



TALKING TURKEY



WTKCA WEBSITE: www.wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

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WTKCA MEETING
Monday
11th August
7:30pm
Wagstaffe Hall
All welcome!

AUGUST at WAGSTAFFE HALL

*MONDAYS

9.30 - 11.00 am Hatha
Yoga - Gai Davies
(43601854)

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

*TUESDAYS

1:30 - 4:00 pm Knit Two
Chat Too : Helen
Reid NB: 12th + 26th only

*WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

2.00 - 5.00 pm Mah-jong
Pat Hamilton
(0404 955 259)
6:00—7:00 pm Dances in
the Dark Movement Party
(0457 111 228) NB: 28th
July only

* FRIDAYS

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

Honouring the Poles at Wagstaffe

Planning has started to erect a plaque at Wagstaffe as a tribute to the work of the carvers whose creativity produced the poles adjacent to Wagstaffe Wharf. The following story will be told on the plaque.

At the June, 2011 meeting of the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association, Anne Jackson, a long term resident of Wagstaffe, proposed we create some artistic poles to greet visitors and locals when they arrive at Wagstaffe. The meeting agreed to sponsor the project. Jean Scott suggested Terry Baker, local craftsman in wood carving, as the ideal driving force.



Ausgrid were approached and kindly donated used power poles, extremely hard North Coast hardwoods: Grey Ironbark and White Mahogany, which were cut in half to give 5 metre lengths. As they had baked in the sun for over thirty years, it made for slow and hard work.

The group of carvers were local volunteers who started with little or no experience but lots of enthusiasm. They learnt both individually and as a group under Terry's expert guidance.

They obtained some second-hand chisels and gouges and later some economically priced Chinese made tools and along with wooden sculptor's mallets gradually learnt the basic techniques. An interesting point in using dry hardwood is that the poles will weather and last well and the surface will eventually oxidise to a lovely grey and so fit in with the surrounding living trees.

The carving project commenced on 16 June 2012 with the 3 poles which stand proudly in the Hall park. These poles were dedicated on 15 Sept 2013 in a smoking ceremony performed by Stuart McMinn (see photo). The imagery carved was chosen by the individual carvers. The Fires-themed pole followed the October 2012 fires and was completed in July 2014.

It was a long, slow, but richly rewarding process and we all learnt a lot about the techniques of carving hardwood, a lot about our own creativity and work ethic, but most of all how we worked so well as a community group, one of the most important outcomes of the whole exercise. The carvers enjoyed the work and had a lot of fun experiencing this ancient craft every Saturday. They were truly dedicated and gave their time freely.

Terry Baker

VALE — Noel Annand

It was very sad to hear of the passing on June 27 of Noel Annand, who grew up in Hardys Bay and later Wagstaffe, and was a member of a well-respected and popular local family. From 1993 until his retirement in 2020 Noel was the Manager of Campbells, Woy Woy, and no doubt many in the local community will remember him from there; he was always very pleasant and helpful to deal with. We extend to his family and friends our heartfelt sympathy; he will be sadly missed and well-remembered.

Kaye Francis



President's Notes

In mid July, the Land and Environment Court held an open public hearing regarding the proposed telecommunications tower on the site of the council water supply tank on Wards Hill Road. Anyone who had provided a previous submission to Council on the DA for the tower was supposed to have received advice that this meeting was to occur. This did not seem to be the case, with many residents noting they had not received advice of the meeting, nor of the offer to register to speak if they wished to do so. Despite this, over 150 people attended the hearing, including legal representatives from Council and Optus as well as from the immediate neighbour, who has invested heavily in challenging the proposal.

It should be clear that everyone has the right to support or object to any proposal. The overwhelming majority of those in attendance were supporters of the proposal on the grounds of safety and general amenity, recognizing there is no viable alternative on the table after several options had been considered.

Optus has been leading the design of the solution for our difficult topography on behalf of the 3 telcos. To be clear, they have been hanging in there for our benefit as the sole investor, with black spot funding no longer available. Other telcos would be "users" of the site, making it suitable for all customers. Optus has been faced with relentless requests for more information or to refute objections or to "find another way" over more than 7 years. If they withdraw their energies, we will remain as we are with poor service and the inherent safety risks and general inconvenience that this brings.

At the time of writing, there was no public announcement as to the determinations of the Court or as to whether further action was likely. As a community, we have been crying out for better mobile coverage for over 10 years. It is disheartening to hear the grounds for objection in the face of overwhelming support being simply "there must be a better site, just not here". There is not.

Here's hoping for the Public Interest to be served, but we will see.

Mike



COMMUNITY CONNECT CALENDAR

Mondays - 10.30-11.30am

Zumba with Liv

Tuesdays -

7.45-8.45am Yoga with Robyn

9.15-10.15am Yoga with Abi

Thursdays - 7.45-8.45am

Yoga with Abi

Fridays - 7.30-8.45am

Yoga with Robyn

For further details please contact the
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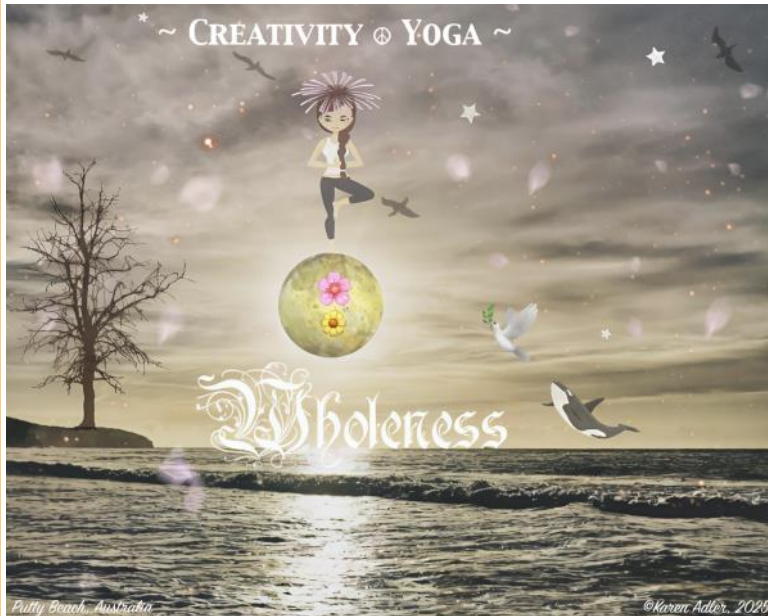
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Wholeness : Creativity + Yoga

Wagstaffe Hall

9AM-12PM, 3rd August



Abi Couchman and I, Karen Adler, come from different professional perspectives but very similar life perspectives. We've both navigated our way out of lives which didn't suit us and rebuilt lives here on the Coast. We've designed an event, **Wholeness: Creativity + Yoga**, which combines our different ways of being and seeing to enable greater integrity of mind/body, soul/spirit.

Integrity is one of those lovely words which gives greater depth - quite often in surprising ways - to how we express ourselves. It's not only the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, it's also the state of being whole and undivided, unified and sound in construction.

If we build - and in many cases, rebuild - our lives from a perspective of wholeness, of interconnectedness within ourselves, we're more likely to make better choices. If we recognise the wisdom of the body, we're less likely to constantly over-ride its signals of enough and too much. If we're in tune with our own totally unique selves, we're better equipped to say yes to the good and nourishing, no to the tempting but empty.

Karen Adler Ph: 0488 614 916 and Abi Couchman
Tickets:

\$75 early bird price until 27th July
\$95 full price

<https://events.humanitix.com/wholeness-yoga-and-creativity>

TRIVIA NIGHT



**ELECTRIFY
bouddi**

Fundraiser

Where: Hardys Bay Club

When: Saturday 23 August,
6:30 - 9:30pm

Come join the fun and help provide the community with information on reducing your energy costs and lowering greenhouse emissions.

Lots of prizes and a night at Bells up for auction.

Tickets are \$25 per head.

PRETTY BEACH BUSHCARE

along THE DOG TRACK

On MONDAYS from 2.00—4.00pm

Come along and help the good work that is being done to remove weeds and make the Dog Track a great place to walk. The group is supported by Central Coast Council and WTKCA. Both can be called upon to supply new plants but happily indigenous plants regenerate and here is a photo two of the many Casuarinas popping up along the track along with Warragal Green.



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THE
Bouddi
Society

A DATE TO KEEP — SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

An AFTERNOON by the BAY at Wagstaffe Hall

With Myf Webb presenting her mother's book

SIGNPOSTS TO THE PAST by Beverley Runcie

The story of the Bouddi Peninsula's names for streets and places of interest.



WHAT'S ON at HARDYS BAY CLUB

7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th Farmers Markets / JAG EVERY THURSDAY	3:00pm
Fri 1 st Trivia	7:30pm
Sat 2 nd Aubrey & Purton Band	6:00pm
Sun 3 rd Rhythm Riders	1:00pm
Thu 7 th Quiet Blues Night	6:30pm
Fri 8 th The Hypotheticals	6:00pm
Sat 9 th The TOFS	6:00pm
Sun 10 th Blues Wranglers	1:00pm
Fri 15 th Musical Bingo	7:30pm
Sat 16 th Night Owls Album Launch – Ticketed Show	7:00pm
Sun 17 th Les Lowe	1:00pm
Fri 22 nd TRIUM	6:00pm
Hardys Archies Finale	6:30pm
Sat 23 rd Electrify Bouddi Trivia	7:00pm
Sun 24 th Two Buck Band	1:00pm
Fri 29 th Music Mates with Adsy and Lea	6:00pm
Sat 30 th GI Jane and Orchard Street Band	6:00pm
Sun 31 st U-Bouddi Big Band	1:00pm

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

**HARDYS HIDEAWAY RESTAURANT OPEN
THURSDAY TO SUNDAY**



HBCC in AUGUST

We move from Jesus' teaching in the "Sermon on the mount" at our Sunday services, to a different look at the apostle Paul, one of his most person letters in New Testament.

- Worship begins at 9.30am.

Our ladies will get together on **Sat 2nd** for *Sensible Shoes* – meeting at HBCC at 9.30am.

Create at the Bay continues each month.

Sat 16th July, 10am to 1pm. Bring that creative project you need time & space on

NB: The annual start of season service for our local **RFS and Surf Life Saving** members is on **Sun 14 Sept**.

For Hall Hire – contact Sharyn
0437 968 560.

Enquiries & information –
visit our website

www.hbcc.com.au

CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL

MOBILE LIBRARY:
will visit **WAGSTAFFE** on
5th and 19th August

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.....