



# TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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**NEXT  
WTKCA MEETING  
Monday  
12 November at  
Wagstaffe Hall  
at 7.30pm  
Meeting followed by  
supper  
All Welcome!**

## NOVEMBER AT WAGSTAFFE HALL

**Bookings 0490 403 822**

### MONDAY

**9.30-11am Yoga** with Gai 4360 1854

**6.00-7.00pm Pilates** - Michelle 43  
84 5005 / Simon 0425 224 532

**12th WTKCA Meeting @ 7.30pm**

### TUESDAY

**9.15-10.15am Clinical Pilates** with  
Jo booking/term 4360 2707

**11-12.15pm Movement & Mind-  
fulness** with Jacquie 0408 602 669

**1.30-4.00pm Knit 2 Chat 2** - 2<sup>nd</sup> &  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays Helen 4360 2926

### WEDNESDAY

**9.30-10.30am Hatha Yoga** with  
Rose 0422 966 566 (Beginners wel-  
come)

### THURSDAY

**2.00-5.00pm Mahjong** with  
Heather 4360 2178

### FRIDAY

**9.30-11am Yoga** with Laurie Jones  
0423 589 877

**1.00-4.30pm Old Wags Bridge  
Group** - Ann 4368 2003

## LET'S THINK ABOUT AUSTRALIA DAY 2019

Early this year many people remarked that our 'go it alone' Recognition of Australia Day', without the Council, was the best one ever. And we've taken some soundings: it was discussed at the last community meeting and we've decided we should 'go it alone' again on 26 January 2019. And as you know, we rely on the help of many of you to organise the day, but without Council input, have quite a few costs. This year we were helped greatly by the generous donation from one resident, and we continued the practice that there was no charge for the breakfast. But in the current financial climate, we feel we may need to have contributions tins by each serving station to encourage payment for the breakfast, to help us to defray the costs involved. So let us know if you have any views on this, by emailing the Secretary ([secretary.wtkca@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wtkca@gmail.com)) or by letting us know. And we're happy to accept donations also, from those of you who wish to do so.

*Peta Colebatch (WTKCA President)*

## Half Tide Rocks Track

You all know that we have been pursuing this track for many many years... with no positive response from Government! We have put money aside to pay for the upgrading of the track but that too, has been met with scant indifference in effect. We've met with the various heads of National Parks in this area over the years, but still there has been no action on the track. The current Plan of Management is dated February 1985, the oldest one in the State. And the track has been talked about in the media from as far back as 1924. So you'd think that the Government would support our efforts to stop the erosion, and to have some steps created on the steeper eroded sections of the Track (similar to what was done for the Lobster Beach track). After all, the Half Tide Rocks track is clearly signposted at the end of Wagstaffe, has been a traditional track for most of last century, and work is needed now, not when the various planners and others get round to preparing paperwork and thinking about it all! Our most recent letter to the Minister for the Environment was dated 28 May, and we did a follow up in June. So it's now time for action. After all, the 1985 Plan encourages visitor use, and recognises the need to inform and encourage care for the environment. So we'll be writing yet again to our local MP and to the Minister, and urge you all to do the same. The current track is degrading, it is a traditional track, and it needs to be protected so that further damage does not occur. No private land is crossed by this track, and it's time that locals here were given better access. Please help us bring this about.

*Peta Colebatch*

## NOT ON THE TENNIS COURT!!!

**Please, do not allow or encourage any young ones to play any other games on the tennis court. Football strains the net and makes scuff marks; wet sliding gives scuff marks; cricket bats give big scuff marks; trike riding is the pits. The claim that "It's not doing any harm" is absolutely false.**

**Maintaining an "A" grade surface, which we have, requires many volunteer man hours, sand and mod grass sweeping, anti mould treating, even re-sanding lightly. There's nothing worse than a tennis shot hitting a scuff mark. So please keep an eye on the court and politely request any offenders to desist.**

**Our court gets booked and is used for tennis over 1000 time a year. Keep it that way!**

*Graeme Anderson (Tennis Court Convenor)*



## Dredging Update

WTKCA have been maintaining a close watch on the dredging program and its impact on resumption of ferry services to Ettalong and Wagstaffe. Needless to say we have all been very frustrated not only by the loss of ferry service but also by the very slow progress we are seeing on the dredging itself and the string of false hopes as to when services may resume.

The current dredging program is a program of emergency works funded 100% by the state government with the sole objective of providing a safe channel for the ferry to operate. We are advised that the ferry company and the Dept of Lands (as the commissioning department) are in close consultation, and that the dredge is currently undertaking some final trimming of the channel to provide the margins of safety required by the ferry. Several ferry test runs to Ettalong Wharf have already been made as part of a survey of works completed to date.

Why this final trimming has been on hold for weeks on end is anyone's guess (weather and sea state play a part), but the dredge is active this week. We would anticipate the ferry should be able to perform further tests in the next week or so. If successful, service may resume in early November. Nobody is providing any promises, but at least the signs are positive.

Completion of the emergency dredging, and resumption of the Fantasea ferry service, will be followed by a second round of dredging to make the channel more durable by removing another 80,000 m3. This has already been committed to by both Council and State under the State's Rescuing Our Waterways, only waiting on the actual cash contribution by Council in order to proceed.

In an effort to see that this work is not in vain, an action committee has been established to represent the interests of the community on both sides of Brisbane Water to ensure a sustainable long term program of works and maintenance is put in place by council and the state government. The "Peninsula Waterways Committee" is chaired by Mike Allsop from WTKCA, has representatives from Ettalong and Umina and has administrative support from Ettalong Diggers. They will be meeting with local councillors, state politicians and various other stakeholders to keep the pressure on for appropriate action in the short and long term. They will keep the community informed, filling a void left between council and government in the current program. We will hear more from them as their work progresses.

*Mike Allsop—Vice President*



## Mobile Black Spots & 'WiFi Calling'

We understand an announcement is imminent regarding plans to address our black spot issues with a new tower or towers under Round 3 of the Federal Mobile Black Spot Program! Watch this space.

In the meantime we have learned there is now an interim poor reception fix, offered by all networks, 'WiFi Calling'. Provided you have a suitable smartphone which is both 4G & 'WiFi Calling' capable you can utilise this feature anywhere there is an accessible WiFi network, such as your home NBN router and at clubs and restaurants, to route your call via the internet.

'WiFi Calling' is certainly better than nothing but should NOT be regarded as an equivalent alternative to the mobile phone 3G/4G networks. The quality of calls using 'WiFi calling' will be limited by the quality and capacity of the WiFi network used and the NBN connection the WiFi network is connected to.

Some phones are not currently compatible however this changes regularly - for detailed information including how to enable contact your provider or visit one of the following webpages:-

Telstra: <https://www.telstra.com.au/support/category/mobiles-tablets/telstra-wi-fi-calling/what-is-telstra-wi-fi-calling>

Vodafone: <https://www.vodafone.com.au/support/device/wi-fi-calling>

Optus: <https://www.optus.com.au/shop/support/answer/wifi-calling-what-you-need-to-know?requestType=NormalRequest&id=8021&typeId=5>

*Ian Bull—Secretary*



## LOOKING OUT FOR PEOPLE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

At Killy Cares AGM in August, we held an open forum discussion on ways in which we, as a community, could better look out for the more vulnerable members of our community. In particular, support for the frail and elderly, those who have a disability, are housebound, or are recovering from an illness or accident. This goes right to the heart of the mission and aims of Killy Cares. A number of valuable suggestions were made and these could be implemented either with or without Killy Cares intervention.

**Agreeing with an elderly neighbour a method that they (the neighbour) will use for signalling that all is well** at a given time each morning, eg raising or opening a blind or curtain. Alternatively, you might agree with your neighbour that you will **physically check on them each morning by knocking on their door or telephoning them**. Another option is that Killy Cares could arrange for one of its volunteers to contact the individual each morning to check on their welfare.

**Arranging for the Telecross service to be extended to an individual.** Telecross is operated by Red Cross and is for people who live alone and are at risk of an accident or illness that may go unnoticed. Telecross is also available to the carers of people who are eligible for the service. When family and carers are away, or if someone has just returned home after a hospital stay, Telecross can also be used on a temporary basis. Friendly volunteers make calls each morning, 365 days a year. If the call is not answered, Red Cross will take action to make sure they are OK. Even if they have visitors during the week, a phone call first thing in the morning can make a difference if an emergency response is required. The calls provide reassurance as well as help to maintain independence. This service is available through both the National Disability and Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and My Aged Care.

**Arranging for an individual to have a personal alarm (eg Vitalcall).** A personal alarm is a small device that helps monitor and communicate with a person in times of need. It monitors the wearer's position using GPS, any increase in speed (indicating the user is in a car), sudden movement followed by no movement (indicating a possible fall). They also include an SOS button for the wearer to press and send an immediate alert to a call centre (assuming it is a 24/7 monitored personal alarm) or a list of pre-determined contacts. Personal alarms can be worn as a pendant around the neck or a smartwatch worn on the wrist. The monthly fee for constant monitoring is typically between \$20-\$40 a month.

**Providing urgent access to a home.** To enable urgent access to your home, either advise trusted friends or neighbours where a key is hidden, or use a key box or key safe and provide them with the code. Key safes are available from major hardware chains.

Killy Cares can assist with arranging for a Telecross or personal alarm service, or it can call on its wonderful group of volunteers to help out. It will also consider funding personal alarms where they cannot be subsidised through MyAgedCare or NDIS or by other means. If you know of anyone who might benefit from the services outlined above, please contact Killy Cares at [killycares@gmail.com](mailto:killycares@gmail.com) or contact the Volunteers Coordinator, Elizabeth Reynolds on 0411 389 600.

For more information about Telecross or personal alarms, go to <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/community-services/telecross> or Google 'personal alarms Australia'. Choice recently published an item evaluating and comparing the various personal alarms available for the Australian market.

Killy Cares





## COMMUNITY ART SHOW SUCCESS

WTKCA and the organisers of the October long weekend Art Show would like to thank the local residents and visitors for their response to the event held at Wagstaffe Hall. 'LIGHT' proved to be a stimulating concept for artistic endeavour. The imaginative works of art created both to be hung and to be displayed on the tables were greeted with admiration and enthusiasm. The quality of the work was deemed to be high and as a result many works were sold to many happy buyers. Viewers' Choice? Peter McKnight won the adults prize with 'Light Reflections' and Eden Witanowski won the 12 and under division. The Community Association benefited too with money raised by the raffle and donations at the door going to the ArtsFund.



## Bouddi Foundation for the Arts Presentation to Awardees



The event held on 13 October was very successful. The young people pictured were recipients of the grants awarded by the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts. Read the full story in **Bouddi News**, the Bouddi Society's newsletter.

The Bouddi Society

Come along and help celebrate the  
launch by



JUDY NUNN of  
**"AND THE BEAT  
GOES ON"**

*59 new stories from*

*33 new local authors!*

**When: Saturday 24 November 2pm**

**Where: Wagstaffe Hall,**

**Wagstaffe**

Meet the authors!

Hear the authors!

Enjoy the afternoon tea!

A free community event supported by  
WTKCA



*Pearl Beach*

*Aboriginal History Group*

Bungaree Commemorative Weekend

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November

Bungaree, who is part of our local history is often referred to as the most celebrated man in early Sydney.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.00pm

OPENING EVENT at Pearl Beach Hall

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November

ACTIVITIES at Pearl Beach Hall

Weaving Workshop

Indigenous Book Stall

Exhibition of Indigenous Artefacts

Bush-Tucker Walk and Talk

Welcome to Country/Smoking Ceremony

For details and times go to

[pbaboriginalhistorygroup@gmail.com](mailto:pbaboriginalhistorygroup@gmail.com)



Sunday 25 November at 2pm

Movie at Wagstaffe Hall

## THE MAN FROM HONG KONG

With Commentary by

Ex-HK Police Inspector Bruce Venables

\$25 Includes Asian Street Food

\$20 Members

provided by Goongs Kitchen

Drinks/Nibbles

*Sponsored by the Bouddi Society*



## Goong's Kitchen at



Hardys Bay  
Club

Enjoy delicious Thai  
food

### OPENING TIMES

Dinner Every night from 6pm  
except Wednesday\*

Lunch - Saturday and Sunday from 12noon

\*Closed on Wednesday

BOOKINGS 4360 1414

## Jacqui Payne – Personal Trainer

Strong Bodies Strong Minds - professional fitness  
provider

guiding you to building confidence,  
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## 'Spinnakers Killcare - Experience Waterfront Dining Indulgence

Located on the second floor of the Killcare Surf Life Saving Club, Spinnakers offers a modern Australian cuisine with the freshest of seafood, premium meats and a surprising selection of vegetarian dishes. Spinnakers is an ideal location for a romantic dinner for two, a long lunch or a lazy weekend breakfast. Our function areas are perfect for your celebration, be it wedding, birthday or anniversary, we are the total package! Celebrate with us!

Bookings Essential— Phone: 4360 1997





**November at Hardys Bay Club**

Friday 2nd

**KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY w/ LIL' RAVERS** Halloween fun guaranteed!! Win a prize for best costume!!!  
4.00pm - 7.00pm Free

Saturday 3rd

**HAWKSLEY WORKMAN (CANADA)**

One of Canada's finest singer/songwriters. 7.30pm Tickets available from [oztix.com.au](http://oztix.com.au)

Sunday 4th

**THE BIG BLUES JAM** The biggest and best blues jam on the coast!! 2.00pm

Tuesday 6th **MELBOURNE CUP**

**LUNCH AND SWEEP.** Lunch From 1pm - Thai Buffet from Goong's Kitchen. \$30.00 Complimentary glass of sparkling wine and great prizes from Oatley Wines. For lunch bookings. Email - [loren@hardysbayclub.com.au](mailto:loren@hardysbayclub.com.au)

Saturday 10th **TWO BUCK****BLUES BAND 7.00pm FREE**Sunday 11th **DECK SESSIONS**w/ **KRIS MORRIS 3.00pm**

Saturday 17th

**WRECKLESS ERIC** Legendary UK singer/songwriter responsible for the much loved hit-single "Whole Wide World". 8pm Tickets available from [oztix.com.au](http://oztix.com.au)

Sunday 18th

**JAM W/ TOP CAT 3.00pm**

Saturday 24th

**DRIFTWOOD 7.30pm Free**

Sunday 25th **SWING SETS w/ DORIAN MODE ORGAN TRIO 3.00pm**

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(Please note: PDFs not reliable for TT)

**Knit 2 Chat Too**

**Knitting for WRAP WITH LOVE** will continue at Wagstaffe Hall for the month of November

**Tuesdays twice a month**  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

November 13 &amp; 27

We use 8ply yarn, 4mm (old Size 8) needles to make the 28 x 25cm squares in each blanket.

**Google Wrap with Love** for patterns and information. 32 "Wagstaffe" blankets were sent away last year.

Still more are needed so we look forward again to your company and your busy hands.

Contact Helen 43602926

**November at HBCC***Current Series entitled*

*Letting God love you,*  
every Sunday at 9.30am

Sunday 4 November 9.30am to 1pm —  
**Special 30th Anniversary celebration and AGM**

*Christmas Events:*

Sunday 2 December 2-4pm  
Summer Serenade as vocal group  
**Loco Femme hosts an afternoon of local talent**

Saturday 8 December —  
**Neighbourhood drinks**

Saturday 22 December —  
**Carols at the Waterfront**

For enquiries, hall hire & pastoral care:

Phone Pastor, Stephen Hinks

0439 744 657

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

**The Gosford City Library's Mobile Library Van visits Wagstaffe fortnightly on Wednesdays from 10.30-11.30am.**

**This month: November 7, 21****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](http://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.....