



TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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**THE NEXT
WTKCA MEETING
MEETING IS IN JULY**
Monday
July 9th at
Wagstaffe Hall
at 7.30pm
Meeting followed by
supper
All Welcome!

JUNE AT WAGSTAFFE HALL

For bookings call 0490 403 822

*MONDAY

9.30-11.00 Yoga – Gai 4360 1854

6.00 – 7.00pm Pilates Michelle

43845005 / Simon 0425 224 532

*TUESDAY

9.15-10.15 Clinical Pilates with

Jo Frize – booking/term

4360 2707

11.15 – 12.15pm Movement &

Mindfulness – Jacqui Dawson

0408 602 669

1.30-4pm Knit 2 Chat 2 - 2nd &

4th Tuesdays Helen 4360 2926

6.00 – 7.15pm Iyengar Yoga:

Robyn 0449164769

*WEDNESDAY

9.30-10.30 Hatha Yoga with Rose

0422966566

*THURSDAY

9.15-10.15 Clinical Pilates – with

Jo Frize – booking/term 4360

2707

2.00-5.00 pm Mahjong -

Heather 4360 2178

*FRIDAY

9.30-11 Yoga with Laurie Jones

0423 589 877

1.30-4.30pm Old Wags Bridge

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

(President's report presented at the AGM on 14 May)



As I said last year, 'After all these years, I have little more to say.' But there are still three key themes. Thank you to the community which supports us when needed, who donate their time and effort, and who attend our meetings. We try to do your will as best as we can, and we cannot do it without you; we need new blood, new people and younger ones to look to the future and to take over from those who have worked hard and long before, who still continue to do enormous work both behind and in front of the scenes – we thank them for the past, and of course, we look to the future; and this year was a year of transition, with some new people joining us in our efforts, with a new way of running Australia Day without Council, and with continued uncertainty about the new directions of Council and how they treat us. We live in hope that we will overcome the difficulties, and that we can continue to forge a positive way ahead.

We need your views for the future, how we should do things, what other projects you would like to see, and how we should operate. We are still working on the Turo Park extension and the upgrades there, but there have been a few delays (some Council related) of which many of you are aware, but we soldier on. And the Half Tide Rocks track is still on our books. But many phone calls and discussions later, we still wait on National Parks, which is suffering from staff shortages, lack of funding, and retirement or retrenchment of many staff with institutional knowledge. We have the funds set aside for this project, and it is more than a little frustrating that we have not been able to actually get something done!!

Meanwhile, Trash and Treasure continued its success in raising funds for the community and in community engagement, with a lot of community effort and many community hours spent in preparation. Every year we wonder how we'll manage, and every year we're surprised how many people turn up to help, and to find that somehow, the amounts raise over the \$5000 figure, to be directed to further Hall and Turo Park improvements. After the event, we sort the remaining goods yet again, so that cartons of books can be donated to charities, and this year Lifeline responded to our request and took away the best of the unsold items.

Perhaps the time has come to rethink what we do with this event. It's great for community participation, for bringing people together, and for helping newcomers really get into what we do. We do believe it is important to recycle and reuse, and we try to reduce what is sent to the skip and to the Council bulk rubbish collection. A number of suggestions have been made about improving how Trash and Treasure is run. What are your suggestions? Should we continue with this event, given the huge effort involved and the amount of rubbish that has to be discarded? Should we try another community participation event and in which case, what should it be? Should we work up to a grand finale next year? What are your views? We'd love to hear them, to mull over what we should do next year, to continue as before, or to change to something new? Please let us know:

(sec@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au) or talk to us — your views are important.

Peta Colebatch

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The president's thoughts continued...

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE ASSOCIATION TO DO?

So what are the other projects you'd like to see us take up? We still plan to have some sculptures in the Turo Park extension, to draw the eye over and make it a more attractive area, and we are working on approaches to organise such sculptures: it would be great to extend this to have a 'sculpture walk' from the ferry to Hardy's Bay. And Ken Tough is hard at work on the 'Memorial Tom Jackson Bench', to be sited under the peppercorn trees at the Wagstaffe Hall. And some other sites have been suggested to us for other benches and seats. But what else should we work on? We've thought of perhaps trying to encourage better signs (fewer of them and a more artistic approach) on our Peninsula, but this too, takes some artistic design work, let alone the lobbying to be able to break with Council approaches on proliferation of metal poles! It's been suggested that we could have a writers' festival, given the number of people who have now completed the life writing courses run by Helen Menzies. Instead of the October art show in future years (as there is hard work already underway for this year's Art in the Square, with full community participation), we could have this writers' festival. Or perhaps work with other community groups for a planting day. And we do have ideas for an Aboriginal heritage walk, which will help us better understand this area, its pre-colonial history and its attractions. We could work on a 'rubbish walk', to highlight the number of areas which Council trucks do not service, and carry mock-ups of trucks and bins to attract some media interest?

So please, give us some ideas, and your enthusiasm: it's only by working together that we make progress. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you again to everyone who lobbied MPs and the councillors to ensure that the councillors listened to the community and were prepared for 50/50 funding with the State Government for dredging of the Ettalong Channel. There will be much more on this issue, and we will keep you updated by various means.

And in working on this, the Association would welcome input from people who are technology whizzes, who can help us to update our website and means of communication. So if there is anyone out there with some spare time, who would like to help us in this endeavour, please contact me, or our Secretary, by email or phone or in person! We would love to have your assistance.

Peta Colebatch, President WTKCA

Asparagus Fern Infestation

Infestations of Asparagus Fern will only get worse and need to be responsibly dealt with by any landholder.

Asparagus Fern is a low-growing weed with prickles along the fronds, small white flowers in spring and orange or red berries (year-round). The fronds are emerald green with lots of small leaflets along their length (<0.5m). A climbing form has darker green leaves.

Asparagus Fern is characterised by a pale grey, woody crown at the base of the fronds, at the centre above the multiple soft roots. Along the roots are opaque water bodies (rhizomes) about the size of a grape, which will keep the plant going even after it has been removed from the soil.

Seeds are spread quickly by fruit-eating birds. Thickets of the weed under tall trees, on roadsides and elsewhere displace local plants and shade the soil. Habitat is lost and other weeds invade.

To lessen your effort over time, schedule your control work before flowering (i.e. autumn and winter). That reduces problems the following year from new seeds, at your place and for neighbours.

Any plants with seeds should have the seeds clipped off directly into a bag, prior to further removal work. Bag any seeds that fall to the ground. Put the bag contents into your green bin.

Remove seeds by hand if you can get the crown out cleanly. If the crown is too tough or anchored by the massive root system, cut all the fronds close to the ground and paint their base and the crown with herbicide. Alternatively mattock below the crown to separate it from the root system and bag the crown. Focus on destruction or removal of the crown.

People who have fought this persistent weed for decades also dig up the roots and water bodies and bag them for the green bin.

Once the whole plant has been removed, push leaf litter or bark back over the hole and disturbed area.

If Asparagus Fern is growing like a carpet, reduce the volume by spraying with a suitable weed killer (eg Troncare, Roundup). Follow up once the leaves have died off with the method given above (focus on crown removal e.g. by mattock).

Always follow up after a few months to remove any green or red seeds. And new young plants.

MEDIA CONTACT:

Helen Monks—Voluntary co-ordinator of the Local Land Services weeding project, Wagstaffe Ridge (2013-18)



ART SHOW

Bouddi: The Power of Place

Wagstaffe Hall

June Long Weekend

An art show for artists living on the Bouddi Peninsular will be held at the Wagstaffe Hall on the June long weekend from 9am to 4pm on Saturday 9th & from 9am to 3.30pm on Sunday 10th. The theme for the art show is 'Bouddi: The Power of Place'. The show is hosted by The Bouddi Society.

Twenty-four artists will be exhibiting and their works will include paintings (various media types), collages, wooden objects, ceramics & leather work.

The art show will be officially opened at 3pm on Saturday by Actor, Director and Bouddi Foundation for the Arts Chairman John Bell. Drinks & nibbles will be provided.

There will a raffle with prizes donated by Bells at Killcare, Real-Derma (skin products), The Fat Goose, Bouddi Gallery, Kylie Stephens (remedial massage), and more.

The raffle will be drawn at 3pm on Sunday.

The Pretty Beach Preschool will, as usual, have a cake stall on Saturday morning – come and enjoy!!



'Wagstaffe' by Margaret Crane

Pretty Beach Bushcare

A dedicated team of volunteers has been carrying out Bushcare activities on the 'Dog Track' between the Pretty Beach boat ramp and Hardys Bay for over 15 years but now they need your help. Volunteer numbers have dwindled and for safety reasons a minimum of 3 volunteers are required before any works can proceed. The Hardys Bay end of the track is an indication of what the whole area will look like without volunteers pulling weeds and planting natives.

The Bushcare group operates between 1:00pm and 3:00pm during the cooler weather each Monday but anyone is welcome to participate fortnightly or monthly and for less than the 2 hours. Even people with limited physical capacity can participate by sitting on a stool and cutting off grass seed heads or berries.

The joy of Bushcare volunteering is working with plants and the earth, restoring some of the degradation we humans have done to the land and giving a little bit back to the community. Volunteers enjoy meeting new people and learning about native plant species. There are also many workshops on offer provided by Central Coast Council.

Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated by the current volunteers, the dog track users, the broader community and the native insects, birds and animals.

For more information contact: Toni Trent on 0401 587 988

or ring Anna Deegan, Council's Bushcare Officer on 4325 8222



VOLUNTEERS



Earlier in the year, the Sydney Morning Herald published an article on 'Volunteering'. In the article, the suggestion was made that volunteering tended to depress or flatten the national economy, as these people were working without pay. The response from readers was immediate and vehement: correspondents pointed out that these people did work that no government or private enterprise would provide payment for, but which protected individuals and kept communities liveable. Meals on Wheels, Community Transport, Church morning (and afternoon) teas, and many other organisations were all staffed by volunteers, with a knowledge of the community's needs and a willingness to give time and energy to meet those needs. An additional benefit, mentioned by many writers, was the networking, the friendship groups and the sense of belonging that these activities gave the volunteers themselves.

The Volunteers who keep our community together are highly treasured, and too numerous to mention by name. While many of these activities are funded by our Killcare to Wagstaffe Community Association, the time and effort people put in to the community are beyond monetary value! The people who have worked to improve and maintain our heritage Wagstaffe Store, who water and tend the gardens in Wagstaffe Square, who raise and lower the flag, organise the Notice Board, hire out, clean, mend, improve and maintain the Hall, carve poles and tables, and lay tiles to beautify the wharf area and maintain the lawns and seats; those workers in Wagstaffe Store who additionally organise bookings and payments for the tennis court, and those who clean and maintain the tennis court and the soccer net at Turo Park; those who encourage and fund our young artists and performers, and who protect, maintain, weed and improve the Council and National Park and Bushcare sites around Hardys Bay and Killcare, through Community Associations and informal groups; those who organise and assist in Australia Day ceremonies, Trash'n'Treasure weekends, and Art exhibitions throughout the year; Garden Club members, Bush Care groups, and those who deliver the Talking Turkey newsletters; The Volunteer Firies, (see pic: firies cooking on Australia Day), the Surf Life Savers, Killy Cares, Community Care at Killcare SLSC and those who write letters to Council, and pace out, cost and apply for grants for local projects; the many people who keep their eye on the vulnerable, the sick and the lonely in the community, and whose acts of kindness to others are so frequently acknowledged: these people are just some of those whose voluntary work keeps us linked and forward-looking. Who could pay for these people? Their contributions enhance our community life, connect us to each other, and, far from "flattening" the economy, give it a huge lift!!

The "Stay Kind" movement, an initiative of the grieving Kelly family of Sydney, aims to encourage all Australians to care for one another, as part of a kind, compassionate community. Those volunteers who sustain the vulnerable, care for their neighbours, support our activities, and maintain and improve the life and resources of our community, are wonderful exemplars of the "Stay Kind" movement, and for this we all owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Alex Sharp

Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast Unit

We have been encouraged by the community interest our TT article in the May Edition. This photo shows just a small section of our Point Clare Radio room. As part of our fund raising we sell our A2 laminated maps of Brisbane Water for a minimum of \$5. (SMS Geoff on 0405 020 649 if you want to pick one up from Wagstaffe). Our friendly volunteers will be happy to accept donations from your Visa or Mastercard over the phone (9 to 4 every day). We also have collection 'boats' in the 'Wagstaffe Store', 'Fat Goose' and 'Club'. Our website also has a form you can use to make a donation. Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast Unit PO Box 6058 West Gosford NSW 2250 www.vmrcc.org.au Phone 02 4325 7929





FERRY CLOSURE: MEETING AT ETTALONG DIGGERS CLUB

A meeting attended by over 400 people was held at the Ettalong Diggers Club on Thursday 10th May, called by Bill Jackson of Ettalong Diggers, to discuss the problems caused by the suspension of the ferry service to Ettalong and Wagstaffe, and its diversion to Patonga.

The meeting was addressed by both local members of state parliament, Adam Crouch (Liberal, Terrigal) and Liesl Tesch (Labour, Gosford), and WTKCA President, Peta Colebatch as well as by several councillors on Central Coast Council. All agreed that "something" had to be done urgently but it became obvious to the meeting that the issue was one of who should pay rather than "how do we fix it immediately". The State Government has a "Rescuing our Waterways" program under which local councils and the State share the costs of dredging activity. Central Coast Council appear to believe that this program does not apply to the problem at hand, and that the State Government should fund in entirety.

Our view is that the problem needs both a short term immediate fix, and a longer term plan of management.

The following motion was passed unanimously by those present at the meeting, for consideration at the Council meeting on Monday May 14th (motion proposed by Peta Colebatch, seconded by Peter Mote).

That this meeting requests both the State Government and the Central Coast Council to work together to fund immediate dredging works (this month) so that the ferry service to Ettalong and Wagstaffe can resume (the Council to submit a compliant application for funding to the State Government next week) and

that this meeting requests that in the longer term, a working party of stakeholders assess the appropriate approach for the future, looking at maintenance dredging, technical issues, environmental implications, community impacts (including work, tourism, educational issues), and funding.

Mike Allsop (Vice-President)

And a Follow-Up from Peta Colebatch (President):

Since the public meeting and the Council meeting on 14 May, we've been maintaining our pressure to try to ensure that the dredging that is done is appropriate, and prompt, so that ferry services can resume. However, working with skilled engineers who have the technical knowledge of these matters, it is clear that for things to be done well, more sand needs to be removed, and the cost will be higher, than has appeared to date in the various media releases. We have spoken with one of the Departments concerned (on 25 May) who is arranging the hydro survey with Maritime, and who will talk with one of our local engineers, and we hope that at the end of the day the channel will be dredged appropriately. Further news may well be sent out to you by email from the Secretary as it appears clear that the State Government will need to put in more funds, and the Council also, if we are to get what we need. We'll keep you posted, and thanks to everyone for their lobbying and support for this important part of infrastructure for us all!

Stargazing at Killcare: Part of World Record attempt

On 23 May, over 250 people attended Stargazing at the Killcare Surf Life Saving Club, organised by Max Ware and his mother together with other helpers, through Community Care at Killcare SLSC. It was a clear night, and many excited children explored the telescopes provided by the organisers, while all of us munched on fish and chips and/or soup sold at the Kiosk, or on home made food, and kept spirits up in the rapidly cooling evening. The event was part of the attempt organised by the ABC in partnership with the ANU to help us reach the World Record for stargazing in one country. We didn't discover any new supernova, as other participants did on Tuesday, but great fun was had by all. And it was great to see such collaboration and interest in science: long may it last!!! And yes, everyone can pat themselves on the back as the world record attempt was successful. And full credit to the organisers of this fun event.

Peta Colebatch



**HARDYS BAY CLUB in JUNE**

FRI 1st JUNE: Ellen Jewell (USA) 8pm (Sold Out)

SATURDAY 2nd JUNE - VERA and FRIENDS- 7.30PM (Pop Hits). FREE

SUNDAY 3rd JUNE: - BLUES JAM - 2PM FREE

WED 6th JUNE—STATE of ORIGIN live on the big screen 8.15pm; \$5.00 cans all night!

SATURDAY 9th JUNE - THE DEW CATS - 7.30PM FREE

SUNDAY 10th JUNE—DECK SESSIONS with AUBREY AND PURTON - 2PM FREE (Acoustic Music)

SATURDAY 16th JUNE—CLEAN MARLIN and LION ISLAND, 7.30pm FREE (Alternative Rock)

SUNDAY 17th JUNE - TRENT CRAWFORD'S OPEN MIKE—2pm to 5pm (Cool Jazz)

SUNDAY 24th JUNE—The SWING SETS with NEILSON GOUGH - 2pm (Cool Jazz)

SATURDAY 30th—WALKING CRANE, 7.30pm, FREE (Blues Rock)

Ticketed shows on sale at www.oztix.com.au

Goongs Kitchen is open every night (except Wednesday) from 6pm for dinner and Sat/Sun from 12—3pm for lunch.

www.hardysbayclub.com.au

MOBILE LIBRARY

Central Coast Council Library's Mobile Library Van visits Wagstaffe fortnightly on Wednesdays!

This month: JUNE 6, 20

How to remember which day? It follows YELLOW bin collection!

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LIFE WRITING**And The Beat Goes On**

is the follow-up book to 2016's **While the Music Lasts** - another collection of stories written by participants in the ***Life Writing Course*** run by Helen Menzies, **this time** with 54 stories from 32 new writers - a bumper edition!!

The book will be launched by top Australian author, Judy Nunn, on Saturday 24 November at Wagstaffe Hall, with WTKCA support: put it in the diary now—not to be missed!

The next **Life Writing Course** will be held from Saturday 20 October to Saturday 27 October—8 mornings in a row, for a cost of \$150. helenmenzies@bigpond.com



Thank you to all who supported out Cancer Council Morning Tea on Sat 26 May!

Our Sunday Series: *Jesus Unplugged* – "The Sermon on the Mount" - impossible standards? Every Sunday from 9.30am.

Special Outing: 7th June 7pm to Avoca Cinema to see the new documentary "For the Love of God".

Saturday morning, June 9th: Our spiritual retreat.

Sunday, June 24: Members' half yearly meeting.

Fifty-up meets every Friday, 10.30—12 noon.

For all enquiries, pastoral care & hall hire, phone Pastor, Stephen Hinks: 0439 744 657

or the church office: 4360 1293

Information from Killy Cares

AGM—14 August, 7.30pm

Please come along. All welcome

Annual Fundraising Dinner—

20 October, 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Should be a good night!

Email: killycares@gmail.com

or Jenni Bouchier

0411 198 483

Website: www.killycares.org

PLEASE JOIN US

The Association has a proud history of promoting everything good about the unique character of the Bouddi Peninsula - the environment, the village character and the sense of community. Please consider joining us by completing the form below. **(Note: Current Members will be advised when renewals are due). Form is for New Members only:** By signing this form you agree to uphold the Association's Aims and Objectives [find at www.wagstaffetokillcare.org.au or contact WTKCA for a copy or further information]. **(1) Complete** this form **(2) Enclose** payment of \$5p.p. [includes joining fee] **(3) List** details in spaces provided **(4) Sign** this form and return to **WTKCA Membership Secretary, PO Box 4069 WAGSTAFFE NSW 2257.**

FULL NAME of new member /s [use BLOCK letters].....

Mailing address.....

Email address.....

Phone/s.....Signed.....