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Noel Challis 'Challo'

AKA Mayor of Red Head

It was Christmas time 1978, Noel and Margaret Challis, with 2 year old Khali arrived in Hallidays Point. Shortly afterwards younger daughter Seri was born.

Noel and Margaret were originally from Victoria. Noel had been an art teacher in Wodonga, had worked as lecturer at Teachers' College and Education Officer at the National Gallery in Melbourne and had trained as a sculptor.

Noel and Margaret had spent most of the 1970's teaching in Papua New Guinea. There, good friends Brian and Carol Lynch - both Manning area locals - recommended the family settle in Hallidays Point.

For two years the family rented an old house near the beach - the Kerrewa units now occupy the site. Here Noel wanted to be a fisherman and was trained by local professional fisherman Roy Single before branching out on his own. Fish, particularly snapper and lobsters, were plentiful. Up to a dozen boats would launch off Black Head beach on summer weekends. Noel organised a formal 'blessing of the fleet' one Easter. As well as Roy there were a number of wonderful characters in the fishing fraternity - Les Oakley, Owen Long, Harold Richie (John's brother) to name a few. In these early years Noel decided to continue to teach art. Most mornings were occupied with fishing so afternoon or night classes were begun for adults. Classes were held at the old Ormsby House, Harrington and Black Head. At one point a life-drawing class, with a live model was started. An amazing number of residents turned up, professing a genuine interest in art!

In 1979 or 80 the Black Head tennis courts were built where Don Dixon had grazed his cattle. The main fund-raiser was a well run



Noel & Margaret Challis

gambling night in the garden of a Black Head residence. Gravel courts required frequent rolling and Noel was on the roster to do this with Peter Nixon.

The next project was building the family home. Land had been purchased at Red Head so Noel became an owner builder. The Challises moved into the nearly completed house on Christmas Eve 1980. Red Head boasted maybe ten houses at the time, Coromont Drive had not been finished and Hope Street did not exist.

Jack Emmett, an early Red Head resident and owner of a fine baritone voice, would stroll the neighbourhood each Christmas Eve gathering fellow carol singers. When there were sufficient young children in the area, Jack wrote the script for a nativity play and he and Noel produced it. The shepherds made do with star pickets rather than crooks, there was carol singing led by Jack and of course Santa made an appearance.

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Soon a permanent teaching job was offered at Wingham High School. Noel taught art there until his retirement; during this time his students achieved fine results, selections for the prestigious Art Express and some became professional artists.

While in PNG Noel had met and developed a passion for the sport of polocrosse, representing PNG at the 1976 Australian Championships. It was not long before this was rekindled and a Manning team was formed. Khali and Seri soon had their ponies and played in junior polocrosse in the Hunter for a number of years.

Combining a love of horses, a love of polocrosse and teaching skills led Noel into coaching. The AIS in Canberra was offering a post-graduate course in Elite Sports Coaching (level 4/5) and Noel embarked on this. From this many doors were opened - coaching NSW teams for National Polocrosse Championships led to his becoming Head Coach NSW and then coaching with the Australian Polocrosse team which won both the 2003 and 2007 World Cups against NZ and next a determined South Africa. Queensland, not to be outdone, headhunted Noel to be its Player Development Officer, a position he held for a number of years. It involved spending the whole polocrosse season, several months at a time, all over rural Queensland working with players of all ages and standards and assisting and training coaches. Much time was devoted to counselling rural people who were facing difficult times and isolation. The Challos saw the real Queensland in those years, such that most 'grey nomads' miss.

In the late 1990's Noel gained official accreditation to coach tennis. Initially he used the court at Beachfront caravan park at Red Head and the then Lavender Gardens (Albana resort), later moving to the Black Head courts. Noel had a happy and rewarding time there coaching young beginners (the youngest aged 2 was appropriately nicknamed Hazard!) through to the enthusiastic 'senior' ladies of a Friday morning. A pro shop was installed and Noel offered a restringing and racquet repair service. It is a great joy to see many of the little ones growing into responsible and successful young

adults. Meanwhile other townfolk heard of this new 'flash' coach and asked for guidance in sports ranging from darts to lawn bowls to mountain climbing and other things.

Now mainly retired, Noel's enthusiasms include golf, fishing, his vegie patch and cooking.

Goodonya Noel & Margaret!

Christmas At Red Head.

All residents of Red Head Village (including Seascape and Bombora Point) are invited to the annual Red Head Christmas Party to be held in the Red Head Reserve (beach end of Red Head Road) on Wednesday December 17th from 6.00pm.

Come and catch up with some old friends and maybe some new neighbours, and celebrate the end of another year. Bring food, drinks, and a picnic rug or chair and table. Barbecues will be provided for you to use. Santa will make his annual appearance during the night with lollies for the kids, so bring all the family for a great night out. Thank you to Helen and Alan Pursch for the barbecues and Steve Aiken for lighting.

Santa has replied to our invitation and has kindly agreed to return again on Christmas Eve to drive around the streets of Redhead handing our more lollies for the kids. Look out and listen for the brightly decorated white ute between 5.30pm and 6.30pm!



The photo shows some of the revellers at last year's Red Head Christmas Party.

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Congratulations to Ray Long who was recently awarded with the Myall Lakes Senior Citizen of the Year. Before Ray's large contingent of family and friends the award was presented by former MP Wendy Machin and the local member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead. Ray was up against some pretty stiff competition, but quality won out on the day.



Seniors held a wonderful Melbourne Cup function at the Hall. The best dressed lady on the day was Lois and the best dressed gent was Terry. Sweeps and raffles were well patronised. Ray Rowe had a very successful day. (Mind you, he did have seven horses in the one sweep!) Thank you to our hard-working committee ladies. Our guests had a very entertaining day because of you.

I would like to remind people that membership subs for the Seniors Association are now past due. It does get confusing when K4S fees are due at the beginning of the year (in line with school terms) and Seniors Fees are due in the fiscal year (1st July to 31st June). As the new Secretary, (no one else would do it!) I have been trawling through the email lists and membership lists. If you don't receive your usual newsletter in December, it could mean that you have overlooked paying your Seniors Association dues.

The Seniors will be holding their Christmas Party commencing at 11 am on Tuesday 9th of December at the Black Head Bowling

Club. Donations of gifts and (not out of date) items for the hamper raffles will be appreciated. A notice will be placed on the board at the Seniors Hall for the names of people who wish to attend. Entertainment on the day will be provided by singing duo "Old Spice". We look forward to great food and great company. Don't miss it. That's about it for now.

Marilyn Lambden, (Pres/Secretary)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR ON THE STREETS

The local community calendar which is produced by Manning Valley Riding for Disabled as a fund raiser is being delivered as I write.

This calendar is distributed to over 2000 homes in the Hallidays Point area. The aim of the calendar is to encourage people to feel that they are part of a vibrant community.

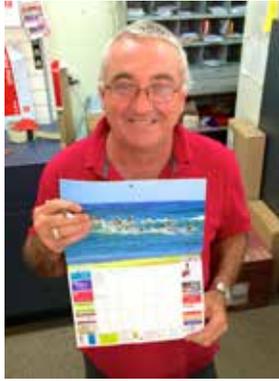
A list of all the interest groups is inside the front cover. If you want to join in an activity, you will find a contact number there.

If you would like extra copies, they are available for \$10 from Foodworks and the Post Office. This money will go towards maintaining the Manning Great Lakes Riding For Disabled activities at Rainbow Flat.

The calendar is entirely sponsored by the advertisers who appear on each page. Small businesses need the support of their community and these businesses have supported the community in return. Please thank them for their valued contribution.

The photos this year come from a collection built up over the years and in particular, Mel Nunn's beautiful emotive works. Thanks Mel!

A few of the photos were contributed by Kali McLaughlan on behalf of her dad and were taken in the 1950s. The December photo was taken before the surf club was built (about 1958 – despite the label



Alan Cowan of Hallidays Point PO with 2015 Calendar

that it was taken in 1959!! – sorry about that).

If you think you would like to coordinate the calendar for 2016, please contact me now as it is time to start planning. Photos are now being taken for 2016! I am hoping to pass the baton on this project after so many years now. Having been produced as a community calendar since 2006, it is not an insurmountable task but someone with computer design skills would be handy.

Many people contribute to the production and distribution of the calendar and RDA benefits. Thanks everyone for your effort and help.

Ingrid Horsburgh, Calendar Coordinator 6559 2295

Black Head W.B.C.

President Carol welcomed our visitors and members on Thursday 6th November for our Annual Red Cross Day, lovely to see so many there– thankfully the weather turned out fine and we had quite a lot of laughter on the greens.

The Total raised was \$2,500. For a small club this was a wonderful effort.

The Halliday Shores Craft ladies raised \$331 on their stall – they do a great job as well as our own members with all the goodies they make, a big thank you to them all, and to our Social ladies for all their work, I don't know what we would do without them.

Hopefully we can do the same next year.

Sincerely Pat Bayley Hon. Secretary.

Hallidays Point Netball Club

celebrated a wonderful end of season presentation evening at the end of September at the Black Head Surf Club..

See full report at www.hallidayspointnews.org

Merry Christmas ^{from} Hallidays Point Health and Fitness

We hope you have had an amazing 2014 and are looking at a fun Festive season. We have had a massive year adding 2 Great Trainers and So many more amazing clients to our Fitness family. Fortunately for Us, We are full and have no room for new clients until January or February next year.

Over the last 8 years we have learnt that losing weight over this time is difficult with all the temptations around.

Fortunately for You, I have put together a **Christmas survival guide** to help limit the damage that this festive season will do to most Australians.

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Or give us a call and we will post it to you:

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After

*"Just 12 months ago I got stuck in a chimney and that's when I thought things have to change. Mrs Clause and I contacted Mick and the team at Hallidays Point Health and Fitness and we haven't looked back. We love the small groups, and the variety of classes we do throughout each month is fantastic. I even did some personal training to help with my golf and it all started with Micks **Christmas survival guide**. If you give yourself one gift this Christmas, make it one that involves a healthier happier you. Now give mick a call or you're going on my naughty list." Santa*

Art in the Area

H. Fish - Tallwoods

You will have seen a large white van being driven around the area with H.Fish Studios boldly displayed on the side. What you may not know the driver "Fish", is a living legend, with a career spanning 45 years as a professional artist.



Escape from the Circus H.Fish

"Fish" was born in California in 1948 and began his profession at Berkeley University near San Francisco in the "Summer of Love" 1967. He was quickly enveloped in the time and the art, which included poster art for Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin, he also worked with Robert Crumb and Rick Griffin on the hugely popular comic magazine "Zap Comix".

Fish's love of automobile and motorcycle customising turned from a passion into his business in San Diego in 1970, where he airbrushed Janis Joplin's Porsche, this car is permanently on display at the Gulf Coast Museum in Port Arthur, Texas, USA

Moving into the 80's, Fish worked on major motion picture props including "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and Batman II.

Talking about his early life he said: "When the cutting edge of Art shifted from Europe to New York in the late 1950's I was still young, but from my earliest memories I have been fixated about art and its place in my life. During the 1950's and 60's I was fortunate enough to be involved in the early mix of American counter cultures of surf

art, chopper and Hot Rod fabrication and illustrating underground comics."

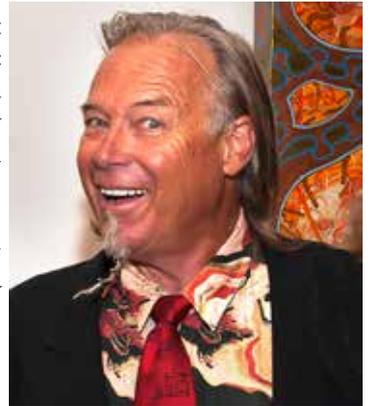
Twelve years ago Fish made a life changing decision to permanently relocate to Australia, he is now known for his colourful social and political commentary through his arresting visual images.

Fish continued: "Recently I had eight large paintings on exhibition at the Sydney Courthouse and earlier this year had a Solo Exhibition at the Manning Regional Art Gallery in Taree, the opening drawing a record crowd of over 230 art lovers. And in August my solo exhibition at the Hallidays Point Library sold well with discerning locals buying many works, thereby also benefiting the library. And my current project is the painting of a mural measuring 5 metres x 60 cm that I am donating to the Hallidays Point Community Garden (behind Foodworks)."

So readers, keep an eye out for this very exciting artistic addition to our wonderful area and if you would like to view more of his amazing art, then visit the website www.hfish.com.au

Or you can visit his gallery/studio in Tallwoods by appointment.

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H. Fish

Story by Fred Bullen

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The fire season is here already we have had fires relatively close to us as well as many across NSW.

Locally there were fires near us that have taken up to a week to bring under control. These fires were at Glenthorne, Chatham

Creek Road in Kiwarrak State Forest and Old Soldiers Road. It is never too late to prepare our properties.

The RFS runs a Kids' Fire Wise program primarily in rural schools, not schools in Taree or Wingham etc. In the first week of November, Robyn King, who is a Community Engagement Specialist and a member of the Rainbow Flat Brigade, led a program at Hallidays Point Public School. Local Brigade members Leo Fransen, Brett Eschbach and Jim Wootton, members of Diamond Beach Brigade assisted Robyn.

Jim Wootton, Diamond Beach Rural Fire Brigade

Lions Club Grocery Grab Prize Donated to a Good Cause

The winner of this year's Grocery Grab was Leslie Campbell of Diamond Beach who very generously asked the Lions Club organisers to donate her prize of \$300 worth of groceries to a worthy cause. Consequently it was decided to call in the Salvation Army.



Pictured are Salvation Army Captain Chad Petherbridge, Foodworks Hallidays Point Proprietor Colin Westle and Lions Club President Vaughn Parker with the Grocery Grab Prize.

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A CASUAL HISTORY OF HALLIDAYS POINT

It was a journey of discovery at the very enjoyable meeting of Hallidays Point historic minds last Wednesday. The next meeting will be held at the Point Bakery at 2pm on the second Wednesday in the month – which is the 10/12/14. The topic will be “The history of the local school”. There is a gap from 1937 to the present school – if anyone can set us straight there!

The Naming of Hallidays Point



Aerial Photo of Black Head in 1963.

It is a widely held belief that Halliday was a seaman who was washed overboard from Captain Cook’s ship, which passed here in about 1770. A list of the people aboard Cook’s ship can be found at: http://www2.sl.nsw.gov.au/banks/series_03/crew_01.cfm

No “Halliday” or drowning is mentioned. It seems unlikely that this is the source of the name, however, the incident may have been off another ship or it could have been a cook off a ship. It is hard to find any hard evidence of the event. Maybe he was buried at sea rather than washed overboard.

An off chance remark from a young lady by the name of Halliday, who claimed she was a descendent of the namesake of Hallidays Point, led super sleuth, Peter Ryall to find information about

Edward James Halliday. “It appears he was a District Surveyor, and subsequently Chairman of the Land Board in the North Coast (probably around 1910 by the look of things). Whether he’s our man is certainly problematical, given that it was only an off chance remark that led me to this possibility.”

Hallidays Point was subdivided in October 1909 and that would be about the time of Edward Halliday’s appointment to this district.

Peter got in touch with Ken Green, the co-ordinator of the project of the Seniors Group of the Institution of Surveyors, NSW Inc. commenced in 2000 called ‘The Pathfinders’ – an archive of those surveyors who assisted in the development of NSW since 1788. Mr Green writes “In regard to Mr Halliday, I can tell you that he is listed in The Pathfinders but his life has not yet been fully researched. The entry for Edward James Halliday is an obituary taken from the surveying journal “The Australian Surveyor” and is given below. The obituary does not mention ‘Hallidays Point’ so therefore I cannot confirm, at this time, any connection between the person and the place. In due course, the life of EJ Halliday will be researched and added to our project, but owing to a lack of manpower this will not happen in the near future.”

The first post office was established here as a receiving office only on 1st April 1926 and at that time, the name “Hallidays Point” was used.

This theory was looking pretty promising until Sherlock found:-

Attached is an article from the Government Gazette dated Tuesday 15th March 1853 relating to the redrawing of police boundaries: “...the southern water-shed of the Manning River...the northern water-shed of the Wollamba River...about 1 mile north of Halliday’s Point to the sea...” Note the apostrophe is used in Halliday’s Point.

This means that the name, Hallidays Point was in use before EJ Halliday came into the picture. Back to square one!



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Diamond Drive 1960

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So... in summary...we live in a locality called "Hallidays Point" which takes in the various villages and beaches in the area and we cant be sure of why it was named so. Any clues?

Ingrid Horsburgh



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Christmas is coming and I am so excited as I get toys as well and sometimes find it an "awesome" task to decide which one to play with first. My attention goes to the next present being opened. Some hazards of the toys are (1) the squeakers inside of toys can be accessed if the toy is torn. (2) make sure that the toys are too big to swallow and that parts cannot be easily chewed off and swallowed. (3) make sure there is no chocolate in the toys and no onions in any BBQ treats.

Ask your humans to consider our welfare whenever fireworks are planned as they can be more frightening than thunder and lightning. We are best served by being left in a safe indoor place we are used to. Otherwise, many of us, will be so scared we will run off and get lost or, even worse, run onto the roads.

Enjoy your Christmas and New Year, and remain careful of what you do with your rubbish and dinner leftovers.

Lots of Licks - Tank.

OUR NATURAL WORLD

with Geraldine

The Honey Nectar in those Flowering Trees



Scarlet Honeyeater

Early pioneers settling in Australia did not take kindly to our birds; they complained "There are several chirpers, a few whistlers, many screamers, screechers and yelpers but no songsters among the birds here". Listening to the dawn chorus some mornings you have to agree with them.

My friend Pat recently took this photo from her kitchen window in Gloucester.

But there is a reason why our birds are harsh and loud. They use their raucous cries to try and assert possession over their territory in those vast flowering forests of eucalypts, paperbarks, banksias, grevilleas, hakeas and bottlebrushes that the birds compete for. The feeding frenzy among the flowers is critical to our ecosystem, unlike Europe where trees are pollinated by winds most of Australia's best known plants are pollinated by birds.

One of the most prolific nectar feeders are honeyeaters. Honeyeaters are the continent's largest family of birds, numbering some 75 species and the Lower Mid North Coast bird pamphlet that you can pick up at the library lists 22 honeyeaters that can be found in our area. You can identify the honeyeaters by the shape of



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their bill, it is fine and pointy sometimes curved and is designed to penetrate to the heart of the nectar stored in the flowers.

In our garden the silky oaks are in full bright yellow flower and we see, the Leewins honeyeater, the noisy friarbird, the little wattlebird, the New Holland honeyeater and the quiet elegant little Eastern Spinebill flitting from flower to flower.

The other day while I was sitting on the garden bench I had the privilege of watching a tiny Scarlet Honeyeater “plying his trade” amongst the pink callistemon flowers. This bird is magnificent, it has a vivid scarlet red head, breast and upper back and whitish underparts.

Our birds mayn't sing like Nightingales but we still love them.

Geraldine

FISHING NEWS

with Trevor



The whale migration should be nearly over for another year, although I saw a large pod (8th Nov.) frolicking their way south. What an arduous journey, thousands of kilometres as far north to Hervey Bay in Queensland return via the north-south current to Antarctica with many suffering the same fate as the two on beaches just north of us. Some people surmise there may be catastrophic reasons for their death but in most cases, they simply die, as we all inevitably do.

New fishing regulations have now been introduced whereby the catch limits for many commonly caught species such as bream, whiting, flathead etc., are now halved again, so what was 20 is now 10 and, additionally, some size limits have been increased. Fines for breaches of the fishing regulations are very, very severe so check them out.

Sand whiting should be showing with the warmer waters (at

present 19 degrees) on our local beaches using the same rig with up to 3, number 4 long shanked hooks as described in the previous issue for trumpeter whiting.

Look at the very extremity of the waves up on the beach and you will sometimes see the skeletons of plankton and minute sand fleas (lobster like crustaceous about 4mm.) hopping about. These are good indicators that whiting and dart are about. Never fish in still water; look for frothy, oxygenated, shallow water in gutters and drop offs. I occasionally see “fishermen” up to their armpits throwing further out. The fish are usually behind them in less than knee deep water.

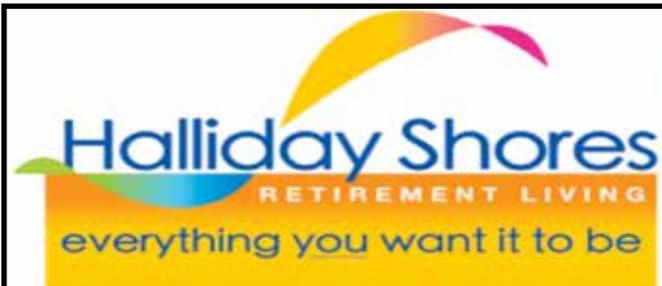
Robbie Roberts from Forster Charters has been boating good hauls of flathead, reasonable teraglin and a few good sized snapper. A fortnight ago there was a rare spike of warm current around the “five mile” and they landed some huge dolphin fish (Maki Maki) over 20kg.

Blackfish and bream have quietened down in Forster estuary although a few good sized mullet (jewfish) are still being taken on live bait. Flathead are becoming more prevalent. More about this species next month.

Tuncurry Beach is giving poor results while, strangely, Manning Point Beach is really firing where whiting and bream are abundant.

Good Fishing. Trevor

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Hallidays Point Garden Club

Last month's meeting was held at the home of Susan and David Glenn-Hume in Diamond Beach. Two years ago Susan and David moved here from Canberra and in those two years they have not only built themselves a beautiful home but they have also



established a very large and very interesting garden over two acres. The garden is growing well and we all know that the soil in this part of the world gives little to the grower so hats off to the Glenn-Humes for all their obvious hard work in getting their garden off to a flying start. The garden is home to a wide variety of plants with lots of natives, exotica and all manner of cuttings from family and friends that have developed into healthy plants. Many of their plants had also been grown from seed collected by them and their friends.

A large number of members attended the gathering as Elwyn Swane was the guest speaker and she always has much to give from her vast knowledge of gardens and gardening. Elwyn's topic this time was "Gardening in the 21st Century" and most people present would have agreed with her sentiments on the rise of estates of macmansions and the demise of large and interesting gardens in the suburbs, gardens that grew older varieties of plants that have virtually disappeared. The neighbourhood nursery is also a thing of the past. It was a place to go for information, plant identification and interesting plants. The big chains – no names mentioned – are just not the same.

Spring in 2014 has seen gorgeous flowering natives in this part of the world. The callistemons and grevilleas have been stunning this year which is great because it encourages us all to get out there and plant more and more native species. But, don't we need some rain? About five days of gentle soaking rain would fit the bill nicely. The club's next meeting will be in February 2015 after the Christmas party and the Twilight Barbecue at the Lyndons in January.

For any enquiries phone Carmel on 6553 6227.



Hallidays Point Branch

Library hours for Christmas!

Make sure you come and borrow some great holiday reading matter before 24th December. The library will be closed from 3pm Wednesday 24th December until 10am on Monday 5th January. We will be giving you a slightly longer loan period to see you through the holidays.

Preschool Story time and Wriggle Giggle Read

Our Christmas party for story time will be Friday 12 December at 10.30am. Our final session of Wriggle Giggle Read for 2014 will be Wednesday 10 December at 10.30am. These programs will recommence in February 2015.

Summer Reading Club and School Holiday Program

The Summer Reading Club is almost here! This year's theme is Adventure. Children aged 5-16 yrs are encouraged to register and collect an SRC pack from the library from the 1st December. The January school holiday program will also be available.

Bookings are required for all school holiday activities, so pop into the library or check online at www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au. Get in early, as sessions tend to book out quickly.

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Exhibition in the Library Gallery

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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, no password needed!

Books for Sale

Want a light read to take to the beach? Check out our Book Sale tubs. Lots of preloved books at very low prices! Money raised goes towards purchase of new books for the Library Service.

See you soon in the Library!!

Library Hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm, Sat 10am - 12 noon.

The Black Head Surf Club Agenda

- Every Sunday Nippers 9am to 10.30 new members welcome
- Every Sunday afternoon 3.30 to 6.30pm Sunday Sippers, bring a BBQ, the family and enjoy the best view on the Mid North Coast and the very friendly atmosphere, which includes the wonderful and talented bar staff.
- Patrols every week end from 9am to 1pm, and once the school holidays start patrols on week ends and public holidays will be from 9am to 5pm Dec and January.
- Keep an eye on all notice boards for up and coming events at the club.

Happy swimming, surfing and beaching.

Kim Gollan Black Head Surf Club

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BREAKFAST ON THE BALCONY

Bring the family and enjoy a tasty breakfast on the balcony. With stunning views and great food cooked and served to you by surf club volunteers. Bring your appetite and try our 'big' Brekky! All meals come with free coffee, tea and juice. From 7.30am until 11am Sunday the 28th of December and the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of January.

NEW YEARS EVE

Once again fireworks will light up the sky over the gorgeous blackhead beach at 9pm on New Year's Eve. Bring a blanket and settle down to watch the dazzling display. Don't forget your gold coins for the annual bucket drive (please note the bucket drive is to raise money for the life saving club not for the fireworks) any donations towards the fireworks would be happily received, just contact the club!

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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BLOKES SHED: Wed and Thurs 10am -3pm

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Contact Tim 6559 2827

The school's organic garden most Wednesdays from 12.30pm.

Contact Alana 6559 2979

The Black Head Bazaar on the 1st Sunday of each month (except winter) see www.hallidayspointinfo.com

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Activities are as follows:

Mondays - Croquet 9.30 am to 12 noon

Every 1st and 3rd Monday - Bingo 10 am - 1.00 pm

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

Tuesday - Tai Chi - 8.00 am - 9.30 am

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

Thursday - Heartmoves Fun Exercise 8.30 am

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)

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Lions meet each month: 2nd Thursday at 6.00 p.m.

at the Senior Citizens Centre then if you choose

7.30 p.m. to the Tavern for dinner

4th Thursday at the Black Head Surf Life Saving Club

(contact secretary to check on venue)

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Enquiries: Sue Newton. Secretary on 0418 607 292

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Anna Hamers

Wins 1st prize in "Manning in Rhyme" 2014 (Open Age) For Her Poem, "Burning Bridges"

Anna tells her story as follows:

I wrote this poem a few years after arriving in Australia from The Netherlands in 1995.

Actually, I wouldn't describe my writings as poems; what I do is express a feeling, write it down, and make the sentences rhyme according to a pattern, much the old fashioned way.

To tell the truth, "real" poetry is often beyond me. I admire its syntax and choice of words, and sometimes the musicality in its sound and rhythm, but its meaning often escapes me until someone more intelligent explains it to me.

I have no affinity whatsoever with what they call blank verse, usually written in strangely broken-up sentences to make it look deeper and more interesting. I just write a short story in rhyme, and I have done so from a very early age. In The Netherlands we celebrate St Nicholas' birthday on the 5th December, much the same as Christmas here, with lots of presents, But the present has to come with a rhyme, not only explaining why this gift, but also referring to the recipient's experiences (and mishaps) in the past year.

Buying a present is easily done, but the accompanying rhymes take a lot of time and effort, especially when you're only eight years old. I came to Australia in my fifties, so the big challenge was to master writing rhymes in a foreign language.

I've mostly written for special occasions: weddings, special birthdays, anniversaries, farewell parties, and even the occasional funeral, I set some of the rhymes to music.

The longest was one for our daughter's 40th birthday: 9 pages. The audience was very apprehensive, to say the least, when they saw the bundle of papers, but after listening to the first page they fortunately relaxed. Our daughter meanwhile is mentally preparing for her 50th.

Anna Hamers 10/11/2014



Burning Bridges

I'm a child of a flat, green country,
Surrounded by water and crowned with low skies,
Where in autumn the leaves are the colours of Rembrandt,
Where in wintry fog every single sound dies.
I still see myself as a child picking daisies,
I still see myself go to school on my bike
In the strong winds that seemed to be always against me.
And in summer I walked with my love on the dike.

I will always remember my sweet little country
As it was in the days when I was still young.
My country that gave me a feeling of comfort.
A feeling that said: here is where you belong.

The meadows have gone, and so have the daisies.
There's houses and highways, it's progress, you know.
And the fog is now caused by boxes on wheels;
They have come a long way and got nowhere to go.
The street where I lived and that once was my playground
Is now the domain of McDonalds and Co,
Crowded with people from faraway places,
There's no quiet dikes now for lovers to go.

I will always remember my sweet little country,
But it's different now from when I was young;
So I burnt all my bridges in crossing the ocean
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AnnaHamers

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