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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the August issue of Bay News. In this quarterly edition, among a number of various topics of local interest we are currently addressing, we are pleased to report on the successful completion of the abandoned oyster lease cleanup and proudly present a comprehensive coverage featuring the “ Dining Delights of our Community “ in which an imposing lineup of our culinary riches are listed.

The winter quarter has been a busy one for the Hardys Bay Residents Group as our various sub-committees have continued to work on a broad range of matters, of long and short-term consequence, which are relevant to our community's welfare.

We extend a warm welcome to our many new members and wish to offer a reminder to everybody that annual membership renewals are now due.

Special thanks to all members and friends for the tremendous support we have received throughout the last 12 months. We always look forward to your comments and commend our website as an ideal communication source for all local matters.

Sincere good wishes,
Adrian Williams,
President

OYSTER LEASE RESTORATION IN BAY COMPLETED

The local community has applauded the news that the Phase 3 Foreshore Restoration involving the abandoned oyster leases in the bay has been completed, signalling a successful conclusion to an issue which had created concern for a number of years.

The history of the prolonged operations extends back to June, 2004, when Hardys Bay Residents

Group members, Kay and Terry Feltham, initially drew the attention of the authorities to the unsightly appearance of rows of roofing tiles, concrete slabs and rocks which severely blemished one of the most picturesque outlooks on the Brisbane Water.

Consequent to the representations by the Felthams, and strongly supported by concerted community overtures, the Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries), in liaison with Gosford Council, provided its seal of approval to the dismantling of the derelict leases in October of that year.

In April, 2009, a grant of \$13,075 was provided for this project by means of a Federal Government Community Coastcare programme, an initiative conducted under the jurisdiction of the Minister for the Environment.

Phase 1 of the cleaning up operations involved the removal by hand of over 35 tons of the offending debris along the foreshores of Hardys Bay Parade, Killcare. A “call to arms “ was answered by HBRG members and other local residents throughout a 4-month period, a demanding task under the existing conditions.

All material was removed at low tide and loaded onto a barge before being floated ashore at high tide. This, in turn, was used as backfill for Stage 2 roadworks conducted by Gosford Council along Hardys Bay Parade, with the remainder



In the thick of it ... oyster lease campaigners, Tristan Edema and Luke Bradstreet, take a break during successful stage 3 operations.

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transported to an appropriate dump site.

Six years on, Kay and Terry Feltham - the instigators of the dramatic tidying-up crusade - reflect, with a good deal of satisfaction, on the progress achieved, with a combined workload of almost 110 tons of the surrendered materials having been cleared throughout the 3-stage period.

“ We have seen an immense improvement in the reduction of silt buildup and increased water flow in areas once dominated by the abandoned oyster leases, “ says Kay.

“ Various species of birds not seen here before are now regular visitors feeding in the shallow weed beds. And large turtles, stingrays and small fish have been sighted in the seagrass beds and along the foreshore since the restoration work has been undertaken.

“ It is gratifying that projects such as this can be undertaken with the support of local and State bodies and the Federal Government's Caring for our Country Coastcare Grant.

“ The great efforts of our many enthusiastic helpers in the community are highlighted, in particular, by those contributed by local people such as landscaper Luke Bradstreet and Tristan Edema, and volunteers from the Hardys Bay Residents Group”.

“ The area has been made a much safer place for recreational use and there has been an overwhelming, positive feedback from our community as they see the foreshore returning to its natural state, “ she adds.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN DESIGNED TO REAP BENEFITS FOR COMMUNITY

In its ongoing commitment, and following on from the successful completion of the abandoned oyster leases concerns, the Hardys Bay Residents Group considers that a major focus over the next two years will be the environmental issues which impact on the community. Accordingly, the Group has drafted a broad strategy which it has named the Residents Environmental Action Plan, or “ REAP “. The REAP's strategy is consistent with, and in fact, elevates targeted material from the recommendations already made by an independent consultant to Gosford Council involving the entire Brisbane Water Estuary. It nevertheless examines, in particular, those parts of the Estuary affecting our community at large. Consequently, this particular programme contained within REAP should be acceptable not only to Council but, in particular, to other Federal and State administrations which may be able to provide funding if required.

The general strategy adopted in the REAP

includes the enhancement of :

WATER AND SEDIMENT QUALITY WITHIN HARDYS BAY ; that is, to measurably improve the standard of water and sediment quality within the bay, therefore protecting and promoting a healthy aquatic ecosystem, while allowing aesthetic enjoyment and appropriate recreational use for the bay's residents and visitors.

SEDIMENTARY PROCESSES ; the goal here is to minimise as far as possible further estuary sedimentation within Hardys Bay including the erosion of the foreshore caused by the effects of human activities.

FORESHORE FLOODING ; this requires the minimisation of the impact of catchment flooding and foreshore inundation on existing and future development of Hardys Bay foreshores (in accordance with Council's Floodplain Risk Management Plans).

The HBRG committee has so far held discussions with a range of experts to assist the further development of the REAP. It is planned to conduct a short presentation on this initiative at the Group's next public meeting.

OUR FIRE BRIGADE ... TIMELY SEASONAL ADVICE

Killcare Rural Fire Brigade captain, Steve Farrell, has offered some timely seasonal advice for our community.

“ With winter now upon us a new website has been developed focusing on home fire safety and education, “ says Steve.

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“ Another opportunity for residents to obtain information will be provided during the upcoming RFS OPEN DAY to be held on Saturday, September 25th. This event, which corresponds with the start of the fire season the following week, provides Brigade members with an ideal opportunity to variously recruit new volunteers, involve the audience in demonstrations, conduct fun activities for kids and explain FireWise programs to residents.

“ We also remind residents that if they choose to prepare their property for the coming summer, several conditions apply and we advise them to contact the RFS District Office on 43402911 or go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

“ Membership continues to strengthen with most of our juniors now progressing sufficiently well to be active fire-fighters by this coming summer. Also, the addition of several adult trainees puts us in a much better position than we were several years ago and well prepared for the summer ahead.

“ Our community continues its strong and continued support for the Brigade and Brigade members. In fact, the volunteer members have contributed over 3,400 hours since this time last year in activities ranging from training and recruitment to hazard reductions and other incidents.

“The continued support we receive from the residents, community groups and local businesses

is impressive and very welcome and reminds us of what a great community we are all part of”

HARDY'S BAY TRIO TRIUMPHS IN YACHTING CLASSIC

Three Hardy's Bay yachtsmen triumphed in the prestigious Broken Bay Inter-Club Challenge series this year

when local residents Adrian Williams, Terry Feltham and Allan Adolphson piloted the 30-footer *Chelsea Liz* to success in the blue water classic.



Success..... Terry Feltham, Adrian Williams and Allan Adolphson

Now in its 20th year, and regularly attracting top class fields, the Challenge has become a popular fixture on the racing calendar and consists of four stages, each individually hosted by the competing clubs, Avalon, Gosford, the Hawkesbury River and the Royal Motor Yacht clubs.

The gruelling 30 nautical-mile sectors are traditionally highlighted by the testing Three Islands Race - embracing Lion, Dangar and Scotland Islands - and the Brooklyn Bash, which takes in the Hawkesbury River Sailing Club's segment.

There was certainly no lack of experience behind (To page 6)

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“GREAT FOOD... GREAT COMPANY... “THE DINING DELIGHTS OF OUR COMMUNITY”

Three years ago, in a special 3-part series in the Sydney Morning Herald's popular weekly boating feature, "Tidelines", journalist David Lockwood heaped generous praise on the allied communities of Killcare, Hardy's Bay, Pretty Beach and Wagstaffe.

Focusing on the general allure of the Brisbane Water network in a segment, "Sailing Into God's Country", and, obviously captivated by the charms of our own tranquil havens in particular, he wrote of "the rich experience of admiring the signature sunsets which lingered over Killcare and Hardy's Bay - pure romance!", and described the exclusive package of the bay and its neighbouring communities as "a heavenly sanctuary of old world charisma and modern sophistication - and great food!"

Throughout the ensuing period of time since that glowing assessment was made, our riches have broadened and the range of culinary presentations now on offer in our local communities has considerably increased, with the emergence of greater choices which are designed to cater for all tastes.

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Located in the heritage-listed Old Killcare Store on beautiful Hardy's Bay, L' Anxaneta Cafe and Tapas Bar offers delicious Mediterranean breakfasts and lunches, coffee and cakes, 7 days a week from 7.30am until 4pm. Friday and Saturday nights bring exquisite tapas

dining accompanied by house Sangria or Spanish and Australian beers and wines. BYO wine is also welcome.

Owned and run by Ana Martin and Marie-Carmen Loez, L'ANXANETA brings the authentic Spanish tapas experience - hearty portions of Spanish cuisine in sociable sizes directed at relaxed dining and drinking in the beautifully-decorated surrounds overlooking the bay.

Accommodating intimate dinners to large functions, L' ANXANETA is great place for celebrating that special occasion. Our tapas is perfect for catering, so, if you can't come to us, then we'll come to you!

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Situated opposite the water in picturesque Hardy's Bay, this is a perfect location to enjoy a quality meal, whether by day watching the sun glisten on the water or by night as the sun sets across the bay and the lights begin to twinkle on the water.

Our head chef David has built a reputation to be envied. For the past three years, YUM YUM EATERY has been reviewed and recommended by the SMH Good Food Guide. David has recently restructured the menu, with all meals now under \$30 and most choices available as either entree or main. The menu is best described as modern Australian, influenced by cuisines from around the world such as Italy, France and Asia.

Fully licensed, YUM YUM boasts a quality wine list with wines from such regions as the Hunter Valley, Yarra Valley, Mornington, Barossa and Margaret River, to name a few. You are always welcome to bring your own wine - however, a corkage fee applies.

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We also have outside tables and chairs for you to enjoy the beautiful Wagstaffe peace and quiet whilst you have a coffee or a meal.

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Special features include a set menu at lunch of \$25 for 2 courses, or 3 courses for \$35 at dinner. Another temptation is an excellent tapas selection with a choice of two offerings, with garlic bread, for just \$19.90. Randalls has been showcasing some outstanding talent in recent weeks with the introduction of live music on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Weddings, general functions and other events are catered for, with groups as big as 70, and hosted weddings for numbers up to 150, comfortably arranged.

Winter hours : Open 6 days weekly (closed Mondays), lunch Tuesdays to Sundays 11am to 3pm, dinner Wednesdays to Saturdays, 5.30pm until late, breakfast Saturdays and Sundays from 9.30am.

RANDALLS ON THE BEACH ... KILLCARE SURF CLUB ... For reservations, Phone: (02) 4360 2040, or email randallsonthebeach@gmail.com Bookings preferred.

KILLCARE BEACH KIOSK

In its delightful new abode downstairs at the sparkling Killcare Surf Club, the KILLCARE BEACH KIOSK provides all the old favourites from a traditionally broad menu from the past and, according to hosts Steve and Helena, the selection is even " looking better than ever.'

There are additions such as Di's fresh baked scones,

the Killy Kebabs, Tracey's home-made soups and Dane's coffee, which have proved huge hits with those who enjoy relaxing on the broad, grassed area, with its tables and chairs, admiring the splendid views of Killcare beach.

A priority at the KILLCARE BEACH KIOSK is " to provide an excellent community service with the emphasis on value and quality, and to offer a family and dog-friendly atmosphere in order to complement our special corner of the world. "

Winter hours : Open 7 days, 9am to 3pm (weather permitting).

KILLCARE BEACH KIOSK ... KILLCARE SURF CLUB
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Our cafe is open 7 days for breakfast from 8.30am until 11am, with the lunch menu available between 11.30am and 3pm. The cafe is BYO and closes at 5pm.

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Chelsea Liz's success. Skipped by Adrian Williams, a veteran of ten Sydney to Hobart campaigns, with his colleagues, Terry Feltham and Allan Adolphson, also blessed with extensive yachting backgrounds, *Chelsea Liz* overcame a field of more than 60 boats in claiming individual handicap points score honours to underline its consistency.

According to the authorities, conditions throughout the series reportedly varied ' from flat calm to 40 knots, oppressive heat and pelting rain '.

And the Hardy's Bay involvement with the Broken Bay Challenge didn't end with the yacht and its personnel. The handsome trophy presented to the *Chelsea Liz* team as the winners of the 2010 Classic was crafted by local resident, John Woulfe, a highly-respected designer and sculptor, who was chosen by the RMYC to undertake the commission.

NEW OWNERS OF KILLCARE RETAIL LANDMARK WELCOMED

We warmly welcome the new owners of the Killcare Cellars and General Store, a local landmark for nearly 40



years, which sold at auction on Sunday, June 13th, for \$1.6 million, following a spirited tendering of offers by a record number of bids.

The successful buyers were Gary and Pam Janes who, along with son Michael, have indicated the business will continue to operate as a bottle shop and general store in meeting the needs of the community. Rich in sentimental value, the 1972 property was sold as a " mortgagee in possession " by East Coast Auctions who were engaged by real estate agents, Ray White of Killcare, represented by Wendy Best and Kerrie Ryan. The auction attracted huge interest with a crowd estimated at almost 300 in attendance. (pictured).

The Janes have owned a home in the local area since 1997 and, according to Gary, a Goulburn schoolmaster with 30 years' experience, " are looking forward to strengthening their ties as members of the Hardys Bay-Killcare community" .

They expect to open the store for business in early August. We wish them well.

PROFILE KILLCARE RESIDENT REVIVES ANCIENT DANCE

It has taken its time to reach our shores but those Australians who have tried a hand - or, more explicitly, a 'foot' - at this particular type of routine are making a contribution to an expansion of one of the oldest forms of dancing still in existence since its creation.



We refer, of course, to clog dancing, which is believed to have been introduced as long ago as the 15th century.

Clog dancing?

Yet, already, in its brief period of acceptance on the Australian market, more than 100 clubs nationwide have been formed, with three Central Coast venues at Kariong, Tuggerah and Wyoming catering for this remarkable surge in its popularity.

Clogging is a style which is accentuated by the type of shoe worn during the dance. The shoes, which often have taps on the toe and heel, are used to make a loud percussion noise to produce a rhythm which is the basis of the routine. The foot-tapping and the heel-clicking help to create its special personality.

Longtime Killcare resident, Kathy Webber, is one of a rapidly growing number of enthusiasts who have emerged as ardent disciples of this ancient style of dance. She initially became involved with square dancing as a teenager before later deciding to experiment with the ' round ' and a revolutionary ' clog ' discipline.

The latter attracted her immediately and her consequent activities, brimful of enthusiasm, have propelled her to international recognition through her appearances at national and overseas gatherings, highlighted by the legendary Nashville State Convention in Tennessee, with its customary 4000-plus attendances annually.

As a "clogger" of some renown, her thoughts on the dance routine are highly respected. Her reasons for its sudden acceptance in these parts? " You could say that it has probably taken several centuries before becoming an overnight wonder over here," she laughingly concedes, " but certainly, the younger people are now becoming more involved as it's a great activity and also good for the mind, too.

" And it also caters for all levels of fitness which is important for the various ages."

As with clogging and its origins reportedly stemming back to the days of long ago, her

family's association with Killcare is a lengthy one, commencing in the early 1900s when her husband's grandmother came to the area to establish a holiday house which, Kathy, explained, was built from old materials washed up onto the nearby beach.

In turn, her mother-in-law purchased the land for seven pounds before Kathy and her husband eventually established a new dwelling on the original area 30 years ago.

For the past 13 years, since she had it built specifically as a B and B premises, Kathy has been the proprietor of "Granny's Cottage", a popular establishment on Putty Beach Drive.

And it is on this very site where, a century ago, her husband's forebears formed their dreams of an exciting future in Killcare.

BRIEFS

VISION 2025 ...

The Gosford City Council has undertaken a review of its strategic plan, "Vision 2025", which was developed in 2006. Over the past 12 months, Council's long-term strategies have been renewed to reflect the changing needs of the community. The new "2025" is to be presented as the new plan and will include the communities' major priorities and aspirations for the future.

Vision 2025 is currently being updated to include new information and community members can participate and have their say by visiting the specially- designed website www.gosford2025.com.au and following the links to the discussion forum.



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BIG FUTURE TIPPED FOR LOCAL GYMNAST

Our congratulations to local gymnast, Jim Whelan, whose performances in the recent Australian championships have prompted his coach, Rohan Kennedy, to predict an exciting future for the 15 year-old Hardys Bay youngster. After qualifying for the State team following victory in the rings event and a third placing in the vault in the NSW titles, Jim journeyed to Canberra in late July for the Men's Artistic Gymnastic Nationals at the Australian Institute of Sport where competitors from all Australian states, plus New Zealand, were performing. Overcoming the odds, he was placed 5th overall in the Level 7 Open event in a "blanket finish", one of the tightest in the tournament's history. Additionally, his NSW team gained the silver medal in finishing just behind Queensland in the teams event - which embraced all apparatus routines - with Victoria third. Jim's overall performances were rated by coach Kennedy as "quite fantastic", praising the lad's maturity when tackling such a high-level event for the first time. "I'm sure Jim will go on to much bigger things in the future," he enthused. "He has the potential, and the determination, to reach the top bracket in his chosen sport."

POLICE ENCOURAGE PUBLIC VIGILANCE ON OUR BAYS...

Broken Bay Water Police have urged the public to report any suspicious circumstances involving craft moored in our bays. This follows a number of break ins in recent months, with thieves targeting, in particular, yachts and power cruisers.

Among items stolen were GPS navigation equipment, outboard motors, inflatable dinghies and personal belongings, with Hardys Bay and Pretty Beach singled out, in particular. In one daring incident, a dinghy belonging to a catamaran moored in Hardys Bay was stolen and later recovered in Woy Woy Bay, minus its outboard motor.

Sergeant Mick Crews, of the Broken Bay Water Police, has encouraged the public to report any incidents of a suspicious nature by phoning the BBWP Command on 9910 7899. "We would welcome any calls from members of the public relating to anything of a questionable nature happening in the bays," he said.

"But we must emphasise that the offender, or anybody who is suspected of any form of illegal activity, should never be approached"

LETTERS

I am writing to congratulate the Hardys Bay Residents Group and all volunteers involved in the cleanup of the abandoned oyster leases in Hardys Bay.

As you are aware, this is a project that I have supported for some time, particularly during my involvement as the Labor candidate for the state seat of Terrigal, where I was able to inspect the site personally and see the great results that the Hardys Bay Residents Group have delivered to this part of the bay.

I am also delighted that a federal government Coast Care grant from the Department of the Environment was instrumental in helping to fund and complete Phase 3 of your programme. The news of a turtle sighting along the recently cleaned foreshore and a significant return of other estuary life is tremendous.

As the new Labor candidate for Robertson I will continue to take a keen interest in the Hardys Bay area and the good work of the residents group.

I look forward to supporting future community projects in the Hardys Bay area.

Yours sincerely,
Deborah O'Neill

A sincere 'thank you' to the Broken Bay Water Police for such quick action in retrieving and returning my inflatable dinghy which was stolen from the back of my catamaran yacht recently whilst moored in Hardys Bay. I understand from police that a number of items from various boats were also stolen and the authorities were quickly alerted by Hardys Bay residents which enabled the speedy and successful return of my dinghy to be made. Being a long way from home, it is comforting to know that people care. Again, many thanks.

Ralph Newton
"Yandanooka - 7"
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