



TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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NEXT WTKCA MEETING

**Monday, August 5 at
Wagstaffe Hall , 7.30pm
All Welcome!
Note that this is the first
Monday for this month
only**

AUGUST 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

5th : 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



VALE Helen Ferguson

Members of WTKCA closely associated with Helen, family and many friends gathered at Wagstaffe Hall on Sunday afternoon, 21 July to remember Helen and her many contributions to our community. Helen died on July 1 after succumbing to injuries from a car accident on June 5.

Helen was recognised in 2005 when the Association nominated her for an Australia Day Award for her community service. For years she walked along the water's edge of the Dog Track picking up rubbish as she went on her dog's morning walk.

With Wagstaffe Hall beautifully renovated in 1999, new activities were sought and Helen, being a renowned Bridge player, was invited to teach Bridge. Ann Dillon tells the story below. She retained her keen mind and interest in bridge to the end of her life. She was also an avid golf player and won awards, as well as keeping extremely fit.

And then she stepped up to manage the Hall for us, running it extremely efficiently, and was always mindful of presenting the Hall and its facilities in a positive light. For a couple of years Helen was the editor of Talking Turkey as well as Hall Convenor but the two jobs were too much and she chose to stay with the hall. As a WTKCA committee member, she was an active participant in all matters and issues that concerned the Association and contributed to our many discussions and decisions. We appreciate her commitment to the hall and all she did for us. She will be sorely missed by all of us at WTKCA. Thank you Helen.

Our thoughts are with her family, friends, and with Graeme Anderson, our esteemed member and Helen's companion and friend, most of all.

Robyn Warburton (Vice-President)

Helen Ferguson.....

In the year 2000 after completing the renovations on the Wagstaffe Hall the Committee members of the Progress Association, as it was then, decided that we would like to encourage use of the hall by community groups. We approached the CWA and other groups and also Helen Ferguson, who lived locally, to give Bridge Classes in the Hall. Helen took up the challenge with great enthusiasm, and so the Old Wags Bridge Group came into being. Helen was excited to share her passion for Bridge and over the intervening years has passed on this gift to more than 100 new players. A wonderful achievement!

The Old Wags Bridge Group is Helen's legacy to our little Bridge community, and she was very proud of our growing confidence and competence in the game. We have been meeting every Friday since her first lessons under her tutelage and watchful eye. Helen was keen for the group to meet in a warm and friendly atmosphere so that we could make new friends, and play Bridge in a relaxed environment. Though, I must say, we do vie to win the chocolate bars every week!

Early on Helen was caring for her husband Bill through a long illness, and after he died she was very much a loner. Then she met Graeme Anderson and he helped her organise our little Bridge Group. Their friendship blossomed and so did Helen. A deep affection for each other grew and it has been a delight to see...Helen emerged, a new and happier person, and she has been very happy with Graeme over these last few years, enjoying wonderful companionship and cruises along the way.

Helen and I became firm friends over the years and I shall miss her very much, but we will keep her legacy alive as we play her beloved Bridge in Wagstaffe Hall on Friday afternoons.

With Love From Ann Dillon and members of the Old Wags Bridge Group





THE PRESIDENT'S NOTES...

We were very saddened shortly after our last TT was published in early July to learn that Helen Ferguson had just passed away. Our thoughts were very much with her family and with Graeme Anderson, and we have tried to keep in touch throughout to ensure our care and support were provided as needed. We have just had a fitting farewell to Helen on behalf of our community and the various local groups in which she was active – WTKCA, Bridge Club, Bouddi Society, Garden Club etc - in the hall she held so dear. She will be sadly missed. In the meantime, we all wish Graeme well in his further recovery and know that his advice at the very least can be called upon over the phone.

The business of the hall will now be managed by Gaye Follington using the same booking arrangements we have always used. David Lonie will step in whenever Gaye is away. Ken Tough continues to do a splendid job on the various minor maintenance tasks at the hall which crop up from time to time.

The year is slipping by and we are trying to make headway on a number of fronts for our community. In particular we are looking for traction in our efforts to have the Half Tide Rocks Track restored to an acceptable standard by National Parks. This has been taken up again with our local member, Adam Crouch, and will be progressed through the local National Parks office directly. In the meantime, National Parks have released two documents for community review pertaining to the update of the Plan of Management for Bouddi National Park as a whole. The Half Tide Rocks Track does rate a mention, but you have to look hard. Their commentary does reflect the level of community support for this work, so we hope that plans will turn to actions without undue delay. There are several other excellent references in these documents to the wider Bouddi NP. Community feedback is invited by National Parks and we would encourage interested residents to review and engage in the process before it closes on 30th September. The documents can be found at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/documents/bouddi-national-park> or in hard copy at the Maitland Bay Visitor Centre.

On another topic there is no update as yet on the mobile telecoms tower proposed for Wards Hill Road. You may recall this was proposed to address the black spot reception problem throughout our area with a tower on the site of the council water-tank. Approvals were to have been underway by now but as yet we only have their earlier preliminary information to hand. One aspect of this that has become a little clearer; however in that the location of the tower was potentially right on the street frontage of the site. This was never clear, and if so would not be acceptable from a visual point of view for anyone opposite or even driving past. We have requested the proponent relocate the mast itself further back on the site before plans are actually lodged and can be reviewed more formally. We look forward to seeing progress on this.

On a public interest note, we are continuing to encourage guest speakers at our monthly community meetings. At our September meeting Michael Cybulski has agreed to speak on the subject of support for new authors and the way they are being helped to publish internationally. He brings his experience in the New Authors Collective and should indeed be most interesting. Hope to see you there.

Michael J Allsop - President WTKCA

KillyCares installs AEDs

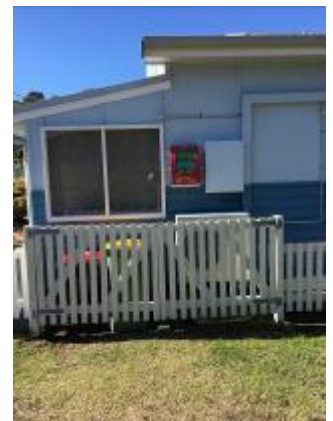
Three AEDs have been installed by KillyCares across our community for use in emergency situations. They are readily accessible 24/7 because they are located outside two homes and the Club:

- * 24 Pretty Beach Road, Pretty Beach (Adjacent to Turo Park) - see photo at right**
- * Hardy's Bay Community Club, 14 Heath Road, Hardy's Bay**
- * 88 The Scenic Road, Killcare Heights (diagonally opposite Bells)**

Other AEDs are located at Wagstaffe Store and Killcare Surf Club, and there will soon be one available at the Fat Goose.Café. Thanks to everyone in our community who has contributed to this project, and particularly to those who have agreed to have AEDs located on their properties.

KillyCares has been working within the Bouddi Community for 5 years and we will be celebrating this milestone at our AGM on August 20, at 7pm at Hardy's Bay Community Church. Drinks and nibbles will be provided as well as a refresher on the use of the AEDs. If you are a member or supporter of KillyCares please plan to be there. We'll also be electing office bearers and would welcome any new members to the committee.

Another date for the diary is our annual fundraising dinner — an event which usually sells out quickly. It's on October 18 at Killcare Surf Club. Please save the date and plan to be there.



Lyndall Jones
KillyCares



President Peta's Achievements with WTKCA



Outgoing President of the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association Peta Colebatch would be the first to acknowledge that the visible and not so visible symbols of achievement for the association are always a team effort by the committee and volunteers. In the eight years that Peta was president and chairperson community assets have grown and our community continues to value and protect our natural scenic assets of bush, beach and bay, a welcoming environment to newcomers.

With Peta at the wheel, some of the visible installations WTKCA has funded are the children's enclosure and dinosaur at the tennis court, the soccer net and the fitness equipment at Turo Park and on the green near the surf club, the two seats dedicated to Gwen Perrie and Richard Harper on the dog track and to Tom Jackson at the hall, the swing set at the Stanley Street park, and the carved poles positioned near the ferry (Peta obtained them from Ausgrid following replacement). The wonderful whale tables followed.

Peta hosted the community party put on by WTKCA following the fire at Pretty Beach in October 2012, to thank the local firemen who with brigades from other places controlled the fire before major damage was done. Peta is pictured with Lavinia Smith-Lewis and Deb O'Neil at the party.

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The Wagstaffe Hall, originally built by volunteers, is managed by the Hall Convenor supported by the WTKCA committee, overseeing regular and special event bookings. Big community events are the Australia Day Breakfast & Jazz Picnic, the Easter Trash and Treasure and an Art Show in October. Behind the scenes there is always a lot of work building bridges within and outside the community, lobbying council, and government departments and Peta was tireless in her letter, email writing and phone calling. She met with many Council officers and managed to make things happen. She persisted until the ferry made two return trips a day from Ettalong (find the celebratory picture) and she initiated the motion to bring community groups, council and State government to the table to determine the best way forward to reinstate the ferry to Palm Beach when the channel became impassable. Mike Allsop, our new chairperson, is now chair of that committee.

There are still several ongoing projects on the table: obtaining better mobile phone coverage, liaising with council and designers re Hardy's Bay foreshore improvements, convincing National Parks we need the Half Tides Rock track, improving Turo Park extension, and more.

So thanks Peta for your tenacious and untiring efforts to keep a positive momentum to achieve what has been achieved often against bureaucratic odds. And for simple things like starting meetings right on 7.30 and keeping them moving (and being an excellent chairperson). In the words of Fay Gunther in her thanks on behalf of the community, "We have all enjoyed working with her (Peta) and been inspired by her dauntless approach."

Gaye Follington





Party for Narelle

August 24 at WAGSTAFFE HALL 2—5 pm

BYO DRINKS AND A SMALL PLATE TO SHARE

QUESTIONS and RSVP: Stephen 0410 602 806 or Miriam 0415 529 342

(if you forget to RSVP come anyway and bring anyone who wants to party with Narelle)

As you probably know, Narelle has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease and frontotemporal dementia. We've decided to throw a party to let Narelle know how much she means to everybody and to celebrate her contributions to the community.

Amongst other things, there will be musical performances. If you would like to perform let us know!



**KILLCARE
WAGSTAFFE**
RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Community meetings

What will you do in a bush fire - Leave early or decide to stay?

Killcare RFB is holding community meetings to address the 4 simple steps to making a bush fire survival plan - information enabling you to then discuss and agree with your entire household what you will do in the event of a bushfire.

Meetings are being held:

Saturday 31 August 3.00pm, Maitland Bay Information Centre

Tuesday 10 September 7.30pm, Wagstaffe Hall

All welcome. Mark these dates in your diary. At the conclusion of each meeting, you will be able to clarify any issue or concerns you may have with Brigade members in attendance, then take home an information kit to prepare and finalise your plan with your household.

Michelle Biddulph, Captain of the Killcare RFB pointed out "As you saw at the Pretty Beach fire last year, we didn't have fire trucks at every house".

It's your responsibility to prepare yourself, your home and your property. There are four simple steps to get ready for a bushfire which will be covered at the community meetings: discuss what to do if a bushfire threatens your home, prepare your home and get it ready for bush fire season, know the bush fire alert levels and keep all the bush fire information numbers, websites and the smart phone app.

For more information please contact Michelle 0423 983514 or Brian 0412 115 419

**HARDYS BAY COMMUNITY CLUB****AUGUST 2019**

Fri 2 Trivia 7.30 pm
Sat 3 the Charlies 7.00 pm
Sun 4 Big Blues Jam 2.00 pm
Fri 9 The McCleans 7.00 pm
Sat 10 Driftwood 7.00pm
Sun 11 The Wondermen 2.00 pm
Fri 16 Feelin' Groovy 60's Show
(Ticketed Show \$25 per ticket). 7.30 pm
Sat 17 Two Buck Boys Band 7.00 pm
Sun 18 Bouddi Beats Jam with Top Cat
2.00 pm
Fri 23 Bec Pap 7.00 pm
Sat 24 Bad Brew 7.00 pm
Sun 25 Peter Healy Band 2.00 pm
Fri 30 Mickey G 7.00pm
Sat 31 L.S. Three Band 7.00pm

HARDYS BAY COMMUNITY CLUB**WTKCA CONTACTS****President:**

Mike Allsop

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Robyn Warburton

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not reliable for TT**)www.wagstaffetokillcare.org.au**KILLCARE SURF CLUB**Please note the registration
dates are as follows:

Sunday 8 September 2019

Sunday 15 September 2019

**NEED YOUR
TAXATION DONE?****Our local Taxation expert is
Vic Wilmot
in Killcare Road****Phone****4360 2836****HBCC in August**

Voting for my Community Project

Closes August 15 – online.

Both our community Church and
Hardys Bay Club have
applications for grants -
Please vote for these local projects!Info: hbcc.com.au

Every Sunday at 9.30am

Our series this month:*"Is it possible for me to really
change?"*

A series on "HOW TO..."

Friendly Friday social outings2 Aug – Ferry to Palm Beach and
lunch at RSL; car pool at HBCC @
12 noon for 12.30 ferry, then bus to
RSL – all welcome!30 Aug – Lunch at Ourimbah
TAFE: \$28 for 3 courses. Car Pool
at HBCC@ 11am, lunch @ 12

Midweek Bible studies continue.

For all enquiries, hall hire
& pastoral care,phone Pastor Stephen Hinks
0439 744 657www.hbcc.com.au**MOBILE LIBRARY**The Gosford City Library's
Mobile Library Van will visit
Wagstaffe on August 14, and 28
from 10.30 am until 11.15 am.**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.....