



TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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**NEXT
WTKCA MEETING**
will be held on
**Monday
December 12 at
Wagstaffe Hall .**
**The
Meeting will be
followed by a
Christmas supper**
All Welcome!

DECEMBER AT WAGSTAFFE HALL

For bookings call 0490 403 822

*MONDAY

9.30-11.00 Yoga with Gai 4360 1854

2-3pm Private rehearsal

6.00-7.00pm Pilates Michelle

43845005 / Simon 0425 224 532

12 Mon WTKCA Meeting 7.30pm

*TUESDAY

10.45 – 11.45am 'Movement &

Mindfulness – Jacqui Dawson

0408 602 669 (resuming Feb 7)

6.30-8.30pm 13th Dec - Shower

Singers – Country Night with

Melinda Schneider – Fancy dress

optional

*WEDNESDAY

10.00-11.00 Meditation (Adults)

Colette 0408 612 065

6.00-7.00 pm Clinical Pilates with

Jo Frize – Booking/term 4360 2707

7.30 8.30pm Labor Party Wednes-

day 6 Dec - Jim MacFadyen

*THURSDAY

2.00-5.00 pm Mahjong - Heather

4360 2178

*FRIDAY

9.30-11.30am Yoga with Laurie

Jones 0423 589 877

1.30-4.30pm Old Wags Bridge

Group



Season's Greetings

It seems that the older you get, the faster the year disappears! And so we are heading towards the festive season yet again, with many of you preparing to welcome family and friends to the Bouddi Peninsula, and to celebrate what we hope will be a time of peace and renewal. And as I've said before, we are so lucky to live in such a protected and peaceful community, with great bush, beach, birds and talented generous people. And we all depend on the hard work that so many people give to all our community organisations – the caring, sharing, and commitment – which works to support our environment, our facilities, our arts and crafts, and the safety of people in the surf, in our homes, in our schools, and in our daily life.

So thank you all. And on behalf of the WTKCA, I hope that you all have a happy Christmas and an invigorating New Year which helps us to work together to build an even better future for the next generation, and for those who come to this country for a new life. We wish you all a happy and healthy time!

Peta Colebatch (President)

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY 2017



will take place at

WAGSTAFFE HALL

Thursday 26 January



The day begins at 8.00 am with the flag-raising ceremony, key-note speaker & entertainment. Breakfast by the Bay will follow.

If you would like to help prepare for the occasion please come along to Wagstaffe Hall at 9.30 am on Wednesday 25 January

...and enjoy the next evening

THE JAZZ PICNIC

With the U-BOUDDI BIG BAND Friday 27 January

at WAGSTAFFE HALL

on the lawn by the bay (inside if wet)

Music 6 pm – 9 pm

**BYO with your picnic basket, rug or
table & chair/s**

**These events are free, sponsored by
Central Coast Council and brought to you by WTKCA.**





UPDATE ON TENNIS COURT DAMAGE

Last month you were advised about all of the damage that has been taking place at the Pretty Beach tennis court. You were told of the steps we were taking, and that we were talking to Council in the hope that we could obtain a soccer practice net in the area adjacent to the tennis court, so that excess energy could be better directed into the soccer net rather than the tennis court area. Sadly, nothing has worked. Council has advised that trial of a temporary soccer practice net is not permissible, although we are continuing to talk with Council on this and other options.

At the time of going to press, we are sad to say that more damage has occurred. Not only has the gate to the child-safe area behind the courts had to be removed, but the shade cloth protecting children and adults in that area has been badly damaged by some children climbing on the cloth and ripping it. The Council (and Police) have been advised, and we have asked for surveillance of the area. We have replaced the shade cloth and plan to replace the damaged gate as soon as possible but all this is expensive and takes time. And for us to do this requires more respect by those children and young adults, and by parents in the area, to support the facilities that we have. The damage is unacceptable. It not only harms the facilities, and disillusion all the volunteers who work so hard to maintain them, but also damages the reputation of children in this area and by extension, that of the Pretty Beach School and other schools.

We are continuing to talk with the Pretty Beach Public School and have raised the issue with Kincumber High School. We are talking also with parents and the P&C. But it is you, the community – both young and old – whom we need to take responsibility. The standard you walk past is the standard you accept. What has been taking place is NOT acceptable.

So if you have school age children, please explain what is going on, and that we don't have enough flat land on the Peninsula to put up a soccer net or similar. We are open to ideas about what more we can do. But we don't want what we have now to be despoiled. And we want to respect the work of our volunteers, and all who assist us to raise funds for spending on community resources. And after all, for example, there's so much asparagus fern around the area, anyone wanting to use up excess energy could help us in getting rid of it, rather than using the tennis courts to work off steam.

We're happy to assist in pointing kids in the direction of the asparagus fern, or to play tennis, or to clean up the old bottles and refuse in the environment!! There's lots to be done.

Peta Colebatch, President



PRETTY BEACH MARKETS

Our last community market for this year will be held on **Sunday 11 December** from 9am to 2pm.

Wholeheartedly, we would like to thank all our lovely volunteers for their time and effort this year. We send a warm thank you to the stall holders that have made our markets a success with their beautiful products. And we thank the school for their easy cooperation. Let's all enjoy this wonderful event one more time this year. And if you would like to get involved in organising our markets in 2017, we are putting out a call to the wider community to please get in touch with

Una Davis on 0412 146 673.

A MESSAGE from COLLEEN

Colleen wishes the community a very merry Christmas and would love to hear from her friends. Christmas cards would be wonderful.

Her address...

Mrs Colleen Smith
St Louise Section
St Josephs Retirement
Community
240 Maitland Road
SANDGATE NSW 2304

Towards a plastic bag free peninsula

The launch of the plastic bag free peninsula is on Thursday, 8 December outside the Killcare bottle shop at 5pm.

Single use plastic bags will no longer be available on the peninsula after this date. Exceptions will be for bait and oysters.

Very attractive reusable bags will be available at all outlets for \$2 a hessian bag and \$1 for a calico bag,

Join us for a glass of bubbly or a beer and pick up a free bag.

An initiative of the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust with the support of WTKCA

SHOWER SINGERS IS BACK AT WAGSTAFFE HALL

The shower singers is a contemporary choir led by Melinda Schneider (Six time CMAA Golden Guitar Winner) and Mark Gable (lead singer, legendary rock band, CHOIR BOYS). Everyone CAN and SHOULD sing (even if you don't think you can)! Find your voice, gain confidence, learn how to harmonise and most importantly...have fun! SINGING IS GREAT... for the mind, soul and body AND...it feels really good! So come and join the us for 2 hours of singing, laughter and popular music!

Tuesday December 13th - Country Night (Fancy Dress optional)

When: 6.30pm till 8.30pm - Cost: \$20 per person

Enquiries: management@melindaschneider.com www.choirboys.net
www.melindaschneider.com www.facebook.com/theshowersingerschoir





BOOK LAUNCH—WHILE THE MUSIC LASTS



"Wow," said a Sydney visitor, a well known author of many books. "I can't believe this crowd! There must be 200 people here. In Sydney I'd be lucky to get 50 to a book launch."

Yes, Wagstaffe has done it again: another standing-room-only book launch at the Community Hall. And what an afternoon it was! 20 local authors reading extracts from their book "While the Music Lasts", to an audience that was moved to tears and to laughter, after a formal launch speech by Judy Nunn that perfectly set the tone and got everyone in the mood for a riotously enjoyable afternoon.

And after the readings came the "afternoon tea delights" - food brought by the authors

themselves, matched to the eras in which their stories were set. Memories, memories ... all washed down with drinks that were one of the contributions of the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association, another example of the invaluable support the Association provides to the local community. The authors sold their books by the armful, but if you missed out, "While the Music Lasts" is on sale at the Wagstaffe Store and the Killcare Cellars. Just \$20 for a collection of 40 stories ranging from World War One to the present - who could ask for better presents to give for Christmas! But hurry - the remaining stocks won't last long!



MOBILE BLACK SPOT COMMUNITY FORUM

Federal MP Lucy Wicks hosted a lively forum on 19 November canvassing the mobile reception experiences of Bouddi Peninsula residents. In 2014, as a result of community concerns, WTKCA conducted a survey with the assistance of 'Digital' Dave Abrahams and presented the results to Lucy. We intend to reinforce those results by conducting a new survey via mailbox drop, of the three principal 'no signal' areas identified. If you receive a survey form please complete and return as soon as possible.

Ian Bull, WTKCA

CAROLS ON THE WATERFRONT

One of our community's biggest get-togethers is on again – Carols on the Hardys Bay Waterfront, on Sunday 18th December. This is a significant annual event, hosted again by Hardys Bay Community Church, with support from our Firies and parents from Pretty Beach school. Starting at 6.30 there will be entertainment from Natasha Lee, a twenty-year-old singer/songwriter/busker on the Central Coast. Natasha will perform original and cover songs while people settle in with a BYO picnic, enjoy a sizzled sausage, or a meal from one of our local cafes.



At 7.30 the Carols program begins. Guests this year include the Strings group from Pretty Beach school, and Loco Femme - a group of five local women who love blending voice, harmony and fun while singing a range of contemporary and world music. Locals will be our talented musicians as we sing our favourite carols. Of course there will be an appearance by Santa who, as is now our custom, will not give presents but rather receive donations - to support the important work with the homeless done by Coast Shelter.

Join the hundreds as we come together to relax and enjoy Christmas with family, friends and community, and to remember the reason for the season. If there is wet weather, the event will move to Hardys Bay Club. Thanks to our community church and sponsorship from local businesses and WTKCA, this event provides a great start to our local holiday festivities.

**HARDYS BAY CLUB****DECEMBER**

SAT DEC 3 @ 730pm BRENT MURPHY
SUN DEC 4 @ 3pm BIG BLUES JAM
FRI DEC 9 @ 730pm DOMINIQUE MORGAN
SAT DEC 10 @ 730pm NULL & VOID
SUN DEC 11 @ 3pm JAM SESSION WITH TOP CAT
FRI DEC 16 @ 730pm TROY HENDERSON
SAT DEC 17 @ 730pm CHRISTMAS BLUES NIGHT
SUN DEC 18 @ 3pm CHRISTMAS JAM SESSION WITH WHITING & TUCKER
FRI DEC 23 @ 3.30-6pm KIDS CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON
SAT DEC 24 @ 730pm BRYCE SAINTY
SUN DEC 25 Christmas day CLOSED
THU DEC 29 @ 730pm TRIVIA WITH EL TRIVIACHI
FRI DEC 30 END OF YEAR RAFFLE & JAG THE JOKER
DEC 31 @ 730pm NYE KARAOKE DISCO

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(Please note: PDFs not reliable for TT)

Webmaster: Vanessa Simpsonwww.wagstaffetokillcare.org.au**INVITATION TO LAST MEETING FOR 2016 - THE CHRISTMAS MEETING**

Our last meeting for the year is a festive one, so please join us to reflect on the year, and to celebrate survival!! It should be a quick meeting, and then you are all invited to join us in a festive supper. So dress up, wear a funny and/or festive hat, come in formal attire or casual, or surprise us all with your inventiveness! Do something special. And we are hoping for lots of people so if any members can bring a plate (with some food on it), we would be delighted!! We look forward to seeing you Monday 12 December at 7.30pm, Wagstaffe Hall.

CLINICAL PILATES COURSES

Thanks for a great year of classes everyone!

Restarting pre-booked courses on 31 January 2017

Tuesday 9.15–10.15 am

Wednesday 6–7 pm

Thursday 9.15–10.15 am

At Wagstaffe Hall

To Book call Jo on 43602707 or 0420983274

Merry Christmas to all.



December at HBCC: Our Christmas series: Christ before Christianity every Sunday at 9.30am

Christmas dinner (free): Sat 10, from 6pm

Readings & Carols service: Sun 18- 9.30am

CAROLS on WATERFRONT: Sun 18 - from 6.30pm

For seniors: Friday Friendship from 10.30am for a cuppa, activities and outings.

Other activities in recess through January

For enquiries, hall hire and pastoral support, phone church office: 4360 1293

Pastor: Dr Stephen Hinks

www.hbcc.com.au

MOBILE LIBRARY

Central Coast Council's Bookmobile visits Wagstaffe fortnightly on Wednesdays!

14 December

It follows 'green bin collection' Monday!

The van parks adjacent to Wagstaffe Hall at the bus stop from 10.30am until 11.15am!

There is no advertised Library service over Christmas period!

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.....