

## TALKING TURKEY

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# WTKCA MEETING

Monday 8th September

All welcome!

### SEPTEMBER 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: 9th + 23rd only

4:30 - 7:30 pm Shimmy in the Village Dance Classes: Harriet Ritchie (0457 111 228)

#### \*WEDNESDAYS

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

#### **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: 25th September only

\* <u>FRIDAYS</u> 9.30 - 11.00 am Yoga - Laurie Jones (0423 589 877)

1.30 – 4.30 pm Wagstaffe Hall Bridge

#### DISTRESSING TIMES at PRETTY BEACH

In early July, a large spotted gum dropped from one property on the high side of Heath Road across two neighbouring properties, causing severe damage. Apart from the distress of the incident, the owners have endured a struggle with insurers and contractors trying to get the tree and debris cleared. Continual weather damage due to delays is also adding to their concerns.

The logistics of access and removal are out of the hands of the owners. A recent plan to close off Heath Rd for a large crane and to cut power was devised by contractors, unfortunately without the necessary approvals in place. As a result, a great deal of community alarm was created through lack of clear advice as to timing, extent of impact on them and alternative arrangements. This was especially important for the communities of Pretty Beach and Wagstaffe who would have been marooned on a busy Saturday without vehicular access in or out. Doubling concern was lack of advice on exactly which properties would have been affected by power outage.

Clearly, a better plan with better communication is required. We understand that Council are now involved in the planning process in conjunction with the contractors, and hope that clear advice can be provided to the nearby community to minimize disruption and concern.

We feel for the owners who need to see this get sorted to their satisfaction without delay. With any luck, this will all be resolved by the time you read this!

Mike Allsop

### Bridge at Wagstaffe Hall



Since we started bridge in the Hall in about 2000, there have been some 33,000 hands of bridge played.

We need more members, and invite players to ring Graeme Anderson at 0414689922.

We start at approximately 1.15pm every Friday, and play to 3.30pm, and have cup of tea together and leave by 4.00pm. Our game is standard American, same as all the surrounding Bridge Clubs, and the bonus of Friday afternoons is for those coming to the Coast for the weekend.

At \$3 an afternoon it is a mind intensive enjoyable event.

Graeme Anderson



#### President's Notes

Firstly this month, a quick acknowledgement of the tribulations of the owners of properties affected by the fallen tree on Heath Road Pretty Beach as noted on our front page. We would hope for a speedy resolution of this problem so they can get major rebuilding work underway without further delay. The community beyond largely have no issue with the minor inconvenience of partial road closure or even full closure for an hour or so, provided the arrangements are communicated clearly well in advance. Similarly for any disruption to power supply to nearby properties.

On other matters the Association has been dealing with, there is still no news on the Wards Hill Road telecoms tower proposal. This is an on-going proceeding in the Land and Environment Court. As mentioned last month, we are all keen to see the Public Interest served in their determinations. Surf season and bushfire season are just around the corner and it will be vital to get coverage as soon as possible.

The Masterplan for the foreshores of Hardys Bay, Pretty Beach and through to Wagstaffe is in the hands of Council at present. They are making final graphical edits to the public document prior to putting it on exhibition and seeking community comments. This is all taking a while much to our disappointment, but at least the result should mirror the feedback from the initial community consultation late last year.

Of note is the fact that the plan now extends along the Pretty Beach foreshore and along Wagstaffe Avenue to Wagstaffe Wharf, following strong demand from this earlier feedback. Separate from the council document, the working group is retaining a more detailed analytical document for long term community reference.

We look forward to the next round of consultation in a month or so with any luck.

Mike Allsop



## 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 KSLSC on Ph (02) 4360 1150 or email admin@killcaresurfclub.com.au

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#### NEW SEASON for KILLCARE SURF CLUB

The new season for the Club will start on the 28th September and continues through to the end of April. Our patrollers will patrol on weekends and public holidays. They are always happy to talk about conditions and swimming between the flags is the safest option. Council lifeguards patrol during the week.

The core mission of the Club is and always will be making sure everyone who comes to Killy on our watch goes home again. Last year we performed 25 significant rescues, provided multiple first aid help and over 500 preventive actions.



Killcare Surf Club needs your support as Community members and as patrollers. Patrolling on the beach is a great way to give back to the community, keeping fit and making friends. We have patrolling members from 15 to over 70. You don't need to be an Olympic swimmer and the first aid patrollers, who form a key part of our patrol teams, do not need to be swimmers.

The Club has a fantastic Nippers program that focuses on having fun while learning water safety.

Stephen Pearson

#### RAFFLE WINNER

Bouddi Foundation for the Arts Luxury Escape Draw Delivers a Win Across Continents!

On 30 July, the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts had the draw for a two-night stay at Lodges at Bells Boutique Hotel, Restaurant and Spa—valued at \$4,000. The draw at the Bells Wild Flower Bar used the random draw function on the Raffletix platform.

Transparency and integrity were front and centre, with the process witnessed by Deborah Ramsey, Sales and Marketing Manager of Bells at Killcare, alongside Bouddi Foundation Committee Members. The prize was won by Sydney architect and frequent visitor to the area James Bichard, who got the news at London Heathrow enroute to Australia.

James writes: "I am thrilled to be the winner of this raffle for such a great cause. Bouddi Foundation for the Arts is so important, providing opportunities to emerging and future

Central Coast artists, something I am passionate about. The opportunities from the Foundation provide a real boost to aspiring creatives and have the capacity to change young lives.

To stay at a Luxury Lodge at Bells is the icing on the cake. Such a beautiful place, the restaurant and accommodation are already a favourite place of respite, so I am blown away to have won. Thank you! "

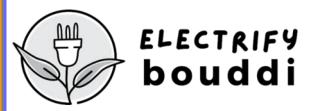
Proceeds go to grants to young Central Coast artists. Adjudication of 92 applications received this year was held in August. Winners will be announced later this year.

Since its inception in 2011, the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts has made 298 grants worth over \$580,000. To learn more about the Foundation or to donate, please go to the website:

bouddiarts.org.au

Peter Park

#### HOME ELECTRIC VEHICLE FORUM



Thursday 18th September - 6.30pm to 8.00pm

HARDYS BAY COMMUNITY CLUB

Time to update your car and you're thinking about an EV?

Come to our free forum and get independent advice and real life experience from people who have made the switch to electric cars.

These expert panellists will be on hand to answer your questions:

\* Peter Lisle, Sustainability Leader, Willoughby City Council

\*Matt Hall, local resident and long-term EV owner

\*Steve Beletich, energy transition specialist & COO of EVX Polechargers

Email your questions to info@electrifybouddi.org with the subject line 'Electric Cars', or bring them along on the night.

Find out more at www.electrifybouddi.org





## WHAT'S ON at HARDYS BAY CLUB

4th 11th 8th 25th Farmers Markets / JAG ON THURSDAYS **Quiet Blues Night** 6.30pm Fri 5th Trivia - PB School Raffle 7.30pm Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Ironic 6.00pm Sun 7th **FATHERS DAY** 12.00pm Giraffe 1.00pm Fri 12th Karaoke Night with Tina & Gav 6.00pm Sat 13th Rock the 80s – Ticketed Show 7.30pm Tickets at trybooking.com/DDZXR Sun 14th Michelle Murrell 1.00pm Thu 18th Electrify Bouddi - EV Forum 6.30pm Fri 19th Musical Bingo 7.30pm 7.00pm Sat 20th Ruby and the Red Horse Sun 21st ATA Duo 1.00pm Fri 26th Mens Lunch 12.00pm Music Mates with Tony Smith 6.00pm Sat 27th Ohana 6.00pm Sun 28th Vera and Mates 1.00pm

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

HARDYS HIDEAWAY RESTAURANT OPEN
THURSDAY TO SUNDAY



#### HBCC in SEPTEMBER

Two big community events September 13 Join us: Margaret Thomas worked in international aid, including with the United Nations. She is President of the Central Coast Zonta Club, part of Zonta's global organisation advocating for women & girls: equality, education, an end to gender-based violence. Hear her at *Inspiring Women*, Sat 11 Sept, 10 - 11.30am. A ladies-only event, and inspiring! RSVP: lynneterrywilson@hotmail.com

And September 14 Our annual start of season service for our local RFS & SLSC is on Sun 14 Sept, 9.30-11am. We interview, thank and pray for these volunteers who put their lives at risk for others. If you'd like to thank these men & women, come along – very informal.

Create at the Bay is on Sat 20 Sept 10am to 1pm. Bring that creative project you need time and space to work on.

Our church is also looking to engage a new pastor, following Stephen's retirement at the end of this year.

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 September

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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 \$10p.p. [\$40pp for 5 years] (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]
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Email address
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Signed