dorian  
spent pocket money on  
Nat King Cole records,  
imitating Nat's piano &  
vocals. He has researched  
Nat's work for original  
material to weave into his  
show about Nat's life.



[Bouddisociety.org.au/DorianModeConcert](http://Bouddisociety.org.au/DorianModeConcert)

THE Bouddi  
Society

## Thank you from Keron

Wagstaffe General Store was inundated with water during the East Coast Low recently and then again this Saturday. Once again this beautiful community rallied to help, standing in the rain for hours, filling sand bags, collecting sand bags from SES Erina, redirecting water and general clean up. My heartfelt thanks to all of you including Clive Allison, Helen Menzies, Bronwyn Harrison, Jarred Rose, Les Hindmarsh, AJ Lewis, Janet Rourke, Robina Jackson, Nathan and Kate Reeves and not forgetting the Staff at the store. Thank you again, this is why I live and work in this beautiful part of the world.  
Keron Irving

## BRIDGE on FRIDAY at WAGSTAFFE HALL

After nearly two years of covidging our Old Wags bridge on Fridays is still going.

Our three tables we played in those days is now tighter so we are looking for new players. Yes most of us have played bridgebase online, which is good, but it is nice to chat with people. Chocolates to the winners, and arvo tea available.

We play Standard American, 5 card Major, and try to use a common card so we can change partners if things happen. Starting time is 1.20 for 1.30 in the Hall and we play 15 boards which means usually 3.45 finishing.

Regrettably we can not teach hopeful players and the standard is intermediate. So as a weekender if you have re-started going to Bouddi, Friday afternoon is a pleasant lead in. We welcome singles or pairs.

Give Graeme Anderson a ring at 0414689922







## TWO RECENT AND GREAT COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Rainbow Shines Over Bouddi

Happy Hardy Gras Motorcade was blessed with sunshine, great community engagement and no costume disasters. Thanks goes out to the Hunter MX5 Motor Club members, Scott from Trike Tours, and funding support provided by The Lucky Bee.

Other local retailers got into the mood by displaying our flags while the Old Killcare Store restaurant provided a special cocktail 'Taste the Rainbow' and Elyse In Wonderland offered rainbow flags to wave.

*"We would like to thank everyone who came out, cheered and dressed up and made the parade such a fabulous occasion. It's been a long time with not much to celebrate of late. This beautiful community and its piece of heaven are worth celebrating"* said Anita Pulie, Co Chair of Happy Hardy Gras.

Co Chair, Jane Taylor, said that many onlookers provided feedback via Facebook:

*"What fun it all was, and the weather gods were also smiling. We rocked on from our little driveway party. Thanks for the excuse."*

*"...there were so many people out waiting for you down by the waterfront – it was incredible! "*

*"Looking forward to next year. It was a great community event – people, kids and dogs. It was wonderful to be part of it (as a spectator). I'll bring a chair and wine next year."*



### SUCCESSFUL CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA WEEKEND

Over the weekend 20 volunteers worked, braving the rain at times, to collect over 1 tonne of rubbish. On Saturday a group based at Hardys Bay Church cleaned up the streets adjacent to Hardys Bay/Pretty Beach, while others with a trailer spent the morning picking up large rubbish from Wards Hill Rd , Maitland Bay Drive and Killcare Heights.



On Saturday afternoon, some volunteers worked again along the Foreshore and in the mangroves from Pretty Beach School to Hardys Bay Parade. The weather on Sunday was awful but undeterred volunteers based at the Maitland Bay Centre collected rubbish on the bends up from Empire Bay Tavern, Wards Hill Rd , Maitland Bay Drive and the Scenic Rd to Macmasters Beach. Street littering seems to be improving BUT illegal dumping of large items near the main roads and in the National Park is a problem.

If you were one of the band of workers, you know who you are, Well Done and Thank You from the community. If not, maybe you can help next year. Dave Reid

**An event convenor is needed for next year.**

## Helena Brunner OAM - Paralympian Athlete by Alex Sharp



In a year when disabled athlete and tennis star, Dylan Allcott, has been made Australian of the Year, it is timely to recall that here on the Central Coast, we also have a medal-and-award-winning Paralympian athlete!

Helena Brunner OAM, a long term local of 42 years, is a Paralympian amputee swimmer, who represented Australia at the 1984 Summer Paralympics held at Long Island, New York. In the A4 class; aged 26, Helena won 5 Gold Medals, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze, winning the 100-metre freestyle, 400 metre freestyle and 100-metre backstroke and was a member of the winning 4 x 100 metre Freestyle relay and the 4 x 100 metre (backstroke 100m) Medley relay, setting 5 new Paralympic and World records. She won Silver for the 200- metre individual medley and Bronze in the 100 metres breaststroke. In the blue-ribbon event of the Games, Helena won the first gold for Australia, A4 class 100 metre freestyle. Helena won the most gold medals for Australia. In all, over her amputee swimming career, she held 15 out of 16 World Records, the greatest tally of any female amputee athlete.

Here is the story of her accident. In February 1978, while working for Australia Post at Vaucluse, delivering telegrams/express mail, during her college Christmas break, she had a head-on collision with a taxi in which she sustained devastating right leg trauma. She asked to save her leg. After six months in Prince of Wales Hospital, struggling to overcome her injuries and to preserve her leg, which had been crushed, she returned to Goulburn CAE on crutches to continue her General Primary teacher studies. In December 1979, almost two years later, still using crutches, she sustained acute trauma to her right leg yet again during a nightmare which saw her jump out of bed at Goulburn. Subsequently, at age 22, Helena made the difficult decision to have the leg amputated.

Prior to her 1978 accident, aged 7 - 18 years old, Helena had been a successful able bodied competitive swimmer, winning a number of State titles and competing in Nationals titles. Helena resumed competitive swimming but this time as an amputee. In 1980, with only two months of rehabilitation, she completed her GCAE course with a right leg prosthesis. Training herself, she entered NSW Amputee State swimming championships in Sydney. In her first event Helena broke the World 100 metre breaststroke record. Within two months back at GCAE, Helena represented Australia at the Pan Am Games, held in Oita, Bepu, Japan, in 1980, winning Gold Medals for freestyle, setting a new World Record, and for the Long Jump – a contest she had never trained for, and in which again, she set a new world record. In 1981 she represented Australia at the British National Games and won four Gold Medals, breaking three World records at Buckinghamshire, UK. In 1982 she competed in the FESPIC Games in Hong Kong winning 6 gold medals and breaking her six world records. In 1983 she continued her trajectory of breaking her Australian, NSW and World amputee swimming records.

At the time, Helena had won the greatest number of Gold Medals for female amputee swimming in the world. In recognition for her sporting achievements in amputee sport she received many accolades: Keys to Goulburn City, named one of the Jaycees Five outstanding Australians, Caltex Disabled Sports Woman of the Year ( twice), the Keys to the City of Gosford and many more. Helena was named "Central Coast Sports Star of the Year, 1984", and has been described as "one of the best ever sporting champions the Central Coast has ever produced". In 1985, Helena was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for Service to the Sport of Swimming. She was one of the youngest ever to receive the OAM. In awarding the Medal, Prime Minister Bob Hawke wrote to her, to convey the nation's "appreciation and respect for the time, effort, skill and spirit" Helena had dedicated "to her personal quest for excellence" and the way she had accepted her "personal challenge and its outcome".

**HARDYS BAY CLUB****Free Live Music**

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|-----------------|--|----------------|---------------|
|                 | <b>Fri 4/3</b>                                     | <b>Trivia</b>  | <b>7.30pm</b> |
| <b>Sun 3/4</b>  | <b>Night Owls</b>                                  | <b>1.00pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Fri 8/4</b>  | <b>Walking Cane</b>                                | <b>6.00pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Sun 10/4</b> | <b>Top Cat</b>                                     | <b>1.00pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Fri 15/4</b> | <b>Musical Bingo</b>                               | <b>7.30pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Sat 16/4</b> | <b>Live Music</b>                                  | <b>6.00pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Sun 17/4</b> | <b>Live Music</b>                                  | <b>2.00pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Fri 22/4</b> | <b>Les Lowe</b>                                    | <b>6.00pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Sat 23/4</b> | <b>Live Music</b>                                  | <b>6.00pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Sun 24/4</b> | <b>Ohana</b>                                       | <b>1.00pm</b>  |               |
| <b>Mon 25/4</b> | <b>Anzac Day with<br/>Aubrey &amp; Purton Band</b> | <b>12.00pm</b> |               |
| <b>Fri 29/4</b> | <b>Cancer Council Lunch</b>                        | <b>12.00pm</b> |               |
| <b>Fri 29/4</b> | <b>Music Mates</b>                                 | <b>2.00pm</b>  |               |

**YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB****14 Heath Rd, Hardys Bay NSW 2257 4360 1072****April @ HBCC**

This month features two important remembrance events:

Easter services and ANZAC remembrance

Good Friday communion service – 9.30am

Easter Sunday celebration – 9.30am

Services every Sunday commence at 9.30am,

with a special ANZAC reflection on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> is our spiritual retreat day, including lunch and a reflection on your personal faith journey

For enquiries, hall hire and pastoral care, call

Stephen: 0439 744 657

For more information:

[www.hbcc.com.au](http://www.hbcc.com.au)

**EASTER ART EXHIBITION  
and SALE at the church at Easter**

Invite others to come & see works by local artists.

**CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL MOBILE LIBRARY:  
the VAN will visit WAGSTAFFE on  
FRIDAY 8th and FRIDAY 22nd April  
at 12.00 noon**

**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](http://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.....