

# February 2017 Hallidays Point News of Our World



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## Art in the Area

### Liz Mortiss

When talking to Liz about her artwork during the planning of her February exhibition at Hallidays Point Library it was very obvious she is besotted with whales.

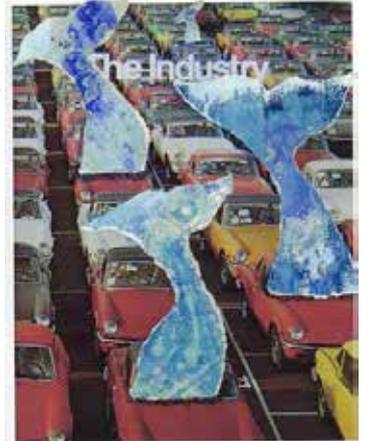
“Drawing and printmaking are my passion and in this exhibition, I have explored my fascination and love of the whale and the ocean. Although I live inland from the beautiful Mid Coast, I take every opportunity to see the ocean firsthand”. Early last year Liz was on the ferry travelling from Manly to Circular Quay when she was delighted to see a whale mother and calf swim right alongside the ferry. Liz tells the story with passion. “The captain stopped the ferry to ensure there was no danger to the whales’ safety and I was able to get up ‘close and personal’ with the whale mother. It was an amazing feeling being so close to such a large animal, to be almost in the water with her and her calf. I’m sure we established eye contact which is something I had only ever dreamed of doing with an animal I have previously only seen from afar”.

Liz has mastered the monoprint technique to produce mystical images of her beloved whales. She has also explored the use of an



embossing technique which she has combined with traditional lino-cut designs to produce a textured image for a number of the stencil works on display.

“I have also experimented with collagraph techniques where the collagraphs are overprinted with a screenprint stencil. Such different techniques draw the eye of the viewer and reinforce my message”, said Liz. “I believe the whale and the ocean are capable of producing a blissful and protective state in my life and that of others”.



The Industry – Car vs. Whale

Liz is a practicing artist who lives on the Mid North Coast and has studied visual arts at Great Lakes Art & Design School at Tuncurry TAFE up to Advanced Diploma level. This contrasts with her father forbidding her to go to art classes when she was a child, “I was understandably devastated”, said Liz. However, she achieved her HSC and became a legal secretary, a career she followed while living in London for over four years.

Back in Australia Liz undertook studies to move away from what had been her usual commercial career and it was only after doing drawings of plants as part of her horticultural studies at Taree TAFE that she rekindled her passion for art.

Liz can be contacted on 6553 1626

Story by Fred Bullen

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# Fishing News

## with Trevor



A few weeks ago, the police and search and rescue group received a triple 0 call from a family which included two children, both under two years of age. They were bogged, supposedly on the "Back Beach" i.e. Pebbly Beach and the authorities could not find them nor could their vehicles negotiate the sand. I managed to spot a black dot some 8 km along Tuncurry Beach and offered to try to reach them. I met local, Warren Thompson in his 4x4 vehicle and he accompanied me. It was a 2 metre high tide, 4 metre swell with waves reaching the grass on the fore dunes. I was bogged in the wet sand twice and managed to extricate myself and Warren battled on, and, with great difficulty freed their vehicle, bogged to the doors. Well done Warren Thompson!

When questioned, this family were naively, poorly prepared, not having the basic requirements or knowledge before venturing onto the beach. Consequences could have been grave as often no vehicles traverse the beach. Additionally, the resources and efforts used to save these innocents are unnecessarily wasted.

This prompted me to approach Mid Coast Council with the suggestion that, with every beach license issued, (there are several thousand annually) it would be accompanied by an advisory slip on the appropriate items to take, also action if in difficulties. No response from Council yet!

If I gave an honest report on the local beach fishing it would be a blank page and if you relied on it for a fish feed, you would starve to death. Apart from the abundance of small blue bottles there is a scarcity of the usually plentiful whiting and dart. Where they

are, I do not know. Those few that are beached are full of roe, so they should be schooling in numbers. Adverse weather conditions with strong winds and cold, grey water, are not the ingredients for fishing. Now, things have improved and maybe, just maybe, results may also improve.

Quite a few terns have been noted diving into the waves indicating the presence of small bait fish. Also, schools of tuna have been seen near local beaches and in the estuary at Harrington so the pelargics could be arriving with the warmer weather. Dolphin fish (Mahi Mahi) up to 18kg were boated out wide and marlin were sighted.

The local Fishing Club outing was a fizzer last time as the contestants were restricted to inshore angling with disappointing results because of very poor conditions.

Luke from Great Lakes Tackle reports on how good the flathead fishing has been in the estuary and lake on soft plastics the Samaki Soft Vibes. However, the results of several of my friends' outings were not so good.



Beach worms which were fairly plentiful a few weeks ago, suddenly disappeared for many days, then became prevalent again. Then it struck me!! What sensible worm would stick its head above the sand to be stung or possibly killed by blue bottles. We continue to learn.

**HINT:** If stung, don't treat it with ice, as suggested by our local TV station, but use very warm water, best under a shower for 10 minutes. or more after picking off the sting.

*Good Fishing, Trevor*



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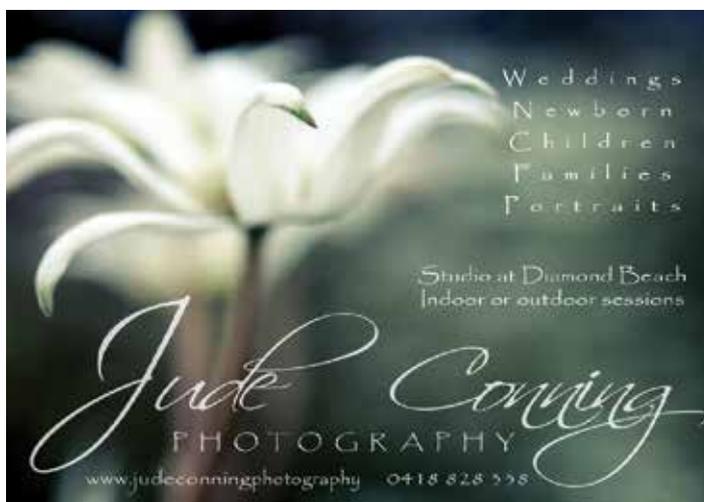

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# The L J Hooker Head 2 Head Ocean Classic



was held on Sunday 15th January 2017 between the Black Head & Red Head Headlands.

110 swimmers competed and were looked after by 70 volunteers from Black Head & Pacific Palms Surf Clubs together with Marine Rescue NSW. Competitor numbers were slightly up on last year's swims.

Conditions on the day were a little lumpy but not too difficult for swimmers and water safety. The sky was cloudy and the water temperature was 22 degrees.

The 53 swimmers who competed in the 700-metre swim were headed home by Lucas Soars from Waratah with Manning Point local, Brock van Kampen reversing the order in the 1,500-metre event. Gabrielle Grieves from Caves Beach was first female home in both events.

Prizes for each 10-year age group were also awarded.

A link to the results is on the "Oceanswims.com" website and the Tempus Sports Timing website.

The Black Head Quilters donated a beautiful quilt for the Club to raffle and tickets were popular. Trevor Bennett held the successful ticket.

Swimmers, their family & friends together with the volunteers were provided with lunch and over 130 meals were served in a packed clubhouse for the presentation of prizes and "lucky door prizes"

A special thank you to Bruce White for his tractor which provided invaluable assistance with course & finish set-up & tear-down. The



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# Formation Meeting for Progress Association

After unanimous resolution to proceed to form a Progress Association, a draft constitution has been prepared and available from the following link:

[www.hallidayspointnews.org/hp-progress-assoc.html](http://www.hallidayspointnews.org/hp-progress-assoc.html)

## Save the Date

The meeting is being held February 7th commencing 6.30 pm at the Surf Club.

Membership forms will be available on the night as well as from Foodworks now.

There is no limit to the number of members but from the members a management committee will be formed that carries out actions on behalf of the larger total membership.

The objective is to have brought representation across all interest groups, so that there is an effective central point of communication for this area.

Mid Coast Council liaises with a number of similar organisations through the Council area and this is a very effective way of having an influential voice in matters affecting the community across the three levels of government.

As pointed out in previous editions, smaller communities will struggle to have meaningful influence in the very large Mid Coast Council particularly if there is no local person elected to the Council in September 2017.

The progress association provides a respected point of contact with all levels of government and their agencies.

The meeting on February 7th will need to agree on a name, as the Department of Fair Trade has refused the name Hallidays Point Progress Association as an organisation with the same name previously operated.

Hallidays Point Community Liaison and Progress Association is the name that has been reserved and has interim approval.

Joining the Progress Association does not necessarily mean that you have to take on responsibility because it really is the management committee that takes up the running of the association and even then meetings are expected to be quarterly other than when an extraordinary meeting is called.

Members of the community are encouraged to show their support by joining as members as well as attending the meeting.

For further information, please contact Alan Tickle 0434 645 853 or 6559 2148 (AH)

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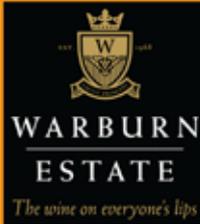


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Narene recognised a need for a designated Holiday Accommodation Centre in the Hallidays Point precinct which would cover all facets of Holiday Accommodation. "Tourism is an important industry

for our local area whereby the business and community groups benefit" Narene stated. "Our aim is to work in conjunction with these local businesses and groups, so everyone enjoys and benefits from people staying in our beautiful region. Hallidays Point and the surrounding areas have so much to offer, so I'm excited to let the rest of the world know about our little secret".

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**Hallidays Point Branch**

**Time for Storytime and Wriggle, Giggle, Read!**

Our regular children's activities for 2017 are under way from the beginning of February. Wriggle, Giggle, Read for 0-2 year olds is on every Wednesday morning from 10.30 am -11.15 am. On Friday mornings from 10.30 am -11.30 am, bring your 3-5 year old along for Preschool storytime and enjoy stories, craft and rhymes.

**Successful School Holiday Program**

Many children enjoyed a great range of activities at the Library during the school holidays. A very informative session and fun activity by On the Ball dog trainer Christine had the children forming a human tunnel for the dogs to run through. Twilight storytime for the little ones was a huge success as we read about some heroes and villains. Kids Bingo was very popular as usual and the movie The Secret Life of Pets was a great hit.



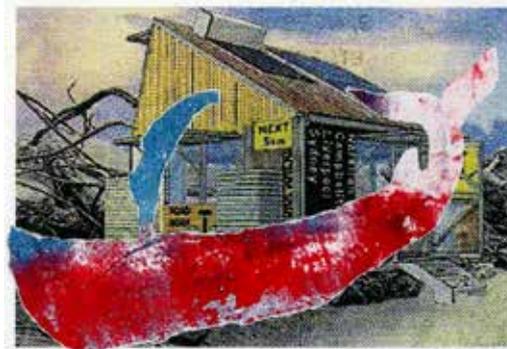
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Players of all levels are welcome. Lessons are held at the Library on Thursday afternoons at 2.15 pm, recommencing in February. For further details or to register your interest, please contact the Library.

**Exhibition in the Library Gallery – Romancing the Whale**

Romancing the Whale... a new exhibition by Taree artist Liz Mortiss. Liz has used various printmaking techniques to explore her fascination and adoration of the whale and the ocean. She hopes



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to capture your imagination as you observe her works of intrigue. Exhibition runs from 23 January until 24 February.

**Library Closed 13 February**

In an effort to give the best service possible to our community, our Library will close on Monday 13 February 2017 so the whole team can participate in a strategic planning and staff development day.

Existing after hours facilities will be available as normal.

If you have any questions, please ask our friendly team.

Thank you for your understanding.

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# The Monthly Book Review

## The Nix

by Nathan Hill

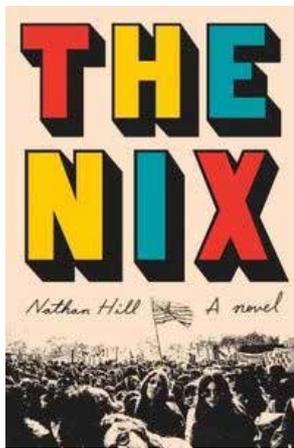
“The things you love the most will one day hurt you the worst,” is the underlying theme of this complicated story about the Anderson family. Samuel, the college professor son, takes a journey of discovery having never understood the sudden and enigmatic abandonment by his mother, Faye, and the bitterness and regret of his father, Henry, who emigrates from Norway to New York, and his own failure to realize a mildly promising future.

Set in New York and Chicago the story encompasses the rise of the hippie movement, the Vietnam War, the violent 1968 Chicago riots and the political aftermath, and comes full circle with the Occupy Wall Street movement.

The Nix is a Norwegian house spirit-a ghost that finds a person in a vulnerable moment and follows them for life. The book is a vicious, black-hearted and beautiful satire of youth and middle age, and the social rise of online Gaming and why it consumes those who prefer to live lives of fantasy. The book examines small mistakes that become life's great tragedies, and the mess made of secrets held too close and for too long.

It's not a great book but it is close and it kept me curious until the last of its 600+ pages.

Alana



# Diamond Beach Rural Fire Brigade



Happy new year, we hope 2017 will be a safe year for everyone.

With the amount of rain we have had over the last month it's been very quiet for us at the fire brigade.

We would like to ask people that live on rural property's if they can put large numbers on their gates so it's easy for us to find you when we do get called out to a fire.

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Jim Wootton demonstrates how to use the fire hose if you have any questions please come and talk to us. Just look for our big **RED FIRE TRUCK**. We would love to meet and talk to you.

We have been having a lot of interest in our demonstrations with the fire truck at the Black Head markets and we are always happy to show people the working capability of our truck and fire fighters.

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Happy February birthdays to our members:

- Jean Marcoleone and Jan Pitt on the 6th
- Marilyn Lambden on the 7th
- Monica Stephenson on the 8th
- Bev Crisp and Helen Bush on the 9th
- Ilona Meguyer on the 24th
- George Harrison on the 25th

Congratulations to Betty and Joe Ashton celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on 3rd of February.

Hello to member Ray Rowe, who, after a fall at home, broke his knee and is in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery. What will we do without you?

A gentle reminder dear reader, don't forget to kiss a senior on Valentine's Day February 14th.

We're looking forward to the Senior's Week concert and this year we also celebrate our 21st birthday in March, but more on that later.

After a great holiday break, we are revving up for the year ahead and remind readers that we play bingo (restarting on 6 February), Croquet, Tai Chi, hold art classes, poetry readings, and invite guest speakers for special information sessions, enjoy monthly bus trips (this month it's a mystery trip).



So, if you're new to the area or have thought you would like to learn something new, come along and meet some new friends.

Did you hear about the 2 baked beans who took a trip around Australia? They wound up in Cairns!

*Gail Phair, Secretary*

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# Our Natural World

with Geraldine

## Shrill Summertime Visitors

As the hot humid weather arrives in February so to do our shrill summertime visitors. The screaming cries of cicadas fill the air in great surging pulses, a deafening summer sound track. Yet as much as we can't avoid hearing these loud little insects, few of us ever see them.

What do cicadas look like? Adult cicadas have stout bodies with two pairs of wings. When not in use, the wings fold back along the sides of the body. The fore wing is usually glassy and transparent, strengthened by a number of thin, firm veins. Cicadas have large compound eyes situated one on each side of the head.



They also have three very small glistening simple eyes (ocelli) on the top of the head. The cicada's antennae (feelers) are quite small and bristle-like.

The cicada has a complex life cycle. After some months in an egg stationed in a zip-like cut up a tree, a tiny nymph cicada hatches out and makes its way down to the ground. It generally does this by leaping. Then it starts to burrow, digging a tunnel into a tree root, where it latches on to feed on sap. It uses a thick, needle-like protrusion to penetrate the root's flesh and sucks the xylem from within.

Cicada nymphs are simply not made for life above ground. They're made for the subterranean world, and they stay under there for years at a time. Just how many years is still open for scientific discussion, is it four or six, seven or 10 years? When the nymph reaches full size and the time is right, it digs its way to the surface with its front legs, which are specially adapted for digging. It generally surfaces about nightfall. The nymph then climbs onto a tree trunk or other object and sheds its skin for the last time. The fully-winged adult cicada which emerges leaves its old empty nymphalid skin behind.

After a short time for rest and recuperation, the adults spend a few weeks dedicated to eating their fill, singing and hopefully having sex. The males are the ones that sing. They're doing it to try to attract a mate. Cicadas are different to all other insects in that they actually have a musical drum in their abdomen. The organs that produce sound are the timbales — a pair of ribbed membranes at the base of the abdomen. The inside of the male abdomen is substantially hollow to amplify the sound as it resonates at the frequency of the call. Some large species such as the Greengrocer/Yellow Monday and the Double Drummer produce a noise intensity in excess of 120 dB at close range which is approaching the pain threshold of the human ear.

Cicadas are eaten in large quantities by birds. They are also carried off by wasps as food for their young, and undoubtedly serve as food for many other animals. In some countries they are served up as a delicacy. I am told the female cicada is usually best to eat because they are the meatiest. First you pull the wings off and then throw them onto hot coals for about a minute. Turn them over once or twice and they're ready to eat. Here is a foodies critique — "I thought they would be crunchy but actually they are remarkably soft. Their taste is not very strong and is probably closer to chicken than anything else."

*Happy summer cicada serenading!*

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# Hallidays Point Garden Club



The Garden Club finished its 2016 year with its usual rollicking Christmas Party at the Surf Club on Sunday November 27th. Fifty members and friends enjoyed a beautiful dinner, once again catered for by the members. Meetings will resume in February.



Now is a good time to feed your frangipani in order to encourage a good season of flowers. A robust feed of manure and compost should do the trick. Robin Powell in the SMH has a good tip to prepare for going away for a few days. She recommends placing indoor plants together on an old towel in the bathtub. Run a few centimetres of water into the bath. Sitting them together increases humidity and reduces transpiration. Wet bottoms will cause root rot over a long period but not in a few days. It is also time to trim the NSW Christmas bush. If your lawn looks as though it is suffering from the heat and prolonged dry spells, try aerating with a fork (over small areas) or a spiky roller over larger areas. Follow this up with a seaweed tonic regularly all over the garden during the summer months. All the experts are predicting more heat waves than average this summer so some of those tender plants in our gardens might need a bit more mulch or a bit more shade at those times. Nobody ever said that summer gardening was going to be easy!! Now is the time to cut back and thin out your salvias. While these members of the mint family can be a garden salvation in the hot months, they can also be a little thuggish, often swamping

more gentle treasures. After the first flush of flowers, therefore, reduce growth that has flowered and is becoming leggy by about three quarters. Pull out any runners that may appear rampant.

Summer heat, together with rain, provides the perfect environment for a plethora of pests. Happily, there is now a range of non-toxic products that can prevent any pest from becoming an infestation, particularly if you combat it early at the beginning of its life cycle and before it makes itself completely at home. It is mealy bug time and mealy bugs love humid, sheltered areas in the middle of hedges or on plants growing on balconies where air circulation is less than perfect. Prevent them becoming a problem with regular sprays of eco-oil at the beginning of summer (hope it's not too late!!). I will now cease all this talk of summer pests as it might just make for a reading group of very depressed gardeners!!

*Carmel Bartlett*

## Hallidays Point Combined Probus Club Inc.



The Christmas decorations have been packed away, we finally worked our way through 5 kilos of ham, and when you read this the grandchildren are back at school again. January is usually a time to relax, recover from all the busyness around the festive season, enjoy the summer in this beautiful part of the world, keep visitors entertained, and in general all normal (club) life has come to a temporary standstill. Our Probus Club is no exception, we don't have a general meeting in January.

But what we do have is a Champagne Breakfast, usually on the 2nd Tuesday in January, to welcome in the new year and to wish our

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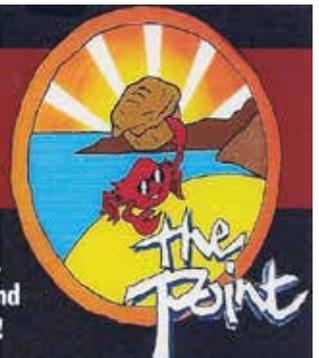
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fellow Probians all the best. It is a lovely tradition, all the more special because of the location: everyone out on the deck of the Surf Club, a perfectly cooked breakfast and a glass of chilled champagne (for most of us diluted with orange juice, after all it's only 8 am) in front of you, a warm, sunny day and a view to die for, what a great start to the new year!



Thank you Ron and Lynne Smith for organising it this year, and thank you to all your helpers, and granddaughters, who managed not to burn one single piece of egg-in-toast and didn't cremate one single sausage, at least not when I was watching.

We are looking forward to be in full swing again in February, when our regular groups like bridge, diner's, movie and book clubs will resume (choir will start up 1st week in March), when our first outing will be a river cruise on the Free Spirit, the start of another year full of fun, friendship and fellowship.

*Anna Hamers, President*

Should you wish to join our vibrant Probus Club, please contact our secretary John Clucas on 0417 036 550.

# Diamond Beach Couple Bruce and Elaine Tyler recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Originally from Sydney (like many of us), Bruce and Elaine have been happy residents of Diamond Beach for some 12 years.

The couple have travelled extensively over the years, even spending a year in Canada on an exchange teacher program in the early '70s.

Bruce's most recent 'claim to fame' was his successful completion of the "Cooee March" in October, 2015

This was a 640 Km trek from Gilgandra (central NSW) right into Martin Place in Sydney .

The march was the 100 year re-enactment of the original Cooee recruitment march in 1915.

Naturally, Elaine travelled all the way with Bruce during the march, providing encouragement, sustenance..... and blister treatment for the feet !

Bruce and Elaine have 2 daughters, Nicole (in Sydney), and Simone (in Gilgandra), who is the Mum to their two grandchildren.

Both look forward to seeing their next milestone - the Diamond Anniversary - in 10 years time, plus continuing to enjoy the relaxed friendly lifestyle here at Diamond Beach.



*Story by Brian Mitchell*

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# Michael's Computing Trouble Shooting



Hi folks. Hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. I'm still feeling a bit of holiday mode, so I'm going to do something for a bit of fun this month. I will combine my two passions, computers and art, and show you a terrific free program called Sketchbook Express by Autodesk.

Sketchbook Express is available for a Windows or Mac computer and for tablets, both Android and iPad. The Express version is free and can be downloaded from [www.sketchbook.com](http://www.sketchbook.com) or from your Apps Store for your tablet. However the Pro version costs and is available for \$4.99 USD / month or \$29.99 USD / year, but why not start with the free version first, and see whether it does what you want it to do.

If you are an artist, a doodler or an ideas person, this is the program for you. It is very easy to learn and has some really great tools to use. Your finished project is only limited by your imagination and the time you have to spend on it. Have a look online at Youtube.com and search for "sketchbook art" to see what is possible. You will be amazed.

If you are using your iPad or Android tablet or a computer with a touch screen, you will probably want to buy a Stylus Pen. You can use your finger, but you won't get the same control. Stylus Pens range in price from just a few dollars to quite expensive. Make sure the pen you buy is pressure sensitive. Do a little research first.

If you are using a computer without a touch screen, you will need to buy a Drawing Tablet. The two brands that seem the most popular are Wacom and Huion. Wacom is one of the industry

leaders and Huion is a newer competitor that prices its product more aggressively. The reviews I have looked at say that the Huion products are excellent and a lot cheaper. They come in a range of sizes and come with their own stylus pen. Do some research online to see which model will suit you best.

I hope the artist in you gets to play a little with Sketchbook. Don't forget to watch the many tutorials and reviews available on Youtube.com.

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# Tank's Corner

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and 6 possibilities inside without including Mum and Dads bed and the guest room! There's always food available and lots and lots of pats and cuddles. You might say that I am spoilt, but what does that mean? I just know it as normal! (Dad says never spoil your pet and don't overdo the affection, but he is the biggest sucker I know for my big brown eyes). I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a happy New Year. I received lots of presents from my people sister, my aunties and cousins. I like squeaky toys, so sometimes I don't know where to go when I am teased by squeaky toys at 4 different points! My Aunties baby just visited and I had to share my toys with her, but I got to play with her toys as well. Its hard being such a popular and handsome fellow. It is pleasing to see that there are very few Tick cases coming into our clinic due to the increased owner compliance with the more user friendly products such as Nexgard and Bravecto. Keep them going all year round as we see Tick cases in June and July and especially in August and September. I hope that not too many pets were frightened by the New Years Eve fireworks and owners please look after your pet on Australia Day especially if there are more fireworks. My toes are getting sore from all this typing, so I will end this note with my usual greeting of,

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4th Sunday of each month - prayer and worship 5.00 pm followed by fellowship tea

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**KIDZ CLUB: Every second Friday**

Look for the sign out the front. School kids Yrs 3-6 3.30 pm

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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

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

Thursday - Heartmoves Fun Exercise 8.30 am

Friday - Art class - 9.30 am -12.00 noon

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Further enquiries, contact Marilyn Lambden 0411 481 350

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## Hallidays Point

### Combined Probus Club

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2nd Thursday 5.30pm at the Senior Citizens Centre Business Meeting, Members Only with dinner at the Tavern afterwards (optional).

The 4th Thursday is a Dinner Meeting 6.30pm when Partners and Guests are welcome.

Venue is usually at the Black Head SLSC but can sometimes be changed.

Please check with the Secretary.

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

**Enquiries: Secretary: Vaughn Parker on 6559 3268**

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Jason is an outstanding Bowler, having won singles, pairs and triples at Black Head in 2016. He has represented the District and this year is off to Melbourne to play in the Green Keepers Championships. His playing partner, Daniel Ryan, is second in charge at the Sydney Cricket Ground. *We wish Jason well.*

## BINGO, BINGO!

I'm sure there must be more players in the area who enjoy playing the historically named game of Housie, now known to all as Bingo. Come on players, there are great prizes to be won in a fun filled friendly atmosphere. I'm sure Judy Shine would welcome you all every Tuesday between 11.00 am and 1.30 pm.

## Mens Pennants No. 4.6.7.

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