CHANNEL AND FERRY SERVICE UPDATE

The current dredging of the Ettalong channel has stopped and the dredge stood down. The Lands Department who have been managing the dredge so far have completed the initial part of the channel dredging plan. The state government has spent nearly $2 million dollars on opening the channel for the ferry service and recreational boating.

The next phase is to be managed by council and they have committed $1.25 million from next years financial budget as part of the agreement with State government through the “Rescue Our Waterways” program. There is no indication from council as to their plans to maintain the channel at this stage.

The HBRG is represented on the councils, “Coastal and Catchment Committee” and has played a significant part in obtaining this outcome and will continue to hold council accountable for their action and contribution.

A SURF CLUB WITH BENEFITS

Summer is here and the surf is looking good. Killcare surf club is a leading club on the coast. During summer the club has many activities while keeping up its outstanding record of service with club member patrols.

Why not try the Sunday Sips at the club bar, open every Sunday from 3pm. Eats are available from Pachamama, so sit on the deck and enjoy the sun and surf view. Become an “Associate Holiday Member” for only $80, and use the club gym for 12 months. There are lots of benefits to joining the Killcare surf club, check out the website www.Killcaresurfclub.com.au

Beach & ocean view from the Club’s Beach Bar
President’s Message

When Bay news was launched in August 2006 it was done so with the objectives of providing information on local issues and as a service to the Community. We intend to maintain and continue this role as we work with the community and represent our ever increasing membership. During the year we have had a number of meetings with the local council covering developments in the area and other significant issues. The HBRG is working towards positive outcomes on issues relevant to our area at all levels of government.

In this issue we highlight some members of our community who are contributing in many and various ways. All this is only possible with the continued support and dedicated effort of the executive committee and all the members.

We will also be holding the highly successful “Reclaim the Bay” dinner early in the New Year so book early.

Seasons Greetings to all and a Safe and Happy Holiday Period.

RFS THANKS

As the festive season approaches, Killcare Wagstaffe RFB wishes to thank the community for their wonderful support throughout the year.

The ‘Catastrophic ‘ fire conditions on Tuesday 12th November highlighted the local support provided to our ‘Firies’. On that day, the Central Coast fire district had active fires to manage at Toronto and Awaba and was monitoring the neighbouring Gospers Mountain fire. Strike teams were set up and staged for immediate response at 3 fire control centres.

Locally, Killcare Wagstaffe RFB placed a team at the local fire station from 11.00am to enable a rapid response to any fire call. While the team remained at the station on call throughout the day, they received continuous support from many local business houses and others providing food and drinks and their support and encouragement. Thank you all so much.

Brigade Captain, Michelle Biddulph also expressed her thanks to the community for supporting the workshops held at the Maitland Bay Information Centre and Wagstaffe Community Hall in late August and early September. Michelle said that “the objective of these workshops was to provide information on how to get ready for a bushfire. Strong turnout at these meetings means that many community residents will now be much better prepared for a fire”.

“This not only helps individual residents but also makes our task at the fire brigade more manageable and safer, knowing that properties have been prepared and residents have a plan in the event of a fire”.

Michelle noted that six new recruits, having attended an information session earlier this year, have now completed their training and will be undertaking their accreditation tests at Kariong Fire Centre in early December. “Good luck and thank you for volunteering your time and input to the Brigade”.

Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season.

Michelle Biddulph
Captain
Killcare Wagstaffe RFB

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PROFILE
JACQUI PAYNE

Well known local fitness instructor Jacqui Payne came to the Hardys Bay area some twenty years ago. This highly motivated young woman has developed a love for the area and a strong following amongst many local residents.

It all started some 10 years ago having obtained her qualifications and doing some work at the Mantra in Ettalong a chance meeting with, in Jacqui’s words “a lady with pram” ask her to train her mother’s group.

From this emerged “Strong Bodies Strong Minds” as her business is known today, providing a wide range of activities including Personal Training, Group activities, walks and stretching. A very popular one is “Senior Strength”, renamed by participants as Senior Bootcamp! And what a fantastic area to hold these classes, by the beach or by the bay, it is a delight. Competing in trail running such as the Bouddi run is a favourite pastime for Jacqui.

Jacqui’s family have been active and community contributors, with both her children, Elizabeth and Charlie going to Pretty Beach School. The family are participating members of the Killcare surf club. Jacqui maintains all her professional qualifications and up skills each year, she is another great asset to our community.

HARDYS BAY COMMUNITY CLUB

The club has survived the quiet winter trading and is gearing up for summer. Thank you to everyone who has supported the club, a big welcome to our new members and we look forward to seeing more of you over the coming months.

Major events over summer include:

Melinda Schneider and Mark Gable Rock the 70’s and 80’s on Saturday Night 28 December.

New Year’s Eve live music with Mother Ship

Australia Day celebrations live music with Driftwood

Of course live music every weekend especially Sunday on the deck. Get yourself there for Trivia first Friday of every month!

Check our website and Facebook for what else is happening over the holiday period.

The club is becoming a very popular venue for birthday parties, engagement parties etc. Contact Michelle at functions@hardysbayclub.com.au for information on bookings, catering options etc

Plus check out the new summer menu at Siri’s kitchen, eat in the restaurant, on the deck or in the pergola.

Jacqui Payne

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PERSISTANCE PAYS OFF

Local residents persistence has finally paid off and what a difference the recent road construction program has made to Hawke Head Drive (HHD), Hardys Bay.

Prior to the road works program commencing, Hawke Head Drive was known as a narrow gravel surface road leading to the National Park and accessing Tallow and Lobster beaches on the Bouddi Peninsula.

Despite the need for constant grading and rolling of the road surface, HHD was vulnerable to rapid rutting and degradation of the road surface whenever it rained, washing road surface material into resident drains and driveways.

In dry conditions, the churning of the road surface by predominantly heavy 4 wheel drive vehicles created great volumes of dust clouds that residents had no option other than to breath in with significant respiratory problems experienced.

Such was the level of community concern that in 2015 there was a renewed action campaign by the residents of Hawke Head Drive, along with community groups, and all parties collaborating in the lobbying of Central Coast Council to rectify the identified problems.

Following this consistent lobbying CCC staff finally visited HDD in 2017. This lead to CCC identifying HHD as a ‘High Priority’ road requiring extensive road works and yet nothing appeared to be happening to address the problems.

In addition to the road surface problems, HHD has in the past been determined by the Cleanaway Company to be too unsafe, narrow and unstable for garbage collection vehicles to traverse leaving residents with no option other than to wheel their heavy, cumbersome bins to the garbage collection point of Nukara Avenue and HHD. Many residents of HHD are 70+ years and the expectation of the Council for residents of HHD to continue to undertake this weekly onerous task is frankly unrealistic.

The road works completed to date include open concrete drains with an upgrade of the storm water drainage system.

There has also been bituminous spray sealing of the road surface occur.

Work listed by Council still to be completed includes road line marking and landscaping.

The work undertaken has been carried out in a meticulous manner and residents are hopeful that with the full completion of the HHD road works, it will not be long before we hear from Council to inform us that garbage collection from outside our residences will be commencing.

We gratefully thank all community members for their support in having the road works on HHD occur.
RUGBY FAMILY

The well known Doakes-Stride family are serious rugby people. Sarah proprietor with her husband Michael of the “Fat Goose” café in the Hardys Bay village has been a significant contributor to the Woy Woy Rugby club. For a number of years Sarah was president of the juniors and is the very proud mother of 3 talented Rugby playing boys.

Zac now back in the Bay after a stint in England playing for London Welsh following a distinguished period as half back of the championship winning lions.

Jaz who at just 17 captained with distinction the 2nds last season and was named player of the year by his coach.

The youngest brother Max, we are reliably informed is the best of the brothers and while is not old enough to play in the senior ranks yet is one to watch.

Sarah has been on a sabbatical over in New Zealand for most of this year but will be back behind the Expresso machine making that wonderful “Fat Goose” coffee over summer.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Killy Cares is beginning to make its presence felt among locals in our community. It was formed in 2014 with the aim of getting members of our local community to look out for and look after each other.

It has a membership of over fifty locals, willing to serve as volunteers - providing meals and transport; holding social events to bring locals together and help integrate new residents; referring people for help to government bodies and private providers. We visit and support people in very tough circumstances.

Our main project in 2019 has been the purchase and installation of three AEDs for 24/7 access in emergencies. We have placed them in locations across our community. Two are at private homes and the third is at Hardys Bay Club – all are on the outside of the buildings so they are available at any time night or day.

The locations are:

- 24 Pretty Beach Rd
- Hardys Bay Club at 14 Heath Rd
- 88 The Scenic Rd, Killcare Heights.

This strategy to increase capacity and resilience in our community also involves providing training in First aid, CPR & AED use, run by St John First Aid – for 120 locals so far.

In early October we held a forum on “Ageing Successfully”, with a world-class speaker on ageing & dementia, Prof Susan Kurrle, attended by nearly a hundred people.

We want to thank our members and volunteers as well as local businesses and individuals who make generous donations. Our annual fundraising dinner in October was attended by 114 locals and raised over $6,000.

Information about Killy Cares is on our website, which also lists ways in which people can contact us: www.killycares.org.

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AN AGENT OF SERVICE AND CO-OPERATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

One of the features of our local community is the choice we have when it comes to the number of organisations and events we can participate in. And there is a growing sense of co-operation and mutual support among our local organisations.

Both our Community Church and Community Club recently worked together to gain votes for a NSW government grant that each applied for. Many of our other local organisations encouraged their members to vote for both local grants. As a result, the Club and the Church did very well in the voting across the Terrigal electorate. Though neither received a grant, the cooperative working together is a great example of increasing community spirit.

One of the main purposes of Hardys Bay Community Church is to serve the community. It is supporting Killy Cares - hosting meetings and training events, as well as providing the meals that are available to help those in need at any time. Other organisations and individuals use the church building for different purposes. It also holds an annual service to thank and pray for our local RFS Brigade and Surf Life Saving Club; and hosts an annual Art Exhibition at Easter, featuring the works of local artists. Ours is a truly ‘community’ church – serving the local community in several ways and seeking to further develop our spirit of co-operation.

HBCC also conducts fund-raising events for charities, hosting the Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea, and events that support Coast Shelter. It provides several helpers to assist the local Clean-up Australia program in March, and provides thousands of dollars for specific projects in South-east Asia, such as assisting the recent flood relief in Bangladesh.

Sadly, the Church is not hosting its annual Carols event this year, but all are welcome to the Christmas Day service that starts at 9am. The theme for our Christmas series in December is Living the eternal kind of life now. While many people may have been hurt or offended by “churchianity”, HBCC is seeking put Christ back into Christianity.

It is a privilege for HBCC to serve others. It not only seeks to make the personal faith of its members relevant and practical, but it serves our local community and further afield in a variety of ways.
BAY NEWS

DEVELOPMENTS ON THE BAY

Hardys Bay continues to grow, not always to everyone’s liking. Most residents would be aware that the major development for 7 units and 4 shops at 56-62 Araluen Drive was passed by council in late October. This is a very similar development that was refused by the Land and Environment court in 2010, council received over 100 letters of objection to this development and the community was left wondering, how the development can be deemed “shop top housing” when clearly the development covers most of the site which comprises 3 blocks and not all units are attached to the shops?.

The issue of parking was raised with council again recently, this issue has been with council since 2007. Council have committed to undertake a specific planning process to investigate the street parking issues that occur particularly in peak holiday times.

Other developments taking place is the proposed communication tower on Wards Hill road to be located at the water tank site. While the tower is most necessary to improve telephone coverage, its location is of concern to many residents. Various proposals to re site the tower are with council for consideration.

BAY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS APPLICATION

Annual Membership: • Seniors Concession $7.50 • Members $10 • Families $15 – Five year rates available
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BOUDDI BUSHCARE WINS REGIONAL AND STATE LANDCARE AWARDS

Bouddi Bushcare has been rewarded for their amazing work in restoring degraded areas of Bouddi National Park. The group won the Regional Bushcare and Landcare Award in Sydney in August. The group then went on to win a champion award in the NSW Landcare Awards in Broken Hill in October.

The group began as the “Bitou Bashers” in 2000, initiated by David Dufty and Robert McClure. Bouddi Bushcare works on 12 sites within Bouddi National Park as well as a variety of sites across local national parks. Averaging around 1500 volunteer hours annually the group has a growing membership of 18 and has cleared many hectares of bush of weeds such as Bitou, Lantana, Privet and Asparagus Fern.

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