



# TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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## NEXT WTKCA MEETING

Monday, March 11 at  
Wagstaffe Hall at 7.30pm

All Welcome!

## MARCH 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  
43845005 / Simon 0425 224 532

10th : 7.30 pm WTKCA Meeting

#### \*TUESDAY

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

11-12.15pm Movement & Mindfulness — Jacqui 0408 602 669

6.30 — 7.30pm Iyengar Yoga:  
Robyn 0449164769

1.30 — 4pm Knit 2 Chat 2 — 2nd  
and 4th Tuesdays - Helen  
43602926

#### \*WEDNESDAY

9.30-10.30am Hatha Yoga with  
Rose 0422966566 (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

## PRETTY BEACH COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Pretty Beach Community Preschool (previously known as Walsingham) will be celebrating 30 years of operation in August this year! That is 30 years of providing quality education and care to thousands of children, many of whom remain in the area and whose own children are now attending the Preschool. The Preschool successfully operated for almost 22 years from the 'then' local Catholic Church building at 6-8 Highview Rd, Pretty Beach. The church site was only ever meant to be a temporary location so we pursued a permanent site for a purpose-built facility for many years. In late 2005 Walsingham Preschool and Pretty Beach Public School entered into discussions to develop our Preschool on land owned by the Department of Education where the original school Principals' house was located. After many years and tireless hours of work from volunteer management committees and community members, including the Community Association, the Preschool saw its dream of opening our fantastic state-of-the art premises on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010. I can't believe it has been almost 9 years now in this amazing early childhood facility.

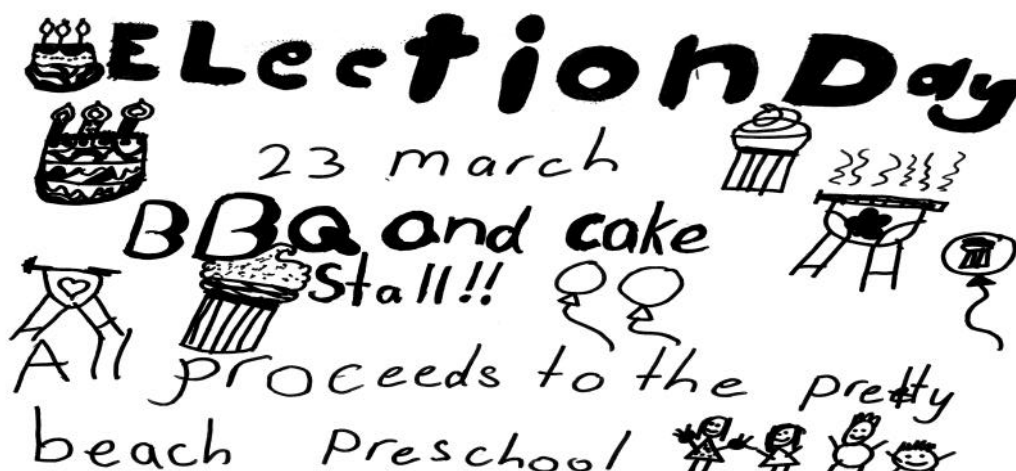


The Preschool continues to grow, change and develop. We work in close collaboration with Pretty Beach Public School on many programs allowing for a smooth transition to school for our Preschoolers. In July last year the Preschool was once again rated EXCEEDING National Standards in all 7 quality areas assessed by the regulatory body. This is the highest accolade an early childhood service can be granted and therefore one we are very proud of. We are constantly working on the provision of the highest quality education and becoming a leader in the early childhood sector.

The Preschool is an incorporated, not for profit Community Based organisation open to all members of the local and broader committee. *Our AGM is to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019; we are always looking for more members so please come along or contact us to find out more. A BBQ and Cake Stall will be held outside Wagstaffe Hall on Election Day.*

*We currently still have vacancies for this year so if you are interested please contact the Preschool on 43601355 or email [admin@prettybeachpreschool.com.au](mailto:admin@prettybeachpreschool.com.au). Our daily fees are \$34 (4 years), \$42 (2-3 years) and \$10 (low income Health Care Card).*

Kim Chippindale (Director)





## ‘Ettalong’ Channel Update

As you may know the Peninsula Waterways Committee was set up last October to keep focus on channel dredging, future works, responsibilities and funding. I, Mike Allsop, Chair this group with members from both sides of the waterway.

The group has been very focussed on meeting with local MPs and council reps to get their perspective on the issues surrounding waterways maintenance and maintaining both a program of work and ongoing funding. We have also met with various technical experts as well as marina operators and deep keel users.

What are they saying?

Well, it's a bit mixed, but much better than it was 9 months ago when we had the great blocked channel standoff. They all say that a long term program of work is needed, informed by proper analysis. Fair enough, but we still have the issue of "I'll pay if you pay" between council and the state which needs to be settled.

Our sense is that there is still concern in the waterways user fraternity (especially yachties), although the ferry operator is satisfied at present.

The dredge is idle, waiting on the program of work mentioned above to distribute the sand already removed to a spot further down towards Umina Beach.

That piece of the puzzle needs sorting asap so that future resilience can be built into the waterway interface to Broken Bay.

All candidates for the major parties have been contacted with a request for policy in relation to waterways maintenance. In particular there is growing sense that the State Government needs to realise the importance of this waterway to tourism, public transport, commercial users and recreational users, and include this waterway in State Plans where currently no mention is made.

We will advise the positions as put by the candidates once known. We will also advise where no response is received, as that would indicate a distinct lack of interest in our concerns.

Mike Allsop

### Mobile Phone Tower Update

In our last TT we announced that "Blackspot" funding has been received for the carriers to make improvements to the signal strength we receive. The carriers (Telstra, Optus and Vodafone) have been working together to determine the most appropriate solution.

We indicated an understanding that the actual mast of the proposed facility would be behind the water tank on Wards Hill Road. No plans are available as yet, but we now believe the proposal is for the mast to be between the water tank and Wards Hill Rd, separated by landscaping. We will get the opportunity to review the whole proposal once it goes to DA, probably later in March.

Mike Allsop

### Sculptures in Turo Park and elsewhere

We are running a bit behind on the improvements to Turo Park, I'm afraid, but we hope to get things moving again at long last.

One of the plans was to have a couple of sculptures to draw the eye into the extension. There are a number of ways of getting a sculpture, some very expensive, some community based, and some through a competition to name but a few.

So at this stage we'd be interested to hear from anyone who would like to be involved, or has some suggestions, or who wants to put forward an approach.

Please email the Secretary on:  
[secretary.wtkca@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wtkca@gmail.com)

we look forward to hearing from you.

Peta Colebatch



## TRASH 'N' TREASURE - Easter Saturday April 20th

Trash 'n' Treasure is looming... so please put aside your treasures for sale on the Easter Saturday, and be prepared for buying a new lot of treasures and working with us. It's a great community event and we are totally dependent on YOUR generosity, so keep the date in your diary, and start sorting...

Please keep hold of anything you think might be of interest to someone else, that you might otherwise have thrown or given away. We accept all manner of things but please **no clothes**, **no large heavy furniture** and **no beds**. AND PLEASE **no old books**. Books with yellow and brown pages DO NOT SELL and become a chore to dispose of.

If anyone has some garage or storage space they could lend us leading up to the event so we can start collecting please let us know.

Goods can be delivered to Wagstaffe Hall on Thursday 18th evening from 5 to 9 and all day Good Friday from 9am, the earlier the better.

Sale of goods is between 9am and 1pm Easter Saturday. Bargain boxes after 12 noon.

It is always a fun event with all money raised going back into the local community.

To book a pick-up phone Ian on 0419 833 945 or Mike on 0419 323 413

As always we will need volunteers to assist Fay in setting up on the preceding Thursday & Friday & to assist on the day. To volunteer phone Fay on 0400 337 147

### PERSPECTIVE

Something to think about!

## 65 Years old is still young!

**H**ow old is old? World Health Organisation (WHO) had declared that 65 years old is still considered young. Before, based on the Friendly Societies Act (1875) in Britain, old was defined by age of 50. The UN has not adopted a standard criterion but lately 60 years old was referred as the border age to the word 'old'. However the health organisation had done a new research recently, according to average health quality and life expectancy and defined a new criterion that divides human age as follows:



- 0 to 17 years old: underage
- 18 to 65 years old: youth or young people
- 66 to 79 years old: middle-aged
- 80 to 99 years old: elderly or senior
- 100+ years old: long-lived elderly

### WAGGY STORE

The Hub of Our Community

Visit Wagstaffe Store  
Anytime

but Easter will be special

Local artists will have their  
latest Works of Art on display  
and you can always find the  
books of local writers  
there too.

The service is always friendly

Eat-in or Take-away

Local deli

Cheeses

Newsagent

Papers and Magazines

Post Office

Tennis Hire and Bookings





## PRETTY BEACH BUSHCARE GROUP

The Pretty Beach Bushcare group meets every Monday along the dog track from 2:00pm to 4:00pm to pull weeds and plant native tube stock. It is a small friendly group and newcomers are very welcome. No experience is necessary and you will learn about native plants and how to identify and eradicate weeds. Any time you can give will help to rescue the native vegetation that supports the local wild life.

We are currently targeting *Bidens Pilosa* commonly known as Farmers Friend. This weed is detested by every Bushcare volunteer and home gardener. There is nothing attractive about this weed. It is native to the Americas and is an erect densely hairy woody plant with branching habit to about 1m high. It has a small yellow flower and the seeds are black, about 1cm long, with 2 or 3 barbed awns at the tip. These burrs adhere to clothing, shoes, pet fur and skin. It is also a prolific seeder and will rapidly spread, dominating areas and squeezing out the native plants.



For more information about Pretty Beach Bushcare contact Toni Trent on 0401 587 988 or Council's Bushcare Officer on 4325 8222

### ANYONE FOR CHESS?

*A local resident is interested in starting a CHESS CLUB at Wagstaffe Hall but she feels a leader is needed. Is there someone willing to be a Convenor of a Peninsula Chess Club to meet at Wagstaffe Hall? People interested in chess, please ring Marilyn on 0419 325 249*

### DATES for YOUR CALENDAR

March 2 – CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY meet at the Community Church

March 9 – Melinda Schneider and Tania Doko at Hardys Bay Club

March 16 – Opera in the Arboretum at Pearl Beach

March 23 – State Elections – Voting at Wagstaffe Hall

### ADVANCE NOTICE

April 19 – 22 Easter Festival at Hardys Bay Community Church

### Trash and Treasure at Wagstaffe Hall

Thu March 18th & Friday 19th – Drop off goods

Saturday, March 20 Trash & Treasure – Sale of Goods at Wagstaffe Hall

### The Bouddi Society Presents

Films by The Bay



## THE KID STAKES

FATTY FINN AND HIS GANG

**Sunday 7 April 2PM**  
**Wagstaffe Hall**

**Adults \$15 Members \$12 Kids \$5**  
**Tickets at Door -- Refreshments Included**

**The Last Aussie Silent Movie**  
*The best billy-goat race you'll ever see!*

The 1927 Australian silent movie, with a series of lunatic sub-plots woven around the schoolboy, Fatty Finn, his friends & enemies, and Hector the Goat, opened the same year as our local Pretty Beach School.



## The Yoga of Food, Love and Life with Keith Squires and Alina Hughes

Keith has a background in nutrition, Ayurveda, herbalism and cookery and Alina in natural health care, Dru Yoga and Ayurveda. Together they will share a combination of Dru Yoga, relaxation and Ayurvedic wisdom for the modern world and some "Cooking with Love" tips 'to help you experience food, love and life with renewed energy and vitality'.

Cost: \$120.00 includes a free copy of *Cooking with Love*. Concessions: \$108.00. Bring yoga mat, water bottle and a vegetarian lunch to share. To book, call the Dru Office 02 6161 1462 To know more contact Alina Hughes on 0403 435 690 or Jacqui Dawson on 0408 602 669 after March 9.

## PILATES AT THE HALL

*Hi, Everyone!*

*If you would like to increase your body's flexibility, improve your joint and spine mobility and strengthen your core muscles ....join a Pilates class in your local community.*

*Pilates for all levels are held at Wagstaffe Hall on Monday evenings at 6 -7 pm.*

*For more information, visit [www.michellespilates.com.au](http://www.michellespilates.com.au)*

*To book a spot, call Michelle's Pilates Place on 0425 224 532 or email*

*[info@michellespilates.com.au](mailto:info@michellespilates.com.au)*

## Knit 2 Chat Too

Knitting for

**WRAP WITH LOVE**

**begins again at Wagstaffe Hall**

**Tuesday 12th March 1.30 - 4**

then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday until November.

We use 8ply yarn, 4mm needles or crochet hook to make the 28 x 25cm squares in each blanket.

Google "Wrap with Love" for patterns and information.

Let's see if we can beat our record of 52 blankets in 2019.

Our group grows each year as we welcome new friends.

Donations of colourful 8ply yarn always welcome.  
Contact Helen 43602926

## 'CAPRICCIO: A NOVEL' By local author, Dina Davis

### About the book:

A tale of literary lovers for lovers of literature, *Capriccio: A novel*, is based on one of the most notorious love triangles of the twentieth century. Set in London in the swinging sixties, the novel is inspired by the life of Assia Gutmann Wevill, the woman who came between Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath. *Capriccio* is a true story of obsessive love, finally told from Assia's perspective.

*I think this is a fine novel with barely a false note. I was fascinated by this work and its crisp style.* Thomas Keneally, author of *Schindler's Ark*.

### About the author:

Dina and her partner Kit have been residents of Hardys Bay since 2006 and are proud owners of the recently restored yacht *Aphrodite* moored in the Bay.

**Signed copies available from Wagstaffe Store**

Copies also available online at <https://www.amazon.com/author/dinadavis>

More about Dina Davis can be found on her websites: <https://www.capricciobenovel.com>

**MARCH AT HARDYS BAY CLUB****Saturday 2nd, 7.30pm**

Honey &amp; the Bluestones

**Sunday 3rd, 2.00pm**

The Big Blues Jam

**Saturday 9th, 8.00pm***I am Woman:* Melinda Schneider & Tania Doko**Sunday 10th, 3.00**

TC's Open Mic

**Saturday 16th, 7.30pm**

Jack Derwin Trio

**Sunday 17th, 3.00**

Frank Saltana &amp; The Morton Choppers

**Saturday 23rd, 8:00pm**

Mick Thmas (Weddings, Parties, Anything)

&amp; The Rovin' Commission

**Sunday 24th, 3.00pm**

Carolyn Packer's Stomp'n' Rhythm Aces

**Saturday 30th, 7.30pm,**

Bad Guru

**Sunday 31st, 3.00pm**

Grizzlee Train

**HARDYS BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH****Easter Festival 2019**

This year's Easter Festival will be held from Friday 19th to Monday 22nd April. It will provide opportunities for family and friends to get out and about and enjoy some different social events, including:

- An exhibition of art works by local artists at Hardys Bay Community Church, from Friday to Monday
- Community Connect Seaside Markets on the Surf Club lawn on Sat 29th, featuring Bouddi Backyard Growers and Bouddi Kids' Create
- A special muso's gig at Hardys Bay Community Club on Sunday afternoon.

This is a great time to bring our community together through a variety of events, focusing on the talents of many of our locals, from young ones to seniors. More detail as Easter approaches – [www.hbcc.com.au](http://www.hbcc.com.au) – plan to come to what interests you, or make a spontaneous choice at the time!

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

[www.hbcc.com.au](http://www.hbcc.com.au)

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**March at HBCC**

Fri 1st – World Day of Prayer, at Lutheran Church, Woy Woy

Fri 1st – Social – Lunch with friends at Green Point restaurant

Sat 2nd – help clean up waterfront with **Clean Up Australia**

Sundays from 9.30 – *Our Ancient Truths for Modern Times* – series continues

Advanced Notice: Easter Festival from Friday 19 to Monday 22 April ( see above)

**NOTE! MOBILE LIBRARY**

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

Temporarily  
**OUT OF ACTION**

**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.....