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Mayoral Column

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to John Finnie for his efforts in editing this publication and the service it has provided to the community as he edits his last edition.

Producing a newsletter such as this one is a huge job but one that is very much appreciated by the community and certainly on a personal note I value it as both a resident of the Hallidays Point area and the Mayor of MidCoast for the work it does to get information to the community. Now, for a few updates on issues that are topical for our community.

Hallidays Point Place Strategy

Work is currently underway on a number of technical studies to support this strategy. This includes biodiversity, traffic and bushfire studies. Once completed we will be seeking further feedback from the community.

During the first phase of consultation a number of key themes emerged: safe movement, natural environment, facilities and thoughtful growth. The community's priorities were: retaining biodiversity and natural assets and more pathways, walking tracks and cycleways.

Road Updates

The Blackhead Road – Lakes Way roundabout is due to be finished by the end of November, with the major work of asphaltting now complete.

Work is now underway on Coastal View Drive, Tallwoods where a culvert was washed out during a heavy rain event earlier in the year. This is expected to take about eight weeks, with single lane traffic expected by late December.

Work will also soon start on the clearing of the culverts at the roundabout of High Street and Blackhead Road. This work has required a review of environmental factors first, as the drain runs into the environmentally sensitive area of Blackhead Lagoon.

There is also work planned for Red Head Road. One section, from Coromont Drive to the eastern end, is being funded under our \$7.5 million program which is an additional fund Councillors allocated to a heavy patching program for this financial year. This repair is currently in design.

The design for the section of Red Head Road to Diamond Beach Road is currently being reviewed and modified and the required preliminary work, such as environmental assessments are currently underway. Work is expected to start next year.

The issue of the condition of the Ocean Drive has been raised and questions asked about why more repairs of both the road surface and the kerb weren't undertaken before it was resealed. While this road would benefit from heavy patching, undertaking this work would damage the remaining sections of the road. Construction vehicles would also have negatively impacted on the surrounding streets that are experiencing issues with saturated pavements. As a result a decision was made to complete the reseat with minimal improvement works. The primary purpose of the reseat that was undertaken was to waterproof the surface to reduce the rate of decline of the road pavement to allow time for funding to be sought to reconstruct the road.

Open Space Strategy

Thank you to all of the Hallidays Point residents who provided feedback to the Open Space Strategy consultation. There has been a strong representation from our area in the responses. Feedback can still be left online until the end of the month. A draft strategy will then be shared with the community during the first part of next year.

North Diamond Beach Development Update

A review of the planning proposal for this area was due to be considered by the Joint Regional Planning Panel on 23 November. The planning proposal was submitted by a landholder who is seeking to rezone the area from a tourist zone to a mixture of general residential and medium density residential zones, with the land zoned for conservation unchanged. A development application for the site is currently being assessed by Council staff. This application is for tourist and visitor accommodation and is not reliant on the proposed rezoning. It has been lodged for tourism purposes and comprises 42 townhouses and a 48 lot community title subdivision, which includes a community lot and dedication of a public coastline reserve.

Community Conversations

Finally thanks to all those who attended the recent Community Conversation at the Black Head Surf Club. Many of the above issues were discussed and it was great to see the community participate in the session.



Mayor Claire Pontin

A Message from News of Our World

Editor John Finnie

The News of Our World could not exist without the contribution of regular and occasional articles from many organisations and individuals throughout our community. Neither would it exist without our advertising sponsors. The charges we make for advertising just about covers the cost of printing the publication. We are very grateful to all these contributors.

I'm very grateful as well for all the donations made generously by local photographers who continue to submit their beautiful pictures of our area's scenes and landmarks, not only to feature on the cover of each edition, but also for the Hallidays Point Community Calendar.

A special thank you goes to Clare Dunn who has been coordinating the distribution of the monthly 2,200+ copies of the NoOW since the beginning of the publication in 2010.

I'd like to acknowledge the regular delivery volunteers. They are:

Brian & Eleanor Long, Carmel & Mike Bartlett, John & Kay Clucas, Mike Cummins, Clare Dunn, Di Emms, Leo & Sylvia Fermin, Lyn Finnie, Mark Johnson, Graham & Margaret Lane, Norm & Alison Maberly-Smith, John & Judy McKenzie, Vaughn Parker, Lyndy Prout, Peta & Phil Power, Ellen Spencer, Guy Struthers, Bruce & Elaine Tyler and Jeff Cutler & Members of Tallwoods Golf Club.

Copies are also left for distribution from the Library, LJ Hooker, Andrews Gardner, Hallidays Point Butchery, 3 Beaches Chemist, FoodWorks, Lions Op Shop and Rainbow Flat Service Station. Black Head Village residents' copies are now available for collection from Waves@Blackhead.

All of those people I've mentioned and probably some more I may have missed have contributed to making the Hallidays Point News of Our World the success it is.

As a result of our success, at the end of our financial year we are sometimes fortunate to find ourselves with surplus funds and as a result, the NoOW committee with the sanction of the Lions Club have pleasure in donating to local worthy recipients:

I am now retiring as editor, and this will be my last edition. I have enjoyed the privilege and responsibility of producing the Hallidays Point News of our World on behalf of the Lions Club since November 2013 but have decided that now is the time after nine years at the job, to hand over the reins. I'm still in very good health and am looking forward to spending more time with my wife Lyn, children and grandchildren as well as being outside in the garden and taking part in other activities.

At the time of writing, I don't know who will be taking on the editorship, but I am informed that it is certainly the intention of the Lions Club to continue the publication. In the meantime, all correspondence will continue to be received at the same email address – editor@hallidayspointnews.org

Thanks to the Hallidays Point Community for all your support.

John Finnie

Carols in the Park

Arrangements are in full swing for this year's Carols in the Park, being held at Wylie Breckenridge Park Sunday December 18 commencing 6 pm

Organiser Alan Tickle said that the program is coming together nicely with some excellent artists confirming that they will give up their time for the event.

"Nicki Burton, who goes by the stage name "Lady Popera" was a sensation last year and is back again. You can find her music on itunes.

Mary Camphuis who performed a few years ago at the Carols, is a beautiful singer who won a major competition in the Philippines before migrating to Australia, has also agreed to be part of this year's program."

"Manning Concert Band are good to go, and Chris Tippet from Taree Entertainment Centre, has confirmed that he will be our sound technician again, which is great news."

Alan said that he still has some work to do on the program but the local schools have confirmed that they will also have some songs for us, and Santa told Alan that he is not as concerned about Covid this year and Rudolph is rearing to pull his sleigh, so Santa is also going to be there!!!

"Bring your chairs or rugs and set up well before 6 pm but don't despair if the weather turns sour because the school is the wet weather venue"

Lions will operate their food and drinks stand, a coffee van will be on site, there will be some glo candles and other product for sale, however, please give generously to a bucket collection to help cover costs.

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Do come into the library and stock up on some great holiday reading material before 1pm on Friday 23rd December!

We have puzzles, magazines, CDs and DVDs, talking books, and books, for you to borrow. This year the library will be closed between Christmas and New Year for NSW Public Holidays only. We will give you a slightly longer loan period to see you through the public holidays.

Children in the Library

The Preschool Storytime group will have their Christmas party on Friday 9 December at 10.30am, their last storytime for this year. (A special man in red will come along for a visit too!!) Our final session of Baby Rhyme Time for 2021 will be Wednesday 7 December at 10.30am. These programs will recommence in February 2022.

The Summer Reading Club

Exciting news! The theme for this year's Summer Reading Club Challenge is, Your Adventure Awaits! It invites young people to explore action, adventure and fast paced stories by joining the challenge. The program is aimed at children aged 0-16yrs and is a great way to encourage children to read throughout the summer holidays while scoring some great prizes along the way! Come to the library from 1 December to register, or register on-line by visiting our website, and then collect an SRC pack from the library.

Pre-Christmas Craft

On Tuesday 20 December come along from 10.30am for a pre-Christmas, children's craft morning. We will have fun decorating a gift bag, Christmas cards, and create decorations. Bookings are required at www.midcoastlibraries.com.au.

School Holiday Program

This January our program will include a movie, bingo, craft, art, drama, and games for all! Bookings open mid-December at www.midcoastlibraries.com.au. Bookings are required for all school holiday activities, so get in early, as sessions tend to book out quickly.

Art in the Library Gallery

Coast Images a photographic exhibition by Ava Davidson

Ava retired from her successful career in teaching in Newcastle to relocate to the Mid North Coast. There she found an abundant paradise of opportunity to pursue her love of photography. Ava enjoys "spectacular sunrises, dreamy sunsets, ocean waves, footprints in the sand, moon pathways and star clusters." What began as a meditative ritual of watching the sunrise and enjoying a swim, grew into a passion of capturing precious images for all to enjoy.



Ava would like to invite you to view an exhibition of her photography at the Hallidays Point Library Gallery during December and January. So if you're looking for a Christmas gift with a difference, there are some great choices! The exhibition runs from 28 November until 27 January 2023.

See you soon in the Library!!

Library Hours: Mon – Fri 10am – 5pm,
Sat 10am – 12 noon
(Closed for Public Holidays)

Kiddies Hut

A great time was had by all at our Kiddies Hut fancy dress disco last month! This had been an annual event over the last 18yrs but Covid had put a stop to it for the past 2yrs so we were even more excited to open our



KIDDIES HUT @ DIAMOND BEACH

doors to all the families for a night together and what a night we had!! The Little Catering Co. catered for everyone's dinners (super yummy!!) while staff and families mingled and danced the night away with the children. Now we look forward to our upcoming end of year concert and preschool graduation in December.

Money Matters

Pension Eligibility Checks

While investors would rather have not suffered negative returns the past year or so, the fact is many people have. This opens up the possibility of eligibility to apply for the age pension.

It is really important for a person currently on a part- pension to be vigilant in updating their asset position either through mygov or direct with the Centrelink office.

While data matching these days does pick up a much of a pensioners asset position, this is not the case with all investments.

It certainly doesn't update the declining values of personal effects such as home contents or motor vehicles.

For those on part pension due to the assets test, for every \$10,000 asset reduction, a \$30 increase in pension applies, so it is really important to keep on top of what is being recorded by Centrelink.

Changes to Seniors Health Card Eligibility

The age pension cuts out once assessed assets, which are generally assets other than the family home, reach those amounts;

Your situation	Homeowner	Non-homeowner
Single	\$622,250	\$846,750
A couple, combined	\$935,000	\$1,159,500
A couple, separated due to illness, combined	\$1,103,500	\$1,328,000
A couple, one partner eligible, combined	\$935,000	\$1,159,500

However, people who are of pension age who fail the assets test, can qualify for a Seniors Health Card, provided that they do not exceed income eligibility limits. To meet the income test for the health card, you must earn less than the following:

- \$90,000 a year if you're single
- \$144,000 a year for couples
- \$180,000 a year for couples separated by illness, respite care or prison.

Add \$639.60 to these amounts for each child in your care.

Adjusted taxable income may include different types of income:

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- reportable superannuation contributions
- certain tax free pensions or benefits.



It may also include a deemed amount from account based income streams. If you have a partner, their income can also affect your adjusted taxable income.

With a CSHC you may get benefits such as:

- cheaper medicine
- bulk billed doctor visits - this is up to your doctor
- a refund for medical costs when you reach the safety net You may also get the other Government payments such as the recent Economic Benefit Payment.

Pension Claim Opportunity

There are products available that can reduce assessed assets which can make applying for the age pension viable.

One of those products are annuities, which are offering excellent income from higher interest rates of late but with partial asset exemption.

Getting advice on options around pension qualification from a professional adviser is recommended.

The information in this article is of a general nature only and no reliance can be taken from the information when making financial decisions without seeking individual advice from a Financial Planner or Adviser.

You're invited to 'Imagine' at MRAG

As part of International Day of People with Disability, 'Imagine' community art project will kick off at Manning Regional Gallery on 2 December. "The launch is a great opportunity to see some beautiful art and meet the artists," said MidCoast Council's Manager Growth Economic Development and Tourism, Deb Tuckerman. "It's also a chance to celebrate the achievements and contribution of people on the MidCoast living with disability."

Everyone is invited to attend the exhibition opening, with Dundaloo Enterprises providing morning tea.

The Imagine Community Art Project comes from a partnership between MidCoast Council, Manning Regional Art Gallery and Dundaloo Enterprises.

Inclusion is a key objective of this project, with anyone who wished to submit artwork, supported to do so.

"Last year's exhibition was very successful," added Ms Tuckerman. "We uncovered some amazing talent in our community."

The artworks will be displayed on the external wall of the art gallery for several months.

For more information visit <https://haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/local-disability-hub>




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Photographic Exhibition

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Art News

After 6 years as the exhibitions coordinator at the Hallidays Point Library I'm retiring! Ingrid Horsburgh has accepted the challenge and will be your point of contact as from today. Ingrid lives in Hallidays Point and has for many years been a leading figure in the local art scene and the Great Lakes area.

At her exhibition at the library this year her art background was described this way, "Ingrid uses memories of places or sensations that she has experienced and attempts to fuse them into a composition that evokes the memory of that time or emotion. The colour in the work is exaggerated and has a dreamlike skewed and odd perspective. Her travel paintings are executed in a whimsical, dream-like genre as exotic travel is just a dream at the moment. Paintings of local scenes show how she feels about what she sees around Black Head and surrounds. Ingrid has arrived at this point in her artistic journey after having dabbled in watercolours, pen and ink, Texta and pastels. She has potted, scratchboarded and printed but she always comes back to the idea that any medium is just not as enjoyable as oils".

As from today please contact Ingrid at:
m. 0412 188 544 - e. ingrid2430@gmail.com

Thanks, and yes it has been fun! - Fred Bullen

A BIG THANKS to you Fred for your contributions over the last six years. You have never missed an edition and without fail, your enjoyable articles promoting local artists and art exhibitions have been of great interest and full of colour. Much appreciated.

John Finnie, Editor

Library Exhibition for December and January

Ava Davidson - Local Photographer

Ava would like to invite you to view an exhibition of her photography at Hallidays Point Library during December and January.

Ava's passion for photography commenced in her hometown of Newcastle, where she was a local and early morning swimmer at the iconic Newcastle Ocean Baths. "A place where friends meet."

What started as a meditative ritual of watching the sunrise and enjoying a swim, grew into a passion of capturing precious images for all to enjoy.

Ava is a born and bred Novocastrian, who enjoyed a fulfilling teaching career in Newcastle spanning 30 years.

Since retiring, Ava has relocated to Diamond Beach following her passion for the ocean. She is now a regular morning swimmer at Black Head Ocean Baths, "where friends meet."

Ava once again captures images for all to enjoy. The Mid North Coast provides an abundant paradise of opportunity for her to pursue her love of photography.

Here, Ava enjoys "spectacular sunrises, dreamy sunsets, ocean waves, footprints in the sand, moon pathways and star clusters."

Her photographs have been published in magazines and newspapers and she now pursues a new career in photography and is developing her business, "Coast Images". Two of Ava's photographs are cover features of the NoOW, one in the November edition and one in this current December edition. Another two feature in the 2023 Community Calendar (May & September).

Ava has been accepted into the Lighthouse Arts Residency for creatives at Newcastle's Nobbys Lighthouse. In this space, she anticipates her creativity flowing, working on the drafts of her books, in the amazing Lighthouse Cottages. We look forward to the announcement of a published book in the near future.

Being a "mermaid" at heart, Ava feels truly alive when by the ocean. You may find her there or go to her social media to view more of her photography.

Facebook: "Coast Images"
or Instagram: "coast.images"

Story by Ingrid Horsburgh



The World of Photography

Taking Care Of Your Gear



I am often surprised and at times alarmed at how much some photographers oversimplify how their equipment functions and the need to keep it all in good condition and operating as the designers intended.

An example: I had a photographer from another city advise that his camera - a very good Sony A7 MKIV with a Zeiss lens - was no longer giving the crisp, clear sharp results as it originally did; the colours were 'less bright' he said. The value of the gear, around \$5.8K, a figure that demands care and respect, and the knowledge to operate it in a professional manner.

As nothing of that nature can be solved on the 'phone, when it came in for inspection and assessment, two problems were identified quite quickly. The lens, (without the protection of a UV filter), was smeared as if it had been 'cleaned' in an amateur fashion. When we enquired as to how it was done, the owner lifted his T-shirt and said: "I gave it a good wipe with my T-shirt and the lens then looked clean."

Indeed it did until a strong inspection light showed that the lens appeared to be cleaner because he had successfully spread the smears over a greater area of the high grade optic.

What looked a little better visually, made the photographic performance worse, causing severe light scatter, reducing sharpness, colour saturation and contrast.

After a professional clean front and rear, the difference in image quality was just so obvious.

We then turned our attention to the sensor, that magical piece of technology that creates the image. It is worth remembering the image sensor in how we know it, has only been around for about 25-years and in really sophisticated designs, for less than 15-years. Tread warily with a lot of these new ones if you decide to clean it yourself; not all of them are protected by a physical filter layer.

This camera's sensor had also been cleaned, this time with a well-used microfibre cloth apparently on the end of a finger. Common sense perhaps, but understanding and appreciating technology requires more than common sense. As an aside, microfibre cloths, clean ones that is, are designed for lenses, not for sensors.

Image sensors, highly developed pieces of scientific equipment which very few countries can manufacture, should only be serviced by people with knowledge and skill. And NEVER try to blow dust off the sensor with your breath.

Even then, there are three different levels of service required depending on how the sensor is assessed and some of them can be challenging requiring up

to two advanced "wet cleans" using special fluids and an appropriate and approved method.

The cost of these specialised fluids would make aficionados of the finest Grange blanch, but fortunately only very small amounts are used.

It's worth emphasizing again that very few countries can cope completely with the level of technology that we have come to accept as 'everyday' - our smartphones, tablets, motor cars, aeroplanes, etc - and so advanced as are modern cameras that they can't even be copied by those that feel so inclined.

Only Japan has mastered the art of designing and building amazing cameras in such volume that we can actually afford them. Imagine the cost of say a two to three thousand dollar Japanese camera if it came out of Europe or the USA. Multiply the figure by four or five, maybe more, and the quality control may not be as good.

That's one side of the coin, the other is that at least this client saw the value in investing in good equipment so that he can create quality images of the world around him. His intentions were sound, he just required the correct information. He now understands it all much better and is keen to progress his knowledge so that the camera can deliver what was intended in its design.

So many cameras are out there, not understood and not delivering much more than snapshots. When their owners eventually understand what can be achieved, they are amazed. Almost all cameras are better than their price would suggest. And do keep in mind that while certain lenses may be higher grade than others, there are no bad lenses. Hasn't been for decades. And with modern computers and advanced 3D design systems, you can be sure you are getting value for money. Simply buy to your needs and don't necessarily aim for the most expensive lens. If you are not sure, get some advice but be careful of much online advice; it can vary from OK, to tainted by fees, to just plain wrong and everything in between.

Finally, if you are not using your camera much, be sure to top-up the battery at least once a month and let air circulate around it to avoid fungal growth.

Enjoy your picture making,

Alan Small.



Alan Small, Taree Camera Centre
www.facebook.com/TareeCameraCentre



Hallidays Sports Club

An update on what we all affectionately called the Bowlo, Club Black Head,

Or more to the point Hallidays Sports Club, the old name (not "the Bowlo") is now defunct.

We're still up the hill past the Surf Club.

The Hallidays Sports Club opened it's doors on the 10th of November to a very pleasing response from patrons for the many improvements that have been made over the last couple of weeks, the wait was worth it. It's a delight to wander into the Club now that most of the tiredness has been removed, we have a venue to be proud of and we trust it will be well patronised into the future.

The new name of our restaurant is THE COAST, and incorporates an exciting and mouth watering menu to go with the new name, check the menu out as well as what's coming up at the Club on our new Facebook page 'Hallidays Sports Club'.

Bookings for the Club Courtesy Bus or a table are still to be made on 6559 2923.

As with any improvement comes the obligatory hiccups. Be assured the hiccups are being sorted out because we know of them, so rather than expand on them, we'd like to hear of the positive feedback on our Facebook page, lots of energy has gone into making an old venue new.

Hopefully next year we may get to see more improvements, something to look forward to. In the interim make use of what we have now.

John McDonell, Director



Nominations for the Local Citizen Of The Year

If you know of someone who has contributed significantly to the local community over the past year and/or over many years, please take the opportunity to nominate them by outlining their achievements.

The Citizen of the Year will be announced at the local 2023 Australia Day ceremony.

Please send your nominations for the local Citizen of the Year to:

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The club's October meeting was held at the home of Raillie Douglas in Wingham. Raillie moved to Wingham after she lost her home in the bushfire that raged through Hillville in early 2020. Thirty-six members attended the meeting and there were 9 apologies and three visitors.

The New England road trip has had to be cancelled because of the prevailing weather conditions. Water, water everywhere in that part of the world. Our own Open Gardens programme for 2023 has also been cancelled as it has been, and will continue to be, too difficult for people to prepare their gardens to the standard they would want.

John Stephenson showed many roses - Double Delight, Fragrant King, Margaret Mirrell, Renee(a thornless rose) and Eiffel Tower.

Christine Ricketts also showed beautiful roses that had been grown from bareroots, free from disease. Thank you to Sue Barnett for her donation of free-range eggs for sale.

Raillie spoke at the meeting of her plans for the garden here at Wingham and also about the trees and plants that were already here. A large hibiscus tree frames the deck. Attention was drawn to the magnolia, olive tree, wisteria arbour, iris garden, Japanese maple and the Chinese snowball tree.

Following the meeting, members explored the garden then wandered down the street to the Wingham Nursery for more exploring and a few purchases.

For Garden Club enquiries, please contact Annie Mayne on 6559 2570 or annietheaussie@bigpond.com



Ground hugging plants around the edges provide shelter (think lomandra, kangaroo grass, native ginger, saw-leaved sedge and swamp banksia) while bog and water plants to consider are tussock sedges, nardoo, marsh flower, purple loosestrife and water ribbons. If including non-native plants please check out their weed potential with the excellent resource 'Garden Escapees and other Weeds' free from Midcoast Council.



Ponds need to be both sheltered and to get some sun for algae to grow to feed the tadpoles. If using an above ground 'pond' such as a plastic pool or container it needs to be well rinsed first to ensure no chemical residue can leech into the water. And sadly, goldfish and frogs don't mix as goldfish will eat both frog eggs and tadpoles.

Frog 'hotels' can be built out of PVC pipes or tubes 'planted' in shady damp areas of your garden. More information is available at the Australian Museum FrogID website.

There are other important considerations. Never remove frogs or frog eggs or tadpoles from one area to another as you may inadvertently also spread the dreaded and highly contagious fatal Chytrid Fungus. If you do need to move frogs or their young, try not to touch them, especially if you may have some form of chemical (soap, moisturizer, insect repellent, disinfectant, grease) on your hands. Instead, if you can use disposable gloves or scoop them out with a clean well rinsed with non-chlorinated water container. For the same reasons, it is important to wash any footwear and possibly vehicle tyres between different frog areas, especially if visiting a known high-risk site where threatened frog species live.

If you do come across a dead or diseased frog, especially our big green tree frogs, please send any information with pictures to calls@FrogID.net.au. A dead frog in a clean plastic bag can also be kept in the freezer for collection. And, get involved with FrogID, you never know you might make the 'Top Froggers' Board of Honour!

Kym Kilpatrick

NSW Turtle Watch

Marine Turtles Have Started Nesting Watch Out for Turtle Tracks on Our Beaches



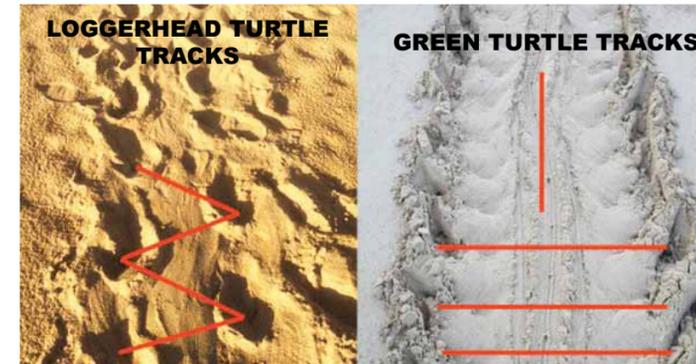
Already this year marine turtles such as Loggerhead and Green turtles have started coming ashore to nest at Heron Island, Lady Elliot and Mon Repos in southern Queensland.

We know that Diamond Beach is one of the southern most successful nesting beach on the entire Australian east coast from records to date.

There have been turtle nests south of here but none known to have successfully incubated and hatched so far. This seems to be temperature dependent but with climate change this could well change in the future.

The key to this knowledge and research is reporting any sightings of turtle activity on any beaches to NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service or NSW Turtlewatch.

This article aims to remind local community to start watching for turtle tracks or possible nests while walking on any of our local beaches from now through to March-April. The photos below show you what these tracks look like and then we explain what you should do if you come across this exciting find.



These tracks on the beach could be up to one metre wide for an adult female turtle. There will be one track up and one track back to the sea. Please do not disturb the tracks or any potential nest site as this is vital information for the research.

Please take a photo if you can and immediately call either NPWS or NSW TURTLEWATCH.

Remember these marine turtles are PROTECTED SPECIES under NSW Threatened Species Act and any sighting must be reported to National Parks and Wildlife. Interfering with any marine turtle is an offence and if young hatchlings you must not try to assist them into the water - lifting them up could threaten their survival. The young turtle needs to crawl across the sand to open up their lungs and front flippers for swimming and this contact with the beach also enables them to acquire their geomagnetic setting to guide them back to this area for nesting again as an adult.

If you come across any signs of marine turtles on your beach please contact:

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Wildlife Gardening

Frog ID week, between the 11th and 20th of November was in its second year and hopefully is becoming an annual event. And the reason it is, is despite our last couple of wet years, frogs are in trouble. Frogs are both the most poorly understood and the most threatened of our wildlife, and in many regards, they are the real 'canaries in the coalmines'.

Frogs are under threat world-wide and here in Australia, it is believed that at least 40 species of frogs are under real threat of extinction.

Here on the Midcoast we have somewhere between 30 and 40 different frog species across a range of habitats, including some particularly threatened and endangered ones such as the Wallum Froglet, the Green and Gold Bell Frog, Giant Barred Frogs, Tusked Frogs and Green Thighed Frogs.

Despite and even because of the wet weather our frogs are at risk. Because they breathe through their skins frogs are very vulnerable to chemicals and pathogens and recent flooding events have 'muddied the waters' with all sorts of contaminants. Many stream breeding frogs have lost their habitat from bank under-scouring while unknown numbers of eggs and tadpoles have been washed out to sea.

The lethal Chytrid Fungus, introduced to Australia in the early 20th century, is a major cause of frog extinctions worldwide. Another introduced noxious pest, the mosquito fish (Gambusia holbrooki) eats frog eggs and tadpoles and is found in nearly every freshwater body on the east coast.

Even some of our most iconic frogs, for example the big Green Tree Frog, are in trouble as over the last couple of winters, an alarming number have been found diseased and dead from as yet unidentified causes.

Frog ID week was around highlighting the plight of our frogs and the citizen science research project that is attempting to gain an understanding of what is happening to them. But the free smart phone app 'FrogID' is available for download all year round. Through it, frog calls which are unique to each species, can be recorded and sent off to the FrogID team headed up by Dr Jodie Rowley at the Australian Museum for identification. The app then returns not only the identification of the frog recorded, but also an image and other interesting information. Most importantly, it helps this unique citizen science project record the date, time and location of our frog species and therefor map how our frogs are doing.

There are many benefits to welcoming frogs into our gardens: they keep unwanted insect populations down; they are docile and fascinating critters in their own right; and their existence in your space is evidence that your environment is a healthy one.

Creating a frog friendly habitat is one way to give them a hand. There are a range of excellent resources on the internet, but a good start is a frog pond and bog. This includes a pond that has varying depths including shallow areas but also depths of at least 50 cms, and a bottom that includes dirt, pebbles and rocks.



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From the President

Great to see a fine day for our car boot sale on 6th November. Also, it was good to see the Black Head Bazaar go ahead. Big line up of clients at our breakfast BBQ and it was constant from 8.30 until 11.30 am. A big thank you to Lions Lady Maz who sold heaps of lions cakes and puddings. A good rollup of stallholders with very interesting items on display. Thank you to the Hallidays Point community and visitors for your support. The car boot sale is held on the first Sunday of every month.

Thanks again to the Hallidays Point Tavern for allowing us to run the meat raffles every Friday night selling tickets from 6.30pm and drawn 7.30- 7.45, good quality meat trays and seafood voucher

The official visit of our District Governor Rosalie Davis was held Thursday 24th November and is an important date in the Lions Calendar.

The editor of News of our World John Finnie has announced he will step down as editor after nine years in the job as at the end of December. He has done incredible work over this period and has made the News of our World into the outstanding publication it is today. As president I am very sorry to see John step down.

John hopes that someone will be willing to take over and has kindly offered to introduce them to the system and guide them through the process. If anyone out there would like to become involved in this, not necessarily the whole role but part thereof, please contact the secretary Hallidays Point Lions club with an expression of interest. It is certainly the intention of the Lions Club to continue this publication, which is so important to the community.



President Norm Maberly-Smith

Norm Maberly-Smith President



"The Lions Club of Hallidays Point Op Shop is open for all your op shop shopping needs and our volunteers will welcome you with a smile and a friendly hello. We will be open extended days and times during the summer holiday period, please check the shop signs for updated details.

You may have noticed some recent changes in the shop such as new displays, new LED lighting and air conditioning. We've also installed a new fitting room for customer comfort when trying on our range of clothing. There's new summer clothes in-store for all the family including outfits and shoes for those end-of-year Formals and of course, the upcoming fun festive and holiday season. Christmas decorating and gift items are available in-store and as is Lions tradition, our delicious Lions Club cakes and puddings. The puddings are 900grams and cakes come in 1kg and 1.5kg sizes and all are a great last minute gift idea. Should you have donations, please pop in to the shop and speak to the friendly volunteers who will assist you. For large, heavy or bulk items that require pick-up, we have a new arrangement in place for these. Please contact the Op Shop Coordinator directly, in-store or by calling our new dedicated phone number 0455 999 770. We will register your request and arrange for a Lions Club member to contact you regarding details. For all other Op Shop enquiries, please also contact us on the new number.

See you in-store soon. On behalf of the team at the Hallidays Point Lions Op Shop, we wish you and your families a Merry and safe Christmas.

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Since 2017, Lion Deb Schmitzer has wrapped 477 Rugs and Quilts and delivered them personally to Police since starting the project.

Deb is thankful to the ladies who continue to contribute their time and talent to make and donate to Hallidays Point Lions Rugs and Quilts.

Sergeant Michelle Eggert was grateful to receive these beautiful items to be distributed to DVO's and Police in Port Macquarie and Kempsey.

Donations of the 477 Blankets and Quilts have been shared between Police Stations at Taree, Forster, Port Macquarie and Kempsey between 2017 and 2022 to date.

The rugs and quilts are used by Police as a form of comfort to victims of accidents and other traumatic events they attend.



Well Done Deb!

The End of An Era John Finnie Finishes on a High as Editor of the News of Our World.

The December edition of the News of Our World will be the last as editor for Lion John Finnie after a period of nine years. Each month John works tirelessly to produce 2200 copies of a 'truly quality,' 'truly community' Magazine. News of Our World has been one of the outstanding projects of the Hallidays Point Lions and nearly all credit goes to John for his years of dedicated service. John is a humble person and as such thanked Clare Dunn who coordinates distribution every month; and the many volunteers, Lions and Non-Lions who deliver throughout the area. Without their support and the support of the many advertisers the magazine wouldn't be as successful as it is.

In March next year, John will have been an active member of Lions for 30 years since first joining Taree Lions Club in March 1993 and then transferring to Hallidays Point Lions Club in 1998 where he is the longest serving member of the Club at this moment in time.

Until recently, John has been very proud to be a Lion having had some wonderful times in service and making many friends along the way. His desire is for someone else to take over the News of Our World from 2023 onwards. If that someone is found, John will do his best to introduce them to the method he uses to construct the monthly editions as editor, graphic designer, treasurer & webmaster. The first edition of the year is usually a combined January/February bumper issue.

Besides his diligent and tireless efforts with regard to the News of the World, John has been the driving force and editor of the Community Calendar. Already 2000 copies of the 2023 Community Calendar have been distributed throughout our area. These Calendars are popular with local residents and visiting holiday makers. The calendars are for sale at Foodworks and at the Op Shop. The Calendars provide much information for the coming year as well as exquisite photos of the natural beauty of Hallidays Point taken by many local photographers. The support of the many advertisers is recognized to produce a Calendar of such high quality.

Many know John as the Master of Ceremonies at the Australia Day celebrations, where he does an outstanding job. For 18 years John was also the coordinator of the function. Over the past few years he stepped aside to allow newer members (including me) to grow into Lions leadership roles, to share the load, and to allow others to be part of what it really means "To Serve the local community." Such is his standing in the community, despite stepping down as coordinator, he was asked to be the MC which he does with distinction.

On top of all this, John has produced many of the club's documents - each year he designs and produces the glossy Annual Changeover Dinner Programme; the innovative laminated Club placements; the advertisements and posters for many local fundraising events; the posters for the Buy Local Campaign and many other printed materials. Furthermore, John has been the Webmaster for the club over many years and is constantly called upon to assist new and existing members to access their Lions email accounts.

John joined Lions in March 1993 as a member of the Lions Club of Taree. On moving from Taree to Hallidays Point, John transferred to the Lions Club of Hallidays Point in 1998. Between the years of 1995 and 2015, John has served in various positions on seventeen District Cabinets.

John has a distinguished record in Lions over nearly 30 years and some of the highlights include:

Club Positions:

As a member of the Taree Club he held the positions of: • Bulletin Editor • Club Secretary • Convention Chairman for the 1996 District Convention.

As a member of the Hallidays Point Lions Club he has held the following positions:

- Club President - 2 Terms • Club Secretary - 2 Terms • Club Treasurer - 7 Terms
- 2006 District Convention Treasurer • Public Officer • Bulletin Editor • Tail Twister



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District Cabinet Positions:

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- Defensive Driving & Awareness Chairman
- Assistant Cabinet Secretary • IT Chairman • District Webmaster
- District Bulletin Editor

During his 29 years as a member of Lions, John has received a number of awards including:

- Melvin Jones Fellowship • Progressive Melvin Jones Award
- 2 x International President Awards • James D Richardson Honour Award • Keith Small Gold Honour Award • 3 x District Governor Star Awards • 5 x District Governor Appreciation Awards • 1 x Lions International Club Builder Award • Various Club President Awards

John was granted Life Membership of the Lions Club of Hallidays Point in 2015 - this privilege is the highest honour in the Club and there remains only 2.

John is the longest continual serving member of the Club.

In 2018 John was honoured as the Hallidays Point Citizen of the Year on Australia Day due to his outstanding community service over many, many years.

Throughout all his years of outstanding effort toward Lions Clubs and the local community, John has been whole heartedly and selflessly supported by his wife, Lyn who has also worked hard for Lions over nearly thirty years. We hope both John and Lyn enjoy many years together away from the extreme demands of producing a quality community magazine and community calendar.

John you are 'an extraordinary person achieving extraordinary outcomes for our wonderful community - consistently, week after week, over a very long time.'

There's no doubt that many other accolades will follow. Suffice to say at this time:

"Thank you, John Finnie. Your contribution to the Hallidays Point community is valued, treasured and appreciated."

Noel McManus, Membership Chairperson, Hallidays Point Lions Club.



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\$50 Million Boost to Tackle Potholes On Regional Roads



The NSW Liberal and Nationals Government will invest \$50 million to help regional and rural councils fix the increasing number of potholes brought on by this year's extreme wet weather.

Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead said under the new Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round, MidCoast Council can apply for funding to help them address their highest priority pothole repairs.

"It is hard to drive anywhere on our road network without dodging potholes, which have been made worse by the wet weather we have experienced this year," Mr Bromhead said.

"Our Government has heard the calls for help loud and clear and fixing the hundreds of potholes caused by recent heavy rains and flooding is a priority.

"This additional support will help ease the pressure local councils are facing and boost the resources they can draw upon to repair their most damaged roads to improve safety and reduce wear and tear on vehicles."

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Sam Farraway said NSW has had more than its fair share of natural disasters and extreme weather and that more than 135,000 potholes have been repaired on State roads in regional NSW since February.

"We certainly have plenty more potholes that still require attention, particularly on council-managed roads, which is why our Government is putting more money on the table for councils to repair potholes on the roads regional communities use every day," Mr Farraway said.

"This funding is available to help every regional council across the state to carry out emergency repairs and would fix roughly more than 420,000 potholes on their roads."

The new funding builds on the \$500 million invested by the NSW Government through the Fixing Local Roads program to help regional councils repair, maintain and seal local roads across the state.

Funding under the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round is available to 95 regional councils and authorities to help repair potholes on regional and local roads. Work must be completed between 1 January 2023 and 1 January 2024.

Forster Ambulance Station Complete



Local paramedics have been handed the keys to Forster's first ambulance station with construction of the new state-of-the-art station now complete.

NSW Nationals candidate for the Myall Lakes, Tanya Thompson welcomed the news.

"It was fantastic to stand beside Mr Bromhead and the Minister for Regional Health, Bronnie Taylor today as work at Forster's first ambulance station is complete.

This station is vital in ensuring the healthcare needs of the community are met by not only opening the new facility, which is in addition to the upgraded ambulance station in Tuncurry, but also by increasing the number of paramedics locally.

I will continue to fight for the ongoing healthcare needs of the community, ensuring Mr Bromhead's legacy is fulfilled."

Member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead said the new purpose-built station on Breese Parade was delivered as part of the NSW Government's \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) Program.

"We've reached the final milestone in the delivery of Forster's first ambulance station, which will provide local paramedics with a high-quality base and the latest facilities and equipment to meet the current and future emergency care needs of the Great Lakes," Mr Bromhead said.

"The new station will support the new ambulance station in Old Bar and recently completed refurbishments at Taree, Bulahdelah and Tuncurry stations, which has significantly enhanced access to mobile emergency health care across Myall Lakes."

Congratulations to John Finnie

for your valued and treasured contribution to Hallidays Point Lions Club. Your years of dedicated service holding many esteemed positions is a real credit to your work ethic and community-mindedness. People like you make Australia and regional NSW a tremendous place to live and I thank you for your commitment to the Lions Club, particularly as Editor of the News of Our World for almost a decade. I wish you every success as you hang up the pencil and thank you once again for your outstanding efforts for our community.

Stephen Bromhead MP, Member for Myall Lakes

Diamond Beach Fire Brigade



Care Needed With Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries are now found everywhere - from the International Space Station to our smart phones, and while they generally provide safe and convenient power, they do have the potential to trigger dangerous fires.

Fires in electric cars sometimes grab the headlines, but it is smaller battery applications - like lap-tops, and tools, and e-scooters and e-bikes that are involved in fires which occur inside homes and other buildings.



Remains of an E-Bike left charging overnight
Credit NSW Fire and Rescue

Recently a 12-year old girl from Yamba was hospitalised after an e-scooter charging in her bedroom caught fire. In Sydney, a \$15 million dollar mansion, and an Aston Martin in the garage, were extensively damaged when an e-scooter caught fire.

Fire is not the only danger - gases given off by burning batteries can be extremely harmful.

NSW RFS and NSW Fire and Rescue have recently upgraded their training of firefighters to deal with these fires.

With rechargeable toys and tools likely to be on the Christmas list, Diamond Beach Brigade has this advice:

- Don't overcharge lithium batteries, or allow them to overheat
- Don't leave batteries charging overnight, or near combustible materials
- Avoid leaving battery operated devices in direct sunlight for prolonged periods
- If a battery shows signs of a fault, such as swelling, emitting smells or vapour
- move it to a safe area away from combustible materials
- If replacing a battery or charger ensure it meets safety standards.

Meet the RFS Communications Brigade

At the December Market, Diamond Beach Brigade will be joined by the Tuncurry RFS Communications Brigade which is keen to recruit new members for this vital role.

You will be welcome to inspect the Mobile Communications Unit and learn more about the activities of the Brigade's activities.

Jim Sullivan Deputy Captain, Diamond Beach Brigade
0401 221 971

RFS Midcoast South



Rural Fire Service Recruiting Communications Helpers

Have you thought about the coming fire season? Hopefully, we have a relatively calm time in relation to bushfires.

Have you wondered if you have the skills needed to help if fires did occur?

Our Midcoast South Communications team from the RFS Tuncurry & surrounds is looking for volunteers to join them with the work they do in supporting firefighters in the RFS. The work we do is in relation to keeping the welfare of firefighters a priority while assisting in the distribution of firefighting units to locations around our district. The team works one shift a week in Taree RFS Control Centre.



You will be trained in the use of the radio, recording movement of appliances & personnel, use of paper based records & computer aided systems while working as part of the team.



During the coming weeks we plan to attend the Tuncurry and Black Head markets with our Operational Communication Vehicle, which we use as a mobile control centre as needed during firefighting operations.

Options are available for you to be part of the team that is responsible for this vehicle and further training is provided as you progress in your experience with the RFS.

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Dad's Army

I read with interest in the November NoOW, the history of Hallidays Point Ocean Pool.

Jack Crisp was my uncle. Uncle Bill Crisp was also a member of Dad's Army. Both sides of my family have had a long association with Black Head. Firstly, as a holiday location from Taree and Dyers Crossing. Then later, both grandparents retired there. Pop and Nan Crisp and Jack and Emily Startin. My parents Joy and Tony Startin met at Black Head as teenagers when staying at Ma Gordon's Boarding House.



My Dad Tony Startin along with my other uncle's were all part of the Surf Club at various times and used the pool, though body surfing was the fashion then.

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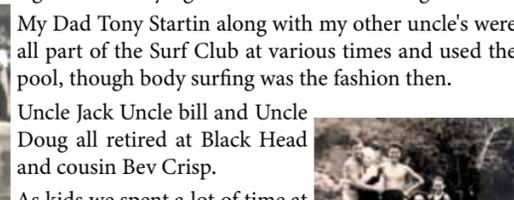
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Regards, Ann Sutherland

Hallidays Point Combined Probus

Our November general meeting always falls on Melbourne Cup Day, both being held on 1st Tuesday.

For several years we endeavoured to have a guest speaker with an equestrian topic, but persons with the know-how to speak on this subject were generally tied up on the day with cup-related activities.

President Lynette Hester's opening remarks at the meeting had an equine flavour, drawing attendees' attention to the inspirational story of Michelle Payne, as told in the film, 'Ride Like a Girl'. Michelle is the only female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup (in 1915) and (to quote Lynette) 'she had to battle prejudice and injury to meet her goal against what often seemed impossible odds. The inspiration lies largely in the perseverance involved in meeting her goal. We are therefore adopting 'Perseverance' as the word of the month. 'Perseverance is stubbornness with a purpose' Josh Ship. Another quote mentioned by Lynette, was 'Perseverance is not a long race, it is many short races one after the other (Walter Elliot)'. Several ladies were photographed with their fascinators, and Activities Officer Jill Keenan won the costume of the day award for her jockey outfit. Morning tea followed Alan Bates' clever Christmas quiz in the 10-minute speaker slot, and Catering Office Bob 'the Bee-man' Keenan put on another wonderful selection of goodies for morning tea.



Guest speaker, Heather McLaughlin then took the microphone and introduced her subject, 'Effective Altruism - Doing Good Better'. Heather explained her own approach to giving, a two-pronged process of donating to good causes and micro-lending. The underlying principle in both of these cases is 'don't just give with the heart, give with the head'. Many years ago, she decided that she would give a minimum of 10% of her modest income to others by way of donations and small-loan lending, likening it to tithing in some Christian and Jewish churches. While some people would consider 10% of income to be a significant financial burden, she pondered that most of us could afford to donate 1% of income.



Heather explained that she follows principles outlined by the authors of several books on the subject that she had available at the meeting, such as 'The How and Why of Effective Altruism' by Peter Singer, a Melbourne-based author acknowledged as being the founder of the effective altruism movement in Australia, also on YouTube.

She directed members' attention to a couple of websites to assist in making appropriate donations, such as www.thelifeyoucanlive.org.au and for micro-lending, www.kiva.org, make a loan, change a life.



The next meeting is on 6th December and there will be a Christmas musical program directed by President Lynette in lieu of a guest speaker. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month (except January) at the Black Head Surf Life Saving Club, and visitors are welcome to attend.

Contacts and further information:

See inside the back cover of this issue for contact details for the club, and for further information, visit the club's website search for Hallidays Point Probus Club and follow the resulting link.

Ian Campbell, Publicity Officer

TOFS MC (Mid Coast)

The TOFS October outing on Friday the 28th attracted a large group of members and guests, 31 in total, to the Nabiac Inland Dune Aquifer plant for the collection, treatment and distribution of potable water to the Manning region located at 485 Aerodrome Road, Nabiac.

Our esteemed Liaison Officer, John M (70) welcomed all members and visitors (and Tour Organiser, Malc S (359), presented Bob Ricketts with his TOFS cap displaying the number 404, so Bob hereafter will be known as Bob R (404). John then introduced our tour guides for the visit - Manning Water's Coordinator, Geoff Kerr, and Nabiac site manager, Josh McLenaghan. Geoff, is a staff member at Taree then MidCoast Councils since 1988.

Before delving into the details of the Nabiac plant, Geoff was keen to revisit their most recent catastrophe, this being the 2019 drought, which occurred before the Nabiac plant was commissioned. With normal demand for water in the Manning region at 7-8 million litres per day, the maximum volume



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of water supplied at the height of the drought was 17 million litres per day. The Bootawa Dam was drawn down to 17% capacity during the period of the drought and the aquifer was also drawn down to very low levels to meet the huge demand. The situation was extremely dire to those responsible for supplying water, much worse than most residents realised at the time.

Geoff then went on to give us an overview of the Nabiac plant, which came online in 2018 with a total output of 12 million litres of potable water per day. The plant has the capability of being upgraded to 24 million litres per day, but plans are in place for an upgrade to 18 million litres per day in 2023-24, with tenders being called in the near future. The plant provides around half of the water for the Manning region, with the Bootawa dam supplying the remainder.

Raw water from 32 bores enters the plant through a 600mm diameter main where it receives a preliminary dosing with chemicals before entering the next step in the process, aeration. The water is then pumped to the pre-treatment tank before being filtered. Dosing with chlorine for disinfection and fluoride for dental health then occurs before the water is pumped to the treated water reservoir. From here the water is transferred to the Darawank reservoir, where a pump station injects it into the reticulation system. The latter includes 32 reservoirs located strategically throughout the region, our local one being at Red Head.

Regards, Ian C (376)

Hallidays Point Community Church Protecting Children



From the money raised at its recent Spring Fair, the Church has been able to send \$1,000 to a small struggling school (the Miracle School) in a very poor region of Uganda.

A few years ago we learned of the suffering caused by jiggers which invade the feet of children as they sit in class. The Church helped fund concrete floors to minimise this risk. The concrete now needs repair and the money will allow the resurfacing of 12 classrooms. Our thanks go to all those who helped support the fair.



Farewell

During the month we sadly said farewell to Jo Harford. Jo has been a member of our Care Team, the Church Council and is much loved by her Scripture classes at the local school. With her husband, Warren, Jo is moving to be closer to her Grandchildren. At her farewell the Church presented her with a framed photo of the entrance garden Jo worked so hard to create.

Take Five

Who do you Thank?



In America in November Thanksgiving Day was celebrated.

While many traditions have grown up surrounding this day, beneath it all is a sense of gratitude for the land God has given the nation. Along with this, families come together for a time of feasting, recognising the many blessings in their lives. In some homes, individuals are asked to tell of one thing for which they are grateful.

In Australia, I wonder if we have lost something of this attitude of gratitude. While there are some who are doing it tough, for the rest of us we are so much better off than many in other parts of the world. Do we take time to thank God for His goodness to us, even with a simple grace at meals?

Then there are those around us who need a word of encouragement. I have a friend who makes it a habit to take time to say "thank you" to those who clean the tables at the mall when he stops for a meal. How many people have had their spirits lifted by this simple act of recognition.

Let's "Take Five" to consider who there is in our life to whom it is too long since we said, "Thank You!"

The Rev

Hallidays Point Senior Citizens Assoc.



Details for the Christmas party are being finalised and an email will be sent to members shortly. Keep an eye out for it. It's always a good time with plenty of delicious food.

We had a very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings Taree last month. Our next sausage sizzle is Saturday 17 December again at Taree, come along and say hello and buy your sausage sandwich. For some reason they just taste better at Bunnings after lugging all that DIY back to the car!

Our final bus trip for the year will be held in the second week of December, still finalising so please keep an eye out for details in the members' newsletter or the communications board at the Community centre.

Just to advise that this year's last bingo session will be held on Monday 5th December. Then we break until the first Monday in February 2023.

Conversations for All (previously Jaw Exercise) has finished for December and will recommence in February.

Gail Phair

Message from the President

Pursuant to the meeting with Dr. Gillespie on 13 October, I was contacted by Dr. Gillespie's Office inviting our Association to make a Grant application under the umbrella of Volunteer Grants 2022-2023. I must admit, it was a wonderful surprise, myself and other attendees at the meeting were doubtful we would be chosen to submit an application. The application form will now be sent to us for completion and submission. It is still a long process and results will not be available until next year. Nevertheless, we have climbed one further step up the tall ladder.

Donations for our Christmas raffle will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me on 0403 017 102 if you can contribute.

I wish all our members a safe and joyous Christmas. May you be blessed with the company of your family and friends. May the New Year bring you health, happiness and peace.

Kind regards, Clare Taylor, President/Secretary

Cooking Corner

It's the month of December, Silly season. The time we gather with friends and family to celebrate the end of a long year and indulge in lots of merry food and drinks.

No matter what we celebrate, there's always room for work parties and special luncheons. Family comes to visit or we go travelling to see our loved ones. Our tables are laden with lots of goodies and there's always a hustle and bustle in the kitchen.

My dad is very strict on what we serve and it has to be the finest ham and always pavlova. It has to have banana and passion fruit. The one time I tried a tropical version was not met happily. It most probably stems from nostalgia, and that's what Holiday season can evoke for a lot of us. We try to keep the same traditions we had growing up. You may find you have become the one who now makes the trifle, exactly like your grandmother made. The recipe passed down through the generations and when eaten reminds you of that summer afternoon around the family table.

We are now into the reign of beautiful stone fruits. Peaches, plums, nectarines and my all time favourite, Apricots. Stone fruits are so versatile. They can be eaten fresh, used in savoury dishes, deserts, pies and preserves. They combine so well with such a vast amount of dishes. They can sweeten up a summer salad or add some freshness to a rich roasted meat. I will shared a crowd pleaser this month, a Stuffed pork cutlet. You can choose to serve this with some roasted vegetables and an apple sauce. A light salad, wedges, fries, mash or even a fresh potato salad. I like to serve it with a creamy herb sauce but it would be lovely with what ever sauce you want, even gravy.

Happy Holidays and Happy Cooking,

Chef Sacha.

Stuffed Pork Cutlet:

Serves 4

- 4 pork Loin Cutlets, bone in.
- 100g grated Swiss cheese
- 100g finely chopped macadamia nuts
- 4 apricots de seeded and finely chopped
- Cup Panko/ fresh/ plain bread crumbs (fresh is best)
- 2 tbsp butter
- 4 sage leaves (you can leave these out or use what ever you like, fresh or dried) Salt and pepper Pre heat oven to 170 degrees Process breadcrumb with sage and butter to make a crumble, set aside.
- Mix nuts, cheese and apricots. This is your pork stuffing.

Using a small paring knife, cut a pocket in the base of each cutlet and push the stuffing inside.

Place stuffed cutlets onto a baking tray lined with baking paper. Drizzle a small amount of olive oil and season within salt and pepper.

Divide your crumble over the top of each cutlet and bake for 18 minutes or until golden.

Enjoy!



Fishing News

I've been out of action for a couple of months and unable to gain authentic information as I usually do, so much of this is hearsay, therefore it would be advisable to divide the number of fish caught and their size by two for this publication!



Great results were the order of the day for the last outing of Black Head Fishing Club (0417 922 172 or 0418 893 545) with a variety of species being boated off shore particularly sizable snapper. Conditions were ideal with Ross Boyle winning the blue water section, Dan Aldridge (as usual) the rock and beach and Brad Baxter successful in the estuary. The photo shows just one example of the spoils.

The waters are still muddied, particularly in the upper reaches of our streams, (note the Manning at Taree Bridge) even when it is full tide in the estuary. Consequently this has impacted on the availability of fish and crabs. At this time of the year it is usually at its optimism to bag out (20) with trumpeter whiting. Thousands are boated annually and are so easy to catch using a small long shank hook baited with prawn (green or cooked) or beach worms out of a boat and on a slow drift. But, the formula has not worked as yet as takings have been meagre. Whiting, flathead and garfish numbers should increase as the waters clear and become warmer.

It is crab time and there is little better than the taste of crab meat, both blue swimmer and muddy. After purchasing 2 traps again, I prepared them according to stringent regulations which included a marking buoy with name, year of birth, and post code of the owner so they are obvious for all to see floating on the surface. Four trips to run the traps up Salt Water Creek resulted in five crabs, 3 of which I returned undersize, two others just made it. One trap had been pilfered twice (I set them a certain way) and the other stolen. You ask yourself the question – does it pay to be honest or do you hide them without distinguishing marks? The fines are remarkably high for any infringement as witnessed recently when a man was caught using what appeared to be, a bait casting circular net and some abusive language, legal in Queensland (not the language) etc but not N.S.W. \$10,000 fine!!

Great to hear of a new fishing club being formed – Great Lakes Fishing Club with a completely novel ethos which included, amongst others teaching the young the skills and appreciation of fishing, taking the aged and infirm on outings, catch and release policy and the emphasis on sustainability. Well done participants.

Good Fishing, Trevor

Joe's Corner

Hi everyone. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Surely 2023 will be a better year allround than 2022!



It is important to be aware of the hazards of December and January. The list includes:

1. making sure your pet is not given lots of chocolate and onions from the BBQ,
2. avoid heat stress for your pets by providing lots of shade, not over exercising and avoid hot surfaces,
3. the increase in traffic and visiting drivers - keep your pet on a leash when out and about so that you have control of them. If they panic and run away, you cannot protect them, especially on the beach. Your pet might be well behaved, but you cannot be sure of other peoples dogs behavior.

On a different note - this is the season of many new puppy purchases. It is the responsibility of the person you are getting the puppy or kitten from to have it microchipped and vaccinated before you pick it up. It is also the responsibility (by Law) for the seller or giver to change the microchip details to your name after purchase. Do not accept any excuse for this not happening, otherwise, if your new pet goes "walkabout", it will still be in the name of the original owner and there will be no record of your details. Check up on this as we see so many pups brought to us and when we scan them, the microchip details are those of the original owner. Also, it is the responsibility of the micro chipper to enter the details of the original owner on the NSW Pet Registry and for that owner to go on the website and claim the pup as theirs until they are sold or given away as above. Complicated? Yes, but if the original owners and microchippers do their part correctly, then your part is easy. We recommend desexing for females at 5 months old and males at 6 months old for both cats and dogs. We do not endorse early desexing. If buying off the AWL or RSPCA, this may already be done as this is their policy to stop indiscriminate breeding, but it is not endorsed by Diamond Beach Veterinary Clinic. If you decide to breed with your pet, then let them have their first "season" without mating and breed on the second season. I hope this article is helpful to you.

*Have a good holiday - Joe , Helen and Rebecca.
(coming up to 1yr since Tank's passing and we still miss him greatly)*

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Tallwoods Golf Club

Club Championships Shortened

This is the premier event for any golf club. Traditionally club championships are played over four rounds of stroke play (72 holes), the same as a major professional golf tournament. However, unlike the pro events, it would be unfair to hold an amateur event over four consecutive days when some golfers have to earn a living. While four rounds over two weekends is still the best test of resilience and ability, the TGC conditions of



Michael Hardie and Warren Duckett were presented with the perpetual silver plates by Club Captain Ian Miller, for winning B and C grade respectively.



Warren was the comeback story of the weekend. It wasn't quite a Steven Bradbury story since the four players ahead of him didn't exactly fall over when Warren sped up to overtake them, he was just too fast. After being seemingly out of contention after Round 1 the cagey old former club champion turned back the clock to improve by 12 shots on Sunday and snatch the C Grade title by one shot from John (Swampy) Sands.

Saxon Williams also made a big improvement on Sunday to pass three seeds but it was not quite enough to topple the eventual B Grade winner.

Mary Byrnes returned after a long injury period to win Division 2. Joan Colvin was only two shots behind her though, picking up the runner-up title. Using her new dynamic clubs, Vanessa McGrath defended her Division 3 title with gusto. Jenny Lowe, who was in fine form after a world tour, secured the runner-up prize.

The nett winners were:

Men: A Grade Bruce Shields, B Grade Tony Kemp, C Grade Kevin Nelson.

Women: Division 1 Sue Ireland, D2 Maxine Richards, D3 Fiona Lane.

Mixed Foursomes Championships

The clouds miraculously parted long enough for this postponed major event to proceed in October. Ian & Michele Miller grabbed the opportunity to snatch a threepeat victory. Mixed partners can at least start as friends over a challenging weekend of 36 holes hitting alternate shots. Ian and Michele again proved their compatibility to win for the third time in a row. Lee Thomas and Sue Ireland were runners-up with Stumpy & Jo Stephens winning the nett championships from Bruce Shields and Tina Hamilton.



The Women's Captain, Jo Stephens, took the winners up to The Eagles Nest, high point in Tallwoods overlooking Cape Hawke, to present the trophy.

November Monthly Medal Winners

A record number of Monthly Medal Saturdays have been lost to rain in 2022. A decision was made to run the November medal in conjunction with round 1 of the Club Championships. The winners were:

A Grade: Lee Thomas 80/9/71 Division 1: Kerri-Lee Edwards 78/12/66

B Grade: Tony Kemp 87/17/70 Division 2: Sue Ireland 99/24/75

C Grade: Brian Griffin 106/36/70 Division 3: Vanessa McGrath 39 points

Another Damp Dragon Day

The Dragon Day field was again decimated when the event was reduced to nine holes walking by the late October rain. Even the water dragons stayed home. No one won the medley \$1,000 hole in one prize on the second hole. In actual fact Joan Colvin upstaged the men by being the only player to land her ball on the green and win a minor prize.



Kerri-Lee Edwards comfortably won the Ladies club championship for a record 8th time. Jane Bennett was the runner-up.

The men's event went down to the wire with Stewart Murphy shading Mark Farrow by one stroke to have his name engraved on the silver perpetual trophy for the first time, while the engraver will have no trouble spelling Kerri-Lee's name correctly.

Kerri-Lee and Stewart will also have their names inscribed on the TGC Honour Board in the Club Champions 2022 section.



Joan and her husband Bill (pictured), cleaned up four vouchers in total in this lucrative event sponsored by Hallidays Point Tavern. Meanwhile, once again Jo & Stumpy Stephens won the team event followed by Robyn Murray and Paula Livermore.



Wishing all followers of Tallwoods Golf Club news a very happy covid-free Christmas and here's hoping that the "old normal" returns in 2023, as this "new normal" makes having fun much more difficult than it used to be.

Jeffrey Cutler

Blackhead Tennis Club



I have great pleasure in announcing the completion of the installation of Court Lights at Blackhead Tennis Courts by the beginning of December and in time for the summer holiday period. Members and visitors can enjoy their tennis hours into the nights. Our appreciation goes to the local trades Beau, Shane & Bob, and their crews, Mid Coast Council and the Melbourne based Sports Lighting Company ShineOn for their skills and know how.

Reminding our members and visitors to the area accessing our website has never been easier! <https://play.tennis.com.au/blackheadtennisclub>

Book a court time and find information on our programs, download registration forms, policies, and contact numbers and have the ease of booking a court to play with family and friends at your convenience.

Our Community Play for primary age school children continues to be well attended on Wednesday afternoons after school, with supportive parents and volunteer mentors who introduce the children to the joy of playing tennis. Special thanks to Toby Gollan and all the other parents for making the hour fun filled for the kids.

If you want to hire the Ball Machine for your first time please give the club notice of at least 24 hours so we can arrange an instructor to explain the machine to you. The court needs to be reserved separately by a website administrator due to a restriction of the court hire platform ClubSpark.



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The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas and an 'illuminated' new year - 2023.

Enjoy your tennis - Judy Liuzzo President, Blackhead Tennis Committee.

Riley Roberson

World Super Cross Championships

Riley Roberson, a 7-year-old local boy who attends Hallidays Point Public School was selected to attend World Super Cross Championships on 22nd October in Melbourne as a part of team KTM.

There were only 15 junior riders in Australia that were selected to ride at this event in front of 40,000 spectators. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for Riley and he has some life long memories.



Riley got to meet with professional riders and was also treated as a professional rider, getting to sign his signature for other kids who attended.

Lauren Shiel

Pickleball

2-4-6-8 Meet Me at the Beachfront Gate!



Beachfront - Where Pickleball began in Hallidays Point after Club President Sheila introduced us to this new game she had played whilst on holidays in Florida.



We started with 2 then 4 then 6 then 8 playing 7 days a week. 3 years later we have a Champion Club of 76 members playing at Diamond Park 4 days a week Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays with social drinks & nibbles on Tuesdays and come for a coffee on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays after play.

For the addictive players we play at PCYC Mondays & Wednesdays and Wrigley Park Sunday afternoon where we have the first ever only Pickleball courts - 9 including one suitable for wheelchair Pickleball.



We have 2 octogenarians who play 3 times a week, Robyn Allen & Bob West so, a sport for all and age is no barrier.!

Port Stephens visit.

We enjoyed our first inter club social event with Port Stephen's Club.

We played at Iron Arena in Taree due to the rain.



That night we met for a social dinner & yes, the talk was Pickleball, exchanging ideas with Club Presidents John & Sheila. Then the next day was perfect for outdoor play at Wrigley Park Taree as they had not played out doors. The 3 hours of play was enjoyed by all.

Pickleball League.

On 6th November we introduced a Competitive Pickleball league which will be played over 4 weeks on Sunday afternoons at Wrigley Park

Ballina Regional Doubles Pickleball Tournament

We wish those 18 Club members representing HPPC travelling to Ballina for the Regional Doubles a pickling good play and a dinking winning shot.

Beginners are most welcome to come & have a try on Tuesdays at 3 pm all equipment is provided.

We Would Like to Wish All Readers A Happy Relaxing Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



Merry Christmas to All!

Thank you, everyone, for making Hallidays Point Pickleball Club so special.

Paul



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Black Head Surf Life Saving Club

On Sunday, September 25th 2022, Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast entered into a Search and Rescue Training exercise with sister Emergency Services Agencies on the Manning River, Taree.



Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast call-out personnel and Duty Officers were engaged in multi-agency Search and Rescue exercises west of the Martin Bridge up to the bend just below Wingham. The agencies involved were SES, NSW Police, VRA, RFS and Marine Rescue.

The exercise was blessed with excellent weather and this allowed for all participants to be fully active in the operation. The objective of the exercise was to bring together all the Regional Emergency Service agencies and explore their capabilities and skills, as well as their capacity to respond and work together to achieve beneficial outcomes in times of crisis.

Given the flood crisis that has not only affected the Lower North Coast but much of NSW, Queensland and Victoria, it was an opportune time to come together and learn on the job to explore methods of search, rescue and patient transfer. The SES have an amazing level of equipment and very knowledgeable personnel. Working with the SES and under the watchful eye of Inspector Christine George of Taree Police, along with support and input from Marine Rescue and VRA, Surf Life Saving was able to exercise its skills and capabilities to an extremely high level.

The benefit of Surf Life Saving craft such as the IRB and Jet Ski exemplified the manoeuvrability, flexibility and capability of the craft and the craft operators to reach difficult locations, respond to medical concerns and extricate victims to a safe location. Such safe locations might be the deck of the SES punt or a boat ramp or similar where NSW Ambulance will exercise advanced emergency care.

Members of Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast came from Cape Hawke, Forster, Black Head and Crowdy Head surf clubs to be engaged in this Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX). The ability to hone existing skills, develop new protocols for patient pickup and transfer from Surf IRB and Jet Ski craft to SES punts was extremely beneficial and has set a standard for safe patient care and transfer.

The exercise also provided the opportunity to determine the utility of communications equipment, use of signals should radio/mobile phone communications fail, first responder first aid competencies and extraction techniques.

The funding received by SES is astounding. The members' personal protective equipment is of a very high standard and relevant in these search and rescue operations. Surf Life Saving does not receive similar levels of funding but, with the advent of becoming recognised as an Emergency Service, properly and appropriately protecting our members would be a great advantage. Such PPE would include operational wetsuits, lightweight high ankle boots, gloves, helmets and non-flammable overalls when extricating persons from properties along rivers during fires. Currently, our SLS members source and procure their own PPE at their own expense.

The unification of the Agencies in times of need is essential for the protection and preservation of life in critical incidents such as floods, fires and traumatic events. Bringing together these skills has enabled the Agencies to recognise the expertise that exists and to leverage from that knowledge and experience good outcomes for our region and afar, should we be called upon in the future.

Surf Life Saving was listed as an emergency service in 2019 and we have shown in recent times the competencies and training that are inherent within our movement. Working together will always be a beneficial and complementary way to achieve great outcomes. Awareness, friendship, respect, competencies and camaraderie were, and will continue to be, built with successive training exercises.

We are blessed to live in the Lower North Coast region and to have remarkable people in our ranks who are prepared to give of themselves for others, whether that be on the beach, during storms, floods, fires and other traumatic events that affect the lives of many within our community from time to time.

From Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast, thank you to all the Agencies and their personnel for the opportunity to work with you. SAREX was timely and it was an honour to work alongside all of you.

Ross Blowers, Duty Officer - SAREX



Congratulations Molly!



Molly had a baby girl and called her Cali Jean Kerwin.

She was born on the 1st of November.

Thanks to everyone for your congratulations to Molly and Ted. We are all over the moon.

Natalie Carrier



Hallidays Point Netball Club would like to wish all our netball families and the local community a lovely Christmas. We hope to see you in the New Year, all relaxed and ready for another exciting year of netball! The 2022 season proved to be a busy but rewarding season, with all our competitive teams making it to the finals.

It has also been wonderful to see our HPNC club enter two women's netball teams in the Great Lakes Saturday competition, with many being inspired to play after watching their daughters each Saturday. Both adult teams had a mixture of experienced players, alongside some ladies who 'came out of retirement' and some HSC and Uni students, who used netball as a break from their busy studying schedules. There was much laughter and fun along the way and several player 'Mums' further coached, managed and supported their daughters in younger teams. Mrs Rose Narse is one of several ladies in our club who decided to sign up as a player in our Women's HPNC Green Club Blackhead team, after watching her daughters play for many years alongside taking on the coaching position for our HPNC Junior Green Waste King team. We feel so fortunate that our younger players have so many adult role models in our club, to inspire and show how sport can be an opportunity to reconnect with others, stay active and provide a welcome balance from our busy lives.

There are opportunities in the 2023 season for interested members of the community to play, coach, manage or even undertake umpire training. Please contact HPNC committee through our Facebook site if you are interested in playing or able to donate some time to the club for the 2023 season.

Hallidays Point Sports Club

2022 has been a big year of soccer! In our clubs 16-year history this year was our biggest number of players yet. We fielded junior and senior teams representing from 5-6 years through to over 35years players. Our awards functions celebrated all players but we would like to finish the year highlighting the winners of our Club Perpetual Awards. These titles each year are very hard to award, as we want to nominate EVERY hardworking team, coach and club volunteer! The winners for 2023 are:

- Club Team of the Year - U13s Barracudas
- Coach of the Year - Open Women's coach Matt Gordon
- Club Person of the Year - to our line marking and field maintenance team Mike, Ken and Warwick.

A very special congratulations to our women's team who well and truly put our club on the map as they were nominated and WON the Northern NSW Football 2022 Community Club Team of the Year! These accolades highlight not just talent on the pitch but these women were nominated for their work off the pitch raising funds for RUOK and providing



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an inclusive and safe space for local women to play sport and support their own mental health. What an amazing group of women and role models for our club!

Two of our women's players Sandy Williams and Keryn Brace further have been successful in receiving coaching scholarships. They are undertaking the C Licence through Northern NSW Football. We are very lucky to have these committed footballers and coaches with our club and wish them well with their training!

Although we go into the 'off season' we are busy planning ahead for not just the coming 2023 season but for years ahead. We continue to advocate for playing infrastructure improvements. Our main focus is on grant applications for much needed upgrades to the lights at Black Head field. Our club and competition are expanding with many matches and training only able to be completed under lights. The current lighting infrastructure is inadequate for this purpose, meaning any of our ladies and O35s mens players are missing out playing at our 'home' fields. At the time of writing we were yet to hold our club AGM scheduled for December 4th. We hope we can fill all committee positions to take us into the future. As volunteers we all hold jobs elsewhere and have families to care for. Any assistance with not just taking a committee role but small jobs in the off season like equipment and uniform stocktake and ordering, seeking sponsors, writing grants etc..

Please reach out via our FB page or at hpsc.soccer@gmail.com



Women's team coach Matt Gordon with players Jess, Keryn and Sandy dressed to the nines at NNSW Football Awards night



Womens team at training with NNSW Award.



Club Person of the Year Award winners: Ken Maloney, Mike Cummins and Warwick Maloney

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WHAT'S HAPPENING! Your community group at Hallidays Point could use this space for free each month

HALLIDAYS POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
"An accepting and inclusive church expressing the love of God in the community and beyond"
Contact Helen Bush 0419 734 934
SERVICES: Sunday 9am
BIBLE STUDY: Mondays 2pm (Peter 0425 206 969)
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Thursday 8.15am (Don 0419 609 665)
CRAFT GROUP: (Marion Blackley 0411 728 921)
OVER 55'S LUNCHEONS: (Marion Blackley 0411 728 921)
SCHOOL SCRIPTURE: (Jo Harford 0414 890 446)
Special events as advertised.

Hallidays Point SENIOR CITIZENS Baywood Drive Black Head Over 55s Welcome
Our Activities Include:
Croquet _____ 9.00am Mon & Wed. Fri. 8.30am - Contact Alison 0429 453 098
Cards / Games _ 1.00 pm every Monday - Contact Carol Lynch 0418 681 434 or Clare Taylor 0403 017 102
Bingo _____ 9.30am 1st Monday of the Month - Contact Peta 0409 884 445
Tai Chi and Chi Gung_ 10.30am to 11.30am Tuesdays - Contact Lindsay 0490 132 646
Talks & Chats _____ 4th Wednesday, 10.00am - Contact Peta 0409 884 445
Quilting / Craft _____ 9.45am Thursdays - Contact Jennifer 0438 830 622
Art _____ 9.30 am Fridays - Contact Topsy Marshall 0427 961 436
Bazaar Stall _ 1st Sunday of Month - Contact Julie-Anne at julieannestamp@yahoo.com.au
Health & Hygiene protocols are in place at our hall.
Further Information Phone Clare 0403 017 102 or e: boclares@ozemail.com.au

Hallidays Point Play Group
Hallidays Point Community Church, Diamond Beach Rd
Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am
Playgroup is a place for you and your children aged 0-6. Playgroups offer a safe, relaxed environment where you can find friendship and support. Children are offered a variety of social, play and sensory experiences that encourage learning and development.
You are welcome to experience two Playgroup sessions before joining Playgroup NSW
Membership to Playgroup NSW covers your entire family.
Find us on Facebook - Search Hallidays Point Playgroup.

Hallidays Point Men's Shed
Invites Blokes to do a bit of woodwork, and chat with other like minded blokes each Wednesday from 9am in the shed behind the Community Church on Diamond Beach Road. BYO lunch. Cost \$2.
Contact Jack McDonald on 6554 3368, or 0411 481 892, email jack.mcdonald@hallidayspointlions.org.au or just drop in to check us out.

Taree Bridge Club
We welcome experienced and beginner players. Learn to play classes are available. Closest to Hallidays Point area.
For information: 0490 366 531 or tareebridgeclub@gmail.com.

HALLIDAYS POINT LANDCARE GROUP
Volunteers are always welcome to help maintain our local environment.
Working bees at Black Head Mondays and Tuesdays from 8.am until 11 am. - Contact Alan 0413 482 505
Seascape/Diamond Beach working bees
Fridays from 9.am to 11am - Contact Tim 6559 2827

Hallidays Point Community Liaison & Progress Association
CLAPA is the representative conduit to Council and local government to effectively communicate community aspirations and matters affecting our local area.
New members are welcome
President: John Griffiths - lynjohn4@bigpond.com
Secretary: Chris Holland - chrisholland@fastmail.com.au

Hallidays Point Combined Probus Club
Meets at the Black Head Surf Club on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at 9.30 for 10.00am start.
New members and visitors are welcome to join in fun and friendship.
Enquiries: Ian Campbell - 0417 928 791 e: cutloose08@hotmail.com
or: John Clucas - 0417 036 550 e: jokay49@gmail.com
Website: search for 'Hallidays Point Probus and follow the link

Blackhead Tennis Club
Welcomes members and visitors to enjoy their tennis at the courts in Wyllie Breckenridge Park next to the Shopping Centre.
Information on the regular weekly playing groups can be found at:
<https://play.tennis.com.au/blackheadtennisclub>
where you can also hire the courts on a casual basis.

LIONS CLUB OF HALLIDAYS POINT
Lions are an active part of this community and have been responsible for providing many facilities in our area. They are people just like YOU!
Lions meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month:
2nd Thursday 4.00pm at the Senior Citizens Centre
Business Meeting, Members Only with informal dinner afterwards (optional).
The 4th Thursday is a Dinner Meeting 6.30pm when Partners and Guests are welcome.
Venue is usually at the Black Head SLSC but can sometimes be changed. Please check with the Secretary.
New members are always welcome, men and women, so, why not come along and check us out.
Enquiries: Secretary: Vaughn Parker on 0409 593 268
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