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WELCOME TO OUR APRIL ISSUE

It is just twelve months since our formation and we are delighted with the results achieved in that time in addressing the various issues for the benefit of our community. It has been a most rewarding, and satisfying, period for us.

In honouring our commitment, we shall continue to work in liaison with the residents and authorities in approaching the relevant matters by seeking solutions, rather than searching for objections, and balancing environmental and lifestyle issues.

We have a broad, comprehensive agenda planned for the year ahead and our various sub-committees will be closely examining these individual matters.

In this issue of Bay News, among other features, we report on the environmental grant we have received for the oyster lease restoration and foreshore facelift, the outpouring of widespread concern over the mosquito issue and the support provided to the Pretty Beach Public School.

We extend a warm welcome to our many new members and commend our website to everybody as an ideal reference base for regular updates.

Adrian Williams
President, Hardys Bay Residents Group

\$15,000 BOOST FOR OYSTER LEASE CLEAN-UP

The Hardys Bay Residents Group has received a \$15,000 grant from the State Government which will significantly assist with the restoration of the bay's foreshore and the removal of derelict oyster leases in Killcare.

The decision to officially endorse the cleaning-up of the area flanking Hardys Bay Parade was greeted with elation by the local community who had endured, for so long, the unsightly

appearance of rows of roofing tiles, concrete slabs and other waste materials which had severely blemished one of the most picturesque outlooks on the Brisbane Water.

HBRG president, Adrian Williams, described the grant as “a wonderful gesture”.

“We are grateful to the State Government for this generous and timely support,” he said.

“Special thanks, too, must be extended to Minister Grant McBride's office for providing us with the necessary advice relating to the availability of grants and for its support of our application.”

“It also serves as an acknowledgment of all the efforts our members have put into addressing this important issue”.

The key objectives initially outlined by the Hardys Bay Residents Group in a letter to Environment Minister Bob Debus were:

1. To restore the foreshore area of Hardys Bay Parade to its natural state.
2. To create an area for seagrasses to regenerate and provide habitat for sea life.
3. To prevent further siltation and environmental damage.
4. To enhance the quality of the foreshore.



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5. To improve safety for the community and recreational craft.

State MP, Marie Andrews, and ALP candidate for Terrigal, Deborah O'Neill, recently met with members of the Hardys Bay Residents Group to present the cheque and discuss how the funding would be best served.

It is envisaged that all material will be removed by hand at low tide into a barge and floated ashore at high tide. This will be used as backfill for Stage Two roadworks along Hardys Bay Parade.

“The Hardys Bay Residents Group project will involve the removal of the surrendered oyster leases and other unwanted matter along the foreshore of Hardys Bay Parade”, explained Ms Andrews.

“ This will help protect the seagrass beds and provide habitat for small marine life”, she added, confirming key objectives as earlier noted in the Debus correspondence.

“The grant is provided through the NSW Environmental Trust and is part of a statewide six million dollar package which funds 89 grants designed to improve the NSW environment at a grass-roots level”, Ms Andrews added..

Deborah O'Neill welcomed the funding and commented that the grants enabled communities to discover solutions to local environmental problems.

“I want to congratulate the Hardys Bay Residents Group who have worked so hard to secure this grant”, said Ms O'Neill.

“This is a very important local project and I'm sure the residents here in Hardys Bay and Killcare would be extremely pleased to know that it has attracted State Government funding.”

The financial blessing has, indeed, delighted the local communities and much of the credit for the successful outcome has been attributed to Hardys Bay Residents Group members Terry and Kay Feltham, who initiated the Stage One activity, constantly pursued the early negotiations in obtaining the official removal permits for the Stage One cleanup and worked tirelessly, in liaison with other residents and HBRG colleagues, during the arduous stages of the backbreaking groundwork.

Terry, a keen kayaker, and Hardys Bay Parade resident, also applauded the support provided by the government's financial 'lifeline'.

“From all the kayaking we have done on the bay over the years, it has made us realise what a disgrace the waters have been left in through reasons of neglect”, he said.

“We just want to see the foreshore returned to its natural state so that it can be used by everyone.

“Our bay is a priceless asset.”

Outlining future plans, Terry commented :

“Hopefully, within the next month, we should be closer to getting started. We are currently looking for one or two large aluminium barges to transport debris ashore.”
“If anyone has a contact who may be able to assist, please phone me at 4360 1633.”

“We will be posting our clean-up days on the website which will be subject to tides and weather. We will also send out emails inviting members and friends who would like to come along and help tidy up the foreshore”.

HARDYS BAY FORESHORE

Following recent publicity spotlighting the Hardys Bay foreshore issue and the consequent concerns openly expressed by residents and Hardys Bay Residents Group members, it is important that we clarify the HBRG position.

At a community meeting held in July last year, agreement was reached that there should be a “ minimalist “ approach adopted in the beautifying of the foreshore which would be consistent with overcoming the widespread community apprehensions over the resultant safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic along the foreshore.

The Hardys Bay Residents Group supported this approach. We are focused on improving pedestrian and traffic safety around the bay and fully endorse this “minimalist “ approach to foreshore development, while maintaining the “ open space “ feature along the foreshore.

Having met with the Hardys Bay Residents Group, the Gosford Council has agreed to integrate the traffic issues, raised by the group in mid-2006, with an overall foreshore development plan which will be produced later this year.

We have been assured by Council that this plan will take into account the views of the wider community and it will be made available to the public for comment prior to its implementation.

The HBRG will monitor progress on the plan and will keep the community updated on our website at www.hardysbay.com

We are interested in hearing your views on this matter. Please email comments to foreshore@hardysbay.com or write to us at PO Box 4123, Wagstaffe.

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PRETTY BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ... “BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER”.

“Chasing and roping cattle and riding same”.

The Punishment Book at the Pretty Beach Public School featured this fascinating description of unlawful activity on February 21st, 1927, barely a month after it first opened its classrooms.

For his brazen crime, the unnamed miscreant's penalty was “six strokes to the palm of the hand”, at that time the maximum disciplinary action meted out to the various youthful transgressors at the fledgling school. Perhaps more important was the consequent elevation to hero status, conferred, no doubt, upon the young cowboy by his schoolmates.

Following several unsuccessful applications for the establishment of a public school at Pretty Beach Extension (or Hardys Bay), the Department of Education finally recognized the need and a large site of almost twelve acres was purchased for the sum of six hundred and fourteen pounds in the latter half of 1925. The school opened on January 18th, 1927, with the appointment of Mr. Charles Allen as Teacher-in-Charge who, according to the records, “ showed himself to be an efficient and capable teacher, keenly interested in the welfare of the pupils passing through his hands. “ Backed by an active P and C Association, the documentation added, the school continued to thrive. Eighty years later, the Pretty Beach Public School of today bears many of the attributes of the pioneer institution and it has retained an enviable reputation for providing an excellent standard of education and care for its pupils. And, as it was in those groundbreaking times, the Parents and Citizens Association has played a highly significant role in the school's general development.

In a February announcement, and as part of a public education building program, the State Government announced a \$60 million spending outlay on Central Coast schools which included the provision of four new classrooms, a library and administration building for the Pretty Beach facility.

As the active area group, the Hardys Bay Residents Group was approached to support the school and its P and C partner in replacing demountable classrooms for new modular types.

Subsequently, Deborah O'Neill, the ALP candidate for Terrigal in the recent State elections, lobbied, through a series of petitions circulated throughout the community in liaison with the HBRG, for the successful outcome. As a consequence of the financial boost, the outside appearance of the Pretty Beach School, with a complement of 164 pupils throughout seven straight classes, none composite, will be improved with the new

buildings being re-located within the school's confines. Other improvements have included new grassing for the playing fields, toilet refurbishment, improved canteen facilities and musical equipment.

The school principal, Vicki Redrup, became involved with Pretty Beach two years ago when she was chosen by a selection panel, including parents, from a field of 25 applicants. After spending the first twelve months as relieving principal, she was then appointed to take over the prestigious head role. In maintaining a culture which has become synonymous over the decades, Vicki directs a school which prides itself on its caring and inclusive nature, where children's talents and skills are nurtured and developed and where a sense of community is strongly encouraged.



Principal Vicki Redrup

She pays tribute to the “wonderful support” provided by the Parents and Citizens group who enjoy a close association with the school and display a keen interest in its varied projects which include leadership programs, worm farms, a 'waste watchers' program, an energy audit, a World Water Day, Water Watch, local environment excursions, bat boxes, an Environment Day , Art Show, Musical and a Student Parliament.

She proudly points to the fact that academic results are currently much higher than State average and sporting achievements have been “ excellent.”

David Abrahams, the P and C president for the last eight years, confirms that the Pretty Beach school enjoys the highest parental participation on the Central Coast.

“It's a special school,” he enthuses. “ It brings the community together.”



School Captains Cian, Nathan Katie & Naomi

THE FRIGID DIGITS

In 1971, eight hardy souls conspired to introduce winter swimming activities to an area widely renowned for its summer pleasures when they formed the Hardys Bay Frigid Digits.

The weekly Sunday morning competitions in those times could hardly be described as endurance tests. According to the club's publicity officer, Sue Purcell, they amounted to a 20 metre outward swim in the Killcare surf then a return to the beach before an adjournment to the sanctuary of the Killcare Surf Club for "nips of rum and a hot lunch".

In 1976, the Frigid Digits became affiliated with the Australian Winter Swimming Association and, shortly afterwards, the club transferred its activities to the chilly waters of the Woy Woy swimming pool where the weekly handicap races were contested until 1990.

By this time, the membership ranks had increased considerably and it was decided to return to the Putty Beach setting where the tranquillity of the northern end, with its well manicured reserve, was considered a more suitable headquarters for the competitions and the subsequent social gatherings.

Now in its 36th year of existence, the club has retained the Putty Beach venue and the weekly roll call embraces a current attendance of 50 swimmers. A pioneer member from the heady days of 1971 is Barney Reeves who, at a youthful 91, still regularly competes in the Sunday swims.

Despite a long-standing "men only" edict having been set down by the national body in its constitution, a number of women have been accepted for the club's Sunday competitions.

Club stalwart Ron Malcolm explains that there is some flexibility in the ruling and the A.W.S.A. has "left it up to the clubs to decide". In fact, the Frigid Digits is still one of the few clubs throughout the 51 affiliated nationwide which encourages women to take up membership.

"There's a great spirit of camaraderie in our club", says Ron.

"Following our Sunday morning swims, we all get together for a barbecue breakfast, homemade soup, a few ales and a lot of laughs."

During the winter swimming season, which traditionally extends from the last Sunday in April until the first Sunday in September, the club sends swimmers to the Australian and Northern District championships. Highlights on the club's calendar are the quadrangular meets, with visits exchanged, between the Digits, the South Bulli Sea Lions, the South Maroubra Dolphins and the Nelson Bay Blue Marlins.

The Central Coast network of winter swimming clubs has increased to four with the Macmaster's Maniacs

having recently joined the Frigid Digits, the Tuggerah Tuffs and the Umina Blue Swimmers in making up the quartet.

This season's time trials are to be conducted at Putty Beach on Sunday, April 29, and the points score competition proper will commence on Sunday May 6. President Geoff Grave, secretary John Kearns and captain Clarrie Reeves will ensure any new members receive a "warm" welcome.

OUR FIRE BRIGADE

In a recent significant step, the Killcare Rural Fire Brigade has commissioned its own water supply system.

Under the present restrictive circumstances, the Gosford Rural Fire District has voluntarily instituted a policy in which water supply will not be used for training activities, nor will it be used at fires unless property is under threat.. Dry firefighting techniques will be employed or water will be sourced from non-mains sources such as local dams, creeks, tanks and groundwater areas.

According to senior deputy captain, Steve Biddulph, the Killcare R.F.B. has been "pro active" on this issue and recently decided to channel funds raised through the community towards the installation of rainwater tanks and an electric pump.

"The rainwater tanks will allow us to fill our tanks after incidents without tapping into town water supplies or hunting for alternative water supplies on private properties", Steve explained.

"It will also allow us to fill our 3,000 litre tanker in a matter of minutes without the need to run the tanker pump and wake the neighbours at the most inconvenient of hours when returning from incidents.

"We have also been involved in a number of incidents in recent times, with the most serious being a four hectare fire off Mount Bouddi Road, a series of bushfires within the Kincumber Sewage Treatment Plant, and a mulch fire at Woy Woy tip that kept several brigades, including Killcare, busy for a number of days.

"With regard to additional personnel, we'd like to welcome Clay Irving as an active member of the brigade after he successfully completed his Bush Firefighter assessment and to warmly greet our two new trainees, Tyler Wellington and Sean Ford".

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Central Coast Ferries director, Bets Conway, advises that extra stops - on request - are now provided on the Cockatoo Ferry. Passengers can be picked up or dropped off at the Guyra Street Wharf at Booker Bay, Merritts Wharf at Empire Bay and Lintern Street, Davistown.

Prices are exceptionally reasonable. As an example, a one-way trip taking in Woy Woy, Saratoga, Hardys Bay and Ettalong costs \$3 for a concession ticket and \$6, full fare. A return trip's costs are \$6 and \$12.

Central Coast Ferries can be contacted on info@centralcoastferries.com.au or by phone on 02 4363 1311.

LAW AND ORDER

Following a number of reported thefts from motor vehicles in recent weeks, Brisbane Water Police have issued a list of simple steps to help safeguard the vehicle.

- Never leave keys in or near your motor vehicle.
- Avoid leaving valuables visible in a parked vehicle.
- Use existing locking devices - a significant number of stolen vehicles are not locked when parked.
- A steering lock protector, which protects the ignition switch, wiring and steering lock, provides good security.
- An engine immobiliser or fuel switch gives a good level of security.
- At night, park in a well-lit area.
- Avoid leaving your car in an area which appears unsafe.

To assist the police in addressing this issue, please report any suspected criminal activity, such as people acting suspiciously in and around parked cars, to local police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

BRIEFS

What is the easiest way to find out what's on at the local theatres, to inspect bus, rail and ferry timetables, locate a doctor, plumber, carpenter, etc, check out restaurants, find accommodation, look at the weather forecast and tides, or anything else that's local?

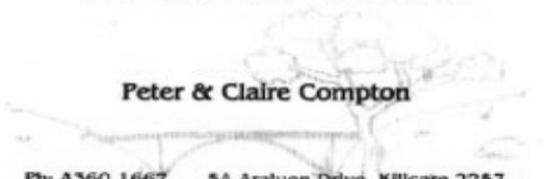
It's all just a click away at <http://www.hardysbay.com> This website is provided by the Hardys Bay Residents Group and offers access to all the local information in assisting you to keep up to date on the issues important to our community. Webmaster Bill Egan reports that our website is currently averaging "700 hits" each month.

Hardys Bay Residents Group meetings are held at the Hardys Bay Community Church Hall on the last Tuesday of every second month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th, at 7.30pm. Please check our website for further details. New members' fees for 2006/7 will be reduced by half if paid by June 30.



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PAM'S PRICELESS MEMORIES

“It hasn't changed. It's still the same special, friendly place.”

Fond recollections of bygone times came flooding back to Killcare resident, Pam Mainsbridge, when she recently took a stroll



down Memory Lane to recall those halcyon days.

As Pam Kirby, a young girl living in the Sydney suburb of Five Dock in the 1940s, she always looked forward to weekends and school holidays when she could visit the family weekender at Hardys Bay which her parents had bought in 1930.

To reach the holiday haven, the family would travel by train to Woy Woy then transfer to the launch to Hardys Bay which, in those times, serviced the Brisbane Water circuit

Almost without fail, they would be welcomed at the Hardys Bay wharf by a popular local identity, Turo, who took on the role as the unofficial “greeter” whenever the launch arrived. He was described in the press of the day as “the ambassador for Hardys Bay”. “He was a lovely person”, Pam recalled. “He wore an old Army greatcoat and was always smiling.

“One day, when he wasn't at the wharf to meet us, my mother became alarmed. She was convinced he must have been ill. Sure enough, when she went to his shack, he was, indeed, sick.

“We have fond memories of him”.

Visits to “The Waterfall” (or Fletcher's Glen) in Fraser Road, swimming at Killcare beach, taking out the family rowing boat for fishing expeditions on the bay, and socialising with the other young people at the Hardys Bay Hall where regular dances were held under lamplight, in those pre-electricity days in the area, were priceless memories of times spent at Hardys Bay. According to Pam, “they always went too quickly.”

In the early 1950s, when Pam travelled to England with her elder sister Moya for a proposed long-term stay, her mother wrote to them to sadly advise that, since they were overseas and wouldn't be around to visit Hardys Bay, the family weekender might have to be sold.. Pam was horrified. “We were on the next boat home”, she recalled.

In 1983, Pam realised a childhood ambition when she settled permanently in Killcare..

A short walk away, in Araluen Drive, Hardys Bay, near the wharf where Turo would meet them so many years ago, the neat, well-kept old family home, with all its

wonderful memories, stands as a fitting reminder of those special times.

HARDYS BAY RSL CLUB

Hardys Bay RSL Club's president Steve Newman has praised the combined efforts of club and community members who have collaborated to create a turnaround in the club's fortunes.

Thanks to these endeavours, which have been highlighted by a “rescue package” of \$700,000 assembled in the form of a loan accumulated through the efforts of its members and other supporters, consequently enabling outstanding debts to be settled, the club's future is looking considerably brighter. Throughout the uncertain times, the club's Board has been listening to suggestions regarding improvements and has taken prompt action to enhance the ambience of the club.

Blessed with an enthusiastic band of dedicated volunteers, the club is visually benefiting from their involvement. Landscaping and the deck and barbecue areas are currently undergoing significant improvements.

The diversity of entertainment provided is being broadened to cater for the various preferences and its form of presentation is constantly under review. Recruits are sought to assist with a Meet and Greet program in which they will welcome visitors, check membership cards and sign up new members. Annual memberships for 2006/2007 have been reduced to \$7.50. Additionally, volunteers for taking on bus driving responsibilities, managing Thursday and Friday night raffles and participating in general working bees are being welcomed.

Anyone willing to help is asked to contact Chad Hartney at 4360 1072.

The Bistro on the Bay now offers wider selections to allow for an increasing patronage and provides regular special menus. Monday and Tuesday evenings feature the popular \$12 Steak Special and there is a Sunday roast with vegetables for just \$10.

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MOSQUITOES

The mosquito issue continues to create widespread attention, with the controversial matter gathering rapid momentum through recent visits to Hardys Bay and Killcare by a national TV news crew and state politicians.

“Australia's Terrifying Top Twenty”, a Channel Nine television series identifying the country's most aggressive insects, will feature the mosquito menace in a forthcoming program and the interviewees for the local segment were Wagstaffe resident Bill Teasdell, who was hospitalised last year following a sequence of mosquito stings, and Adrian Williams, president of the Hardys Bay Residents Group.

During the interview, Bill revealed that, fourteen months after the attacks, his legs still bear ugly red blotches as a reminder of the mozzie onslaught which, he learned, was obviously the work of the deadly salt marsh species

“It was a nasty business”, he said. “I'd hate to hear of any children sustaining those bites”.

Asked whether we would ever be able to eradicate the mosquitoes or merely control them, Adrian Williams replied that an attempt is being made to establish a balance between lifestyle and the environment.

“We believe a comprehensive management control program during the breeding period, similar to that successfully employed by Brisbane Council, is a most effective approach”, he said.

Reflecting a keen interest in the mosquito matter from a political viewpoint, Chris Hartcher, the Member for Gosford, and Michael Richardson, the then Shadow Minister for the Environment, responded to an invitation from the Hardys Bay Residents Group to meet its members and discuss the increasingly-disturbing situation.

Consequent to the visit, an undertaking was made by the NSW Coalition, upon election to Government, to allocate an amount of \$100,000 to fund a program designed to control the mosquito problem.

Although the outcome of the State elections did not favour the Coalition - meaning there would be no consequent financial boost - the offer, nevertheless, illustrated the broad concern, and interest, aroused over the issue.

Chris Hartcher publicly affirmed that the insect, in particular the salt marsh variety, would continue to pose a serious health problem if no immediate action were to be taken by authorities.

“The mosquitoes breed in the estuarine wetlands around Empire Bay”, he noted. “They need to be controlled, but controlled in an environmentally friendly way that does not threaten the wetlands or other marine life.”

SEDIMENTATION

Following a concerted campaign waged by residents George MacDonald, Ted Sieper, Graeme Smith and members of the Pretty Beach and Wagstaffe Progress Association, the local community has been provided with a new boat launching ramp and pontoon at Pretty Beach.

Gosford City Council's Ray Pascoe was also singled out for his significant contribution to the apparent success of the project despite encountering many setbacks during its progress.

Early reports suggest the new facility is a success. However, there remain some issues of concern to residents. For its ongoing effectiveness, the ramp's viability must depend on a comprehensive maintenance plan to limit sediment deposits.

.Although a vast improvement on the original ramp, the replacement ramp and pontoon will doubtless, in time, suffer similar sedimentation problems.

For instance, at low tide, the pontoon can be seen listing to starboard as it settles on the uneven surface below.

On the left side, protected mangroves have been allowed to grow, with the consequence that no dredging can be presently carried out to level or deepen the seabed on the underside or on the left side of the pontoon.

At a recent meeting with Gosford City Council's engineering authorities, the Hardys Bay Residents Group's sedimentation sub-committee submitted a comprehensive report, with recommendations, on an effective maintenance plan. This focused on an ongoing dialogue with the Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) to enable council to remove sediment deposits from areas in and around the ramp and pontoon as deemed necessary.

Graeme Smith, who has conducted extensive research into sedimentation issues for many years, continues to represent the HBRG on the relevant council committees relating to the subject.

Comprehensive details on this and other sedimentation matters are available on the HBRG website



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letters

Now that the State election is over, it's time to return to more important matters such as the mozzie menace. The past two weeks have been as bad as any I can remember in 28 years living here. That drop of rain, plus the intense heat, brought them out in droves.

I even tried walking Lucky the wonder dog at 11.30am in bright sunshine in a bid to avoid them but, alas, they pounced like Spitfires in World War Two. It's now up to the State Government to get on with the job of spraying the mozzie breeding grounds in Cockle Bay, Empire Bay.

This area has been identified as a home to the saltmarsh type whose bite can cause Ross River Fever, Barmah Forest Fever and other debilitating diseases. The mozzie can range 15kms from its breeding grounds so no one is safe.

The project was buried in the 'later' basket in order to woo Greens voters, some of whom, for some reason, are against the spraying, even though it is harmless to the environment.

The spraying agent, Bti, has been used successfully at Ryde, Olympic Park at Homebush, Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast.

There have been no less than 80 cases of these dreadful diseases reported to Central Coast Health in the past year.

So no more stalling, it's time for action.

Bob Staines

Killcare Heights

I noted, with interest, in your Bay News, the comments of Mr. Bert Myer on local mangrove increase and I support his comments.

He has lived in the area some years longer than myself, as I only holidayed from 1932 until more or less living here from 1939.

During my time, like Bert, I have noticed the increase of sedimentation and the proliferation of the mangrove not only in Hardys Bay but beyond The Rip, smothering what used to be sandy beaches on the islands near St. Hubert's Island. There are also increases about Pelican Island, near the Woy Woy railway station and along the rail and causeway leading to Koolewong. I believe that the sedimentation also led to the loss of Soldier Crabs at Pretty Beach.

Some years ago, some residents wanted to plant more mangroves along our sand strips and my observations in opposition were treated with considerable ridicule. The Council, meeting with the local people at that time, avoided any comments either way.

I have also observed the movement of sand along Ettalong Beach towards Booker Bay from whence it has split into the navigational area of the bay, forming quite large sandbars. This constant movement leads to the depletion of a beautiful beach.

Please accept my comments with intention to help.

Rod Radford

Wagstaffe

Why the push to gentrify Hardys Bay?

If it's to attract visitors, has anybody stopped to think that maybe people come here because they like it the way it is?

This foreshore has a sort of comfy charm which is something few areas retain in today's passion for the "grand make-over."

I see people every day enjoying our simple unadorned foreshore. It's somewhere to kick a football, play cricket, eat fish and chips, plant Granny in a folding chair and walk the dog.

Hardys Bay doesn't need a grand plan. It needs a simple parking plan that suits visitors and residents alike. How about we aim at getting that right and forgetting the rest?

Marilyn Cartmill

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