



TALKING TURKEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WAGSTAFFE TO KILLCARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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**NEXT
WTKCA MEETING**
will be held on
**Monday
October 9, at
Wagstaffe Hall**
Meeting followed by
supper

All Welcome!

OCTOBER at WAGSTAFFE HALL

*MONDAY

9.30-11.00 Yoga with Gai 4360 6.00 –

7.00pm Pilates Michelle

43845005 / Simon 0425 224 532

WTKCA Meeting 9 October 7.30 pm

*TUESDAY

9.15-10.15 Clinical Pilates with Jo

Frize – booking/term 4360 2707

11-12.15pm Movement & Mindful-

ness – Jacqui Dawson 0408 602 669

1.30-4pm Knit 2 Chat 2 - 2nd & 4th

Tuesdays Helen 4360 2926

6.00 – 7.15pm Iyengar Yoga – classes

resume Tues 24 October : Robyn

0449164769

*WEDNESDAY

10.00-11.00 Meditation (Adults)

Colette 0408 612 065 (in recess)

6.00-7.00 pm Clinical Pilates with Jo

Frize – Booking/term 4360 2707

*THURSDAY

9.15-10.15 Clinical Pilates – with Jo

Frize – booking/term 4360 2707

2.00-5.00 pm Mahjong - Heather

4360 2178

*FRIDAY

9.30-11.am Yoga with Laurie Jones

0423 589 877

1.30-4.30pm Old Wags Bridge

Group Ann 4368 2003

For bookings call 0490 403 822

PRETTY BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

Pretty Beach P&C warmly invites the community to come and celebrate the school's 90th year at a Gala Event at Killcare Surf Club, 7pm Saturday 11th November 2017. Tickets are available at the school office, Wagstaffe Shop or online: www.prettybeach90th.eventbrite.com.au at \$40 until Friday 13th October and then at \$45 until 27th October 2017. The 1920s themed evening event features a Jazz band (The Stompin Rhythm Aces), raffles & auction at a cocktail style party with plenty of food. Drinks will be available at the bar.

Pretty Beach Public School was opened in 1927. The local community lobbied the Department of Education regarding the need for a local school to accommodate approximately 52 local children. Prior to the school opening, children had to catch a launch from Wagstaffe Point to Woy Woy and then walk half a mile to school. The Department recognised the need for a local school and bought nearly 12 acres of land at Pretty Beach in late 1925. The original school building was completed in late 1926 and the school was officially opened on 18th of January 1927 with a picnic to celebrate.



Since 1927 the school parent community has remained active in lobbying for improvements to the school, including additional buildings and teachers to accommodate increased enrolments. The P & C continue to be active in working with the school staff to improve facilities and resources for all students. The original early buildings remain on site and are complemented by new 21st-century school buildings (2010).

A more detailed history is available on the school website:

www.prettybch-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

PRETTY BEACH BUSHCARE

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. Help make the improvements that are greatly enhancing the track.

For more information contact Gosford City Council's Bushcare Officer on 4325 8222 or local convenor Toni Trent on 0401 587 988.



Draft fares released for Central Coast Ferry Fares (1/1/18 - 31/12/21)

Below is a media release from The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

IPART is calling for public submissions on its draft fare determination for private ferries servicing Woy Woy, Empire Bay, Ettalong and Wagstaffe.

Palm Beach Ferries fares are recommended **NOT** to change. To comment go to www.ipart.nsw.gov.au and click on the link provided part way down the home page.

Note: We have been able to clarify with IPART that "...service between Ettalong and Wagstaffe" should read as "service between **Palm Beach, Ettalong and Wagstaffe**"

Media Release

..... Central Coast Ferries provides ferry services between Woy Woy and Empire Bay, and Palm Beach Ferries provides ferry services between Ettalong and Wagstaffe.

The current maximum fare for Central Coast Ferries is \$7.80. The current maximum fare for the Palm Beach Ferries service is \$11.60. Under the draft decision, which would apply from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021, maximum fares for

- the Central Coast Ferries service would increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and
- the Palm Beach Ferries service between Ettalong and Wagstaffe would not change.

IPART Chair Dr Peter Boxall said that the draft decision on fares varies due to different levels of competition and different costs involved in providing the services on each of the ferry routes. "We have accepted Central Coast Ferries' fare proposal as we considered it to be market-driven, considering that it is operating in a relatively competitive market."

"However, for Palm Beach Ferries, having reviewed their costs of providing ferry services our draft decision is for fares to remain unchanged for the next 4 years. Our view is that passengers should pay the prices that reflect the efficient cost of providing the services while enabling private ferry operators to sustain their business over the long term," Dr Boxall said.

The review of ferry fares on the Central Coast is part of a broader review of fares for regular private ferry services across NSW.

IPART determines fares for Sydney and Stockton Ferry services as part of Opal fares review. Submissions to the Draft Report close on 27 October, with an opportunity for further comments at a public hearing to be held on 23 October. All stakeholder comments will be taken into consideration before making the final determination in December.

The Draft Report is available on IPART's website <<http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au>>

Media Contact: Julie Sheather 02 9290 8403 & 0409 514 643

OUR CONTINUING WAR ON WEEDS

Under our Wagstaffe Ridge grant funding from Local Land Services, we are obliged to (and want to) provide publicity about local weeds and what to do about them – to protect our neighbours, including Bouddi National Park.

Polygala, an unwanted plant is now in flower locally. Let's make a concerted effort to remove it. Here is the description of what is a weed locally.

Polygala (*Polygalamyrtilifolia*) (Trees and Shrubs Western Australia Region)

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

The South African shrub to 2m high is widely naturalised across southern Australia and has become invasive in coastal areas.

These shrubs are most readily recognised by their mauve –purple, pea-shaped flowers produced through most of the year predominantly during spring. Flowers develop two-celled flattened seed capsules that ripen from green to papery brown which are widely spread.



HOW IT SPREADS

Seeds are spread by water, birds, ants, dumped garden waste, and even equipment used at the beach such as surfboards and towels.

The seeds are long lived and can germinate in heavy shade. Germination usually takes place in autumn but can take place in any season given sufficient moisture.

HOW TO REMOVE IT

Removal: smaller plants can be pulled out by hand. It is easier to get all the roots when the soil is moist after rain. Larger plants can have the stem cut close to the ground, followed within 20 seconds by a smear of poison (eg glyphosate such as Roundup). Focus on removal prior to flowering, so as to prevent pollination and seed set.

Helen Monks, Co-ordinator of the LLS weeding project
4360 2383 (ah)

RUBBISHING LOBSTER BEACH

Local residents have noticed that fires have been lit, rubbish has been left and/or hidden, beach gear abandoned and bottles, shopping bags and cans buried in the sand at Lobster Beach. It's hard to imagine locals would despoil such a tranquil spot, but we'd also hate to think that guests and holiday makers would deliberately behave in this way.

Photos have been taken and the matter has been notified to National Parks and Wildlife Officers.

If you see this happening, please contact

NPWS on 4320 4200

NB Fires on Putty Beach are also causing concern. Please call 000 if you find that a fire has not been extinguished.



OUR LOCAL TALENT

KEN TOUGH – Poet and Bard



Ken Tough is a Jack of all Trades and Master of Many. He's been a Personnel Manager of large corporations, an inventor of nationally used building material, a building designer, an artist in wood and metal, a creator of exquisite wooden furniture – a man of many talents, most of which harken back to his days as a timber cutter and builder, in the NSW bush town of Condobolin. However, Ken also walks in the footsteps of the ancient Bard, Homer; the travelling balladeers and troubadours of the Middle Ages; and the touring performers of our own century: he writes and recites ballads – his own and those of some of Australia's best-known poets.

His first contact with ballads came as a student at Condobolin, where, after a minor misdemeanour, he was given the task of learning and reciting to the class *The Man from Snowy River*. On a later droving holiday, his wife gave him a copy of Banjo Patterson's *In the Droving Days*. His first performance as a Bard came when his daughter told him of a "bush poets' gathering" at Gosford. He went along and recited *In the Droving Days*, for which he received a standing ovation, a tribute given to all first reciters.

To compete in many local, and all State and National competitions, a Bard must recite his own poetry, as well as the classic Australian ballads. Ken wrote a number of ballads, including *Boondi's Mob*, about discrimination against Aboriginal children in schools in the past, which he considers his greatest personal achievement; and *Thommo the Banker* a comedy about a convict sent to Norfolk Island for embezzlement, and who died, still in jail, at the age of 105. With these, as well as *The Man from Snowy River*, he won the Jack Riley Award at the Corryong Poetry Festival in Victoria, and later, the Victorian State Championship.

Ken has won significant awards at State and National Festivals. After winning the National Folk Festival Competition in Canberra, he was required to recite his poetry before an audience of over 2500 people – a daunting prospect! He has also won the prestigious Dunedoo Competition in NSW, a festival which draws Bards from all over Australia. This year, he achieved a long-standing ambition when he won "The Man from Snowy River" Festival, where only three contestants are selected from a wide field chosen after a CD selection process, at which timing, presentation and accuracy are closely judged.

Ken's ambition is to win the "Leonard Teale Literary Award" held at Gulgong in NSW. He has previously won the Audience Award, and Second Prize in this competition. He will be competing in the Australian Championship Poetry Recital Competition, in Western Australia, in November, presenting works by Henry Lawson and Bruce Simpson, as well as his own poems, *Boondi's Mob* and *Larkin*. We wish him well!

Alex Sharp

Hardys Bay Foreshore Renewal - Response to Submissions

A very big thank you to everyone, all one hundred and eighty of you, who took the time and effort to comment. This is an excellent response rate.

It was very refreshing for those who have invested so much time and effort in this project, to find that overwhelmingly the input was positive and even enthusiastic. Of the 180 comments, 156 endorsed the project, 14 had mixed feelings and only 10 were against.

Firstly, while many would love the project to be open-ended with an unlimited budget, we must start from a finite and realistic point. The geographic limits of this proposal are the RSL Creek to the south, the toilet block to the north, the Bay to the west and to the east, the boundary currently defined with log barriers.

As previously advised plans will be revised in the light of input received and posted on the website. Of course there were many suggestions and yes, criticisms - you can read our full response on the website -

<https://sites.google.com/view/hardysbayforeshore/>

**HARDYS BAY CLUB**

Sunday October 1, 2-5pm:
Blues Jam

Sunday October 9, 3pm: Jam
with Pat and Ness

Saturday October 14, 3.30–
6.30: Kids' Halloween Party



Sunday October 15, 2-5pm:
Kaijin; 6.00: Caiti Baker

Saturday October 21, 8pm:
Rick Price - ticketed show.

Sunday October 2, 7.00pm: Z
Star Delta

Sunday October 29, 2-5pm:
Deck Sessions – The Camrys

For more information:
www.hardysbayclub.com.au

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Gosford City Library's
Mobile Library Van visits
Wagstaffe
fortnightly on Wednesdays!

This month: October 9, 23

How to remember which day
It follows the YELLOW
bin collection!

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Waggie Store Parking

We had a breakthrough just after September Talking Turkey arrived, gaining an on-site meeting of all concerned in the first week of September.

This resulted in ranger action being put on hold until Council's Traffic Committee meet early in November.

We are hopeful that this meeting will endorse right-angle parking although likely will result in more traffic/parking signs!

WTKCA



Our usual program of events continues:

October at HBCC

"Serving our community"

Special activities:

Sat 14th: Spiritual Retreat 9.30 – 12.00

Two special Speakers:

Sun 15th: Colin Scott on Bangladesh

Sun 29th: Peter Moore on China

Regular mid-week activities resume on
Monday 9th October.

Thursdays 7pm and Fridays 9.30am –
"Understanding the Bible Better"

Fifty-up Every Friday 10.30-12noon,
all welcome for a cuppa, activities &
outings.

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

Or Pastor: Dr Stephen Hinks 0439744657

FREE First Aid Course

Over the last 12 months, Killy Cares has provided further First Aid & CPR Training for local residents, with a special session including first aid for children. We are aiming to host another FREE course in November and seeking early expressions of interest. The date will be confirmed shortly, but if interested please email your name & phone no. to killycares@gmail.com

BECOME A MEMBER

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 one New Member 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].....

Local & mailing addresses.....

Email address.....

Signed