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A Summer's Afternoon in Nunkeri Gardens By Carmel Bartlett

Bob de Boer is a charming old Dutchman who has done me the honour of sharing his life story so that I may share it with you. We sit in his living room surrounded by the memories and treasures of his Dutch heritage and of his life with his beloved Riemy.

Bob and Riemy de Boer bought their property on the corner of Black Head Road and Pacific View Drive in 1988. Over the intervening years they have developed it into the lovely woodland garden that it is today. Sadly, Riemy passed away in August, 2013 but Bob continues to live in and care for this little corner of Hallidays Point.

Bob and Riemy's story epitomises the stories of tens of thousands of post-war European immigrants who came here with nothing but a dream of sunshine, oranges and peace after the chaos of World War II. I will attempt to tell their story the way Bob tells it but his style of narrative is unique and my efforts may fall sadly short of the mark.

Bob and Riemy grew up in two adjacent tiny villages on the coast of the Zuider Zee, Gaast and Piaam, in the province of Friesland in the far north-western corner of the Netherlands. Friesland still maintains its own distinctive language, culture and family names, a fact of which Bob remains immensely proud even to this day. The Nazi invasion and the years of World War II had disturbed the peaceful life of the Friesian villages so much so that in 1946 Bob, who was by nature a bit of a rebellious adventurer, joined the Royal Dutch Marines and ended up in the Dutch West Indies for quite some time. On his return he worked on his father's mixed farm but found it impossible to resettle to village life.

Bob and Riemy, who had maintained their love affair during the years of Bob's absence, decided to migrate to Australia. They had to be married to migrate so the wedding was hastily arranged. In



June 1951 they boarded a KLM Constellation Tilburg and the flight to Australia was their honeymoon. Bob was 21, Riemy 20. One can only imagine their sad farewells to family and friends as they left for their new life so far away. The full fare was paid by Bob's father and KLM treated the young couple to a fabulous and exotic journey. They breakfasted in Damascus, overnights in Karachi in a gorgeous hotel, the same then in Bombay where they were treated to a guided tour of the city by KLM staff and then on to Singapore for two nights, again in a 5-star hotel. This was when international air travel was indeed a glamorous pursuit.

Arriving in Darwin they were shown to the roped-off quarantine area and it was while here that Bob was beckoned from afar by two loud Aussies in large hats to go crocodile shooting. Riemy gave an immediate and instinctive "NO". What a raw and rowdy introduction to the land down under! From Darwin they flew to Sydney, taking a bus from Mascot to Central Railway where they ate greasy mutton chops for breakfast. Bob has never again eaten mutton! Their orders were to travel the 8 hours by steam train to Bathurst to an ex-army camp which had been transformed into migrant accommodation.

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Now Bathurst in June was a scenario Bob and Riemy were completely unprepared for. Good heavens, there was snow on the pine trees. They had expected warmth and sunshine and had not a stitch of winter clothing. Home was a one-room caneite-insulated compartment in a nissan hut. The camp was home to thousands of people who spoke every language under the sun. Bob and Riemy's English was poor at this stage but the Sydney Morning Herald and a dictionary proved to be their best teachers of English as time went on.

Becoming established and earning an income was Bob's top priority. His first job offer was in an orchard nine miles from Orange on the Pinnacle Road. He hitched a ride to Orange on the first day and was collected from the Rosemarie Café by the owner. These memories are still as clear as crystal in Bob's mind. The job offer came with the stipulation that Riemy would work in the main house while Bob pruned trees in the orchard. The job also offered them a one-room hut in which to live, a hut containing two single beds, a fuel stove and a toilet somewhere down in a paddock. "We'll take it," said the young Reimy. They were paid seven pounds a week and paid a pound in rent. Eventually, they were given a 2-roomed cottage in which to live and Bob learned to pack apples. In fact, he became a gun packer and a highly-valued employee. Daughter, Hetty, was born in 1952 despite the two single beds and son, Donald, in 1954. They managed to save a deposit for their first home which cost them a thousand pounds and was on the outskirts of Orange. This was a property of 1.5 acres with 30 fruit trees and daughter, Judy, was born in 1956. Bob was so highly valued that his boss intervened to prevent Bob getting a job with Email, Orange's largest business and employer but that's a whole other story in itself.

Having spotted an advertisement in the Central Western Daily for a position as a Mental Attendant at the local Bloomfield Mental Hospital, Bob applied and was taken on. Here he was subjected to wholesale nepotism and xenophobia. Staff members were dead against these "bloody foreigners" being given jobs but Bob worked

both here and at the orchard, putting in very long days for many years. When relating to me the story of Bloomfield, Bob recalled that the Staff was often more troublesome than the patients, many of whom were violent and often deliberately stirred up by some staff members. However, after six weeks he was offered the opportunity to train to become a fully qualified psychiatric nurse which took him four years of study. By 1965 he had been promoted to Deputy Charge Nurse and was responsible for 13 staff and 83 patients. Both he and Riemy, who worked now as a Section head at Woolworths in Orange, managed to gradually but significantly reduce the mortgage on their home.

After 11 years Bob had had enough of Bloomfield and decided to embark on a course of study to become a Health Surveyor. He did this by correspondence through TAFE on Broadway, Sydney. In 1969 he graduated with his Diploma in Public Health Surveying and this was the De Boers' springboard to Sydney. Their home in Orange was rented and they, in turn, rented in Wahroonga close to Waitara railway station for \$28 a week with the Maltese landlord collecting the rent himself every Saturday morning. This seemed to really tickle Bob's keen sense of humour. Riemy worked at Woolworths in Chatswood and Bob worked as a Health Inspector, checking that health regulations were followed in nursing homes, jails, hospitals and schools.

In 1971 the Orange house was sold and Riemy and Bob bought in Berowra Heights. By now, Bob was in charge of the Environmental Health Section of the Northern Metropolitan Region of the Health Commission of NSW and also responsible for Environmental Health on Lord Howe Island. Hetty was now married, Donald was at Normanhurst Boys' and Judy at Asquith Girls' High Schools. Bob had 6 or 7 office staff, he lectured on issues of Public Health, wrote articles for magazines and presented papers at conferences.

But he wanted to go gardening! So, in 1988, at the age of 59, Bob and Riemy sold in Sydney and bought their 2.2 acres in Homestead Estate. "What was here then?" I asked. Nothing but a half-built house and carport, three black sheep, some rough fencing to keep them in and hundreds of she-oaks. Gardener Bob gradually got

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rid of the she-oaks and busily planted both natives and exotics. Amongst the tall gums, sunshine and shadow of Nunkeri Gardens today stand a magnificent Australian red cedar and a dainty Himalayan cedar. They chose the name, Nunkeri, because research led them to the discovery that it was an Aboriginal word to describe a beautiful place, environmentally.

In 1996 Riemy and Bob joined with Bruce Hopper and a few other local gardeners to found the Hallidays Point Garden Club and for the best part of the next 10 years Bob ran the highly successful trading table, making \$110 at one meeting. Bob and Riemy were awarded Life Membership of the club in 2011. They have participated fully in the life of the club as well as in various other community organisations.

The De Boers have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, a wonderful legacy of love and learning and giving from a couple who came here with nothing but their dream of a better life almost 64 years ago. Thank you, Riemy and Bob, for choosing Australia and for your later choice of Hallidays Point as your home.

Hallidays Point Garden Club

As the Club is in recess for December and January there is little to report as far as Club activities. For gardeners out there though, this could be a timely reminder to plant broccoli, silver beet and more basil around tomatoes. Pinch out the growing tips of poinsettias. The plants will be bushier, which will mean more winter blooms. Cut back and feed annual flowers. This will give them a new lease of life. Watch out for large stink bugs on citrus. Catch and squash them but only if you're protecting yourself well from their caustic juices.

Crepe myrtles are currently putting on their annual show of their flowering glory. Enjoy them before the roaring nor-easterlies blow away all the colour. The other factor threatening crepe myrtle and other trees and shrubs at this time of year are those wicked redshouldered leaf beetles or *Monolepta australis*. The beetles are 6mm long and yellow with a dark red band across the shoulders and two purple spots on the ends of the wing covers. The warm dry weather has encouraged this small native beetle to move into gardens for their summer feasting. They arrive in a large swarm and choose one or two stressed plants to feed on, frequently choosing plants with white flowers. Their sheer numbers enable them to completely denude small, medium and large shrubs in a very short time before moving on to another property. The *Monolepta* is difficult to control because sprays that will kill the beetles will also kill beneficial insects visiting plants at the same time. If the plant being attacked is not too large, you can get rid of these beetles by using a stick to knock them into a container of soapy water. Because of their fondness for the colour, white, many gardeners have had success with placing a white container full of water near the target shrub. Many beetles will just fall in and drown. Don't add soap to this water though or it will kill the bees that stop by for a drink. The only way to protect your garden from attack by these pests is to keep shrubs watered during dry spells.

(Thanks to Aussie Organic Gardening blog for information on *Monolepta australis*.)

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However, it can be unsettling when you do not know exactly where and how this crucial asset is being invested. It is natural to want to have more control over your super, and to understand exactly where your money is invested.

Unfortunately, many industry, retail and corporate funds can be very vague in letting you know where your money is, for example simply saying 'Australian shares'.

Additionally, the choice of risk categories offered to members are often not specific enough to fully reflect your individual investment needs.

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SMSF members also have a greater degree of control over the tax liabilities of their superannuation, and there are many effective tax minimisation strategies available to SMSFs.

There are also some advantages that are specific to business owners. Under some specific circumstances, your SMSF can even purchase your business premises, and the business can, in turn, lease the property from the SMSF.



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Hallidays Point District Senior Citizens

By the time you're reading this, we should be back to normal activities after the silly season.

Our first bazaar stall was a roaring success. The holiday makers and locals alike were attracted by the aroma of onions and bacon cooking. Our coordinator, Robin, was madly chopping onions for ages. We went through bucket loads of them.

Our members are looking forward to attending the Myall Lakes Seniors concert at Club Forster in early March. Members please put your name on the notice board in the hall if you would like to attend. Seats on the bus are limited so get in quick to avoid disappointment.

Many thanks to the lady (unnamed) who called John Finnie to report the sighting of a group of young men playing soccer on our croquet court. The poor loves couldn't play on the regulation size soccer pitch because of the bindiis. Dear, dear me.



Speaking of croquet ours is not a competition size court, but the seniors who play on it have a wonderful time. Come along on a Monday morning or Wednesday afternoon. Learn as you go. Enquiries; Doreen Heaps, 6559 2489

Seniors (and friends) Bingo will recommence on Monday 2nd February. We're not the cheapest or the dearest to play, but we're pretty good value. We have local business vouchers and other prizes to be won playing bingo with lots of bonus "line games". We also have a raffle. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share. We have some really beaut cooks too. Come along and join the fun.

Well that's about it for now. It's time to cool off in the pool with Tully the wonder dog.

Cheers, Marilyn

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Our Natural World

with Geraldine

The Odd Couple



Some of you may remember the Ugly Duckling story from last year, it was about the ugly ginger chick that turned into the elegant white headed pigeon. Well, word must have got around in the pigeon world that being cared for by FAWNA is pretty good because a fledgling cousin has turned up this breeding season on FAWNA's doorstep to be looked after.

Alana Parkins is caring for the young pigeon and she sent me the following email which I thought you may enjoy.

Hi Gerri, The Pigeon is doing well, much better since I put him in the aviary with the Tawny. They are so funny together. The Tawny was horrified at the initial intrusion arched his wings and grunted and growled and the Pigeon was la di da la di da. An hour later the Pigeon was on the log with the Tawny and all seemed at peace. I

checked again later and the Pigeon had taken the Tawny's safe corner and the Tawny was looking very exposed and unhappy. I moved the Pigeon and the Tawny shuffled back into its rightful place.

When I fed them last night they were on the same perch and the poor Pigeon, when the Tawny gaped for food, thought Tawny was mum and tried to stick its head in. The Tawny was horrified and the Pigeon was la di da la di da.

They seem to have figured it out this morning both looking to me for food. I now put the pipette between my fingers and the pigeon grabs on and sucks big time as I stick it down it's neck. Alana

I laughed out loud when I read the email, anyone who is familiar with the Tawny Frogmouth knows that even when he is in a good mood he looks grumpy and that the White Headed Pigeon is "not the sharpest tool in the shed".

Petition to Council to Upgrade Diamond Beach Road

In response to Cr Alan Tickle's request for community action to support representation he is making to have Diamond Beach Road re-prioritised for reconstruction, there is a petition at Foodworks Black Head and Cellarbrations Bottle Shop at Diamond Beach for signatures.

The petition will only be there for a few weeks so please do not delay adding your signature.



Steve Taylor of Cellarbrations Diamond Beach with the Petition



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Successful School Holiday Program

Many children enjoyed a great range of activities at the Library during the school holidays. National Parks and Wildlife Service



Ranger Peter enthralled the children with taxidermy birds and games about beaks. The children then showed their creativity when decorating a cloth bag. Twilight storytime for the little ones was a huge success with the library

transformed into a beach setting. Super heroes were created in a fascinating craft activity and the movie How to Train Your Dragon 2 was very popular.

Feel Good!

Meet Dr. Shane Pascoe, the author of FEEL GOOD, a practical guide to managing your moods, improving your outlook, and beating stress and anxiety. He will be speaking at Taree Library on Thursday 5 February 5.45pm – 7.00pm. Bookings essential. Ph: 6592 5290 or email library.events@gtcc.nsw.gov.au

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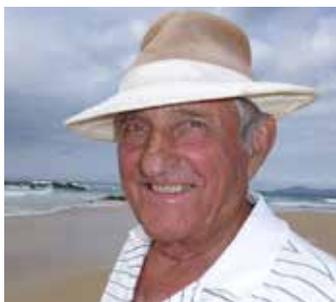


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Fishing News

with Trevor

In the last issue I recounted the story of the finding of the exceptionally rare, giant Oarfish. Unfortunately the first couple of sentences introducing the narrator of the experience, were inadvertently omitted.



The story was that of Brian Lynch, a local identity of many years, much of which he spent as a professional fisherman at Black Head.

Apologies Brian.

After fishing for a couple of frustrating hours out to sea, chasing reef fish such as snapper but with little success, we would always make an impact on the fish box by compensating with the small boat anglers mainstay – sand flathead. Around forty years ago, when soft plastic lures were first introduced, I started using them on the top hook of a two hook rig and jigging up and down every couple of metres drift, now called “tea bagging”. I would often get a double catch and invariably the larger was on the lure.

The dusty flathead is one of the most sought after species on the rivers, lakes and some adjacent beaches. It is the chameleon of all fish, able to change its colouration to suit its environment or bury in the sand, with only its eyes and head outline visible. It is a master of ambush waiting for its prey to come to it.(more on catching techniques next month)

Maximum catch is now 10 a day (20, two months ago) with minimum length 25 cm and only one kept if over 70cms. A pat on the back if you release the large ones as they are the breeders. Males change to females as they get near this size.

Amazingly trumpeter whiting are still being caught in numbers

together with reasonable flathead in Wallis Lake. Jewfish continue to reward soft plastic and squid anglers off the walls. Sand whiting are pretty tardy but good quality off Tuncurry Beach mixed with an occasional bream or two.

As you can see from the accompanying photo the Manning at Harrington is producing some good fish, with Michael Hasick, son of Black Head local, Alan, proudly showing his 88cm, 4.5kg. catch which he released – well done Michael. He was rewarded with a 86cm jewfish a couple of days later in a nearby location.



Good Fishing, Trevor

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“With all the stormy weather that we have experienced of late, it was hoped that the morning of our Annual BBQ Breakfast due to be held at the Surf Club on Tuesday 13th would be somewhat better than forecast, and as we were ever hopeful, were rewarded with a typical Hallidays Point day - brilliant sunshine making for a very happy group of members enjoying the friendship and fun for our first get together of 2015.

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Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd February at the Surf Club commencing at 10.00am and we look forward to renewing friendships with all other members not able to attend the BBQ breakfast and look forward to another year of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

To obtain further details of how you can become involved with this great group of active retired and semiretired people, and enjoy the activities planned for 2015, contact our secretary Ray Bell on 65592581, or come to our next general meeting on the 3rd of February where you will be made most welcome."

Black Head Longboarders



Black Head Longboarders Competitors did their best to make the most of poor conditions at the south end of Diamond Beach for the annual year end Xmas Comp held on Saturday the 6th December. While the surf was ordinary, the sun was shining & members enjoyed a relaxing morning with friends & family. The club's AGM & Annual Presentation was held that evening at the home of club sponsor Gordo Surfboards. As usual the night was fun & entertaining with festivities continuing until the early am.

Congratulations to the 2014 Club Champions:

Men	1st	Todd Choma
	2nd	Dave Clapham
	3rd	Chase Choma
Ladies	1st	Jordan Morse
	2nd	Linda Howlett
	3rd	Jillian Black

The Committee for 2015 is as follows:

President	John Ford
Vice President	Chase Choma
Secretary	Terry Aldridge
Treasurer	Graham Hill
Wave Spotter	Todd Choma
Newsletter	Dave Morse
Gear Steward	James Duval Esq.

Thank you to Gordon Jackson from Gordo Surfboards for his continuing support of the club & for use of his home for the Presentation venue. Also thank you to long time club sponsors Jungle Surf Tuncurry.

The first competition for 2015 will be held on Sunday the 14th February 2015.

New members are always welcome.

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Just to check in with you fellow "forever" friends, I got 11 presents for Xmas from my Sydney relatives and my Mum. According to Dad, he never spoils me (Ha Ha) but I have a suspicion that he had as much fun with my presents as I did. Your spoilt and "forever" friend – Tank Oliver Power (for those who came in late, the Oliver part is because I always want more!).

Lots of Licks, Tank

Footnote: Hi John, It is great to hear all the comments about the articles and people get a real kick out of it. One person, according to his wife, came home and was delighted that he got to meet Tank from the newsletter.. Joe Power

Diamond Beach Rural Fire Brigade



Our current workload has been far less than what was predicted due to the current weather pattern of some rain at least once a week. However, just a couple of weeks of no rain and high temperatures, the current situation would change rapidly.

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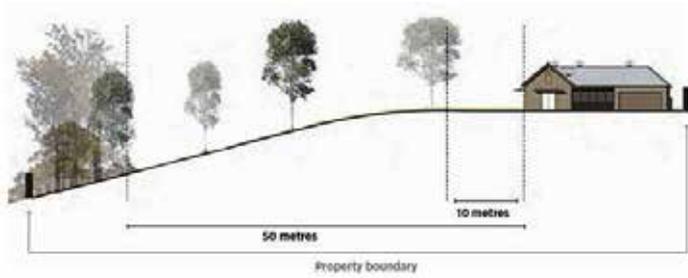
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Jim Wooton, Diamond Beach Rural Fire Brigade

Lions Club of Hallidays Point

Successful Summer Op Shop

During the Christmas holidays Hallidays Point Lions have been running an Op Shop in the old Newsagency premises at the Shopping Centre.



Items include pre loved books, bric a brac and clothes etc with new items donated daily by locals and holiday makers alike.

Our target is \$3000 and to date we have raised over \$2000 - a great effort.

Many thanks to those individuals, businesses, and visitors who have supported this Lions project, along with many Lions volunteers to ensure a successful community event.

Stay tuned for total funds raised in the next issue of Hallidays Point News of our World.

Hallidays Point Lions Club is Turning 25 Years Old!

In 2015 Hallidays Point Lions club will celebrate 25 years of service within the community of Hallidays Point.

A public meeting was held at the Black Head Bowling Club on 15th Feb 1990 regarding the formation of a Lions Club in Hallidays Point.

It was thought that a Lions Club could help both the local Bushfire Brigade and the Surf Club financially and community works such as parks, the aged and the youth in the community.

A motion was moved to form a steering committee to investigate the feasibility of the formation of a Lions Club in the area named The Lions Club of Hallidays Point Inc.

To mark this occasion Lions will be running events over the coming months.

These projects will be advertised in the Hallidays Point News of our World and also on Hallidays Point Lions Facebook page.

Historical information will be shared to celebrate Hallidays Point Lions evolution.

Lion Deb Schmitzer, Publicity Officer



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The event was arranged by the Lions Club as a small token of thanks to the many people who give up their time each month in order that the 2000 copies of the newsletter is delivered to all residences in the Hallidays Point and Rainbow Flat area. Many of the people present were meeting for the first time and lots of experiences during the delivery of the monthly editions were swapped. There was a quite a bit of debate on who had the steepest hill to climb and the longest distance to walk!

After the amount of sandwiches, cream scones, cakes, tea and coffee supplied by the Hallidays Point Tavern it was a wonder that anyone was able to walk to the carpark! The new indoor/outdoor extension at the Tavern made an excellent venue which received accolades from all those present



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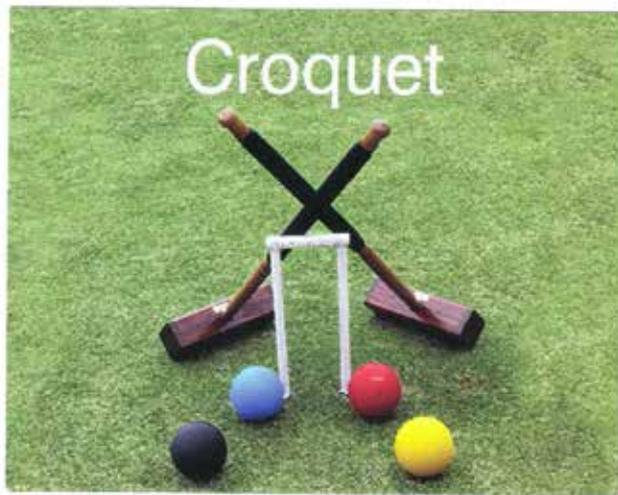
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

KIDZ CLUB: Every second Friday

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Friday 8.15am

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Contact Tim 6559 2827

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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)

BOWLS

Men's Social Bowls - Every Monday 1pm Mufti

Women's Social Bowls - Every Thursday 9am

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Hallidays Point

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New members are always welcome, men and women, so why not come along and check us out.

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)

6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. dinner

This is a partners night and there is usually a guest speaker or some other form of entertainment.

Enquiries: Sue Newton. Secretary on 0418 607 292

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Art in the Area

Malcolm Peisker – Black Head



Malcolm has enjoyed drawing and painting as long as he can remember. When he was fourteen his grandmother taught him to use oil paints but these days he prefers painting with watercolours and drawing with pastels.

He grew up in Taree and during the '50s and his uncle Keith McLaughlin, built a holiday house close to the beach at Black Head. The road into Black Head was then unsealed and Malcolm can remember fun weekends with his cousins coming out from Taree and learning to surf on old heavy Malibu boards. There are two photos Keith took from this time in the Hallidays Point Community Calendar for 2015.

Later, in the 1970's his own family purchased a beach house at Black Head and this home too has many happy memories for him.

As is the case with many artists, University and then as a High School teacher put art on the backburner for a little while, but in the 1970's he started to experiment with watercolours. When living in Woolongong, his success with this medium allowed him to exhibit and sell many watercolours in Stanwell Park and Camden galleries.

Malcolm returned to Mid North Coast with his small family in 1986 to work at local high schools at Gloucester, then Forster and finally at Tuncurry Campus. Whilst working at Gloucester he joined the Gloucester Art Society and exhibited in their local exhibitions. It was there he gained much inspiration from visiting

artists giving workshops to the local artists. He particularly remembers Helen Goldsmith and Philip Pomeroy as outstanding tutors. Also the works of J J Hilder and of course Hans Heysen continued to provide inspiration for his works.

After retiring from the Department of Education Malcolm joined the Great Lakes Art Society and has exhibited works in their gallery and in their exhibitions. In these recent years the greatest inspiration for him has been attending workshops and drawing in pastels and charcoal with local artist Jo Ernst. He has also discovered the magic of pastels as a painting medium through meeting Vicki Bullard and learning new techniques. These days he has traveled extensively and has made it a permanent habit to always carry a sketchbook and small watercolour box wherever he goes. "These have been fantastic when stuck in airport lounges or waiting for trains. My sketchbooks are full of people and places waiting to be put into larger paintings"

The Black Head area has always played a special part in his life and has given him inspiration to paint and draw for so many years. "The ocean always changes, the beaches are constantly on the move. When I choose to draw and paint I try to hold on to a moment I have experienced and to communicate this feeling through art".



And he also still enjoys surfing the waves as well as painting them.

In December and January this year, with his daughter Alison, he had a chance to share some of these feelings with an exhibition of paintings at the Halliday's Point Library.

If you wish to see more of his artworks, give him a call at 0429 026 937 or email at malcolmpel@gmail.com

Photos show Malcolm at the Hallidays Point Library with his oil painting of the pool called "First In" and his watercolour "High Seas Black Head".

Story by Fred Bullen

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