



TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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NEXT WTKCA MEETING

Monday, February 11th at
Wagstaffe Hall, 7.30pm
All Welcome!
Supper afterwards

FEBRUARY AT WAGSTAFFE HALL

For bookings call 0490 403 822

*MONDAY

9.30-11.00 am Yoga –
Gai 4360 1854

6.00-7.00pm Pilates Michelle
4384 5005 / Simon 0425 224 532

10th : 7.30 pm WTKCA Meet-
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*TUESDAY

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

11-12.15pm Movement & Mind-
fulness – Jacqui 0408 602 669

6.30 – 7.30pm Iyengar Yoga:
Robyn 0449 164 769

Knit 2 Chat 2 – in recess –
resumes March

*WEDNESDAY

9.30-10.30am Hatha Yoga with
Rose 0422 966 566
(Beginners welcome)

*THURSDAY

2.00-5.00 pm Mahjong -
Heather 4360 2178

*FRIDAY

9.30-11am Yoga with Laurie
Jones 0423 589 877

1.30-4.30pm Old Wags Bridge
Group – Ann 4368 2003

Draft Central Coast Local Environmental Plan & Development Control Plan

Information and online submission form can be found at:

www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/planningcontrols

The Department of Planning and Environment has issued a Gateway determination to allow the draft consolidated Central Coast Local Environmental Plan (LEP) & draft consolidated Development Control Plan (DCP) to proceed. The decision allows the Central Coast Council to consolidate the existing Gosford and Wyong LEPs and DCPs into single documents.

Council is seeking public comment on the Planning Proposal for the draft Central Coast Local Environmental Plan (CCLEP). Council is also seeking public comment on the draft Central Coast Development Control Plan (CCDCP).

The draft Plans are available for comment until 28 February 2019.

Submissions may also be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and will be accepted until 5.00pm on 28 February by:

Email (preferred): ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Post: PO Box 20, Wyong NSW 2259 or PO Box 21, Gosford NSW 2250.

Planning Standards for the Bouddi Peninsula

This area is special, as we all know, dominated as it is by beach and bush, and a general laid back, open, welcoming feel, without formal kerb and guttering and in many cases, without fences. And those that we have are meant to be seen through to allow the dominance of the landscape to shine through.

However, as the Mayor has noted recently (see report in Peninsula News 14.1.19), too many non complying development applications are being approved by the Council. According to Peninsula News, Cr Smith said that it was extremely disappointing 'that our community spends a lot of time and effort in developing and consulting and being a part of the development of local environment plans and development control plans with the expectation that our council will enforce those planning guidelines and controls'.

Council has supported us in the matter of the fence but we are still concerned regarding the current large development at Hardys Bay so we need to turn our mind to the new DCP and planning standards for this area, seek to have a particular chapter for the Bouddi Peninsula, which reflects the dominance of the landscape, the views of the environment, the primacy of the natural environment over built structures, and an environment that encourages openness, community, and a sense of belonging.

So please, make your submissions now, to encourage Council to move forward with improved planning controls which reflect the views of the community, many of you who have lived here for long years and who welcome the rural nature of our environment.

Peta Colebatch (President)



Recognition of Australia Day 2019

Well, the heat was up, the numbers were down, but the warmth was there. And under the skilful compering of Helen Menzies, proceedings moved smoothly.

Ken Tough had again fashioned us a marvellous stage, but his poem this year, *Rain from Nowhere* by Murray Hartin was a sombre reminder of how tough people can do it in the bush, while Bruce Venable's poem acted as a counterpoint, of the importance of welcoming others to this land.

Our three singers, Vivienne McLaren, Aaron Carey and Madeline Bell reminded us of the remarkable talents in our midst, while Aunty Robyn Reid of Mingaletta at Umina Beach gave us a warm and inclusive *Acknowledgement of Country*.

Of course, none of this would have happened without the well oiled machines which brings this event to fruition, Fay Gunther and Mike Allsop, with a huge array of helpers. Our local Firies from Killcare are always highly visible, doing much of the heavy lifting and the cooking of the patties, and putting things away afterwards, but there are a swarm of people who help in the preparations the day before, who steadfastly cook the eggs in the kitchen on the day itself, and then the very necessary people who sweep and wash up and put away and help overall.

I always find it remarkable that the day can start so quietly; we can have piles of things waiting to be done, and yet all the chairs miraculously appear, tables are put out, the bread is in its rightful wraps, the eggs and patties are cooked, and the bottles which have been decorated the day before with sand for security and flags and flowers, are on the tables. It's a mammoth undertaking, and underlines how much we rely on everyone's help. But the steady input of a few, to buy the provisions, have them stacked and ready, and eagle eyes ready to solve last minute complications, which always occur, saves the day!!

And again, 'our go it alone' Australia Day ceremony seemed to be appreciated, as some of those from off the Peninsula said they really appreciated our efforts, and it's certainly a tribute to this bush and beach area for rallying around. And very many thanks to our very generous anonymous benefactor and other donors. So thanks to one and all and we look forward to another year of activity and many discussions!!

Peta Colebatch





THE FENCE

In the months prior to the Council meeting on Tuesday, 29 January, the members of WTKCA and concerned residents worried whether Central Coast Council would support the Community Standards and the DCP/LEP, or whether it would ignore the approaches for planning in the Bouddi Peninsula with regard to the long and imposing fence on Wards Hill Road. Would it grant approval to both parts of that fence, erected without approval, over height and impermeable of prohibited material? WTKCA's Ian Bull and Peta Colebatch launched, then led the protest.

"STOP PRESS!"

At that meeting on 29 January, the Council upheld the DCP, LEP and community standards and listened to our community: It rejected the DA and the Building Certificate applications for the long Colourbond fence along Wards Hill Road. But it has been a long, convoluted process:

February 2017 - the first section of fence was constructed, with a subsequent addition about six months later;

September 2017 - we questioned Council, receiving a response two months later from Council's Development and Compliance that 'Council will write to the owners to direct them to remove the fence as there has been no prior approval from Council and the current fence ... is not exempt'.

December - a Building Certificate application was sought;

During 2018 discussions continued, until 29 January 2019 when both Ian and Peta spoke at the public forum in Wyong prior to the Council meeting as did Rodney Dawson, highlighting the legal issues. A letter has again been written to the proponent, offering again to meet with him to try to reach a mutually acceptable approach. But some councillors have raised the issue of a potential challenge to the Land and Environment Court, so we need to continue our vigilance to uphold the community standards and maintain our open bush and beach character. On this occasion the Council did what we think is the right thing, but it was not unanimous. Stay tuned!

WTKCA

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT at 58-62 ARALUEN DRIVE

WTKCA called on members to make submissions and submitted the following objection.

The difficulty for residents now in this area is that in the past, a number of blocks were amalgamated creating this site, so that now, larger developments can take place in this central location in Hardy's Bay. And as the developer needs to get a return on his or her money, there is a resulting tendency towards over-development. This poses quandaries for residents, who have to live with the long term consequences of what some do see as over-development. As a consequence, the proposed developed is bulky, and out of keeping with the more small scale approach elsewhere. It does not reflect the commercial development on the northern side of Killcare Road, which is more broken up and fits more into the hillside.

This building appears as a solid block, with bulk in the centre. There is inherent conflict between the decisions of the past allowing amalgamation of these blocks, and the desire of residents to have smaller scale more rural and cottagey developments! So the proposed development is not in keeping with the intended character of the area as defined in the DCP and LEP. However, only a major redesign, and reduction in the number of units - with a consequential impact on the financials of the developer - will allow the development to fit better with the desired characteristics. The appearance of bulk is exacerbated by the colour illustrated on the front face of the third and possibly the fifth level. More appropriate colour should be required to allow the building to blend better with the surroundings.

The parking provision is woefully inadequate. There are 7 residences, 2 commercial spaces and 2 restaurants proposed. The car parking provision, at 16, is at or below the MINIMUM required by the DCP. Council has long been aware of totally inadequate public parking available in this vicinity. This inadequacy is compounded during holiday periods. We believe that, given the residential tenants would likely own two vehicles each, the practical minimum number of car parking spaces should be double that provided, i.e. 32 spaces. The statement in the S.E.E. "..... visitors to the area [accessing the restaurants] are likely to have already parked in public parking spaces in any case, and would not require additional car parking" totally ignores the reality of the parking situation in Killcare/Hardys Bay.

We request that Council require: 1. changes that will reduce the bulky appearance, 2. better choice of colours to blend with surroundings, and 3. an increase in car parking spaces to 32.

Stop Press: At close of submissions, 31 January, the individual submissions count was over 100.

WTKCA



Proposed Improvement for Mobile Phone Reception

Mobile phone reception, both for voice and data in the Killcare to Wagstaffe area, has always been patchy due to the nature of our terrain and the location of the base stations (Ettalong and Bensville). The good news is that "Blackspot" funding has now been received for the carriers to make improvements to the signal strength we receive. The carriers (Telstra, Optus and Vodafone) have been working together with siting specialists to determine the most appropriate solution.

After looking at various options the carriers have identified their preferred solution as being a new phone tower just off Wards Hill Road behind the water tank on land owned by Central Coast Council. This would be sited to provide good signal towards Killcare Beach and towards Hardys Bay and Wagstaffe. There may still be some terrain shadowing around Pretty Beach, so they have committed to optimizing the way the new signal interacts with the signal from Ettalong to reduce this problem.

The carriers held a meeting in December at the Killcare Surf Club to outline their analysis of alternatives, their recommended proposal and the associated rationale. This was well supported by Optus, Vodafone and Telstra, along with an independent specialist in electromagnetic emissions who was able to allay any health related fears. They showed photo montages of the proposal as well as signal maps to provide their best estimate of the resulting solution.

The proposal itself will go through a DA process in council, probably during February/March when public submissions in objection or support may be lodged. If approved, the new tower would be erected later in the year for services to be available around November 2019.

Mike Allsop (Vice-President)

Emergency Services: we have much to be thankful for

Putty Beach was the site of high drama on Friday 18 January, as we swimmers watched in amazement as the Surf Club chariot steamed along the beach, the carpark filled up with Police, RFS, Ambulance, and Fire and Rescue vehicles with flashing lights. Two police stood by at the steps to the track at the far end of the beach, and then a helicopter joined the fray! What was wrong, what had happened, surely a major disaster somewhere? But no, it was what could happen to anyone of us: a walker with an injured ankle (some said sprained, some said broken), and minutes ticked by while it was assessed whether the bush walker would be carried out or a more dramatic helicopter ride was in order. And in this amazing country of ours, it was the Westpac rescue helicopter that transported the injured bushwalker to hospital, while the rest of us resumed our swimming and pondering – of the enormous resources which are brought to bear, in an emergency which assist us when in need, and of how times change. And meanwhile this too was all being displayed on social media, which often was well ahead of what we mere swimmers knew who were on the beach!!! Once again we thank our emergency services: the Police, RFS, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue, SLSC and Westpac and Careflight Helicopters.



And a PS: On Sunday 27 January helicopter services, Careflight this time, were again in play, when someone was dumped by a wave at the Killcare Surf Club end, and with suspected spinal injuries, needed safe transport to hospital. The local surf life savers, emergency crews, an off duty doctor and others helped the man. It's a reminder to all to be vigilant, to be helpful, and observe the instructions from emergency services who are responding to calls.



MOVEMENT AND MINDFULNESS

Dru yoga and meditation teacher, Jacquie Dawson welcomes new and continuing students to Movement and Mindfulness classes at Wagstaffe Hall.

Based on ancient yogic practices graceful yet powerful Dru sequences are tailored to our modern lifestyle, building strength and flexibility, boosting energy and relieving stress and anxiety. Whatever your age or fitness level the benefits are cumulative and students remark on their positive effects.

Deep relaxation, breathing exercises and short meditations complete the session so that you feel energised and refreshed in mind, body and spirit.

In a friendly, welcoming atmosphere, it's a class to enjoy.

Classes are on Tuesdays during school terms 11.00 – 12.15. Cost \$15

Enquiries: Jacquie Dawson 0408602669

WAGSTAFFE HALL

Wagstaffe Hall is a very valuable and popular community facility situated on the waterside reserve in Wagstaffe. The Wagstaffe to Killcare community Association (WTKCA) is responsible for the facility under licence from the Central Coast Council and the Hall is managed by a team of volunteers whose various expertises keep it running in peak condition.

The Hall is available for regular weekday hire at a reduced hourly rate, while the weekends are available for almost all other popular activities/events at a premium rate. Income generated by both the regular weekday hirers and weddings, parties, christenings, etc. at weekends, is used for community projects such as recently installed fitness equipment at Turo Park and the Surf Club, various seating on the dog track and Turo Park, and the ongoing upgrade of Turo Park extension.



There are expenses to be considered which determine the net amount gained by leasing out the facility. Great care is taken to ensure that the Hall is in an acceptable condition for all our activities at all times. To achieve this, the floor is washed each Monday morning and polished as needed by our meticulous cleaner using our highest quality cleaning equipment. Heating equipment in the food preparation area also requires maintenance from time to time.

There are leasing costs involved such as water and land rates and a substantial electricity bill each quarter due mainly to the air-conditioners which can also be expensive items to maintain. A variety of other running costs are freely provided by voluntary labour from within the community.

On consideration, it must be acknowledged that we are indeed very fortunate to have amongst our number so many ready to put their hands up and volunteer their time and considerable skills which enables Wagstaffe Hall to be maintained at its highest possible level

Helen Ferguson (Wagstaffe Hall Convenor)



FEBRUARY at HARDYS BAY CLUB

Saturday 2nd - 8:00 PM
You Am I
(Sold Out)

Sunday 3rd - 2.00-6.00pm
The Big Blues Jam

Sunday 10th - 3.00-6.00pm
Deck Sessions w/Top Cat

Sunday 17th - 3.00-6.00pm
Deck Sessions w/ Charlie and Jensen

Friday 22nd - 6.30pm
Krazee Karaoke and Members Draw

Sunday 24th - 3.00 - 6.00pm
Swing Sets w/ Dorian Mode Organ Trio

Special Event -
Saturday March 23rd - 7.30pm
Mick Thomas
& His Roving Commission.
Join the Weddings, Parties, Anything frontman for an intimate night of song.

Tickets at www.oztix.com.au or at the club.

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FREE ! COMMUNITY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

You are warmly invited – to a free sausage sizzle on Saturday 23 February, from 5-7 pm – an opportunity to relax and catch up with others as another year begins to unfold.

It is to be held on the waterfront directly opposite the Hardys Bay Community Church the hosts of this event. We can move indoors if it rains or is too hot.

A beautiful setting to relax and enjoy each other's company, so come and join in!

Bring the whole family and friends! And drinks.

If sausage on bread is not your thing, come with your own picnic, and your own drinks.



February at HBCC

Sunday 10th, 9.30am – Vision Sunday

Introducing our theme for 2019

Our Sunday series on the book of Exodus begins on 17th – service starts at 9.30am

Sat 23rd from 5 – 7pm – FREE Community sausage sizzle on the waterfront

Save the Date: Hardys Annual Easter Festival is on from 19th to 22 April – Surf Club markets, Art Exhibition at HBCC, and more.

Mid-week activities in recess, resume in February.

For all 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!

This month: February 13 and 27

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

Resident of Pretty Beach and local Podiatrist Tim of



East Gosford Podiatry has been offering a home visit service to residents of the Bouddi Peninsula for over 10 years. This has found to be of great assistance to patients with limited mobility and transport options. For more details contact reception at the clinic on 4325 0600. Tim will be happy to visit.

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.....