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Library hours for January

The library will close for the holiday period from 1pm Friday 22 December and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 2 January. We are open 10am – 5pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays.

My Art, Your Heart

From 11 December to 25 January you will be able to enjoy My Art, Your Heart, the latest exhibition by Fred Bullen. I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy this very talented artist's new works. Fred is offering a chance for a very special deal on the purchase of his artwork. Come into the library to get more details.

Twilight Storytime for 4-8 yr olds

Bring the kids or grandkids to our special storytime from 5.30 – 6.15pm on Thursday 4 January. Be ready for some fun stories and games to tie in with our Game On theme. Book online at www.midcoastlibraries.com.au



Fun with the littlies

Guess who came to our Christmas party for storytime on Friday 8 December? (see the picture) Some very happy children sat on Santa's knee. No tears this time!! Storytime and Wriggle, Giggle, read will recommence in February 2018.



Summer Reading Club and School Holiday Program

The Summer Reading Club is here! This year's theme is Game On. Children aged 5-16 years are encouraged to register on-line and then collect a SRC pack from the library up until 13 January. All members who hand in their completed reading logs by 20 Jan receive an invitation to our exclusive Summer Reading Club party at the Manning Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 24 January. The Summer Reading Club is a national program that encourages children aged 5-16 years to read throughout the holidays. Run in partnership with the State Library of Queensland, the Australian Library and Information Association, and the Australian Public Library Alliance last year saw over 41,000 Australian children register and collectively read more than 267,000 books.

The January school holiday program is now available. We have a great line-up of activities planned this summer.

Bookings are required for most school holiday activities, so check online at www.midcoastlibraries.com.au or pop into the library. Get in early, as sessions are booking out quickly.

Free Wi-Fi Available

Having family or friends visiting over Christmas who need access to the internet? Did you know that the Library is a wireless hotspot? 4 hours free access per day or 500mb download, no password needed! Available 24/7.

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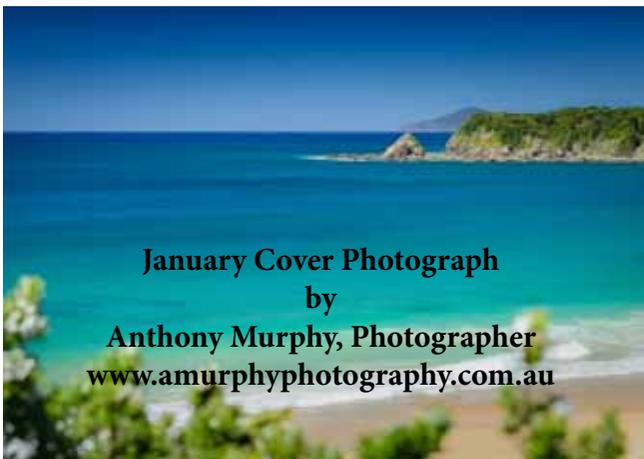
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Monthly Book Review

Blueyedboy

After a nasty knock to the head my reading stopped this month, so I didn't read this book, I listened to 14 hours of Playaway audio book from the Library. It was the first time for me for a Joanna Harris book and the first time for an audio book. It was hard work listening, but I will try more of Harris' work when I can read again.

Blueyedboy – is a man in his early forties who still lives with his mother, about whom he has murderous fantasies that he translates into fiction and posts both privately and publicly to a website called badguysrock. It a dark yet somewhat comic psychological thriller set in the internet world where no-one is quite who they seem or say what is true.

The book explores how emotionally dependent people can become on their virtual friends and their virtual communities and how those poisonously dysfunctional communities have the same cliques as the real world; insiders, outsiders, gossips, liars, exhibitionists and bullies. This book has them all well represented. A confusing open ending leaves room for speculation and would be great for a book club discussion.



Alana

- Section 94 Contributions from Developers that may be available;
- Set priorities for a number of projects including:
- Walkway/Cycleway Black Head to Diamond Beach;
- Skate Park;
- Men's Shed;
- Helipad on Headland behind the Surf Club;
- Other projects as raised at the Meeting.
- Discuss grant funding that may be available.

Local organisations are encouraged to discuss their needs and either present them at the Public Meeting or send them to CLAPA at the email address below. It is imperative we develop our Plan in conjunction with the Community and be ready to submit applications when Grant Programs are announced. Council representatives will be available to give advice.

Membership:

Please contact me for a Membership Application form should you wish to be part of our team to review the Community Plan and gain improved facilities for our area. Email is best – lynjohn4@bigpond.com

New Secretary of CLAPA:

The Committee has welcomed Chris Holland as its' new Secretary for the current year. The position remained vacant following the AGM in 2017 and Chris is thanked for his interest in assisting the Hallidays Point Community.

John Griffiths, President

Hallidays Point Community Liaison and Progress



Association (CLAPA)

Council Community Plan/Capital Works Program

The CLAPA Committee has arranged a Public Meeting for **WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018 COMMENCING 5.30 PM AT THE BLACK HEAD SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.**

Purpose of the meeting is to:

- Set a Capital Works Program;
- Ascertain funding available from Council

Hallidays Point Probus



The Festive Season is well and truly behind us and I hope that you had a wonderful time. I think it's safe to assume that many of us will say: "Praise the Lord, we survived another one!" We seem to rush from one place to another and when we sit down we're afraid not being able to get up again. But in the end, it's all worth it if that special time of the year adds to the sweet-memories-bank in our minds. The Christmas celebration of our Probus Club on 5th December certainly qualified to be added. We welcomed about 85 Probians and guests, 74 of whom stayed for lunch, the others just came to listen to The Probus Singers, under the baton of yours truly, providing the entertainment for the 12th year in a row.

To everyone's delight Bryan Paech, our maestro on the keyboard and dear friend to many, was able to attend after a long period recovering from major surgery in July. After the normal proceedings of the general meeting the Probus Singers and their offspring FourTunes, an a cappella mixed quartet,

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Contd from page 3 performed their first bracket before Morning Tea, the pièce de résistance being John Rutter's "Angels' Carol", not an easy piece of music, and it took us ages to do it justice, but we did it, justice I mean.

Morning Tea was extra special with Bev Crisp's delicious Christmas cakes and Noni Putnam's little savoury bites. After Morning Tea, the choir came back transformed: instead of our more formal outfit we were now in holiday mode to underline Christmas-the-Australian-way, eski, thongs, loud T-shirts etc. (we refrained from wearing bikinis, one has to draw the line somewhere). The songs varied from Cliff Richard's "Summer Holiday" to "Aussie Jingle Bells", "The Bush Christmas", "Six White Boomers" to "The Twelve Days of Christmas", with additional accompaniment of John O'Donnell's banjo and audience participation. John had also drawn beautiful signs representing all the animals in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (see photo). Lynette Hester stepped into the shoes of Bryan and tickled the ivories flawlessly. As always, all the items were connected by a storyline, also provided by Lynette and husband Peter, who emceed the performance.



And then it was time for lunch. The food was catered by Port Macquarie's TruBluCatering, and cooked on the premises. The smell of slow roasting meat permeated the Surf Club all morning, and by 12.30 we were absolutely famished. The two girls in charge presented us with a delicious traditional Christmas lunch, perfectly cooked and presented, and so plentiful that many could go back for seconds.

Between mains and dessert Santa made an appearance. He, too, was in holiday mode: the top half in normal Santa gear, but the bottom half in shorts! Good thing Santa, in the person of Alan Bates, has such good legs!

After the raffle was drawn (and congrats to the lucky people who won one of the 3 huge hampers), everyone enjoyed a cuppa. And that was that for another year.

Many thanks to all those who helped me out, from setting up tables and chairs, decorating (thanks John Coster, for doing the Christmas Tree and 101 other things) to cleaning up afterwards.

It was a most enjoyable day.

We will start the new year with Champagne Breakfast on the deck of the Surf Club on 9th January at 8 am, the start of no doubt another Probus year full of fun and activities.

Should you be interested in joining, please contact our secretary John Clucas on 0417 036 550, or email jokay49@gmail.com.

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19th January

Cellarbrations 3rd Annual Fundraiser for Black Head SLSC Details on page 11

26th January

Australia Day Breakfast by the Beach. Details on pages 8 & 9

The CLAPA Committee has arranged a Public Meeting for Wednesday 21 February 2018 Commencing 5.30 Pm at the Black Head Surf Life Saving Club. Details on page 3

Hallidays Point Community Church

Over 55'S Christmas Party 2017

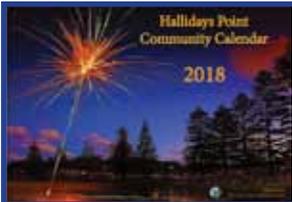
On the 29th November we celebrated our annual Christmas Lunch at the Community Church with great fun and fellowship to top off our year. We had lots of guests as a bus load of folk from Kularoo Gardens joined in with us and eight of the guys from the Blokes Shed also came.



We had a great lunch of ham, chicken and pork with the usual salads and then came the sweets – pavlova and stained glass (a yummy concoction)- all a delight. Later we had a Christmas cake for afternoon tea (also delicious!). It was a great day and enjoyed by all.

The Over 55's lunch is held in the little church and you would be most welcome to attend. The next lunch will be on the 7th February 2018. It starts at 12 noon. And goes to approx. 3pm. Lunch talks, bingo and afternoon tea – all for the grand total of \$8.00 each.

If you would like to come and meet new people or see old friends, please phone: Marion 0411 728 921 or Mary 6559 2455
Marion Blackley (coordinator)



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Hallidays Point Community Church Kid's Club

A happy, well-attended Christmas celebration marked the end of a wonderful year of Kids Club. Parents and friends enjoyed a sumptuous feast and an excellent Christmas program.

The nativity scene set up at the front of the Church provided an ideal setting for a Christmas pageant acted out by the Kids Club children as the final activity for the year. The costumes worn by the children and the instruments used for percussion during the singing had been made by the children in the weeks leading up to the presentation. Parents and friends were amazed at what had been accomplished in just a few weeks under the supervision of the leadership team, ably assisted by the team of craft ladies – Carol Wing, Sylvia Fermin, Helen Conner and Francis Atkinson. After devouring party food and lollies, the children combined to totally destroy the Pinata, leading to the discovery of even more lollies! It is Christmas after all.



Kids Klub meets fortnightly throughout the year except school holidays, and provides a community service to children from year 3 to year 6. The children come from the school by bus and on arriving receive afternoon tea. After this they play organised games followed by more refreshments followed by singing and a short Christian story and then it is off to the craft tables to exercise their creative abilities. Before they are picked up by parents at 6pm our kitchen team, headed up by Marion Blackley (retiring in 2018 after 10 years of faithful service), with help from Pat Rex, provides a light meal which always includes hot chips kindly donated by the Blackhead Tavern.

We at Kids Klub would like to thank all the children and their parents for their commitment to Kids Klub throughout the year and we look forward to seeing the children for more fun in 2018.

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Hallidays Point Senior Citizens



We had a terrific Christmas Party on Wednesday the 13th December. Once again it was held at the Community Centre with about 45 people in attendance. The room was beautifully decorated by a merry band of Christmas Elves including members Marilyn Lambden, Carolyn Lynch, Gloria White, and Donna Hampson.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious food that included spit roasted lamb and pork with lots of salads and desserts and commented on the professional service from Crackle 'n' Spit, Port Macquarie. Glen, the Chef was lovely with nothing too much trouble.

Many thanks and a Happy New Year to all of our volunteers for their support throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you. A special thanks to Mike and the crew who top dressed the croquet court for us.

Happy January birthdays to:

Walter Bolin	2nd	Beryl Johnson	19th
Mel Gibson	3rd	Lucielle Chapman	21st
Lynette Griffiths	6th	Vincenza Nardo	29th
Antonio Nardo	8th		

By the way, you don't have to be a "senior" to join us, all aged over 55 are welcome to come along and join in a range of activities including bingo, cards, croquet, Tai Chi, art classes, poetry readings and regular bus trips. We also hold information sessions with guest speakers. If you are new to the area, come along and meet some new friends.

A very Happy New Year to everyone from the Hallidays Point District Senior Citizens Association.

By the way, Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

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Our Natural World with Geraldine

Silver Gulls – have you ever seen a seagull chick?



Seagulls, love them or hate them, they're part of life on Black Head Beach. Take a close look and you will see that the gulls have a red eye ring, black tips on the wings, an orange bill and orange-red legs. They can be an overpowering pest when you are sitting at the picnic table with some fish and chips and you feel the steely stare of beady eyes on you and your lunch. They seem to know when the holiday season is on and their number immediately increase.

But one of the great mysteries for me is that you see the chicks of magpies, noisy minors, plovers, etc etc but you never see a seagull chick. Think about it – have you seen a seagull chick?

Supposedly seagulls nest away from the beaches, on islands, spits and even moored boats. Silver Gulls typically lay two eggs. Eggs are laid in a shallow nest scrape, lined with vegetation. Incubation is carried out by both parents and takes 3-4 weeks. Gulls are very protective of their newborns. Newborn gulls do not leave the nest (or the immediate area) until they are able to fly and find their own food. Until the newborn is able to fly, the parents will feed the newborn.

When they leave the nest, they are already pretty much full size, but they remain secluded near the nesting site until their primary feathers are grown. They then join all the other gulls on the beach. They are the ones with brown legs and beaks and brown mottled colouring on the shoulders and back.

If you know where the seagulls' rookery is, drop News of Our World a line.



In my research about Silver Gulls I came across this rather irreverent view on the lives of seagulls that I thought I would share for your amusement. "Gulls are social creatures. Kind of like us, in fact. Most of the time, they act like they can't stand each other. They squabble, they posture, they fight, they eat each other's eggs but deep down, they know they need each other. There's an understanding among gulls, an uneasy peace that's built on a strict code of status and seniority.

The top gulls, usually the most mature, probably get the best real estate at the centre of the colony. That way, when the predators come by to do their plundering, the poor lower-status saps get eaten first.

But here's the thing: with all that tension and rivalry, they know when to band together. When the eagles attack, or the foxes charge in, a disciplined white air force takes wing, diving, screeching, and shite bombing all intruders like a well-oiled machine. Shock and awe.



So, cooperate. Remember who your friends are. And don't forget, when things get tough, you can always eat the neighbour's children."

Enjoy your Xmas holidays and throw the seagull a chip!

Our Bloomin Lot

Our Bloomin Lot is off to a bountiful summer. I can't believe how fast the zucchinis grow, overnight it seems. The rockmelons are young and healthy, and we have a few self-sown pumpkins that are huge. I'm sure we'd win a prize for them.

It's so lovely walking into the garden with the sunflowers in full bloom. They are so beautiful, and the bees are humming. Dan's harvesting the honey, and everything seems just right.

We have 3 hungry chooks staying with us over Christmas. I think they will be very happy and fat with all the greens from the garden. They are very happy to receive small visitors.

We owe special thanks to Steve for his dedication to mowing. The grass is looking great, and a big thankyou to Vic for the Banksias. A little rain and they will be in the ground.



Alana

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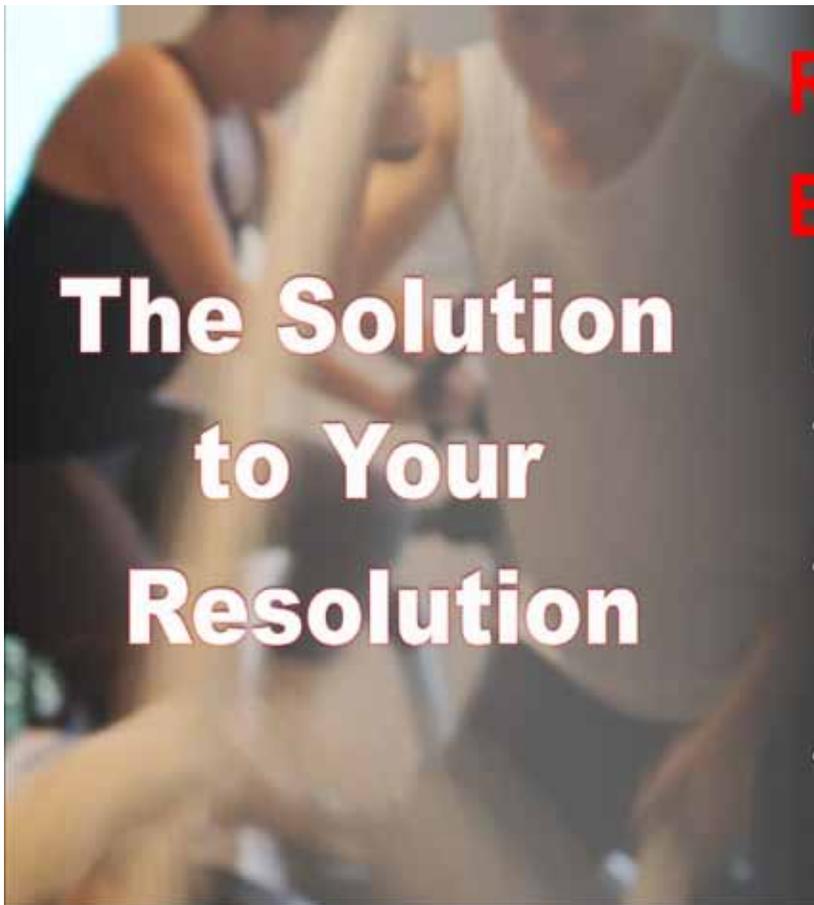
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Fishing News

with Trevor

I've been out of action for a few months so my trips to Tuncurry Beach have been few and far between, consequently my contact with "my" sea eagles has been restricted. I've tried to renew the acquaintance with the pair on the last few trips but I did not sight them and began to fear they had left the area, but was overjoyed to see the lone male. The usual signal enticed it to come to me and I rewarded it with a couple of fish frames and I snapped this photo. With no sign of the female I surmised it was nesting and maybe we will be rewarded with another brood of these magnificent creatures in a few weeks. I'll keep you posted.



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Be prepared to pay increasingly huge prices for sea foods and it is already evident in the fish markets. Oysters and prawns are expected to be at premium over the Christmas holiday break.

During the 1960's the Blessing of the Fleet was held in Forster estuary with as many as 30 professional fishing boats, colourfully adorned in all their regalia was quite a spectacle. Now there are only 2 or 3 trawlers and there has been a huge impact on the fishing industry in the last decade by government authorities reducing the number of sea food gatherers significantly. For example Wallis lake was the main supplier of blue swimmer crabs to Sydney market. Now the area can only supply 1,680 kg of crabs - much less than previously and this scenario is reflected in most other activities, hence supply and demand dictate the prices.

This does not stop we amateurs from trying our luck. Any month ending in "r" is the time the prawns run and crabs are more prolific. Seven days after the full moon at the start of the dark, on the outgoing tide the waterways glitter with glow-worm like lights of the scoop prawners trying to catch a few kilograms. Throw a prawn baited line behind the boat and you are usually rewarded by a whiting, bream or flathead or two.

The waters have been grey, cold and uninviting and the beaches and rocks not particularly productive. However the estuaries and upstream are starting to fire. Friend Peter has been targeting big whiting on shallow sand flats on the making tide, using mainly lures. Many of these fish exceeded 40cm and are great to catch on light gear. Very tasty. I've got similar reports from Luke, from Tuncurry Tackle, about some thumper bream to 47cm in the upper reaches.

Summer is flathead time and they move closer to the entrance and already numbers are increasing in all estuaries and rivers. They have been caught in quantity and of good size up the Manning around Croki and above. Those who throw out a crab trap have been successful with quality mud crabs in the same areas.

Fishing off shore requires persistence, patience and know how to get a good box of fish. The usual varieties are there but of no great size. Flathead is the dominant species boated, as usual. Slimy mackerel and bonito are starting to show which augers well for the future.

Good Fishing, Trevor

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Hallidays Point Lions Club



Pop Up Shop

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At the moment we are also selling raffle tickets to raise money for a **BIG RED KIDNEY BUS** which is a mobile dialysis unit, fitted with 3 dialysis chairs and capable of providing 1,500 treatments a year in NSW. The prize is a \$10,000 travel voucher either domestic or international.



A big thank you again to everyone who supports the shop either with donations or coming in and finding a bargain.

January Holiday trading hours - most days 8.30 - 1pm

Lion Helen Bauert

Lions Big Red Kidney Bus Project

Lions Clubs in NSW have committed to raise the sum of \$200,000 to provide a **BIG RED KIDNEY BUS** for the people of NSW.



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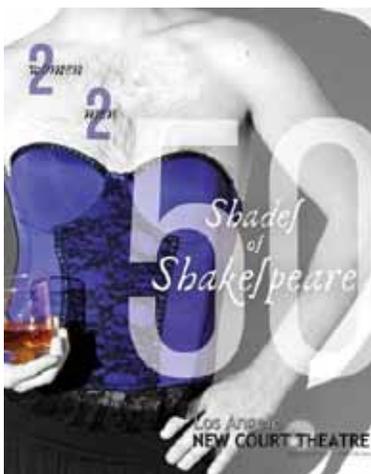
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Knight Time

50 Shades of Shakespeare:

Look it up on the Web www.hollywoodfringe.org/projects/3835

Read it if you like but be prepared! I was unready, for the extreme bawdiness. Perhaps Will wrote most plays after a few drinks with the boys and a good dinner!!



However, I found the following funnier and I hope you do.

The London Times and the Daily Telegraph are two leading English broadsheet newspapers.

In common with the worldwide press they seize on anything that gains their readers interest usually judged by the number of letters the editor receives on any subject. These are sometimes serious but perhaps more often, humorous.

A good example of this occurred some years ago when a reader wrote to say that she questioned the relevance of a history of railway stations which she found for sale on the station bookstall at Shakespeare's birthplace Stratford upon Avon.

In reply a reader suggested that it should have caused her no surprise for had not the Bard himself in the play Coriolanus written of those who "do press among the popular throngs and puff".

Well that started it.

The next letter to respond, pointed out that Horatio made his arrangements to meet Hamlet "upon the platform, 'twixt eleven and twelve'.

Another quoted from Macbeth "I pray you remember the porter" and ... "What! will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?"

From Romeo and Juliet, "whistle then to me as signal that thou hear'st something approach"

The strangely poignant "What train? but few" (The Winter's Tale).

"And here an engine fit for my proceeding" (The Two Gentlemen of Verona).

"They have their exits and their entrances" (As You Like It)

A Midsummer Night's Dream stage direction reads "Enter Oberon at one door with his train and Titania, at another with hers".

I hope you see the points of all these lines and smilingly pick up on their signals!

Happy New Year .. Tony

Tank's Corner

The Diamond Beach Veterinary Clinic will be closed on the weekends and public Holidays over the Christmas and New Year period, but will be available for emergencies over the whole period. In cases of EMERGENCY only, please call 6559 2277. Please leave a message and your call will be returned ASAP.



Most importantly, keep your pets out of the summer heat and be sure that they have access to water. Keep up your Tick preventatives and search your pets regularly for any Ticks. If you find a tick on your dog or cat during a routine search, then remove the tick immediately and observe the pet over the next few hours. If your pet is vomiting, unbalanced or has lost its voice, showing breathing problems or is off colour. Then firstly, search for ticks. If you find one on your pet, then it will require urgent treatment. Just removing the tick will not save your pet as it has had the tick pumping its poison into your pet for at least 6-8 hours before you see signs of the first bit of poison. That means that there are also 6-8 hours of poison yet to affect your animal. Prevention is better than treatment. Check your stock of preventatives and ongoing treatments before the holidays start, so you do not run out over the holiday period.

Remember that your pets do not tolerate the same Christmassy and New Year celebration foods and treats that owners do, and a lot of your favourite foods can result in your pets becoming ill. Particularly avoid fatty foods, peanuts, chocolate. My Mum and Dad think I don't know it, but I know they have bought me lots of presents and I just have to be patient as they won't give them to me until Christmas morning. I am really looking forward to that day as all you owners and pets are as well.

My family and the staff at DBVC wish all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Lots of Licks – TANK.

PS –it was my birthday on the 19th December!
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Michael's Computer Trouble Shooting



New Year's Resolutions

With the coming of the New Year, many people review their lives and make commitments to change some aspects for the better. So I was wondering what your digital New Year's resolutions might be. Here are a couple of ideas.

As a computer technician who sees people lose their precious data through hard disk failures from time to time, top of my list would be for everyone to commit to doing their backups. I have seen people lose all their photos, their thesis and all their emails because they had no backup of their data. For about a hundred bucks for a portable hard disk and a free program like Syncback, it's not that hard. Put a reminder in your phone for a suitable time each week or once a month.

How about starting the new year with a clean monitor and a clean keyboard? Monitors and keyboards inevitably end up covered in dust and finger prints. Whilst the computer or laptop is switched off, spray a little windex onto a soft cloth or some tissues and give them a wipe over. It is best not to spray the windex directly on to the keyboard, as it might drip down into the circuit board below. I use a kitchen knife wrapped in tissue to get down between the individual keys on the keyboard. You will be surprised how nice it feels to use a clean keyboard and your eyes will thank you for that lovely clean monitor. Allow a few minutes before switching the computer back on to ensure all the windex has evaporated.

What about that messy Pictures folder. I know, I put off doing this one too. But again, it's not that hard; just make a start. I open up two windows of File Explorer and have each window fill half the screen. That way you can see both where the files are now and also the folder they are going to.

So, create the folder you want a set of pictures to go into. Some people like to organize their pictures by creating dated folders and then cutting and pasting their pictures into the correct folder. Other people prefer to name their folders to reflect which photos are in each; Christmas 2017 or Miranda's 21st.

There are stacks of free duplicate photo finding programs available. I find the best place to download software is from www.cnet.com. Read the reviews and be sure to pick one that is free unless you are happy to pay a little to do the job.

As always, if you need help with these jobs or any computer related issues, your friendly computer technician would love to help.

*Happy New Year everyone., Michael
Michael Gallen - 0411 555 671*



Summer Happenings at Black Head SLSC

Bingo 7 - 9pm

- wed 3/1 • thu 4/1

Wine And Beer Tasting From 3.30pm

- 19/1

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- sun 7/1 • sun 14/1

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- 28/1

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Club Blackhead

Happy New Year!

With the festive season over, we now look forward to 2018 with many new happenings at Club Blackhead. Starting on Sunday 7th January, Club Blackhead will be holding raffles. Tickets will go on sale at 5pm and will be drawn at 7pm. There will be a total of 20 prizes. Keep this date in mind.



During the recent hail storm that passed through last October, Club Blackhead copped a lot of damage to our greens, building, courtesy bus and solar panels. We are hoping they will all be back in order early in the new year for the continued enjoyment of our club activities.

Past Treasurer Norm Harvey passed away on Monday 4th December '17. Norm devoted five years of his time to Club Blackhead and will be sadly missed by his family, friends and club members.

'til next time, 'JackO'

Halliday Shores Craft Club

Raise \$2,260 for Red Cross

Black Head Bowling Club every year have a Charity day for Red Cross. Many Bowlers come from all over the District.

Unfortunately, the greens were damaged by hail, so no play, never the less the good ladies came and played Bingo and enjoyed themselves as well as spending money, as you will see.

Our Craft Club from Halliday Shores supports Red Cross on these days and takes goods to sell, they need to be congratulated, their hard work giving Red Cross \$930, a wonderful effort.



Ruth Higham, Ann Coulton and Sue Jones.



A big thanks to the Blackhead Bowling Club for making their Club available every year and the generosity of their donation of \$500.

Pictured left: President of the Club Mrs Pat Bailey and Norma Watson President Red Cross.

Red Cross comes with Christmas cards, calendars, cooking and craft to sell too.

A grand total of \$2,260.00 raised on an excellent day. The Bowling Club, Red Cross and the Craft Club are delighted with the result.

Many thanks to the Chef for the very nice lunch he prepared.

Jeanette Anderson, Life member of Red Cross.

Hallidays Point Netball Club



Well as 2018 has arrived, we say good bye to another season of the Amazing Game that is Netball!! What a year it was for Hallidays Point Netball Club. We had a great season filled with exciting games, endless hours of preparation and training and carnivals all over the country side. We had new players join and old ones return, and even a new team of Mums, some of whom had not played for years! We had a number of talented young girls representing the Great Lakes Netball Association for Reps, playing in divisions 3, 2 and even Championships, the highest in the State. Our chocolate selling was successful for fund raising and our tenacious little umpires advanced, umpiring for state age.

Hallidays Point Netball Club wish to thank all the Coaches, Managers and Umpires for their hard work and time, and the players for being such good sports and so enthusiastic, even though the weather sometimes was difficult to play in. Thanks to all parents who helped out, setting up for tower duty and giving time for the canteen. This help is invaluable and so appreciated. We hope everybody comes back fresh after a fabulous holiday, keen and ready to get into it again. Our registration dates for next year are Thursday 1st of March and Saturday 3rd of March. We welcome back registered players and look forward to meeting some new ones as well.

On behalf the Committee and myself, we wish everyone a safe, relaxing holiday, and a Happy New Year.

Tracy Batton



This New Year's Resolution

— why not try something different?

The start of a new year is often accompanied by the “usual suspect” New Year's resolutions – exercise more, eat better, learn a new skill, quit smoking. Don't get me wrong, all of these things are good initiatives however I'd like to add a new one to the list.

Learn how to listen better.

Now I'm not talking about hearing – that's the ability to perceive sound. It's a physical activity. I'm talking about listening – the process of taking in the information a person is sharing with you with the goal of seeking to truly understand what they are saying and appreciate their point of view.

Before I share with you three ways you can improve your skills as a listener, here's a few reasons why I'm recommending you embrace this as your focus for 2018:

You'll have less arguments. Yes, I give you a money back guarantee that if you seek to listen in a way that helps you understand where another person is coming from, you will be able to work through any differences in calmer and more constructive way.

You'll be more effective in your communication. Whether it's in your workplace or your family life, you can waste a lot of energy due to miscommunication. By slowing down and giving your workmate (or your partner) your full attention and checking in to ensure you've heard them correctly, you'll be clearer in not only what you're talking about - but also what you want to have happen next.

Your relationships will improve. There's nothing quite like having someone really listen to you. In my experience, when you show someone that you are genuinely interested in what they have to share with you, they are more inclined to do the same back. It's a win-win.

And to help you get started, here's three golden rules that will help you to be a better listener.

1. Listen with an open mind

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking you know what someone is going to say - or why they're going to say it. This is particularly the case when you're in an argument with someone. Next time you find yourself in this situation – try putting your judgements aside and listen as if this is the first time you've heard the information. You could be very surprised by what you learn.



2. Don't interrupt and don't impose your “solutions.”

Many of us like to be fixers. The challenge is that when you interrupt or race in with your suggestion, you are probably only responding to half the picture. Slow down and wait until the person has finished speaking – that way, when you do offer any suggestions you are more likely to be on target.

3. Ask what not why

This is one of my favourite tips I picked up during my training as a conflict management coach. When you start a sentence with “Why...” it can have a slightly accusatory tone to it. When you start the same sentence with “What.” it invites the person to share with you their thinking which in turn helps you to understand their position.

Here's to a great 2018.
I look forward to sharing it with you.
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John Griffiths, President

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Every 1st and 3rd Monday - Poetry for you 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Every 2nd and 4th Monday at 1.00 pm - Senior Moments

Tuesday - Tai Chi - 8.00 am - 9.30 am

1st Wednesday of the month - Open Forum 10 am - 12.00 noon

Friday - Art class - 9.30 am - 12.00 noon

Films/Theatre (see notice board)

1st Sunday of the month - Black Head Bazaar

5.30 am - 1.00 pm (not in winter)

Further enquiries, contact Marilyn Lambden 0411 481 350

(If unanswered please leave a message)

Hallidays Point Combined Probus Club

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Business Meeting, Members Only

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The 4th Thursday is a Dinner Meeting

6.30pm when Partners and Guests are welcome.

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