



# Bay news

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## BOATIES BEWARE!

Many residents will be taking to the water over the holiday period - either in their own boat or a friend's. It is very important that you and the skipper are aware of these new rules. And to be VERY aware of the FINES for flaunting the rules.

We thank Mark Raward Boating Safety Officer, Boating Operations, Maritime for his assistance, cooperation, and for supplying this information.

**New Speed limits & New Channels:** The speed limit at Wagstaffe has changed from 8 knot/no wash to 4 knots. New 4 knot signage has been located to improve visibility for boaters.

**Speed limits throughout Brisbane Water** are also under review, but for now, just follow the existing speed signs, especially those as you approach the Rip Bridge.

**Additional yellow markers** have been installed along the unofficial north western channel which will direct the majority of traffic away from the resident's properties on the southern foreshore.

**The old North-South channel** has been re-opened so there are now 2 alternate channels allowing vessels to by-pass Wagstaff without using the main channel.

## RULE CHANGES!

## NEW BIGGER FINES!

**Deep draft vessels** should continue using the main 4 knot channel along the southern foreshore. This is lit between sunset and sunrise.

**Hardy's Bay is currently 8 knots** but the HBRG has been working with Roads and Maritime to make the bay 4 knots and to install additional signage on both sides of the south cardinal marker at the entrance to the bay.

**New Rules on Boating Safety and Fines (See page 8)**



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## President's Message

### Welcome to our Summer edition of Bay News.

In this issue we highlight some history of the area; important new boating safety regulations; and a report on Pretty Beach Primary School's busy year. We also report on widely varied topics such as our local Fire Service and its timely warning to our citizens; the Hardys Bay Club's success; and development changes around the area.

You'll enjoy reading a profile on a well respected local resident and young entrepreneur, in addition to other features of interest.

For the digitally minded, you'll be pleased to learn that we are currently updating our popular website ([www.hardysbay.com](http://www.hardysbay.com)) which will enable us to constantly refresh stories of interest to our members and provide interactive data.

We extend a warm welcome to all new members and are proud, too, of our rapidly increasing membership ranks. We particularly wish to thank the many people supporting us with much appreciated donations and remind everybody that new members are always welcome. (See contact details on back page).

In addition to providing advice to members, the HBRG and its resources will continue to make itself available to work with the many other groups in the area, with the objective of positive outcomes on issues that affect the Bay and surrounds.

We always look forward to receiving the community's comments and particularly wish to thank the many people who work so hard to assist in achieving recent successful outcomes.

We extend our warmest greetings to all for a safe and happy summer season.

Best Wishes Adrian Williams President



**A second "Hydrant" competition** was for locals to photograph the Hydrant nearest their home to win wonderful prizes donated by local restaurants.

**Fire calls:** We have also been involved in a number of fire calls, some hazard reductions and one-to-one advice on property protection.

### Training volunteers to become Members

We have had more than 20 members pass various fire fighting qualifications, adding to the skills that will help defend our community. If you want to volunteer, call us: Martin Riddell Community Engagement Officer Killcare, Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade 0414 677 542

### Be better prepared for Summer - prepare a plan

We urge everyone to prepare a plan for their homes and gardens for the current fire season. Also check those gutters, clear those leaves and repair that roof!

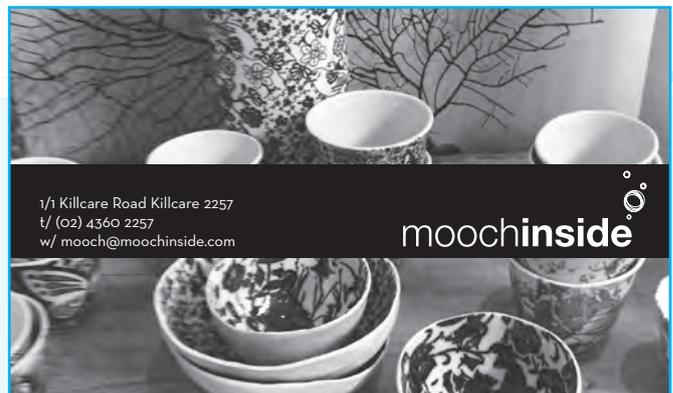
**New Apps for protecting your home** To better understand how to get tips and reminders on how to protect your home from potential fire risks download the "MyFirePlan" App for Android and iPhone .

Obviously, we will be responding to fire calls, supporting locals with advice, committing to Hazard Reductions, Training (hard!) as well as our normal business. Why not come and talk to us about how you can contribute? You'll be surprised at the fun and how great it feels to give something back to the community!

## "FIRIES" HAVE BEEN BUSY!

**Since August, so much has happened!** We have organised two "Get Ready Weekend" events, locating and testing over sixty Hydrants on our patch; we held our Open Day, with over 80 people visiting: asking advice; playing the games; taking part in the "Flammability" Competition; learning how to extinguish fires on the stove; and enjoying our amazing snags!

**Our "Hydrant Heroes" Competition** started by inviting the children at Pretty Beach Public School to design our poster - and what a job they did! We had loads of entries. Congratulations to our winner, Lene.



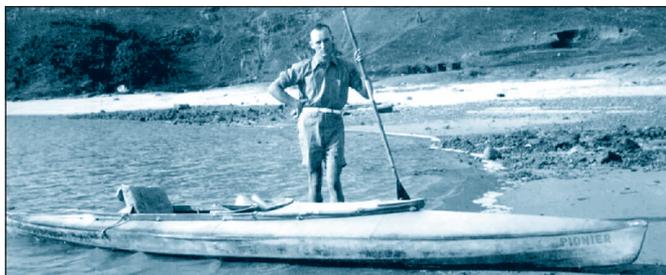
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## LOCAL HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

History records that in 1932, a somewhat crazy German called Oskar Speck, set out in a folding kayak on the Danube River on a journey that would last seven years. It took several kayaks and the outbreak of a world war, but he eventually landed on Australian shores.



Oskar Speck circa 1932 with collapsible kayak

Where Hardys Bay and Killcare fits in to the story is that Oskar eventually came to live here and built a stunning home on Scenic Road (now called "Grumaldi").

Inspired by Oskar Speck's amazing kayak journey, an extraordinary female adventurer, **Sandy Robson**, from Western Australia, has just finished retracing the Speck route across the world in a kayak.

It took her 5 years to do it, but on the way she set several records including:

- First Person to Circumnavigate Sri Lanka by Kayak
- First Woman to Kayak the Coast of India
- First Woman to Kayak the Coast of Bangladesh
- First Woman to kayak the Coast of Papua New Guinea.

Her next "journey" is to spend a year writing the book that Oskar Speck never got to write! Hers will be a compilation of her own journey by kayak from Germany to Australia, but interspersed with stories from Oskar Speck.

To assist her in this "journey" Sandy is keen to learn more about Oskar and meet people here who may have known him. She plans to come to NSW in March 2017 for the research.

If you would like to help, and possibly donate a little to help her survive...and...learn about her, and even contact her, check out: <http://www.sandy-robson.com>.



An exuberant Sandy Robson near or at the end of her journey

## DREDGING OFF LOBSTER BEACH

Taken the ferry to Palm Beach recently? Noticed how narrow the channel has become? The HBRG has been involved with other stake - holders in lobbying both the state government, and more recently the amalgamated council, Central Coast Council, on dredging the channel at Lobster Beach. Once the councils were amalgamated it was, and is, clear that the dredge previously owned by the Wyong council should be available for dredging within the previously Gosford council area. So we may have just found the solution.



Following HBRG meetings with the local state member for Terrigal Adam Crouch, he released the following statement.

*"I have met with Central Coast Council's CEO Rob Noble to discuss the Brisbane Water Channel to discuss a plan of management to keep the channel open for commercial and leisure craft. Council's Group Leader for Assets, Infrastructure and Business, Mike Dowling has put in place a dedicated team who will prepare a plan of management which we hope to see in place within coming months"*

*"This channel is so important to ensure it is kept open for boating access (sic) The Peninsula & Bouddi Peninsula, the many villages on the Brisbane Water and feeder services to Gosford City. "It is also very important that passenger services can navigate through the channel safely and with good clearance"*

The HBRG will continue to monitor progress on this matter and work with council on developing an urgent and immediate plan for the dredging and an ongoing maintenance plan.

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## 40 YEARS OF FRIGID DIGITS!

Another successful and enjoyable year for the Frigid Digits highlighted by our 40 year Anniversary function celebrated at Horizons Restaurant in July. The event was attended by scores of past and present members.

Our President and Foundation member, Ron Malcolm, told very amusing stories about various Frigid Digits of the past. All who attended enjoyed a fabulous day.

### New Year... New name

At our AGM in April we voted to change our name from Hardys Bay Frigid Digits to Killcare Frigid Digits as so many of our members are also members of the Killcare Surf Club.

We welcomed new members this year who are very passionate about our ever-popular club. The Frigid Digits can boast of many foundation members still competing every Sunday with the club.

### The thrill of competition

The Frigid Digits had four members who competed at The Australian Winter Swimming Championships held in Charlestown, Newcastle in September. To our absolute delight Bob Cochrane won a very well deserved Bronze Medal in the 80-84yrs 50m freestyle Championship. Our over 70 yrs men's relay team of Ron Malcolm, Bob Cochrane, Dave Stevenson and Norm Little swam well but just missed out qualifying for the final.



Bob Cochrane holding his Bronze Medal for the 80-84yrs 50m freestyle Championship.

A large team competed in The Northern District Championships held at Merewether Ocean Pool, Newcastle in July. Bob Cochrane won a gold medal in the 80-84years 50m freestyle championship. Both Ron

Malcolm and Norm Little qualified for the final of the 70-74years 50m freestyle.

We sent a team of six to Coogee for a yearly four way swim with South Maroubra, Coogee and Bulli. This is a friendly competition where each of the four clubs alternates being the host club.

We had a blast at the Presentation afternoon at Killcare Surf Club with special thanks to Barrie from Horizons Restaurant, Sarah and Mike from The Fat Goose and Marc and Joann from Edwards Butchery Woy Woy. To all of you we do appreciate your ongoing generosity and support.

Some special awards were given with Greg Bourne and Bob Cochrane being awarded with Life Membership.

Geoff Bown was unanimously voted Clubman of the Year whilst Brent Malcolm won Club Champion. The hotly contested best soup award was won by Rob Paine for his delicious Seafood Chowder.

A big thank you goes to all our hardworking Committee members and to all the members who helped out so willingly all season. One important person who must be thanked is Rob Harwood for storing our trailer at his home. We really do appreciate your kindness very much.

Every year the Frigid Digits make donations to charities and this year "Killy Cares" and the "Asthma Foundation" were the recipients of this generosity.

The Killcare Frigid Digits wish everyone in the community a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New year, and to let you all know we welcome new members, men, women and children. *Sue Purcell*



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## HARDYS BAY CLUB

2016 has been a year of new ideas and learning for the team at Hardy's Bay Club. We have been busy developing and implementing new strategies and events to drive interest and awareness of our small, but mighty, little club so we can continue to provide the community with a unique and friendly place to meet and enjoy. Without the support of each and every one of you, we simply don't exist.

### Music, music, music

Quality live music every weekend is one area that we are particularly proud of, with the likes of Alex Lloyd, Rick Price and countless local and Australian artists coming to the Central Coast to play at the club. The Sunday Jam sessions continue to grow in popularity. With the addition of our new Summer Sunday events "The Deck Sessions" we hope to bring in new faces and a new generation of patrons through offering a new music vibe, local craft beer from the outdoor pop-up bar and relaxed BBQ food options.

### Weddings and Functions

Weddings have been a huge area of growth this year, especially with the addition of our stunning 'Bush Chapel' nestled into the natural landscape behind the club. If you haven't seen the Bush Chapel yet, come in and take a look. A highlight was our recent nomination for "Best Boutique Wedding Venue" in the 2016 Brides Choice Awards.

### New Art Gallery

We are excited to expand upon our existing Art offering by launching a new gallery space at the club and partnering with passionate, local Art enthusiasts Bren and Jude, whom previously curated exhibitions at Killcare Surf Club. More details to come very soon!

### Bistro 14

The talented new team behind Bistro 14 have been busy fine-tuning the delicious fresh menu and introducing special offers to entice you in Wednesdays is "Rump Steak and BBQ Ribs", Thursdays will soon launch as "Schnitzel night" and we're cooking up something special for those hot Summery afternoons on the deck requiring lots of fresh seafood So if you haven't dined with us recently, you're missing out!

### We need your support

We need the community's continued support to keep our quirky, colourful, musical and warm little club going. So as we enter the silly season, please do pop in to see what's new to share with your friends. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Seasons Greetings

Thank you from everyone at Hardys Bay Club and Seasons Greetings to you and your family.



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## PRETTY BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our school is growing. we now have 169 students and 7 class. So we've had to add a new demountable classroom. Following are just some of the of the achievements and activities we did this year:

### Summary of this year:

- Our students participated in our Annual Swimming Carnival, Cross Country Carnival and Athletics Carnival with a number of students also competing in the Zone Carnivals for each. Seven students then represented the Zone at the Regional Sydney North Carnivals (2 for Swimming, 2 for Cross Country and 3 for Athletics.) One student then went on to represent Sydney North Zone at the State Athletics Carnival.
- Our debating team took part in the Premiers Debating Challenge; students also entered the Premiers Spelling Challenge and Public Speaking Competition.
- Our students were entertained at the G'Day Asia Harmony Day Performance, Ryka Ali Performance (indigenous) and visiting author DC Green.
- Our younger students took part in Dog Awareness Talks and the whole school attended Surf Life Saving Talks about beach safety.
- Our Year 5 & 6 students were trained to be Peer Support Leaders and then ran weekly Peer Support Groups with the younger students.
- Excursions: Our Kindergarten students went to the Reptile Park, Year 1 & 2 went to Rumbalara Environment Centre, Year 3 & 4 went on the Sydney Excursion (the Rocks Walking Tour, Hyde Park Barracks etc- to see what life was like for a convict), and Year 5 & 6 went to Bathurst Goldfields, Sheep & Cattle Drome, Blue Mountains Scenic World and Jenolan Caves.
- We will also be holding our Year 6 Farewell, End of Year Movie Day and Picnic and our Annual Presentation Night next week.

There is so much more to tell, but no room, I'm sad to say - Jan Tochowicz



## HEIDI SOUTER - THE HUNGRY TRAVELLER



It is no secret that the Bouddi Peninsula is home to many gifted and artistic young people. Less well known is the growing number of talented, homegrown young entrepreneurs making their mark in small businesses around the coast. This summer in Hardys Bay, keep your eyes open for a bright yellow 1976 Volkswagen Kombi van serving freshly made hamburgers and shakes under the banner of **The Hungry Traveller**. This much loved mobile food van is the brainchild of 24 year old business owner Heidi Souter, combining her passion for food, enjoyment of people, social media skills and training in the hospitality industry.

While travelling in Europe and South America (in VW Kombis) the idea of an independent, mobile food business crystallised for Heidi. Food trucks and street food were opening up everywhere in the US and thanks to social media, were proving to be fertile ground for young, innovative entrepreneurs, so why not combine her love of Kombis, food and create something new on the Central Coast?

Growing up in Killcare, Heidi first attended Pretty Beach Primary School and Barrenjoey High before heading to Ourimbah TAFE to pursue a degree in Hospitality and Events. While still a student she developed practical experience in restaurant management at The Fat Goose, Bells of Killcare (becoming Restaurant Supervisor at age 18) and BIBLOS in Gosford where she was appointed Restaurant Manager at age 21.

Heidi's food philosophy is: 'fresh and wholesome is absolutely best'. *"I make everything with fresh ingredients at home, including chutneys and milkshake syrups, using produce from local growers; beef from Mangrove Mountain, local cheese from Wyong, fresh local milk buns and seasonal salads, and vegetables from selected growers on the coast. My customers are really anyone looking for convenient, fresh and wholesome food at affordable prices. I also regularly cater for private celebrations and parties."*

So come on down to Hardys Bay for a great hamburger at **The Hungry Traveller Kombi** from mid December through summer, 4-8.30 pm!

## UPDATED WEB SITE



Thanks to the expertise of Rob Watson of Big Shots Design and the support from a number of members, we are updating and developing our current web site. We plan to bring more regularly updated information with new sections relevant to the area.

So file our web site as a "favourite" and check us out from time to time - [www.hardysbay.com](http://www.hardysbay.com) (Residents Group) Rob can be reached on [india@bigshotsdesign.com.au](mailto:india@bigshotsdesign.com.au)

## BAY FORESHORE DEVELOPMENT

Following the refusal of the subdivision for the proposed development at 58-62 Araluen Drive. We are advised that 60 Araluen Drive, which consists of the Yum Yum restaurant and the Belle Property office was listed for sale this month as an individual offering. The property provides two commercial premises with further development opportunity. The property is being sold by private treaty via Cathy Baker of Belle Property Killcare.

## DA OBJECTIONS EVEN MORE OBJECTIONABLE

You may have read in recent press reports regarding lodging objections to a DA, instead of the current number of 5 objections being required before an objection is referred up (to Council hierarchy), 50 objections will now be required, and in writing!

The HBRG understanding is that written objections may be made, however, Council Officers may pass or refuse any DA under delegation, unless 50 written objections are received.

We have checked this with council officers and it is confirmed by Legal Counsel for Council, that this applies to both Commercial and Domestic objections.

*FOOTNOTE: We strongly urge that when preparing an Objection, you minimise the emotional rhetoric, and stay focused on the points that the senior Councillors place high value on when evaluating any DA. If you have to get it off your chest, put the bluster at the end!*

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## NEW BOATING SAFETY RULES

Marine Safety Regulation 2016 has replaced the old legislation. Here are some of the changes:

**Lifejackets:** must be worn on boats less than 4.8m between sunset and sunrise; or when boating alone.

**People accessing moored vessels** in Hardy's Bay, Pretty Beach or Rileys Bay (and all other areas), in dinghies, need to be wearing a lifejacket when alone.

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**Power-driven vessels** travelling at six knots or more must keep 30 meters away from vessels, land or structures. If that is not practicable, at a safe distance and speed.

**Bow Riding:** Persons are not allowed to be on the bow of a vessel in a position that puts them at increased risk of falling overboard when the vessel is making way. Each occupant must keep all parts of their body within a vessel while the vessel is making way

### FINES INCREASED:

- Fines for towing, safety equipment and lifejacket offences have increased from \$100 to \$250
- Fines for operating an unregistered vessel or overloading a vessel have increased from \$250 to \$500
- A new fine of \$500 has been introduced for those who have a registered PWC and allow it to be operated by an unlicensed person.

## BRIEFS

### RECLAIM THE BAY

Another successful "Reclaim the Bay" dinner was held at the "Hardys Bistro" in early October appropriately on a "locals night" with over 55 residents attending. Melanie and her team at the Bistro again excelled in providing great food in a wonderful atmosphere. You'll have to get in early for the next one (TBA)

### LOCALS NIGHT AT THE BISTRO

Melanie puts on a "Locals Night" every Thursday with two courses at a bargain price. The menu changes monthly and has proved a favourite with residents (and an outstanding success for the Bistro).

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