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Farewell to Peter & Denise Clarke



Peter was born in Newcastle where he commenced school. Later the family moved to Dorriggo where he finished his high school education. Peter completed his Accounting qualifications as a part time student. He joined the Finance Industry and had 38 years' service with ANZ Bank. He held Senior Management positions in Business Banking and the Credit Division. Denise is a Manly girl, born in Manly, went to school in Manly, was married in Manly in 1965 and supports Manly Warringah Footy Team.

Peter & Denise have two children. A son and daughter, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

They first became associated with the Hallidays Point area in 1990 when they purchased a Villa in Diamond Beach. They held the Villa for about 4 years but sold it when Peter was transferred to Perth and they purchased land in Figtree Drive which they built on after Peter retired.

Volunteering has been a large part of both Peter's and Denise's lives. Peter has had over 30 years' service with the Surf Lifesaving movement with the majority of his time as a member of the Manly Club where he held positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Deputy President and President. Denise was a member of Manly Swimming Club and later Dee Why Ladies Swimming Club of which Denise is a Life Member. For many years Denise taught toddlers to swim in Dee Why and was involved with North Curl Curl School Mother's Club and P&C.

Upon Retiring from the paid work force they both joined the Black

Head Bowling Club where Peter had 8 years on the Board, 6 as Treasurer and two as Deputy Chairman.

Peter joined the Lions Club of Hallidays Point in 2000 and served two terms as President and Treasurer plus many more posts within the Club. He joined Lions District Cabinet 2006-2007 and held a number of positions within Lions Cabinet including Zone Chairman, Region Chairman & Cabinet Treasurer. He was elected District Governor 2010-2011 and Council Chairman 2011-2012 (National Chairman Lions Australia).

Peter & Denise could be seen participating in many projects of Lions in the local district. During

Peter's term as District Governor and as Council Chairman they crisscrossed Australia and every part of the Lions District from Pacific Palms to Yamba out to Collarenebri and down to Murrurundi. Internationally they travelled to New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea, Seattle and Hamburg. Whilst Peter is the Lion, Denise is just as involved as Peter.

Denise took on the Biggest Morning Tea and made it an annual event at Hallidays Point for 12 years. For 10 years the event was held at Denise's and Peter's house and attendees were around the 100, rain hail or shine. The last two were held at the Surf Club with 140 people turning up for the last one. In total just over \$49,000 was raised for the Cancer Council of New South Wales.

After nearly 16 years as residents of Hallidays Point it became time to down size the house and move closer to family. They are now living on the Central Coast close to their Daughter and not far from their Son and will see a lot more of their Grandchildren.

Thanks to Peter & Denise for a tremendous contribution to our community during their residence at Hallidays Point and good luck to them in their new environment.

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This great score (8 shots better than his handicap) and the day's win rather paled into insignificance for Mark as he added a Hole in One on the 14th hole to his day's achievements.

This was Mark's first Hole in One, and he did it on the 169m downhill par 3 by hitting a 6 iron in windy conditions that carried the green side bunker, landed on the green and rolled straight into the hole. Unfortunately Mark and his playing partners couldn't see the bottom of the flag nor the hole, so they didn't see the ball go in. When they walked up onto the green they couldn't see the ball, and so assumed it had gone too far or had fallen off the side of the green. They walked all around the green trying to find his ball. It was all a bit of a mystery until Mark walked past the hole and there it was! His ball was sitting contentedly at the bottom of the cup, looking forward to a place on his mantelpiece at home.

Mark was still buzzing about his shot later that night. He and his wife Janice celebrated with a glass or two of bubbly. For Mark it was a day of golfing dreams coming true.

Holes in One are rare in golf, with some players never enjoying the achievement. Mark's Hole in One came on one of the hardest holes

at Tallwoods Golf Club, proving that even the tough holes can be conquered with good play. Find Mark Hicks in the clubhouse at Tallwoods one day and I'm sure he will enjoy telling you all about his great day.

Tallwoods Golf Course is open to visitors every day. Ring Jeff at the pro shop to make a booking or find out about golf at Tallwoods.

Frances Crampton

Dad's Army

The Dad's Army pool cleaning volunteers will be cleaning the Black Head pool every Thursday over the summer season. Times vary



according to the tides, so check the closing times on the cleaning shed's noticeboard.

A number of social events have been organised. This year, two dinners have been enjoyed by the volunteers and their spouses, and the annual drinks and prawns for Christmas again proved very popular. A golf day and a visit to the races are under consideration for the coming year.

The photos show Gordon Bell at work (with Brian Long and Alan Hasick) and at play (with Paul Boniface).

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What a fabulous second triennial Patchwork and Quilting Exhibition! The Black Head Beach Surf Club function area was spectacular with quilts, a welcoming refreshment area and the warm welcome from our members. Nearly 300 people came to enjoy the Exhibition – an excellent result.



The Members and partners enjoyed the opening cocktail party on Friday evening, with Elizabeth Tinker, Head Teacher of Information Technology and Creative Industries at North Coast TAFE, officially declaring the Exhibition open. The following two days proved to be a huge success with many favourable comments from the viewing public. The raffle prize winners were – 1st, Nadene Shedden from Tallwoods, and 2nd, Bev Crisp of Black Head Beach. Proceeds from the raffle will be given to the Black Head Beach Surf Club. Viewer's Choice went to Sandra East and Patrice Bullen with prize sponsors being Just Patchwork, Tuncurry and Love Patchwork, Harrington.

Thank you to the Committee that organised this special event and led by Jennifer Maloney, who is also the co-ordinator of Black Head Beach Patchwork and Quilters for 2013/14. A great effort and huge success by the team. Also, thank you to all members and partners who very ably assisted with set up and generally contributed to the overall success of the Exhibition. Finally, thank you to Black Head Surf Club for the wonderful venue.

Thank you everyone.

Berenice Cook

HALLIDAYS POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH



At a recent service, Pat Coster was presented with a Certificate confirming that according to the teachings of the Uniting Church, she has successfully completed a course authorising her to conduct Funerals. Pat was also presented with a Stole of Office. Pat has been an accredited Lay Preacher in the Uniting Church for many years and, together with several others from the local Community Church, who are also accredited, has led worship in the absence of an ordained Minister since the departure of the Rev. Phill Matthews, who is now an Outback Chaplain.

Pat being presented with Stole and Certificate by Bryan Paech

In reaching this achievement, Pat was required to spend many hours of study and under supervision, participated in a role play. She passed with flying colours.

In the absence of an ordained Minister, the Community Church, under the auspices of the Uniting Church in Australia has continued to grow with a strong outreach program involving everyone between seniors and Primary age schoolchildren. This has been made possible through the efforts of a dedicated band of parishioners, some of whom are no longer in the first flush of youth. Over the past months there has been an influx of new members, some from Halliday Shores Retirement Village, and with this new wave coming through the continuation of the programs which have been so successful over the years is assured. The Church's Mission Statement – "An inclusive church reflecting Christ's love in the Community" is something that all members aspire to and try to live this out in their connection with the wider community.

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FISHING NEWS

with Trevor

About half a kilometre past the Diamond Reef, we saw what appeared to be an eel-like deep sea monster washed up on the beach. The creature was about fifteen foot long and about two to three feet in circumference. It was a sort of liver grey in colour with large pink spots, a red rooster comb on its head, with two red tentacles reaching back half its body length. Edric and I tried to drag it further up the beach as the tide was about to make, but the thing was too heavy for us. When we returned to Black Head, we told our parents of our discovery and eventually a small party went back with Edric and I to see this monster of the deep. Unfortunately the tide had already risen and the thing was nowhere to be seen. Consequently no one believed our story and accused us of dreaming it up!

About six months ago, in the Advocate there was an old photo



of three men holding the damaged carcass of what I believe was the same animal that we saw some days or weeks prior. It was identified as an oar fish, which is very rare in our waters and there

have only ever been a few sightings worldwide. There was some doubt as to where the original photo of the oar fish was taken, and one suggestion was One Mile Beach at Forster. I have since gone over to the Back Beach at Black Head and taken a photo with my phone, standing in the same place on the beach as the original photo was taken, with the headland in the background. The photo proved that the photo in the Advocate, was indeed taken on the Back Beach at Black Head.

After reading the article in the Advocate, I went around to the Museum at Tuncurry and told them my story and identified the three men holding the oarfish body as possibly: Vince Hoy, Tom Hoy and Les Oakley – all three men being Black Head and Red Head locals at the time, (approximately 1949-1950)."

Our own Luckless Monster!!

Still plenty of whiting in Wallis Lake mainly caught on worms and the "Gulp" soft plastic worm. Brad, from Tuncurry Tackle, reports that flathead have moved down the lake in numbers, (it is now spawning time) several good mulloway (jewfish) to 10kg. have been landed from Tuncurry rock wall. Local beach results continue to be pretty poor. Here's hoping.

Good Holiday Fishing Trevor

The Black Head W.B.Club held their Christmas Party and Presentation Day on Thursday 12th December – although it rained and cancelled out our game of bowls the great lunch made up for it – the tables looked wonderful with all the decorations, our ladies did themselves proud. Our Major Singles winner this year was Helen Bush – Minor Singles was Gwenda Jackson. To all our other winners congratulations and keep up the good work as 2015 is only around the corner.

To all our members and readers of this marvellous magazine we wish you a wonderful Christmas and hope 2015 is kind to you all.

Pat Bayley Publicity Officer.

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Art in the Area

Karen Green – Hallidays Point

Art is a way of life for local resident Karen Green. She's a self-taught artist, born in Yass NSW who grew up in Sans Souci, Sydney. Karen tells how she was blessed with natural creative ability, thanks to her mother. "My mum always encouraged my participation in art classes and competitions throughout my school years. She also instilled in me that I must try to find something I was truly passionate about and to pursue it with all my energy. Then the rest will come easily, she said, if you are doing a job you genuinely enjoy". Karen went on: "Art became a big part of my young adult life, squeezed in between my real work".



Karen and husband John moved to the Gold Coast in the early '80's with their two children where Karen worked in retail and banking for many years, but art was always on her mind. "I always made time for art in my life and I constantly yearned to take my mum's advice and make it my career", Karen said. Her serious journey into visual arts commenced when she joined the local Burleigh Arts Group where she participated in many workshops and art shows in conjunction with other talented artists. Karen explained that their group was commissioned to create several large murals for the Gold Coast Council. "Something I really enjoyed being part of", added Karen.

Karen continued, "My subjects and style of painting changed from those early years as I constantly learned and experimented with many different mediums and that's when my highly textured style evolved". She then began to exhibit in local Art Shows and galleries while at the same time supplying retail outlets with a great variety of artworks created in her home studio in the Tallebudgera Valley.

"The death of our son Joel in 2001 was a wake-up call for me. I threw myself into my art and that's when my dream of making art fulltime became a reality. My inspiration comes from the beautiful natural surroundings of the Manning region, especially the seaside where John and I now live", explained Karen. "I'd say my art is the expression of my love for the relaxed coastal lifestyle along with the diverse range of cultures I have seen in my extensive overseas travel".



Karen with her vibrant painting "School's Out"

Her passionate love of the sea is evident in her recent work which she creates in her own studio Whitewashed Gallery in Hallidays Point where locals and visitors are welcome to call in Monday to Friday 9.30 til 4. There you will see many examples of her unique artworks under the name Kaz, and look out for more of her work in other local and interstate retail outlets.

Call and say hello to Karen at the Whitewashed Gallery, 547 Black Head Road or call on 0409 618 722 to make an appointment.

Story by Fred Bullen



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We have attended four incidents in the last month. An MVA on Black Head Road; A Pile Burn at Idlewoods Crescent, Rainbow

Flat; Highway at Nabiac – Fire in wheat on a trailer, (see photo below) and a tree struck by lightning along Tallwoods Drive near Augusta Cres.



Pictured left: Chloe and Jess check out the new fire engine with Jim Wooton at the Black Head Bazaar in December.

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A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The concert which was held on 30th November was the fourth concert held to raise money for a worthy cause. Once again it was a great success. Thank you to all those involved who made it happen, including Bev Williamson and her daughter Kate Cheney (teachers), the dancers who attend Bev's dance classes on Mondays at the Surf Club and Kate's tappers who attend classes on Saturdays at the Baptist Church, Taree and the other guest artists who gave freely of their time. Thank you most of all to the audience.



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So again a BIG THANK YOU – until the next time!!!!

*Bev Williamson, Principal
 Annie Rose Academy of Dance.*

THE "WALKABOUTS"

The "Walkabouts" are a local walking group which has been established for 26 years. The group are mainly from the Forster area and others from around Hallidays Point and we meet



every other Thursday and enjoy walking about 12 kilometres. We try to vary the walks as much as we can, getting a lot of pleasure in exploring new areas, mostly within half an hours drive, and occasionally perhaps an hour or so with car-pooling as convenient.

The concept is very much that of a group of friends. There is no membership as such and each person is responsible for their own safety and welfare.

We are mainly retirees who enjoy the exercise, the company and the wonderful varied country side that surrounds us.



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Hallidays Point Probus Inc.

December Meeting

Our traditional December meeting is one of music and good wishes to lead up to Christmas. But before the normal festive songs were heard we sang "Happy Birthday" to all our members who were celebrating birthdays in both December and January. The loudest chorus was for Ross Williamson who turns 90 in January.

Our Vice President Alan Bates gave a special thank you to the ladies who provide the morning tea at each meeting. Each lady was given a chocolate without any warning not to accept sweets from a strange man. You can decide if Bryan Paech fits the description warned against.



Our club had the honour of awarding Life Membership to Alan Buckingham, one of our founding members who has worked tirelessly over the years to make our Probus club the success it is today.

Ross Williamson then joined the rest of the choir in a medley of show stopper songs from shows from the 1800 on, from "A Girl Who Could Not Say No" to three little giggling Japanese girls flirting behind their fans.

No! they were not fan dancers.



To find out how you can be a part of our great Probus Club contact our Secretary, Ray Bell on 6559 2581

*Jack McDonald,
Bulletin Editor*



BLACK HEAD BEACH QUILTERS

On Sunday, 7 December, Jennifer Maloney, President of the Black Head Beach Quilters, presented Graeme Doig, President of the Black Head Surf Lifesaving Club, with a cheque for \$2000, the result of fundraising at the "Waves of Quilts" exhibition Nov 1-2, 2014.

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43 of our members and friends enjoyed the Christmas Luncheon held at the Black Head Bowling Club. Gosh, Marg and the boys do a great job in the kitchen. Marg stays very calm while under pressure and gave me some good tips for next year's event.

Thanks to the committee for their unstinting work in putting it all together. The company also enjoyed the performance of the "Old Spice" duo. Iris was seen to bop all over the place especially when Frank and Vicki played "Mr Bo Jangles".

We're looking to have a working bee at the hall to clear out some of the accumulated detritus in the store room and garage. That should be fun.

Remember to support the Senior Cits food stall at the January Bazaar. The funds we raise from this enterprise will keep our bus on the road. Our happy band of volunteers would love to have you come and enjoy our delicious fare.

The thunder is rolling as I write this and gentle rain is falling. My dog (terrified of thunder) is pressed against my leg under the desk. The man of the house is out doing his hunting and gathering and oh joy, oh bliss, I don't have to be anywhere or do anything today.

So while in this benign frame of mind, I will take the opportunity to wish all our members, and the community at large, happiness for the holiday season and good health in the New Year. Best wishes to those who are not well, we hope to see you fighting fit very soon.

That's about all for now.

Marilyn, (Pres./ Sec.)

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Our Bloomin' Lot

Welcome to all our new gardeners this month. It's easy to join. There are Landcare forms at the library if you want to get involved. It's been great to see so many people offering to help especially through the dry spell when the plants needed watering early in the morning or late in the afternoon, every day.

The zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, beans and leafy greens have been prolific and we are looking forward to a good crop of pumpkins and melons in the next month. The basil tips mysteriously disappear every day making the plants bushy and healthy and the corn is growing tall and green.

New vegies planted this month include eggplant, capsicum, (that are very slow to take off in this weather), sweet potatoes we are growing from cuttings and finally the fruit trees are in: an olive tree, mandarin, lime, lemon, orange, feijoa and a pomegranate and they are all looking very settled already.

The no dig garden is well under way although it's been hard to get mulch hay because of the wet, and then the dry during the last few months. I know it takes patience but....

Special thanks this month to Bennets backyard for the fresh grass clippings for the compost, to Robyn who has the worm farm thriving and Tony who has helped with the shade house, and donated fruit trees.

January hint: watch out for powdery mildew on zucchinis and cucumbers. Remove the powdery white leaves and sprinkle with a mix of 1:5 milk and water.

Happy gardening.



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Lions Club of Hallidays Point



Congratulations to Jacob Cain who was the recipient of the Dux Award for Hallidays Point Public School as well as the inaugural Doctor Dorothy Greening Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship awarded to a student in Year 6 based on academic achievement and citizenship to assist with their secondary education.



Lions Peter Clarke, Vaughn Parker and Rita Gaul, as well as Lions Lady Denise Clarke were on hand to present these awards to a most worthy winner at the annual Hallidays Point Public School presentation assembly held on Wednesday 10th December. Hallidays Point Lions Club is a proud sponsor of these awards that encourage citizenship and academic attainment.

It was also encouraging to see that Harry Edstein was one of four students awarded a Community Spirit Award. Harry was

nominated for this award by the Lions Club for his enthusiastic involvement in a number of Lions projects supporting the Hallidays Point community as well as being a keen ambassador and supporting the Lions Exchange students when they visited.

The Lions Club would like to acknowledge all student winners of awards and the great performances of students throughout the assembly. We would also like to acknowledge the excellent work being done by Mr Peter Johnson and his dedicated staff. It's reassuring to know that the education of the children in Hallidays Point is in good hands.

Ham Wheel a Popular Attraction

The Lions Club were spinning the Monstor Ham Wheel at the December Black Head Bazaar and were overwhelmed by the number of people buying tickets and trying their luck. Those who one were given a voucher to be redeemed for a leg of ham at the Diamond Beach Butchery @ Hallidays Point.

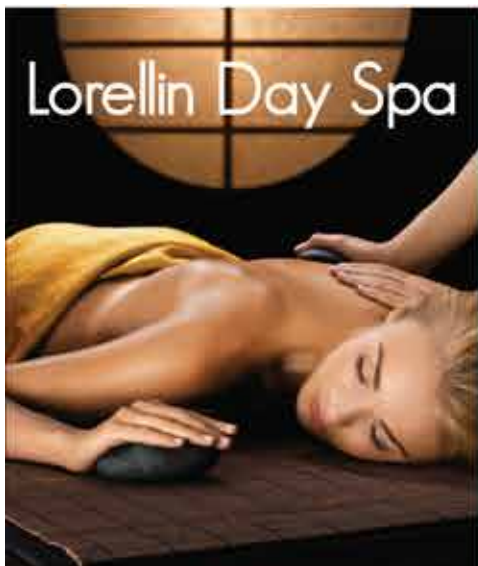
As a result of this successful project it's been decided to spin the wheel regularly at the Bazaar. So on the 4th of January the Lions sprookers will again be present and this time the prizes will be BBQ Meat Packs and Seafood Trays.

Community Christmas Fair


The Lions Community Fair was held on Saturday 13th December. Because of the bad weather forecast and the fact that Wiley Breckenridge Park was very wet underfoot as a result of the heavy rain, the event was moved to the undercover area in the grounds of the Hallidays Point Public School. We are very grateful to the school for providing us with this emergency facility.

Despite the short notice of the change in venue, the Fair was extremely well supported by the community at large who came along in large numbers.

Entertainment was provided by the children of the Kiddies Hut



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and the Hallidays Point School Students Choir. Many tried their luck on the Chocolate Wheel and the winners took home some beaut legs of ham and seafood trays. The Lions BBQ was popular as was the Pop Corn, Fairy Floss and Snow Cones.

The winner of the \$500 Lucky Key Draw was Sonia Greer and the results of the "100 Club" Draw are listed below. Congratulations to all winners and thanks to everyone for your contiued support by participating in these annual raffles. You can be assured that the proceeds are spent wisely within our local and national communities.



Drawing the "100 Club" Prizes. John Finnie Spins the Barrel & Harry Edstein digs deep for a winner!

"100 Club" Winners

- 1st Prize of \$1,000 - Anne Visser
- 2nd Prize of \$200 - Noel McManus
- 3rd Prize of \$100 - Natalie Simmett
- 10 Minor Prizes of \$50 each: Bruce Dayment, Halliday Shores, Lenny Nesbit, Steve Taylor, Bev Crisp, Jack McDonald, Peter Clarke, Jeff Patterson, Lyn Griffiths, Ron Bridges.

Car Boot Sale - 4th January

As usual on the first Sunday of every month the Car Boot Sale will be held in the carpark of the Hallidays Point Shopping Centre. If you want to buy or sell some pre loved treasures, this is the place to be. Car Boot Sites are only \$10 each.

This month we will be featuring a Huge Book Sale for Summer reading - at ridiculous prices!

Also, you'll be able to enjoy a hearty breakfast or brunch of bacon & eggs from the Lions BBQ.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST ON BLACK HEAD BEACH

On Monday 26th January the Hallidays Point Community will gather once again to celebrate Australia Day at the Ocean Swimming Pool adjacent to the SLSC. For more information, see the advertisement on page 12.

Red Head Community Christmas Party

Over 100 neighbours were in attendance at the annual Red Head Christmas Party held at the rainforest reserve in Red Head Road. Special tributes were made to 3 stalwarts of the Red Head community who passed away during the year: Bill Crockett, Eileen McMullen, and Leo Pitt



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Hallidays Point Branch

Library hours for January!

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Twilight Storytime for 4-8 yr olds

Bring the kids or grandkids to our special storytime from 5.30 – 6.15pm on Friday 9 January. Theme: From the Beach to the Bed. Bookings essential ph 6559 3066

School Holiday Program

We have another exciting line up of activities for school aged children for the holidays. Bookings are required for all activities, so pop into the library for a program or download a copy at www.manningvalleylibraries.com.au Get in early, as sessions are filling quickly!

Summer Reading Club

Young people aged 5-16 are once again invited to join the Summer Reading Club. Register at your local library before 9th January and receive your special Reading Club pack. All members who hand in their completed reading logs by 19th Jan receive an invitation to our exclusive Summer Reading Club party at the Manning Entertainment Centre on Thursday 22 January.

Board Games

We have a range of board games that you can enjoy playing in the Library. Challenge your child/grandchild/partner to a game of chess, Guess who, Upwords, UNO, Ludo, or many other games.

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Books are selling fast at half the marked price for the month of January!!

Our pre-loved books are selling very well @ super low prices! Want a light read to take to the beach? Check out our Book Sale tubs. Money raised goes towards purchase of new books for the Library Service.

Exhibition in the Library Gallery

From 10th December through to 16th January, enjoy the soft pastels and watercolours of Malcolm Peisker, and the stark and vibrant lino prints of his daughter Alison. This father/daughter exhibition is worth a visit!

Free Wi-Fi Available

Having family or friends visiting in the New Year 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!

See you soon in the Library!!

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A CASUAL HISTORY OF HALLIDAYS POINT

Just an update on the naming of Hallidays Point.

It seems that this area was explored by a man by the name of Robert Dawson (of Dawson River fame) with a view to opening it up as agricultural land for the Australian Agricultural Company. He set out to travel north from Port Stevens in 1826.

Whilst he named some towns (such as Karuah) using aboriginal names, he seemed to run into problems with understanding the local language once he moved further north and began naming places after board members of the company at that time. A man by the name of Simon Halliday was a board member from 1824-1829.

If you are interested in reading more about this time, there is a book in the Great Lakes Library written by a previous Mayor, John Chadban called "Stroud and the Australian Agricultural Company" Call no 994.42/STR. Thanks Pat for your research on this one. It seems fairly convincing that this is our man!

On another subject from a previous article, it seems that Eric and Wendy Coleman were very instrumental in the collection of names to petition the Council to keep the pool open. The community really rallied when the pool was threatened with closure in the 1980s.

HALLIDAYS POINT SCHOOL

The history of the school has not been so easy.

There is some evidence that a school was started in Red Head Road near the present water tower, however, what happened before that and after is a little less clear. In particular, does anyone know if Hoy's farm shed was used as a school in the late 1880's? If you have any information about the schooling of children in this area, could you get in touch?

I am working on some leads but the silly season has slowed my progress. I think I will need some time on this one. Since January will be busy for me, I will wait until February to follow this subject up.

Ingrid 6559 2295

TANK'S CORNER

DIAMOND BEACH VETERINARY CLINIC

Just a short note this month to reinforce the messages that I have been giving all year. Christmas is a happy time, so don't spoil it by overindulging your pets with scraps from the dinner table and BBQ's. Onions are a no-no and fatty off cuts will harm the Pancreas. Chocolate ought to be avoided and placed where we pets can't get to it. No more than 4 (or maybe 5) (or maybe 6) presents for us under the tree as I don't want any pet getting more than me!

My staff at DBVC (including our Vets and Nurses) wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and stay safe.

Watch out for us on New Year's Eve when the fireworks are on as they are frightening to us. My Dad says that DBVC will be open until noon on Christmas Eve and reopen Monday 29th December. Emergency only services will be provided over the break by calling 6559 2277.



Lots of Licks - Tank



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Book names to club by 3 pm on bowls day (ph: 6559 2923)

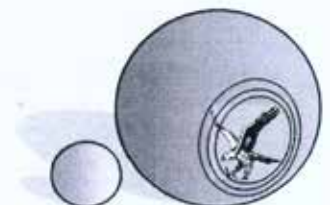
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HOLIDAY TIME MEANS VISITORS TO ENTERTAIN

Every Christmas family and friends flee the city for the sun and surf at Hallidays Point. But on the odd day when the sun isn't shining finding ways to entertain the visitors can be a chore. Here are my instructions for a lovely local scenic walk and picnic on the hill.

Step 1 – Drive down Red Head Road to the roundabout, turn left into Seascapes and immediately turn right to park the car in a lay-by called Maslin Close.

Step 2 – In front of you is a walking track through the koala corridor. Lots to see here; beautiful yellow native hibiscus, wrens, perhaps a little red mistletoe bird or a wallaby. On my last walk I encountered a tortoise.



Step 3 – At the end of the path turn left, go through the gate and walk up the road to the crown of the hill from which you will have a 180 degree vista of Dingo Tops behind Taree and further to the left the Brother Mountains (South, Middle & North). At the next T intersection head downhill until you reach Glenelg Cres, go left down the road and take the path across a little bridge and through the cliff top reserve.



Step 4 – At the cliff edge are the whale watching platforms, no whales at this time of the year but you might see the bombora

breaking, dolphins or a the sea eagle. Follow the path to the left to the top of the stairs, if you have planned your excursion well it will be low tide and you can enjoy some rock rambling.

Step 5 – Return up the stairs and take the path to the right it will take you past a number of ponds well worth exploring to spot the swamphens, coots and moorhens. Be warned you may run across the Geese Patrol who police Seascapes. Cross the road at the end of the ponds and follow the riparian corridor path uphill. At the top of the hill under two big spreading Morton Bay Figs is a picnic table that offers views to die for, time to unpack brunch or lunch or supper and settle in for a pleasant repast.

There you go that should keep the visitors entertained for 2-3 hours!

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Diamond Beach Charity Event was a Great Success!



On Sunday the 7th December, A Stone's Throw Lifestyle Boutique and Emily Elizabeth Lash and Beauty Boutique along with friends held a charity Event with all proceeds going to 'Can Assist Manning Valley'. Can Assist (Cancer Assistance Network) is a grass roots, community based charity dedicated solely to supporting country NSW people affected by cancer and their families.



The event drew a crowd in excess of 100 people who enjoyed a Fashion parade arranged with fashion from A Stone's Throw and the make-up applied by Emily Elizabeth. A sausage sizzle

was arranged by Graham and our 'Beach Crew' serving sausages supplied by Diamond Beach Butchery and bread kindly donated by The Point Bakery. Steph, Emily's mum organized an amazing cake



stall. The cakes and slices kindly donated by family and friends. Steve from Cellarbrations hosted a wine tasting that was a huge success, with a donation being made for each bottle sold. Belinda from About Balance offered Bowen treatments and healthy tips.

We also thank the Black Head Quilters who came forward with a beautiful quilted bedspread which featured as the main prize for the raffle organized. Emily Elizabeth Lash and Beauty Boutique, A Stone's Throw and The Pizza Pasta Bar, Diamond Beach all donated a selection to complete the raffle.

It was such a success that the organizers have already started working on next year's event. Kylie, Deb, Emily and Alana would like to take this opportunity to THANK everyone who volunteered their time and generosity. Also those who made the effort to attend and make the event such a successful day raising \$1230.95 for Can Assist.

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Hallidays Point Garden Club Report:

Seventy members of the club met for the annual Christmas Party at the Surf Club on Sunday November 30th. It was the largest gathering of Garden Club members yet assembled and the evening included a delicious dinner catered for by the members themselves, a raffle, an auction and a lucky door prize. The Club's committee extends thanks to all who contributed to the night's success in the way of food, items for the auction, and the purchase of raffle tickets and auction items.



The longed-for rain has fallen on gardens, the lawn mowers are now hard at work and everything is showing off new growth, including the weeds. Never mind, the rain was welcomed with joy and some more will not go astray. Mowers, remember to raise the mower height during the warm weather. Longer grass means cooler soil at root level. Tasks for the coming month include planting dwarf beans, spring onions and carrots, sweet corn and zucchini. Cut back and fertilise fuchsias; feed mangoes to encourage production of healthy fruit; prune NSW Christmas bush after flowering and feed with blood and bone. For a wonderful autumn rose display, cut back now and fertilise with dynamic lifter for roses.

Above all, best wishes for the festive season to all readers of this wonderful Newsletter.

Carmel

Media Release



New Public Place Bins Installed

New public place litter and recycling bins have been installed throughout the Manning Valley to increase our recycling rate and reduce litter in our parks and reserves.

We have recently completed the installation of 11 new sets of public place bin banks throughout Wingham, Black Head, Harrington, Johns River, Manning Point and Crowdy Head.

The bin surrounds have been purchased using funds from the NSW Environmental Protection Authority's Waste Less, Recycle More program, and are designed to allow people to continue the good work they are doing by recycling at home out into public spaces.

We have conducted audits on the waste in the nine sets of public place recycling bins already installed and the figures are positive, with a very low two percent of contamination in the recycling bins.

The new bin surrounds are a substantial aesthetic improvement over the existing bin stands and exposed bins, and also serve the purpose of showcasing the picturesque highlights of the Manning Valley.

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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 Black Head 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!

Surf Life Saving Patrols

Weekend morning and afternoon patrols start on the 20th December so come down and have a swim or surf or a friendly chat to the voluntary life savers.

Life guards will be on patrol duty weekdays during the school holidays. *See you on the beach!*



GOT A BEST FRIEND?

The 2016 Hallidays Point calendar will have the theme of best friends. Your best friend might be a person or an animal or maybe your garden. Use your imagination but keep it local.

Take a photo of your best friend and submit it to us before June 2015 and you could win a professional KATA camera back pack valued at \$250.

Photos can be emailed as a jpeg at least 20cm length with 300dpi to acaciaguest@gmail.com

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Your community group at Hallidays Point could use this space for free each month

HALLIDAYS POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contact Helen Bush 6559 2732

Services each Sunday at 8.30am

4th Sunday of each month - prayer and worship 5.30pm 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

BLOKES SHED: Wed and Thurs 10am -3pm

Gathering for fellas who want to do some building and carpentry work and help and chat with other blokes. BYO lunch. Cost \$1

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Friday 8.15am

Prayer group for men.

CRAFT: Every second Wednesday 9.30-12'ish

Meet with other crafty people. Share ideas. BYO Craft

\$ 3. Includes Morning Tea

OVER 55'S LUNCH 12-3pm

Anyone over 55 is welcome. 2 Course meal and afternoon tea.

Bingo. Pick up available if necessary. \$8.

Book if you are able on number above.

HALLIDAYS POINT LANDCARE GROUP INC.

Volunteers are always welcome to help maintain our local environment.

Working bees every Monday and Tuesday from 8.am until 11 am.

Contact Alana 6559 2979

Seascape/Diamond Beach working bees each Friday 9-11am

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

Hallidays Point Play Group

Join us at Hallidays Point Community Church

Every Tuesday 9.30 am to 11.30 am

2 weeks free for new members Enquiries contact Nadene on 0405 645 797

Dr Lakman Fernando

Hallidays Point Doctor's Surgery

At 555 Black Head Road (next to the tavern)

On Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Hours will increase over the following months.

Laverty Pathology will provide pathology collection services.

Contact the local surgery on 6559 3100

or at the Tuncurry surgery on 6555 3004

SENIOR CITIZENS - BUSY CALENDAR

The Senior Citizens Centre is located at the Black Head Sports Reserve in Baywood Drive.

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

Uniform Weekend Chicken Run Mixed Mufti - 1pm

Sat or Sun (contact club)

Hallidays Point

Combined Probus Club

meet at the Black Head Surf Club

on the first Tuesday of each month

at 9.30 for 10.00am start.

Visitors will be made most welcome to join

in fun and friendship.

TENNIS

Join your local **BLACK HEAD TENNIS CLUB**

and enjoy the benefits of reduced court hire, Social Group & Competition Play

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS DUE ON 30TH JUNE EACH YEAR

* Family: \$100/year * Adult: \$40/year * Junior: \$20/year

A Membership *SPECIAL* ending June 30th 2015 is now on 50% Discount

Court Hire: Day Member \$10/hour- Night Member \$20

Day Non Member \$ 20/hour

Night Non Member \$30/hour

There are a number of groups that play regularly that might suit New members with

Fully Qualified Tennis Coaching available as well

Further enquiries call Sean on 0412 006 169 or

Email:blackheadtennisclub@gmail.com

or contact Kathy (Secretary) on 0437 487 098

LIONS CLUB OF HALLIDAYS POINT

Lions are an active part of this community and have been responsible for providing many facilities in the area

Lions are people who find time to look beyond purely self- interest and gain. They are people just like YOU!

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

WE SERVE

www.hallidayspointlions.org.au

President: Vaughn Parker 6559 3268

Hallidays Point Public School Annual Presentation



The school held their annual Presentation Day on Wednesday 10th December.

The following major awards were presented:

Outstanding Achievement in Sport:

James Davison – Athletics and Long Jump

Sports Person of the Year:

April Cogle

Environmental Awards:

Marcus Worth, Ethan Williams, Chloe Young

Community Spirit Award:

Olivia Knights, Leilani Williams, Harry Edstein, Halle Ford, Jacob Cain, Claire Newham

Christina Bullen Literacy Award:

Ebony Cavanough and Amber Whiteley

Numeracy Award:

Marcus Worth

Citizenship Award:

Halle Ford

Doctor Dorothy Greening Memorial Scholarship:

Jacob Cain

Dux of the School:

Jacob Cain

2015 Captains:

Girl Captain - Kristy Green, Girl Vice Captain – Keseah Bell
Boy Captain – Adam Dangel, Boy Vice Captain – Joey Brown



Congratulations to all achievers. Good luck in your further education and your life's endeavours!



BLACK HEAD BOWLING CLUB

FOX SPORT

• **Bistro** • **ATM** • **Courtesy Bus**

For the information of Members and Guests

"AUSTRALIAN POKER LEAGUE"

Every Thursday Night 6 pm Registration Game Commences 7 pm

Members Jackpot Draw

Every Friday and Sunday Nights between 6:30pm and 8:30pm
Increasing every draw by \$50!

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Lunch from 12 noon 7 Days
Dinner from 5.30pm 7 Days

Phone: 6559 2971

"TWILIGHT BOWLS"

From Saturday 27th Dec to Friday 23rd Jan

● \$8 Adult ● \$4 Child 16 & Under ● \$20 Family

5.00PM Start

Phone Club to Book

FRIDAY NIGHTS
Club Raffles plus Members Jackpot Draw

Club Bingo

Every Friday! **BINGO**

3 Games \$3 or 6 Games \$6 Starts 11.00am \$240 in vouchers to be won

For All Enquiries & Bus Bookings
Phone 6559 2923