

TALKING TURKEY

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WTKCA MEETING Monday 10th July WTKCA Meeting & AGM All welcome!

JULY at WAGSTAFFE HALL

*<u>MONDAYS</u> 9.30 - 11.00 am Hatha Yoga - Gai Davies (43601854)

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

<u>TUESDAYS</u>

10.30 - 12 Movement & Mindfulness - Jacqui Dawson (0408 602 669)

*WEDNESDAYS

9.30 — 10.30 COTA Live Longer Live Stronger Exercise with Mai Speirs (0411 039 643) NB Pre-assessment required

<u>THURSDAYS</u> 2.00 – 5.00 pm Mah-jong – Pat Hamilton (0404 955 259)

* <u>FRIDAYS</u>

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

1.30 – 4.30 pm Wagstaffe Hall Bridge Club (0414 689 922)

Two Bushcare Care Groups maintaining the Dog Track

A second Bushcare Group was

formed in March this year at the Hardys Bay end of Araluen Drive Reserve (the Dog Track), undertaking large scale removal of thick lantana. It was cut and painted with glyphosate. Such a large volume of cut weeds! A lot of it was removed by council. Smaller piles were kept on site for habitat and mulch. Other weeds removed onsite included asparagus fern, wild tobacco and turkey rhubarb.

Council supplied a large variety of native plants which were planted on the site. The group will now concentrate on



maintenance and removing weed regrowth for the next few months. We will then reassess and consider extending the lantana removal. New volunteers are welcome when the group reconvenes as maintenance and new works are needed. For more information please contact Deb Holloman email: hollodell@yahoo.com

The Pretty Beach Bushcare is also in full swing removing weeds and planting tube stock at the boat ramp end of the track. The group has been operating for over 20 years and is supported by the WTKCA. The mid section of the track has greatly deteriorated over the last 3 years due to extended COVID volunteer shut downs plus the consistent La Nina rain. Council will be asked to provide contract work to address this area and bring it back to being manageable by the volunteers. A common misconception is that you have to be physically fit to perform this type of work. Attendance and time spent can suit the volunteer. Volunteers can sit on low chairs, cut seed heads of grasses, water new plants etc; there is a role for everyone. Every small bit counts. How can you help?

This groups meets every Monday from 2pm to 4pm and we are seeking new volunteers to help us continue with this valuable work. You can make a donation to the group via WTKCA (contact Ian Bull 0419 833 945 or email secretary.wtkca@gmail.com to donate)

Be 'Weed Wise'. There are a number of weed identification apps and websites or I can email you a flier of common weeds found in our area. Removal from your garden stops the seeds being spread by wind, birds and insects into National Parks and reserves.

For more information contact Toni Trent 0401 587 988 or email me at crtt@tpg.com.au Toni Trent

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President's Notes

WTKCA AGM 2023 – Summary

The AGM for WTKCA was held on June 19, a few weeks later than usual due to having to wait on maintenance at the Wagstaffe Hall. For the Committee, 6 members re-nominated and 2 new members were elected. The committee as elected comprises: Mike Allsop (President), Ian Bull (Secretary), Richard Urquhart (Treasurer), Robyn Warburton, Martin Sieper, Bill Gregor, Barry Freeman and Helen Hill. Please feel free to contact any of them if there are matters you would like to discuss.

I would like to personally thank all returning members of the committee for their work and dedication to the community, and to thank our new members for joining in the efforts.

Richard Urquhart presented the financials of the Association, which are in good shape. In general, the earnings of the Association in any year are re-invested in projects for the community, with some overs and unders as could be expected depending on the nature and timing of projects.

We noted the extent of advocacy by WTKCA for improvements to community amenity and infrastructure, and the broad alignment of priorities and support for other community groups. Among other things we are looking for improvements to parkland and play-spaces, the condition of our roads, traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Improved telecommunications services (mobile and fixed line) are also essential. Over the next few months we will be convening a local design panel to consider potential staged improvements to our Hardys Bay foreshore. It is intended that ideas and feedback be sought from the community during this process, with the intention of putting these as a seed to Council and to our local members of Parliament for progressive grant funding to get things done. We are suffering dilapidation at present which needs to be addressed without changing the fundamental character of the bay. More to come on this.

Finally, our guest speaker on the night was Andrew Bayley, Team Leader for NPWS in our part of the Coast. Andrew covered many aspects of the work done by NPWS in improving Bouddi NP tracks and amenity, as well as other great work further up the coast. He showed some spectacular night time images of the recent hazard reduction burn at Wagstaffe, and noted a couple of other burns planned over winter, including a "cultural burn" at the carvings site on the Daleys Point Trail.

The Association values its relationships with the officers of Central Coast Council, NPWS and others who try hard to "get things done" for us. It can be labyrinthine at times, but it pays never to give up when you believe the end result is in the best interests of the community. And it is not just us. We are pleased to support individuals and other groups who also push for common sense initiatives. Keep in touch. Mike Allsop - President



<u>COMMUNITY CONNECT</u> <u>CALENDAR</u>

Mondays - 10.30-11.30am Zumba with Fiona

Tuesdays - 7.45-8.45am Yoga with Robyn

9.15-10.15am Yoga with Abi

7-8pm Yoga with Abi

Thursdays - 9-10am Tai Chi with Lesley

Fridays - 7-8am Yoga with Robyn 9.30-10.30am Yoga with Robyn

For further details please contact the KSLSC on Ph (02) 4360 1150

WTKCA CONTACTS

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IT'S TAX RETURN TIME

Our Community is very fortunate to have Vic Wilmott in our midst.

Vic is TAX RETURN SPECIALIST,. He offers pro bono help to all the local organisations that work for our community with their audits etc required by the Department of Fair Trading.

He can help you too.

Vic operates in Stewart Street. You will see his sign in Wards Hill Road and with many years experience in the Tax Office he can certainly sort out your personal problems.

Just ring him on 0438 177 811



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Come and see the exhibition at the club. It will be there for six weeks.

ALL WELCOME

GRAND OPENING

6:00pm Thursday 6thJULY2023 HARDYS BAY CLUB



7:30pm - 10:00pm

Tickets \$25 Bookings : www.trybooking.com/CIXTC 14 Heath Rd, Hardys Bay



Wanted: Volunteers for the Maitland Bay Information Centre

The Centre is open weekends, from 11am to 3pm and we need more volunteers to help out . Qualifications needed: a good working knowledge of Bouddi National Park , knowledge of our local community and good people skills. Training will be provided. For more information contact Deb Holloman hollodell@yahoo.com

WAGGY BRIDGE

The Bridge Club meets at 1.20 pm every Friday afternoon at Wagstaffe Hall. Don't be concerned if you are new to the area or don't have a playing partner. We warmly welcome new members. And the cost is \$2. We hope to see you soon! For more information, ring -

Graeme Anderson on 0414 689 922

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CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL

MOBILE LIBRARY: will visit WAGSTAFFE on

7th and 21st July



YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB 14 Heath Rd, Hardys Bay NSW 2257 | 02 4308 7521

HARDYS HIDEAWAY RESTAURANT OPEN THURSDAY TO SUNDAY

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