



# TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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**NEXT  
WTKCA MEETING**

**Monday, July 8th  
at Wagstaffe Hall  
7.30pm**

**All Welcome!**

## JULY 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

**8th: 7.30 pm WTKCA Meeting**

#### \*TUESDAYS

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

**11-12.15pm Movement & Mind-  
fulness – 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

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Well, it's been a bit of an unfortunate time in my first couple of weeks in the new role at WTKCA. Following the accident in Graeme's car on Wednesday 6 June, we were very sorry to hear of the hospitalisation and likely lengthy recoveries facing Helen Ferguson and Graeme Anderson, and of course wish them both well in this difficult journey. I'm sure their community stands ready to offer support as may be needed during this time.

As to the various contributions both Helen (Wagstaffe Hall Convenor) and Graeme (Turo Park Tennis Court overseer) make to our day to day functions in the community, we are fortunate that strong backup is in place. Hall enquiries and bookings will continue as usual via the contact phone number and email address advertised in TT and on the web. David Lonie has offered to carry on these duties in Helen's absence, supported by Gaye Follington. Bob Eddington of course continues to drive the tennis court care and maintenance, while Graeme's other interests in the Bouddi Society etc are well covered by their own committees.

The Association has a lot of balls in the air at present. We are engaging with Central Coast Council both in matters concerning plans for council facilities and services in general and in promises relating to public spaces in our area in particular. We have been promised (again) some action on the Half Tide Rocks Track by National Parks, along with wider public consultation on the management plan for Bouddi NP overall. We won't let this go despite the endless procrastinations we have seen from the Department. We will keep you posted on developments in these activities once we see more specific actions.

I am also making the effort to meet with the leadership of our local community groups with the objectives of continuing to align common interests and provide mutual support as appropriate.

In the meantime a big thanks to all our various volunteers who contribute in their many ways to the spirit of this area. Your work makes this place special.

Mike Allsop (President)

### WISHING Helen and Graeme A SPEEDY RECOVERY

*All of us were shocked to hear of the accident that befell Helen Ferguson and Graeme Anderson the day after Graeme's 90th birthday celebrations. Helen was seriously injured, Graeme less so, but even so, both will have a long period of healing and rehabilitation. It's not easy having accidents once you're past twenty or thirty: recovery seems to take so much longer!! But Helen is luckily fit from her golf and myriad activities, including running the Hall successfully, so all her golf partners and bridge partners will miss her and Graeme will be missed too from his various maintenance and eagle eyed activities. So we wish them both well for a smooth and easier than expected recovery and hope that all the work they'll need to put into their rehabilitation is not too arduous. Our thoughts are with them.*

Peta Colebatch



## The Hardys Bay Club – help build on our history

*The following article of interest appears courtesy of the Hardys Bay Club. We are keen to see them thrive as a community asset, and John Brown from the Club has prepared a brief history and a Call to Arms. They are keen to share the facts of their business with the community, and ask for your support. Enjoy!*

*Mike Allsop*

The Hardys Bay Club had its beginnings in the 1940's in a shed in Hardys Bay before being convened as an RSL at the Hardys Bay Hall (now the Community Church) in 1950, when it was renamed the Hardys Bay RSL Sub-Branch.

The club moved to its current premises in 1982/83 on land donated by the then owner. The War Memorial which was and still is of great significance, was also moved from Araluen Drive to the current position.

In 1990 the sub-branch closed; however, the constitution of the club still includes responsibilities for, amongst other things, the maintenance of the War Memorial. The club continues to hold an Anzac Day ceremony which is strongly supported by the local community, while the memorial itself is spruced up by the Killcare Garden Club every year prior to the service.

During 2013/2014 the club struggled financially and progressively sold all of its poker machines and entitlements. Members of the local community had previously raised \$700,000 secured by the property to finance the club; however, the club was unable to repay the debt. The board of the club, in conjunction with the lenders, decided to put the property on the market in 2014. This included the land, buildings, furniture and fittings. As part of the sale conditions the club was to keep the liquor licence and the membership base.

Where are we now?

The club and the restaurant now pay rent to the site owner as landlord. The club derives its revenue primarily from liquor sales, live music, functions, and membership fees.

Without any poker machine revenue it is a constant struggle to meet expenses; however, the board of the club and the supporting volunteers are determined to keep it going within a family friendly, community oriented environment, free of poker machines, which is quite unique.

The club is fortunate to have Siri's Kitchen on site which offers fantastic Thai dishes at reasonable prices. The restaurant has a separate sub lease with the landlord with responsibility for its own business performance; however, we are of course mutually supportive.

The club has also built a reputation for live music with many followers describing it as the best venue on the Coast. It provides an opportunity for local musicians young and old to have a go performing in front of a supportive audience, as well providing locals an enjoyable event in good company.

In addition, the club has hosted successful weddings, birthdays, book club meetings etc.

Where to from here?

There is a strategy in place to improve the promotion and facilities of the club. Music events will continue to be promoted, including ticketed events for headline performers.

We do look for increased patronage from the community – whether drinks with dinner or just drinks with friends, or maybe coming to a music event. We have great outdoor seating for milder days as well as a play area for kids. We are striving to survive and preserve this valuable community asset, and our friendly staff would love to see you at any time.

John Brown

Contact: [admin@hardysbayclub.com.au](mailto:admin@hardysbayclub.com.au)



## MEET WTKCA's NEW PRESIDENT

Mike and his wife, Kerrie, are relatively new residents in our area. Both enjoyed getting to know their new neighbours through participation in many of the activities on offer. Mike's first responsibility in WTKCA was convening the Australia Day event in 2018 and 2019 supported by old hands of course.

Mike calls himself "semi-retired" from his career as a management consultant, but admits to being drawn to volunteer work in this part of the world. He has qualifications in civil engineering, computer science and business administration in addition to his consulting focus in business planning and project management.

Volunteer interests outside our area include being captain of a ski club and past president of a flying club, as well as being a past-chair of a large strata committee in Sydney.

"Both Kerrie and I love the natural attractions of the Bouddi peninsula", says Mike, "we are keen bush walkers, kayakers and beach-goers and enjoy opportunities to get out into this beautiful environment, often in the company of friends and family".

Mike is also the chair of the Peninsula Waterways Committee established last year as an action group to lobby state and local government re-open the Ettalong Channel for ferry services and other users. This work is ongoing, and focussed on having a sustainable maintenance plan properly funded and executed.

"We need to be firm in our convictions and continue to press for sensible, pragmatic policies relating to community services and appropriate development in the Bouddi Peninsula", says Mike. "I am looking forward to working with the community and the various community groups in our area to make sure this happens".



## ARTISAN SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

Over the June long weekend at the Wagstaffe Hall, the Bouddi Society hosted an artisan's show. Quality craftwork by over 20 artisans from the Peninsula and environs was exhibited.

It has been hailed by everyone as a great success both financially and for the camaraderie shown throughout the show. The photograph below is one view of the work on display.

The total sales for the show exceeded \$14,000, and there was a record level in door donations and in the purchase of raffle tickets. Overall the Bouddi Society made \$4,600 from the show.

On Saturday afternoon, it was good to see so many people at the official opening. Local artist Jordan Richardson opened the show and the acknowledgement of country was made by show exhibitor, Tim Selwyn.

At the closing ceremony on Sunday afternoon, the Bouddi Birds sang an adapted version of 'My Favourite Things' with all exhibitors acknowledged in the lyrics. The Bouddi Birds are Lea Turner, Kathryn Moore with the amazing Carolyn Packer on piano. (See photograph below.)

The Bouddi Society would like to thank the exhibiting artisans and the local community who helped to make this show so successful.

Margaret Crane







## Vandalism on the Dog Track

You may be aware that protected Mangroves and a group of Casuarina trees (now protected) were poisoned last year and have died.

### **Recently another act of vandalism has occurred.**

Fifty (50) native tube stock plants have been removed/stolen/destroyed at the beginning of the Dog Track (Araluen Drive Extension) at the Pretty Beach end. Council provided the new plants to the Pretty Beach Bushcare group to rehabilitate the council land where the trees were killed. Some time between Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June further vandalism occurred with all the established and newly planted trees and shrubs being removed.

Although the block of private land was cleared behind where the plantings were on that Friday, there is no suggestion that the contractors are responsible for the damage.

The tube stock was planted by the Pretty Beach Bushcare group of volunteers, with the aim of making the Dog Track attractive, improving the environment for everybody to enjoy and improving habitat for the native wildlife.

As community members living in a beautiful and special environment we must fight to stop the destruction of native plants. If you have any information about any of the damage that has occurred, please contact the Council Ranger.

Councils Ranger Services 1300 463954

### **Before the Vandalism, clearly showing the staked plants and mulch**



### **After the vandalism**



Anyone interested in joining the Bushcare group please contact Toni Trent on 0401 587 988

New members are very welcome.

## **POSSIBLE COMMUNITY GRANT**

Hardys Bay Hall, built c1922, has been used by our community for almost 100 years.

A recent engineer's report, obtained by current owners HBCC, suggests a new roof is needed to give the building another century.

The state government has been approached for a grant towards a new roof.

As a community project grant, apparently our application will need to compete with other grant requests in the Terrigal electorate – decided by members of the electorate voting online, between 15 July and 15 August. This is a bit like a competition for money and a bit odd, but we have to go with the process unfortunately.

Will we be able to receive money from the government to preserve this unique community asset and secure its future for another 100 years?

More information, e.g. how to vote, will be provided before 15 July, and we would be pleased to have your support if we get that far.

Stephen Hinks



### *That 2019 Tax Return*

Computerised tax returns have made it easier when the time comes each year to fulfil the obligations attached to living and working in Australia. However, doing that tax return can be complicated and often very difficult. Help is needed, and we, on the Bouddi Peninsula are fortunate to have had a small business in our area for the last decade, managed by Vic Wilmot, who is a specialist in matters of taxation. Vic was with the ATO for eighteen years before moving into private practice. He is easy to find in Killcare Road. Just look for his sign or contact him on 4360 2836.

*Vic's ongoing support of many of our local community organisations is appreciated.*

### **AEDs publicly available**

Great News for our community! Killy Cares will be installing three AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) in a number of locations in our community – available in July.

You may remember that Killy Cares has been fundraising for some time to purchase and install the AEDs within our community, to ensure there is immediate support in place if someone in our community suffers a cardiac arrest.

It is understood that this is one of the first occasions in which a community on the Central Coast has taken the initiative to install a number of AEDs in strategic locations within their own community, available 24/7. AEDs will be located on private property, but publicly accessible, at the following locations:

24 Pretty Beach Road Pretty Beach

Hardy's Bay Community Club, 14 Heath Road Hardy's Bay

88 The Scenic Road Killcare Heights

Killcare RFS has provided AEDs in the Fat Goose Café (AED currently being replaced) and Wagstaffe Store. There is also an AED located at Killcare Surf Club. (A privately-owned AED is located at 8 Bulkara Street, Wagstaffe and is available on request - call 0411 198 483 or 0419 476 977 and the owners will deliver it.)

Once all AEDs are in place Killy Cares will arrange to register them on the St John "Resuscitate" app (which can be downloaded free from the AppStore). This app shows the location of all AEDs in the local area which are registered with the St John app.

If you've never seen an AED or are nervous about using one, we'll be including an introduction to this equipment at the Killy Cares Annual General Meeting on **August 20** at 7pm at Hardy's Bay Community Church - so plan to be there.

Also, the date for our popular Annual Fundraising dinner has been confirmed - **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Save both dates now!

**Jenni Bouchier - Killy Cares**

**HARDYS BAY COMMUNITY CLUB****JULY HAPPENINGS**

Fri 5 Trivia with Katie 7.30 pm

Sat 6 Mirrabooka 7.00 pm

Sun 7 Big Blues Jam 2.00 pm

Fri 12 Bouddi Beats with Vera 7.00 pm

Sat 13 Honey and the Bluestones 7.30 pm

Sun 14 Aubrey &amp; Purton 2.00 pm

Fri 19 Blast from the Past 7.00 pm

Sat 20 Great Aunt 7.00 pm

Sun 21 Niksta 2.00 pm

Fri 26 Future 4 - Fundraiser for Gosford Hospital 7.00 pm

Sat 27 Blues Angels 7.00 pm

Sun 28 Jane Germaine 2.00 pm

**HARDYS BAY COMMUNITY CLUB**

🎵 **LIVE MUSIC** 🎵 **THAI FOOD**  
 🎵 **KID FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE**

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**Tennis @ Scenic  
 Pretty Beach**
**Turo Park Tennis Court  
 Hire**

\$8.00 per hour

\$20 deposit on key

Booking essential

Wagstaffe Store does the  
businessKey to be collected close to  
playing time prior to the  
game

4360 1018

Racquets can be hired too

**HBCC in July****Our series this month:**

*Having spiritual conversations,  
 with extracts from a recent report  
 on spiritual beliefs in Australia.*

Every Sunday 9.30, including a  
 workshop 11am, 7 July.

July is also our focus on being  
 thankful, appreciating family,  
 friends and our Father.

**Sat 27 July – Man2man:**

*Are the Bible and Science compatible?*  
 @ HBCC from 8.30am.

NB Sunday 4 August – a focus on  
*Lifelong Learning* as part of Educa-  
 tion Week

For all enquiries, hall hire  
 & pastoral care,

phone Pastor Stephen Hinks  
 0439 744 657

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

The Gosford City Library's

Mobile Library Van will visit

Wagstaffe

on July 3rd, 17th and 31st  
 from 10.30am until 11.15am.

**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.....