



# TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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**NEXT  
WTKCA MEETING**  
No meeting in June  
(Long Weekend)  
Monday 8 July at  
Wagstaffe Hall 7.30pm  
All Welcome!

## JUNE AT

### WAGSTAFFE HALL

*For bookings call 0490 403 822*

#### \*MONDAYS

9.30-11.00 am Yoga – Gai 4360 1854

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

#### \*TUESDAYS

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

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

1.30 – 4pm Knit 2 Chat 2 –  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays - Helen  
4360 2926

#### \*WEDNESDAYS

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

#### \*THURSDAYS

2.00-5.00 pm Mahjong -  
Heather 4360 2178

#### \*FRIDAYS

9.30-11am Yoga with Laurie  
Jones 0423 589 877

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



## ARTISANS @ WAGSTAFFE

### June Long Weekend

Saturday 8 June - 9am to 4pm

Sunday 9 June - 9am to 3.30pm

The Bouddi Society is hosting an Artisan Show at Wagstaffe Hall on the June long weekend.

Quality craftwork by over 20 artisans from the Peninsula and environs will be exhibited. The craftwork will include ceramics, jewellery, wood turning & sculpture, canvas goods, basketry, textiles and more.

The exhibition will be officially opened on Saturday at 3.00pm by Jordan Richardson. Jordan is a young local artist who received two grants from the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts. He has been a finalist in the Archibald Prize for the last 3 years. Wine & nibblies will be provided at the opening.

There will be a closing ceremony at 3.00pm on Sunday with a surprise performance. The raffle will be drawn.

The raffle for the show will have some great prizes donated by Bells at Killcare, The Lucky Bee, Broken Bay Pearls, Girri Girra Aboriginal Experiences, Killcare Cellars and others, and it will be drawn at the closing ceremony.

Please come along and enjoy the expertise of the talented people whose work will be on display and for sale.



### Killy Cares Update

As many residents would know we have been working for some months to purchase and place AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) in a number of publicly accessible locations in our community.

We're delighted to report that the AEDs are on their way. In anticipation of their arrival, a training session on CPR and the specific use of the AED equipment was held recently, with 17 community members in attendance. The session was well received as the comments below attest:

*"I just wanted to say thankyou for organising the CPR course today. I really enjoyed it. It was very useful and I learnt a lot. Hopefully I won't have to use it but just in case... .."*

*"Many thanks Killy Cares for this wonderful community initiative, it was incredibly worthwhile and I learnt a lot."*

We expect the AEDs to be in place within the next while, and will provide specific location information in upcoming communications.

As the cold weather approaches, please remember to keep an eye on the elderly or housebound in our community. Killy Cares can offer assistance with meals or transport.

Please contact Volunteers Coordinator, Elizabeth Reynolds on 0411 389 600 or any other member of the Killy Cares Committee.

### Feeling Grateful

Anyone who knows Julie and I also knows how grateful we are to live in this haven of beauty, surrounded by amazing bush land, the calm of Brisbane Water and the drama of the Pacific Ocean. The abundance of wildlife adds to the mix and the diversity of species brings pure joy to our lives.

The other, perhaps most important, aspect of living on the edge of Bouddi National Park is the wonderful people with whom we share this amazing place. We have lived all over the world and have assimilated into communities on three continents but never have we felt so at home, the first and only place we have ever called home.

Our lives here have been punctuated by many special moments, all seemingly minor, but, nonetheless, moving. The first, our invitation to join Harra and the boys at the Yum Yum Tree; the joy of bumping into Pip's and Jay's kids when they were out and causing havoc! The impromptu drinks with neighbours; giving help where needed; the loan of a friend's ute when our car died! All were special, inclusive moments.

Then there are the community events, too many to mention but each an illustration of how wonderful our people are. Their commitment to our community, their love of this place and of each other is captured and demonstrated at each event, it moves us deeply.

One of our greatest pleasures is to watch our local children grow, to see the love with which they are raised and the respect they show to our community. A while ago, we organised a poster competition at Pretty Beach Public School for the RFS and we were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of the children of all ages. The day after we presented eight kids shouted to me in the street, "I've started my poster, sir!" Golden!

This week, whilst walking our dogs, a young boy (whose name will not be mentioned, but Lisa will know of whom I speak) was cycling to school. He slowed down to pass, looked me straight in the eye, smiled and said "Good morning!"

Such a little thing but truly endemic in our community. We are blessed to live in, and be part of, such a wonderful community and every day we give thanks that we found you all!

Martin Riddell



## Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association Inc.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018-19

*I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we meet and pay my respects to the Elders past and present.*

FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT: WELCOME TO INCOMING PRESIDENT AND REPORT

*After many crowded and busy years, I have decided it is important that I step down to encourage new and younger people to step forward to work with us on community issues and to bring in fresh perspectives. So I am very pleased to announce that Mike Allsop has taken over as President, and that Gaye Follington is a new member on the Committee, while Ian Bull, Fay Gunther, Robyn Warburton, Brent Walker and Helen Ferguson are the other members of the Committee. And we look forward to many of our stalwarts continuing their support behind the scenes which is vitally needed for us to be able to operate the Hall, tennis courts, bush care, Talking Turkey, the website, and the many and varied project activities, together with our lobbying work on behalf of the community. I look forward to hearing that the new Committee is able to bring to fruition many of the projects which we have worked on for many years, and which we have set up. So I wish them all well, and know that you will give the incoming Committee your support.*

*The full version of the President's report for 2018-2019 is available on our website, while some edited extracts are below.*

Many things remain the same as in the last year. And some of our challenges remain. I have been checking some of the Minutes for 2010, and find that concerns were expressed about the speed limit for the Peninsula, in the hope that a 40 kph limit would be imposed as in Mosman, that we had flagged that we might need to pay for a Hall organiser, and there were concerns about mangroves in the creek. So while progress is made, it takes time and constant attention, and most things take longer than we would hope. And it needs, of course, the cooperation of many people and many organisations: as Weber said, 'Politics is a strong and slow boring of hard boards. It takes both passion and perspective'.

The Hall continues to operate successfully, with a full range of regular activities during the week, and weekend celebrations and community group activities taking place. However overall rentals are down. The tennis court continues to be well used and well-tended by its regular players headed by Bob Eddington, and takings are up. Talking Turkey continues to appear each month, delivered by all those many people behind the scenes walking the streets so it can be delivered. Our two main community events, the Australia Day breakfast and the Easter Saturday Trash and Treasure fund raising continue with success, with fewer people attending the Australia Day breakfast on this our second go-it-alone event with much warm community feeling but no Council support. And Trash and Treasure continues to unearth a multiplicity of items to be sold and the remainder disposed of afterwards, but it helps to reduce the number of goods going to landfill and allows recycling to take place, though with much wear and tear on some of us as we age! The June and September long weekend art shows continue to delight, and to raise funds for us and the other sponsors, and volunteers work diligently to bring all of these events to fruition. Other community groups such as the Bouddi Society and its Foundation for the Arts continue to hold successful events, delighting audiences with their presentations and the skills available in this small area. We look forward to ongoing use of the Hall for these community purposes, and hope that an even wider array of events can be put on in future. However, there are some battles which remain.

We need to have further discussions on the approach to Australia Day, now we no longer have Council financial support yet many of the costs for this derive from Council. We have been lucky with generous donations being made (\$850 this year) and these are very much appreciated. But do we ask for a gold coin donation for the breakfast, or do we pay for the breakfast out of WTKCA funds? Or do we make application for Council funds? I for one do not think it appropriate to go through bureaucratic hoops for something which is an annual event. I'd rather that the Council made a policy decision to waive its fees, and nor do I think it appropriate that hard earned Association funds be used to provide a free breakfast. I'd rather have donations to defray our costs, with any left-over going to one of our other volunteer organisations for whom we collect each year (and this year we raised \$385 for the P&C in addition to their collection, but after the donations, the cost to us was still \$837). But this is a matter for the future Committee to consider.



## President's Report continued

We also need to be careful with Council's facilities review, to ensure that onerous charges are not placed upon us for the Hall licence, that they do not impose a restricted range of licence fees which significantly affect what we need to charge community groups for their use of the Hall, or require us to add expensive facilities. The Hall services us all, and in my view it would be a retrograde step to consider it as a commercial undertaking. And with all of us getting older, we may yet have to consider paying someone in the future for some of the Hall management – again, an issue for the future Committee when and if we do not have a willing volunteer to carry out this task. But one thing is clear: the Hall was built by volunteer labour, its upgrades have been paid for by the community, and volunteers work long and hard to maintain it. It should not be considered as a commercial entity by Council.

Progress on some of our projects remains slow and frustrating. Endless negotiations have continued with National Parks to try to upgrade the Half Tide Rocks track, as we have the funds available. However the Department has remained unresponsive, and approaches to the politicians are now being tried. The informal track continues to degrade. Similarly we have had bureaucratic frustrations with the amalgamated Council and our previously approved Turo Park extension upgrades, as following an initial positive response to our requests, progress has stalled. However, discussions continue with Council officers on the need for sandstone multi-purpose blocks, infill and prevention of flooding, the footbridge over Turo creek, and sculptures. This will be pursued in the coming year, and we hope that we will be successful in having some carved sculptures there, and elsewhere in the Peninsula, so that we can end up with our own sculpture walk.

Discussions with Council continue on a range of matters. Meetings and letters have produced little response to the long-term challenges facing residents in Hawke Head Drive and Albert Street, who do not receive garbage services. To date the Council has failed to require the contracted service to provide a small garbage truck that can service these areas, and again, this will continue to be pursued. This is a matter of Council policy which should be simple in my view, but Council seems impervious to community needs. Similarly we continue to have ongoing battles in our attempts to retain our local low key, friendly, bush and beach-aware community standards when developments occur. The Council is preparing new combined approaches to the very large Council area it now oversees. The Association remains concerned that our local needs will be swamped in this rush to centralisation and uniformity of planning approaches. We have proposed that the character statements be retained, and that a separate chapter, with our planning requirements, be used for clarity, similar to the one used in the past by Gosford for Pearl Beach....

The Peninsula awaits also the development of improved mobile reception, but the slow process (we started major lobbying work in 2014) to build the required tower is now underway. It remains to be seen whether the single tower approach will solve our problems, so again it is an issue to be monitored. The issue of jet skis remains, as does that of mountain bikes using tracks and creating tracks in the National Park...However, there is some good news. We provided support to the Bouddi Society scholarship winner Alyse Faith to help her with her London expenses, and our energetic Bushcare volunteers continue their labours under Toni Trent each Monday afternoon. And with the marvellous work of Ken Tough and Julie Ho, a wonderfully crafted seat was suitably launched on 10 December in memory of Tom Jackson and all his work, with Ann and other members of his family present.

We continued our liaison with others supporting the improvements to the Hardys Bay waterfront, and are optimistic that some progress will actually be made in this coming year! One of the sagas of the last year, the long colourbond fence on Wards Hill Road, continues as despite the Council not approving the fence, an appeal had already been lodged to the Land and Environment Court. But given Court pressures the hearing date is not until 11 September, so keep tuned....





### President's Report continued

The other long running issue during 2018 was the absence of the ferry service and the need for dredging. Following much lobbying, in which we played a part as I moved the initial motion requiring all sides of Council to come together to realise that action and funding was required...the ferry services resumed on 19 November. But this was not before a lot of individual turmoil and disruption, and the loss of jobs and businesses affected by the ferry absence.

So what of the future? I am stepping down, in the hope that we can encourage new and younger members to step up and work with us to protect our special area. And no matter what happens, the tide rolls in and out. So we committee members are a bit like that. We too roll in and out, and in my view, we need an injection of new blood, new ideas, new visions. We share a solid core, but one which needs shaking up at times. So I would like to thank the committee members for their support, thank all of those who turn up to our events, who work behind the scenes, and all those people who have expressed their appreciation to me for my part in this....But let the future be one in which we welcome newcomers to our shores and those who make this Bouddi Peninsula their home. We should encourage tolerance and respect, recognition of the past, including the Aboriginal past, while maintaining key values and principles. We want this to continue to be a beautiful, inclusive, welcoming, nurturing, sustainable and collaborative community.

So some final words. We live in a delightful area with an interesting mix of people – full-timers and part-timers, working families and retirees, children and teenagers, and of course lots of holidaymakers. The streetscape may change as vacant lots are filled and holiday shacks give way to more substantial houses, but the beaches, the water and Bouddi National Park remain to delight us all. Our governing changes too, as Gosford Council gives way to the new Central Coast Council, which is more bureaucratic and less attentive to the distinctive needs of Wagstaffe to Killcare. So the Association has to be active in identifying and asserting our local needs. We have to make sure that we are representing all segments of the community, especially its younger and time-poor members who may find it difficult to get to meetings and be reluctant to put themselves forward. And we have to be proactive rather than just reactive, being alert to the concerns of relevant outsiders, and making the needs of our community part of their agendas. In this way, we can make sure that the vibrant local spirit that we see on Australia Day is reflected in the governing of our community life and our surroundings. Good luck!

*Peta Colebatch, WTKCA President, 13 May 2019*

### Community Gratitude

Our Association has been incredibly fortunate in having the dedication and professionalism of Peta Colebatch in the role of President for the last eight years. In spite of her many overseas commitments she has maintained her involvement via email from all over the globe. Her genuine enthusiasm for social justice and love of the environment have seen her take on an enormous workload with her characteristic drive and efficiency. We have all enjoyed working with her and have been inspired by her dauntless approach. We are proud to count her as a friend and hope her involvement will continue, though at a less hectic level! We wish Mike Allsop well and thank him for his acceptance of the Presidential position.

Fay Gunther—WTKCA Public Officer

Well, I have a substantial task ahead to continue the great work Peta Colebatch has contributed over her several years on the committee and as President. As a relative newcomer to this area, I am most appreciative of the support she has given to me and I am also appreciative of the strong support provided by other members of the committee as I became involved in its various activities. It has been a fabulous experience getting to know many of the residents and services in this beautiful part of the world and to see how welcoming this community is.

I would only add briefly to the other words this issue in relation to the activities ahead. With your help, I would like to see these efforts continue and achieve the results we are all looking for.

Please feel free to contact me at any time in relation to matters of interest or concern to you which you feel the association may be able to assist. I look forward to the year ahead.

Mike Allsop 0419 323 413



## CANCER COUNCIL AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Hardys Bay Community Church is again hosting the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea. Our members will be supplying all the food and drinks and would like to invite community groups and individuals to support this very worthy cause. Saturday was popular last year so it's on Saturday again: Saturday, 8th June at 10.30am to 12 noon at the church.

We will be providing a variety of teas, plunger and instant coffee, iced water, mixed sandwiches, scones, jam and cream and a variety of delicious home made cakes and slices.

Entry is by donation and all proceeds go to the Cancer Council.

We feel privileged to be in such a central location and feel very strongly that this is a very worthwhile community activity. Almost everyone has been touched in some way by cancer.

Come along and bring a friend to beautiful Hardys Bay; we would be delighted to see you.

Angela Glover (0419122078)

## JUNE AT HARDYS BAY CLUB

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> 730pm	Vera's Trio
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2pm	The Big Blues Jam
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> 730pm	Trivia with Katie
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Blues Jazz Rock Competition
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Blues Jazz Rock Competition
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> 730pm	Top Cat Local Jam
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> 730pm	The Originals
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Micky G and Mates
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> 730pm	Tuk Tuk Hunters
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7pm	Blues Jazz Rock Competition
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> 7pm	Blues Jazz Rock Competition
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> 730pm	Blue & the Doc Jam
	+ Comp winner announced
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> 730pm	Null & Void
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Kris Morris

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## MOBILE LIBRARY

The Gosford City Library's Mobile Library Van will visit Wagstaffe on June 5 and 19 from 10.30am until 11.15am



## June at HBCC

We meet every Sunday for worship at 9.30am.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>: **Seniors Cruise and lunch** – Ferry from Woy Woy departs 10.45am (\$8 for seniors), followed by lunch at nearby Bay View Hotel [serves seniors' lunches]

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>: **Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea** – come and give generously please!

**Sunday Morning series**, 9.30 every week:

*Why is Christ so important?*

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> : Half Yearly (business) meeting*

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

## 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.....