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Yet Another Local Athletic Champion with a Successful Future Ahead of Her!

Tarli Black, who is a Hallidays Point Public School Year 4 Student competed at Sydney in the National Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Athletic Championships representing NSW where she won one gold and two bronze medals. Her gold was won as a member of the NSW 4 x 100 metre relay team who won in record breaking time. As the four-member team live so far apart, this was even more of an achievement since they only had approximately half an hour's training together the day before the race. Despite this they broke the national record in a time of 53.9.



She won bronze by coming third in the under 10 100 metres with a time of 13.86 and the under 10 200 metres with a time of 27.32. The finishes to the 100 and 200 metres were both close, with less than a metre separating first from third.

As a member of the Forster Athletic Club, Tarli trained under the supervision of coach Kerith Duncanson up to six days a week prior to the Championships in Sydney on Wednesday, 19 October 2016 to Thursday, 20 October 2016. Tarli has been competing in athletics with the Forster club since she was about six.

In the recent zone championships held in Port Macquarie, Tarli performed very strongly in her age group by setting three new records in the 100 metres, 200 metres and long jump. She is now looking forward to taking part in the regional titles to be held in Lismore early in 2017, then on to the State and Australian championships.



Melinda Gainsford-Taylor with the relay girls after breaking the National record.

With the Little Athletics season now underway, Tarli is now aiming for her goal of competing at the 2017 Pan Pacific Games in Adelaide. In between times she will continue to play netball with Hallidays Point and touch football at Forster.

Having absorbed these incredible results, readers will not be surprised to learn that Tarli was given the Hallidays Point Public School award for 'Outstanding Achievement in Sport' on the 7th December at the end of year presentation day.



Well done Tarli!

Story by John Finnie, Editor

			
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When you read this, it is to be hoped that by now we all have recovered from the busyness around the Festive Season. As far as our Probus Club is concerned: this years was the best Christmas celebration ever!

After the debacle of last year's lunch at a local restaurant, we decided to have it at the Surf Club this year. This meant a lot of planning and work, but it was well worth it. The hall (is there a more beautiful location for a party?) looked great, complete with Christmas tree (thank you, John Coster) and table decorations, and the food, catered by Port Macquarie's Golden Spit Roast, was delicious and plentiful. Thankyou Alan and Chris Bates and Ian Campbell for organising the event.

Before lunch we remembered Mal Brown and Dave Mercer, who passed away recently, with a minute silence; Marea Binskin, Dianne Nicholas and Warwick Ford were inducted, the birthday people of December and January assembled in front of the Christmas tree to receive their chocolates and listen to us sing Happy Birthday with gusto, and then The Probus Singers under the baton of yours truly and accompanied by Bryan Paech, performed their first bracket of songs.

Morning Tea was extra special because of the superb Christmas cakes baked and donated by Bev Crisp, and the equally superb shortbread baked and donated by Beryl Wardlaw. These ladies have done this year after year after year, for which we are so grateful.

After Morning Tea, The Probus Singers and the a cappella quartet FourTunes went all Christmassy, and delighted the audience with a

45-minute programme including music by Mozart, Bach and a lot of Aussie carols by John Wheeler.

After the concert the hall was set up for the Christmas party, ably emceed by Ian Campbell. There is no end to this man's talents! Santa made his appearance between the main course and dessert, warmly (literally, for it was a hot and humid day) welcomed by a sing-along. Three huge hampers were raffled (thanks Robin Billings and Noni Putnam for putting them together).



We had three guests of honour: Evelyn Crockett, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday and who is one of our Foundation Members and a Life Member, and Scott Crawford and Louise Murphy of the Surf Life Saving Club, in recognition of the club's generosity of making the hall available to us every month, and this time for three more hours at no extra cost.

And now we look forward to 2017, which kicks off with the President's Breakfast on 10th January at the Surf Club, and will be followed by plenty of activities.

Happy New Year, everyone!

Anna Hamers - President

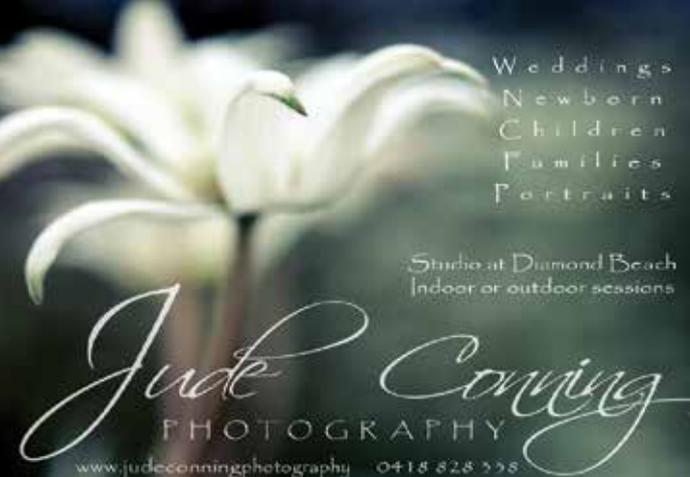
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We're Wild About Whales in Black Head



The team at MidCoast Council, in conjunction with Hallidays Point Landcare, have completed construction of a new whale-watching platform at Black Head, making the most of one of the best vantage points along the MidCoast region's pristine coastline.

A solid timber construction and a welcome addition to the Hallidays Point area, the new platform stands 4 metres tall to ensure the protection of its littoral rainforest surrounds. And with its completion just in time for the peak summer season, holidaymakers will enjoy panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean.

The project was identified as a priority by Hallidays Point Landcare some years ago and included in MidCoast Council's Environmental Action Plan. The new structure replaces a former viewing area which, over time, became hindered by endangered native vegetation which is protected by law.

Alana Parkins, Hallidays Point Landcare, welcomed the new whale watching platform. "We're really thrilled that such a wonderful structure is now in place. It was great to partner with MidCoast Council staff, especially Rob Cowley who designed and constructed the lookout tower. This is a great asset for Hallidays Point".

The platform will be a valuable addition for the local community, and a popular tourist landmark, particularly during the whale-watching season which runs from May to November each year. Tanya Cross, Team Leader Environmental Services, explains

"Whales migrate north along the NSW coastline to warmer waters from around late-April to August, where they mate and give birth before returning southwards from around September to November. The whale-watching experience is just magical, and the new lookout offers the perfect vantage point".



Alana Parkins cuts the ribbon at the official opening

The whale-watching platform has been funded through the MidCoast Council (Manning region) Environmental Levy, with contributions from Hallidays Point Landcare. "This is a terrific example of collaboration and a positive outcome", Tanya added.

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Hallidays Point Garden Club



The month of November saw 48 eager gardeners travel by bus to the Maitland Water Gardens. The actual water garden spreads over 10 acres within a 50 acre lot. The owners have been there for 35 years and they have four gardeners to maintain the ponds, grounds and a small nursery which is full of exotic plants, succulents, orchids and begonias. Club members were divided into four groups which made it easier for everyone to be well informed on the features of this property. Water lilies, lotus plants and large carnivorous plants covered the several ponds which were a sight to behold.

The property has unusual trees such as several boabs in full leaf. Many members have seen boabs without leaves, the upside down tree. Olive, citrus, macadamia, guava and a beautiful Kurrajong Bow Bell tree with its pink trumpet flower were seen and enjoyed. Beneath the trees grew a variety of shade plants. A stand of bamboo created shade near the large pots of water containing young water lilies for sale. The avenues between the trees were adorned with quaint bridges, ancient chairs with moss growing on them and several clay figures and fountains. It is well worth a trip to see such a garden and at this time of the year too as this is when the lilies and lotus are in flower.

Lunch was at the East Maitland Bowling Club, a more than satisfying smorgasbord. After lunch it was off to Bolwarra to visit another gorgeous garden. What follows is a description of the garden as read in the Maitland Mercury.

"The garden is named Karwarravic as part of the owner's children's names and Bolwarra. In 2000, the yard extended from the farm paddock and it has grown from there to 3/4 acre. The garden paths,

edges, wooden arbours, seats and bird feeder have been lovingly built by Trevor in his retirement. He has also installed a self-watering system throughout the gardens".

The wooden arbours, covered in flowering jasmine and bouganvillea, provided seating for club members to view the garden from many different points of view. Manicured hedges of red photinia, Japanese Box and duranta defined many features.

The resident dog, Jack, was presented with a bone by Phil and Christine Jackson who also presented the owners of Karwarravic with a Bunnings voucher and a bottle of red wine.

This excursion brought to an end the Garden Club activities for 2016.

Elaine Anlezark.



Scenes from tour to the Maitland Water Gardens

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Hallidays Point Community Garden



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It's been a good season for button squash although hidden under the verdant leaf growth some have gotten rather large. They are still good to eat but better stuffed and baked.

Welcome to our newest members Bijan, Sue, Audrey, and Beverly. We look forward to seeing you regularly in the garden. If you want to join the garden ask for a Landcare form at the Library and have your \$2 ready (for insurance).

Although it is very tempting only members can harvest food from the garden. We like to see the produce go to those who contribute to the growing but if we have an abundance we will put out a for free sign.

Thanks everyone for another successful year.

Alana

News from Black Head Bowling Club



Pat Bayley, Women's Bowling Club President, was presented with Life Membership of the club for her outstanding contribution of service to the club, serving six (6) years as a Director, winning several championships during her time of nineteen years as a club member.

Whilst on the subject of members, Club Blackhead is always open for new members, whether it be by playing bowls or socially, when you consider the view

overlooking the Pacific Ocean, friendly staff, bar and catering, it's a great club to belong to.

Mens Bowling Club Pennant Trials will start at the end of this month (January) and February 2017. If any of our bowlers are interested in representing the club, here is your chance to show your bowling skills.

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The New Hallidays Point Progress Association is Close to Official Formation

As reported last edition, there was a unanimous resolution from the public meeting, to form a Progress Association.

A meeting to adopt the constitution and meet other formalities including election of a management committee, and accepting membership applications is scheduled for Tuesday February 7th commencing 6.30 pm at the Surf Club.

A draft constitution has been formed which will be circulated to community groups and available to individuals over the next couple of weeks.

Members can only be individual persons, not a community group, but the objective is to have wide representation and a point of liaison with all groups and the wider community where a person on the management committee is designated as the representative and contact point for individual community and interest groups.

Local community groups are therefore being encouraged to nominate a representative. (email: marjon7@bigpond.net.au to obtain a membership form and copy of the draft constitution).

Membership is also open to the wider community of the Hallidays Point area, including Rainbow Flat to Homestead Estate, so anyone interested to learn more, is encouraged to attend the next meeting and also request a membership form.

The purpose of the Progress Association as described in earlier editions, is to communicate effectively within the community so that there is positive understanding and support when needed, but importantly, the progress association will become the respected point of contact and communication with Mid Coast Council and other tiers of government and their agencies.

Membership Application Forms can be obtained from FoodWorks Hallidays Point and deposited back there once completed. The application forms and draft constitution can also be viewed and downloaded from the News of Our World website www.hallidayspointnews.org

For further information and to obtain a copy of the draft constitution contact Alan Tickle, Ph: 6559 2148

Hallidays Point Community Group Remaining Independent

Following the community meeting at the Black Head Surf Club on November 15 chaired by Alan Tickle, our group was asked to consider proceeding to change to being the newly proposed Hallidays Point Progress Association.

At an extraordinary General meeting held on November 26, our group elected to remain independent, and will continue to pursue our own agenda.



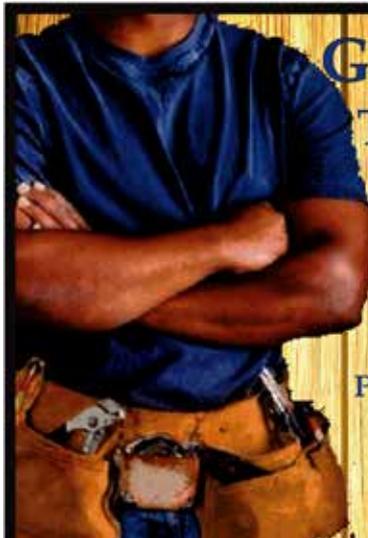
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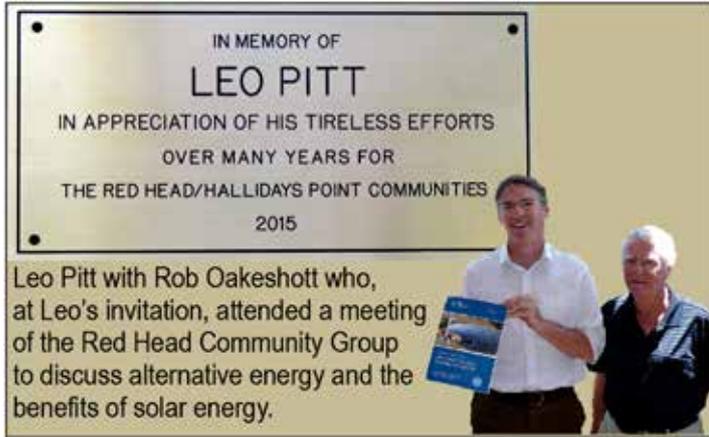
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We did however, vote to support the formation of the Progress Association and were unanimous with this motion. We would be keen to be represented on the newly formed management committee.

We await further progress of the HPPA formation.

By the time you have read this, we will have hopefully (weather permitting), had our annual Red Head / Seascape community Christmas gathering at the Red Head Reserve on 21st December.

We took the opportunity to commemorate a plaque to the late Leo Pitt at the reserve at the Christmas Party.



Leo Pitt with Rob Oakeshott who, at Leo's invitation, attended a meeting of the Red Head Community Group to discuss alternative energy and the benefits of solar energy.

Leo was one of the main 'forces' behind our group in the earlier formative years. Leo worked tirelessly over many years to ensure local major sub divisions adequately catered for the environment, by setting aside generous reserves for local fauna and flora.

Finally, I wish 'Seasons Greetings' to all, and may we continue into the New Year with every success.

*Brian Mitchell, President.
Hallidays Point Community Group*

Diamond Beach Rural Fire Brigade



Over the last month members of our brigade have attended fires in Sydney, Karuah and Gloucester, as well as fires near our home base at Hallidays Point.

As summer is now with us we ask everyone to take extra care when lighting fires and remember you need a permit to light a fire.

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As 2016 comes to an end we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their Donations and support throughout the year.

We hope everyone has a very safe and happy 2017.

Don't forget the Black Head Markets are on the 1st Sunday of the month, so 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.

The Diamond Beach Fire Brigade stepped in to take Santa to the R.D.A to hand out gifts to lots of people at their Christmas party on the 10th December. A great time was had by everyone



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Local Designer, Award Finalist for Tavern Remodelling



Hallidays Point local, Angus Laurie of the Tuncurry architectural practice JAL architectural draft + design, signature hospitality project, Hallidays Point Tavern was a NSW finalist for the 'BEST NEW/REDEVELOPED HOTEL COUNTRY'.

'The AHA NSW Awards for Excellence are recognised as the most prestigious awards programme in the hospitality industry. The awards honour the achievement of excellence in NSW hotels across a variety of segments including accommodation, dining, entertainment, marketing, social media, community service and talented employees.

Shane Reeman of Reeman Properties, Rainbow Flat, along with a very highly regarded team of tradespeople had the project finished prior to Christmas 2015.

Visitors to the venue can't speak highly enough of the renovation. Coupled with a good local name for food, patrons now drive some distance to come to Hallidays Point Tavern for meals. TripAdvisor® ranks the venue as #1 out of 6 restaurants in Hallidays Point.

The main entry is flanked by a down lit stone wall and planter. A cantilevered steel trellis gives the entry further welcoming definition. The rough cast of the stone juxtaposes brilliantly with the mitred frameless glazing that forms a corner of the entry.

The dining room has the most formal mood with the ceiling treatment of acoustic timber battens. The Al Fresco dining area has electric café blinds so this space can be protected at times of inclement weather, whilst also being able to be heated in winter

with a double fronted wood fireplace and supplementary electric heaters. The kitchen was enlarged to an open servery that now relates directly to the dining zones. New toilets were constructed within the remnants of an existing alcove in the dining room.

The existing lounge bar that had 2 awkward angled walls has been extended and squared off with a wide set of bi-fold doors opening out to its own al fresco terrace that can be partly closed off. The main beer garden terrace has large planters with magnolias in them that will grow up and provide nice natural shade in summer. A large kid's play area is also located at the end of the terrace. The new Gaming room leads directly to an outdoor smoking gaming room. Another outdoor smoking veranda is also provided on the original existing western wall.

The judges anonymously inspected the record number of entrant venues around the state and this recognition is testament to the hard work put in by the Taverns owners and dedicated staff.

The winners were announced at the AHA gala night held at Star City on Tuesday the 22nd of November.

This is the crew who attended. In order of appearance L-R: Angus & Lyndall Laurie, Chris Williams, Sylvia Donoghue, Gabby Williams, Shane & Karen Reeman, Wayne Judd, Paul Donoghue & Kate Judd.



The gong went to 2 hotels in Campbelltown - *that's still in the Sydney Basin!*

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Kiddies Hut Exceeds National Standards



In 2004 Colin and I made the sea change from Sydney and purchased what was at the time Diamond Beach Children's Centre. I had trained as an Early Childhood Teacher, working in numerous pre-schools and long day care centres, always dreaming about owning my own centre but never thinking it would happen. I thought the highlight of my career had come in 2012 when Kiddies Hut was named as Finalists in several categories in the Australian Child Care Week Awards. Only recently it went one better...

In November just gone the Educators, which now includes Colin on the team, and myself were out to prove the high standards of care and education we provide to our community's 0-6 year olds and were elated when we received a rating of 'Exceeding National Standards' from the Department of Education. In the past, we always rated highly but this has stepped us up a notch to be up there with some of the most prestigious centres in the country. Kiddies Hut prides itself on the wonderful relationships the Educators have with the children, families, the community, and each other, as well as the relationships we promote between the children and the qualities we instil in all of them. Environmental education and sustainable practices are two other areas which Kiddies Hut has worked tirelessly to build up within the centre, along with the programs and teaching which have always been of a high standard, and have been recognised in previous accreditations.



Now the Educators and myself will work with the families and children over the next 12 months towards applying to the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) for an Excellent Rating. This would certainly top all of my wildest dreams!

Natalie Wilson, Kiddies Hut, Diamond Beach

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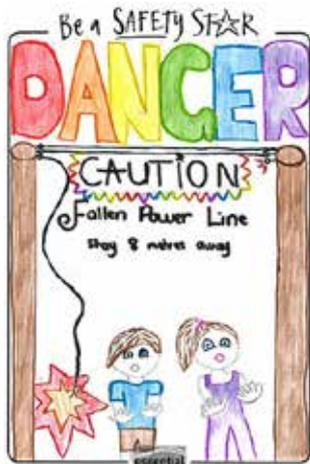
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Hallidays Point Public School Shines in Essential Energy Safety Poster Competition



An eye-catching artwork design sharing a vital electrical safety message has launched Hallidays Point Public School to the top of the cosmos in Essential Energy's 'Be a Safety Star' school poster competition.

The stellar entry from the small school on the NSW Mid North Coast eclipsed more than 250 others to shine brightest in the competition to design an electrical safety-inspired poster as part of this year's Electricity Safety Week activities.

General Manager Safety, HR and Environment, David Nardi, said Essential Energy had been overwhelmed with the response to the inaugural 'Be a Safety Star' school poster competition.

"Students from kindergarten through to Year 6 have put their heads together, got creative and found some innovative ways to portray important electrical safety messages," David said.

"Their original designs captured the imagination, while also delivering a valuable lesson in keeping safe around electricity in the home, at school and in the wider community."

The winning entry was created by students Olivia Pearce and Chelsea Doyle and inspired by science teacher Jessica Watt. For their efforts, their school's P&C Association will receive \$1,000 to spend on a safety-related improvement.



Electricity Safety Week is presented by Essential Energy, in partnership with the NSW Department of Education, to educate students about electrical hazards and how to avoid them.

More than 95 per cent of NSW primary schools registered for this year's interactive classroom lessons, including 882 regional and rural schools across Essential Energy's footprint.

Essential Energy's 'Be a Safety Star' poster competition was designed to encourage students to think about core safety messages promoted during the Electricity Safety Week program, such as using electrical appliances safely and keeping clear of fallen powerlines.

All poster competition entries can be viewed at:

essentialenergy.com.au/postercomp.

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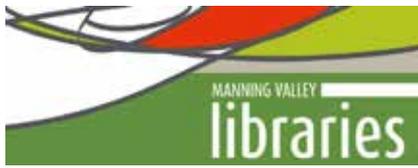
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Library Hours for January

The library will close for the holiday period from 1pm Friday 23 December and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 3 January. We are open 10am – 5pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays.

Twilight Storytime for 4-8 year olds

Bring the kids or grandkids to our special storytime from 5.30 – 6.15pm on Thursday 5 January. Come dressed as your favourite hero/villain. Book online at www.manningvalleylibraries.com.au or phone the library 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 7 January and receive your special Reading Club pack. All members who hand in their completed reading logs by 14 Jan receive an invitation to our exclusive Summer Reading Club party at the Manning Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 18 January. The Summer Reading Club is a national program that encourages children aged 5-16 yrs to read throughout the holidays. Run in partnership with the State Library of Queensland, the Australian Library and Information Association, and the Australian Public Library Alliance last year

saw over 41,000 Australian children register and collectively read more than 267,000 books.

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. A great way to spend an afternoon if the weather is too hot or too wet!

Exhibition in the Library Gallery

From 5 December through to 20 January, enjoy the Paint & Clay exhibition by Yvette and Peter Hugill. This exhibition is well 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 hot-spot? 4 hours free access per day, no password needed!

See you soon in the Library!!

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Art In The Area

What's In Store

For 2017

by Fred Bullen



What a busy and artistic year 2016 was at the library gallery. We were treated to an amazing smorgasbord of art from 12 local artists. Paintings, sculptures, photos and pottery entertained us, and many artworks now adorn the walls of some local collectors.

So, what's in store for 2017? More of the same; starting with the ongoing exhibition during January by Yvette and Peter Hugill entitled 'Paint & Clay'. Then throughout the year there will be exhibitions by the Hallidays Shores Art Group, Knit Wits, local artists and some from nearby regional centres. All will show you the great range of talent we have living with us and of course you will be able to acquire something special from the artist during their exhibition.

Hallidays Point Library is one of many places you can see and enjoy



art locally. There's also a gallery close by in Black Head Road, the Manning Regional Gallery in Taree, Lake Street Gallery in Forster and I hear there's soon to be a new gallery in Possum Brush! And of course we are surrounded by nature's beautiful art; beaches, bush, wildlife and spectacular sunrises and sunsets.

So, treat yourself to a new artistic experience at the library every month during 2017. It's going to be a visual delight for your enjoyment.

The Monthly Book Review

The Light Between Oceans

by M L Stedman



I read this book in 2012 when it was first published and decided to review it now because I recently saw the film. The film was beautiful, the scenery harsh and the light brilliant but it was slow and lumbering, perhaps because I knew the ending. The book held my interest more because it was well written, the story line straightforward and the characters well developed and I didn't know how it ended.

It is a book about loss and the struggle to forgive. Tom returns to Australia after 4 years in Europe at war and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on the isolated island, Janus Rock. He has lost his youth and his innocence, his joy in life. He brings with him a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel who after two miscarriages and one stillbirth is desperate for a child. She has lost her future.

Meanwhile back on the mainland, Hannah marries a German baker, Frank, and has a baby, Grace. Escaping his tormenters, who have lost their brothers, fathers, uncles to the war, Hannah loses Frank and her baby Grace to the ocean.

Rescued and renamed Lucy, Grace becomes daughter to two women. It is a mighty struggle to see who loses their child.

The most touching line in the book is by Frank who when asked why he forgives says, "You only have to forgive once. To resent, you have to do it all day, every day. You have to keep remembering the bad things.

Alana

Our Natural World

with Geraldine

A Wetland Wander for the Visiting Engineers

It is Christmas holiday time so many of you will have visitors arriving from the "big smoke". What can you do to entertain them, especially if they are one of those blokes who doesn't like getting the sand between their toes! Then this is the perfect walk for him.

The walk starts at the Library, grab a take away coffee before you head off. Walk down to the roundabout, crossover and walk up Baywood Drive until, on your left you reach the entrance to the Senior Citizens. Walk across the Rugby Field towards the scoreboard on the far side of the playing ground.

In the late nineties council published a draft management plan for the Black Head Lagoon Entrance which recommended that a Constructed Wetland should be built to naturally filter the water flowing into the Lagoon downstream. This year's walk is a tour of those wetlands.

Let's start. Just below the Mako's scoreboard you will find a concrete channel wandering through the grass area. This leads to a very complex steel construction (like something out of Star Wars), the technically minded will love this, according to the detailed sign that describes its function this is a Baramy Grass Pollutant Trap.



Continue to follow the left hand bank. Water from the trap flows through rock baskets into a deep settling pond before being diverted through another series of ponds. Finally, the water is returned to Black Head Creek where it flows on into the Lagoon.

The ponds are hidden behind a wall of Sheoaks but there are a few good viewing spots. Some ponds are dark and brooding like a scene from the Florida everglades while

others are bright and cheery covered in water lilies. As well as the usual suspects, swamphens, coots and moorhens I have seen egrets and royal spoonbills feeding in the ponds.

When you reach Baywood Drive again you will find another sign that will recap all that you have seen. Just about time for another coffee, head back down the road to the coffee shop along your way you cross over a causeway with water running from the Wetlands out into the Lagoon.

Fishing News

with Trevor

Dismal, dreary and disappointing would best describe the dreadful beach fishing at present. With water around 22 degrees, stacks of very small pipis and good gutters and spits, are all a recipe for good rewards for whiting and the occasional bream. The whiting that are caught all along the coast, are undersize with a rare legal fish and bream are few and far between. I almost forget what a tailor looks like.



Whiting is a family fish – no spikes, no teeth and easy to catch in very shallow water. Perfect for a Christmas holiday outing. Don't try to throw to Lord Howe Island, they are usually only a few metres out, in often less than half a metre of creamy water. The illustration shows the ideal rig. Beach worms, pipis, cooked or green prawns or a lure (Bassday Supra pen lure) are great. Worms are expensive to buy so any you don't use preserve by soaking in methylated spirits for 20 minutes, drain, packet them and freeze. They will last for months.

With all my moaning there is some solace. About ten months ago, the male sea eagle which I had developed such a close association with over 15 years, was killed. His mate left the area and there was a void for a couple of months. Two new eagles appeared, shy, secretive and very wary, showing just their heads in the nearby scrub. I attempted to feed them with a dart or two, or fish frames some distance from me and my vehicle. This distance has gradually shortened to about 20 metres now but, thankfully, they are still very wary and will not

respond to my signal for a small reward as the previous ones did. The female disappeared a couple of months ago and I thought maybe she is nesting probably in the



former pairs eyrie. Sure enough they introduced me to, not one, but two tawny coloured offspring a week or two ago. Magnificent!

Fishers are still bagging out with trumpeter whiting (20) in Wallis Lake and some reasonable flathead have been boated in the estuaries. Some sizeable bream around structures and weed beds have been caught. Strangely, schools of large blackfish have been sighted in the lower reaches. They should be up stream at this time of the year. Good mulloway to 15kg. using a variety of baits with the best being beach worms, have been landed on the break walls.

The fortunate boaties who have found a break in the constant winds have had reasonable catches. At Black Head Fishing Club's last outing most returned with a decent box made up with teraglin, snapper, good size flathead and nannygai. Only one hapless target fish, pearl perch, was caught. Next month's target fish is flounder, and that should be equally elusive. Pesky leatherjacket are in numbers and continue to bite off many rigs. The big boys, tuna, marlin, mackerel kingfish and dolphin fish are yet to make their presence felt. Maybe things will improve with the increase in water temperature.

Enjoy the holiday break.

Good Fishing, Trevor

Hallidays Point Senior Citizens



Yet another call for volunteers to help us with the loading, set up and unloading of our equipment for the Black Head Bazaar Markets. Our trusty band of volunteers who turn up without fail each market day are starting to flag, and we need more help, particularly men to help load at 5.30am on the first Sunday morning of the month. Members, please come along as well, all help is appreciated.

Unfortunately, our trip to Macksville has been cancelled, however, it has been replaced by a "mystery trip" on Wednesday 22 February, and as we go print, we have a full bus. I wonder where we're going?

We had a terrific Christmas Party on the 14th December. In a change from tradition, it was held at the Community Centre and about 40 people attended. The room was beautifully decorated by a merry band of Christmas Elves including members Marilyn Lambden, Carolyn Lynch, Gloria White, and Donna Hampson.

We started the day with lucky door prizes and the winners were Margaret Locke, Wendy Lum and Yvonne Garton.

We also had lots of raffle prizes thanks to the generosity of our donors. Winners were Denise Austin, Margaret Laing, Yvonne Garton, Mary Stamp, Life Member Lita Addison, Tine Bostick, Beryl Johnson, Bev Crisp, Judy Johnston, Max Daley, Donna Hampson, Joe Ashton, Doris Noble and Clare Dunn.

Special thanks to our invited guests Steve Powell, Clare Dunn, Buddy and Wendy Lum.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious food that included spit roasted lamb and pork with lots of salads and desserts and commented on the professional service from Crackle 'n' Spit, Port Macquarie.

Glen, the Chef was lovely with nothing too much trouble.

A reminder to our regulars that Senior Moments will continue over the Christmas period on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. So all you card sharps out there come and practice your skills! We will be back to our regular movie afternoons at the end of January, with the following films scheduled. Jaffa rolling optional!

- Friday 27 January "Two Weeks" starring Sally Field and Ben Chaplin
- Wednesday 8 February "Take the Lead" starring Antonio Banderos
- Friday 24 February "Knights in Rodanthe" starring Richard Gere and Diane Lane

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

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

Gail Phair, Secretary



Hallidays Point Lions Wind up Another Successful Year



Comfort Quilts

Hallidays Point Lions presented 42 Comfort Quilts to the Great Lakes Manning Area Command on the 21st November, which was very gratefully received by the officers and welfare workers for children who suffer trauma, we are extremely grateful for the hard work put into this project by the community and continue to receive quilts for further donations. Lion Maureen was interviewed by ABC Radio who congratulated Hallidays Point Lions on the positive effect of the project on the community. A fantastic result.

James Turner Meet & Greet Night

An outstanding dinner meeting evening held on the 24th November was enjoyed by the community and Lions alike in the presence of our local Paralympic Gold Medal Champion James Turner.



What an absolute inspiration this young man is, an intriguing glimpse into his life and career was a delight. James was well spoken, extremely intelligent and very entertaining. His wicked sense of humour and matter of fact way of looking at life and its challenges was uplifting. I'm sure many who attended felt great pride for James his family and his achievements thus far.

James is an outstanding individual and representative for our community and country.

A huge thank you to Lion Noel McManus for his organisation and the very memorable dinner, with many compliments from the community also members for the excellent food provided, with the help of fellow members, Alan, Virginia, Rita and others who made the night a great success. Thanks to those members and community volunteers who helped with meet and greet, raffles, cooking, set up, pack up and clean up etc.



New Member

Yet another new member was inducted to the Hallidays Point Lions Club on the night. Congratulations and welcome to Simone Preston who was sponsored by Lion Sue Newton. The induction ceremony was conducted by Lion John Finnie.

Car Boot Sale, Pop Up Shop & Markets

What a huge day Sunday the on the 4th December was for our club, the Car Boot Sale team were working hard, the Pop Up Shop team flat out, and the Ham Wheel team were on fire at the markets connecting with the community, while all this was going on raffle tickets for the Grocery Grab for the Lions Core Blood Appeal (drawn on Sat 10th December at the shopping centre), cakes, mints, and puddings were all on sale, the Youth Team was on duty also, such a solid effort by so many and such a great feeling to be around such positive and proactive people.

Dr Dorothy Greening Memorial Scholarship



The Dorothy Greening Memorial Scholarship was presented on the 7th December along with the Dux Award by myself to Conner Lyle, having met the criteria and deserving of the Memorial Scholarship.

In choosing the recipient of the scholarship, the Lions Club not only looks for a student with excellent academic aptitude but also recognises the importance of good citizenship, a positive attitude to the welfare of others and the contribution made to the school and local community. Conner was well deserving of this award and celebrated by his peers, teachers and parents alike.

Deb Schmitzer, President, Hallidays Point Lions Club

Presentation of Cheques to Black Head SLSC

At an informal gathering at Black Head Surf Life Saving Club during 'Sunday Sippers' on 11th December and members of Hallidays Point Lions, President of the HP Lions Club Deb Schmitzer presented two cheques to the B H S L C .



\$6000 toward the cost of the new Black Head Pool road access which was completed earlier this year, \$3,000 was provided by Lions Club of Hallidays Point with \$3,000 matching funding from Australian Lions Foundation. and a cheque for \$2373 for the purchase of two new rescue boards for the club.



Vice President Gerard Cross provided a brief overview of the purpose and function of the Lions Club and the role it plays in communities across the world and more specifically the contribution Lions have made to the local Hallidays Point community. The strength of Lions lies in its membership base and the club extends an invitation to anyone in

the community interested in becoming a member. Details can be obtained elsewhere in this publication or on the club website www.hallidayspoint.nsw.lions.org.au

Christmas Drinks

Members of Lions Club also celebrated the end of another successful year at its Christmas party at Sippers. But certainly, did not hang up their aprons as the Pop Up Shop continues to raise funds for community projects and Lions medical research and support foundations. The end of Lions pre-Christmas activities was to provide BBQ Sausages and Hamburgers, Drinks and Snow cones at Christmas Carols in the Park on Sunday 18th December. Lions wish everyone in our great community a healthy and successful 2017.

Lions Club Community Calendar

All residents in Hallidays Point and surrounds should have received a copy of the Community Calendar either via home delivery or through their PO Box. For those residents who did not receive a copy please call into the Pop Up Shop to collect your copy. Please bear I mind that the intention is to provide one free copy to each household. Additional copies are on sale at \$5.00 each for those wishing to obtain copies for friends and family. All funds raised are put toward local Lions community projects. Please note that there is a correction to the events listed in January. The Black Head Bazaar and Lions Car Boot Sale will take place on 1st January and not 8th as stated in the calendar.



Chris Holland, Hallidays Point Lions Publicity Officer

Great Grocery Grab Raffle

Proceeds from The Cord Blood Raffle drawn on December 10 will support many children and young adults with serious blood diseases such as leukaemia. Lions Cord Blood Foundation enables cord blood to be collected and frozen until it is needed for life saving transplants and research.

We thank Colin and Leanne Westle of Food Works Hallidays Point for their assistance and generous sponsorship with the fundraiser. Thanks, to those people who bought tickets. Your generosity will allow us to forward over \$1500 to The Cord Blood Foundation. Raffle ticket winners will be able to grab their groceries from Food Works Hallidays Point. First prize Caroline Frazer \$300 second prize Rodd Willmott \$150 and third Carly Bankendorf \$50 worth of groceries.



Photo shows Colin Westle with customers Jordan & Dee.

Lion Ray Piper

Lions Youth Exchange

Edward Daniel in Canada

I have been talking with Ted on whatsapp. This is part of my role checking on their welfare.



So Ted would like to sincerely express his appreciation for the opportunity of being in Canada. He is loving his time there and certainly recording and learning the differences.

What has he done so far:

- shovelling snow and loving the whole snow experience
- has been to several Lions functions and meetings
- loves Tim Hortons and teasing his sister Maddy about having hot white chocolates with peppermint.
- the wings are unreal and he is taking his host family out for dinner this week for chicken wings!
- they have unlimited internet. Our speed here might be 2mgs a minute theirs is 120.

- will be going snow boarding
- going with the family on Wednesday to do Christmas shopping.
- they will be doing the ugly sweater Christmas. Can't wait for that photo.
- he is very excited about going to Niagara Falls for New Years Eve where they let off fireworks over the frozen falls.
- going to check out the local university.

So he is having a wonderful experience.

Thank you to all the members. Without your support and endorsing Ted to go on Youth Exchange he would not be having this opportunity. He knows he is very fortunate to be having this whole experience.

A message from Ted's Host Club in Canada:

Hello Suzanne,

Please find attached a photo of Edward with members of my home Townsend Lions Club at our food drive for our local food bank on Sat. Dec. 10. He helped with the event by going door to door to collect bags and you can see from the photo that we collected a truck load to help families in need at this time of year



Lion Bill

Pierce Jackson in Europe

On the 3 December, 2016 local youth Pierce Jackson embarked on a life changing journey to Italy, France and England for 6 weeks with the Lions Youth Exchange Program. Pierce was sponsored by our local club Hallidays Point Lions after being chosen as an ambassador for our community and Lions Australia on this cultural exchange. Prior to embarking on this journey Pierce commenced learning Italian and studying Italian geography and history.



Pierce's first host family was the familia Schiffo from Brescia. Pierce has been very fortunate that Laura and Tommaso took him for a special trip to Rome. So Pierce has really been appreciating the Italian historical buildings, touring Lake Garda and Brescia. We sincerely hope that Tommaso will be able to do a reverse exchange to Australia and enjoy the hospitality of Hallidays Point in the future.

The second host family for Pierce are the familia Librici from Padova. Fingers crossed that Pierce will get to see Venice whilst being hosted by the Padova's before flying on to France.

The last host family will be in France and they have already told Pierce he'll be enjoying a week in Paris for Christmas!

Before the long journey back home Pierce will meet up in London for 4 days, being chaperoned with all the other Australian Lions Youth Exchanges that have been hosted throughout Europe and Scandinavia. We look forward to hearing about Pierce's travels in February at a special Lions dinner at Black Head Surf Club.

Lion Sue Newton

The Lions Youth Exchange Program is currently taking applications for 2017. Further information can be obtain by contacting MD201(Australia) Lions Youth Exchange Program Coordinator, Sue Newton on 0418 607 292 or Facebook Lions Youth Exchange - Australia.

Super Changes

by WLP Accountants Pty Ltd

Legislation to introduce the superannuation reforms announced during the 2016 Federal Budget and election has now been passed. Some of the changes to the superannuation legislation are as follows:



Personal super contributions deduction

For individuals the condition that less than 10 percent of their income is derived from salary and wages has now been removed. This means that salary and wage earners and partially self employed individuals can now make deductible personal super contributions from 1 July 2017.

Reduction of concessional (pre-tax) contributions cap to \$25,000 per annum

Currently, individuals can make concessional contributions (pre-tax) of up to \$30,000 (\$35,000 for people aged 50 and over) within a financial year.

From 1 July 2017, the Government will lower the annual concessional contributions cap to \$25,000 for all individuals.

Carry-forward concessional contributions of unused caps over 5 years

From 1 July 2018, individuals will be able to make 'carry-forward' concessional super contributions if they have a total super account balance of less than \$500,000. They will be able to access their unused concessional contributions cap space on a rolling basis for five years. Amounts carried forward that have not been used after five years will expire.

Lowering the non-concessional (post-tax) contributions cap to \$100,000 per annum

From 1 July 2017, the Government will reduce the annual non-concessional (after tax) contribution cap from \$180,000 to \$100,000 per year. This will remain available to individuals aged between 65 and 74 if they meet the work test. The cap will be indexed in line with the concessional contributions caps.

Introducing a transfer balance cap of \$1.6 million for pension phase accounts

From 1 July 2017, the Government will introduce a \$1.6 million cap on the total amount that can be transferred into the tax-free retirement phase for account-based pensions.

Reduction of Division 293 income threshold to \$250,000

Currently individuals with income and concessional super contributions in excess of \$300,000 trigger a Division 293 assessment.

From 1 July 2017, the Government will lower the Division 293 income threshold to \$250,000. An individual with income exceeding the \$250,000 threshold will have an additional 15% tax imposed on the whole amount of their contributions up to their concessional contributions cap.

Improving the integrity of retirement income streams

Transition to retirement income streams (TRIS) are currently available to assist individuals to gradually move to retirement by accessing a limited amount of super. Currently, individuals receiving a TRIS receive tax-free earnings on the super assets that support it.

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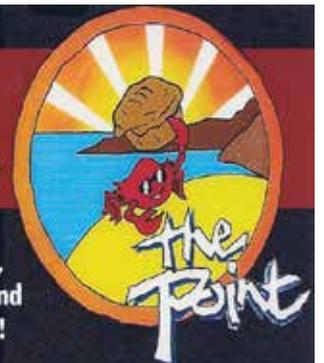
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Low income super tax offset contribution (LISTO)

The Government will introduce a Low Income Superannuation Tax Offset (LISTO), which will replace the Low Income Superannuation Contribution policy that has been repealed from 1 July 2017.

From 1 July 2017, eligible individuals with an adjusted taxable income up to \$37,000 will receive a LISTO contribution to their super fund. The LISTO contribution will be equal to 15 per cent of their total concessional (pre-tax) super contributions for an income year, capped at \$500.

Spouse tax offset

Currently an individual can claim a tax offset up to a maximum of \$540 for contributions they make to their spouse's eligible super fund if among other things, the total of the spouse's assessable income, total reportable fringe benefits and reportable employer super contributions is between \$10,800 and \$13,800.

From 1 July 2017, the spouse's income threshold will be increased to between \$37,000 and \$40,000.

With so many changes to Superannuation Legislation it is recommended that you discuss your superannuation with a licensed representative.

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A Message from The Hon Dr David Gillespie MP

As we enter 2017, it is important to take stock of the year's events and give thanks for our family, friends and our achievements, and look forward to the year ahead.

We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world, one of Australia's premier holiday destinations, here in the Lyne electorate - from the Hunter to Hastings!

We should all take the opportunity this holiday season to get out and about and spend quality time with friends and family, enjoying the very best our region has to offer.

On behalf of Charlotte and I, from our family to yours, may we wish you a very Happy New Year.

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Hallidays Point Netball Season



2017 Registration Days

Payments must be made on registration days.

These are the ONLY registration days; late registrations will NOT be taken.

If you cannot make these dates you must contact the registrar Kaycee Wisemantel on kaycee_70@hotmail.com before the final registration date.

The 2017 Hallidays Point Netball Club Registrations Dates are as follows:

Thursday 9th February 2016 from 5pm to 7pm

Saturday 11th February 2016 from 10am to 1pm

Registrations are held at the Diamond Beach Netball Court (located behind Cellarbrations Diamond Beach). For further information and inquiries please contact the President Karen Grant 0403 289 020 or Registrar Kaycee Wisemantel 0417 250 187.

On Registration days we will have on display and available to purchase or order the Hallidays Point Netball Club uniforms.

If you are interested in becoming a team sponsor, available for coaching or umpiring, please contact the committee. They are always needed.

We hope you have had a great Christmas and New Year.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a committee member.

We'll See You there!!!!

Hallidays Point Netball Committee



Hallidays Homies U7 Touch Team



This year Our little Hallidays U7s had their first season of touch rugby.

While initially the games were full of cartwheels, random conversations and showing their teeth to teammates - the final couple of weeks proved to be more consistent. With Mitchell Cogle and Emily Castle showing their maturity and getting some awesome (and easy) runs ahead of the opposition. Blake Shedden & Dontae Cain-Ashford running up the outside like their feet were on fire - Jahzahra Newman, Isaac Burston and Aaria Walker strong on defence locking down anyone in their path - many thanks to Buddy & Cody who fitted in like a glove and contributed so richly to the team.

All of this awesomeness is attributed to the fantastic Mr Matt Cogle who as a parent stepped up and taught our kids the basics of touch rugby with grace and patience and was invaluable on the field and we thank you heaps Mr Cogle!!!! You are awesome

Also thank you to the Forster-Tuncurry Touch Association and to all parents who are organising teams each year!!! All the kids wish the season would be longer!!



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Michael's Computing Trouble Shooting



Hi folks. Welcome to 2017. You've had the family and grandkids visiting over the holidays and they've told you how old and slow your computer is, so let's look at what you might consider if you are looking to buy a new one.

First, what you do on it? If you just send a few emails, browse the internet a bit and do a bit of social media, you don't need an expensive and powerful computer. If you work with photos, movies or music, then you might need something with a bit more oomph. Don't let the salesman talk you into something that is more expensive than what you need and only buy the software you really need. There is lots of free software out there.

Do you need a laptop, tower, an all-in-one or would a tablet do? If you only need the computer at home, a tower will be cheaper. If you want the flexibility of being able to move from room to room or be away from home, a laptop may suit you better.

The difference between a tower and an all-in-one is that the all-in-one has the computer and monitor built into one case. They take up less space on your desk, but they are not as flexible when it comes to adding, say, a better graphics card. For most people, they will be a perfectly good choice. They sometimes come with touch screens, where you can use your finger on the screen to move the mouse. This will make it more expensive as well. If you don't need it, don't get it.

If you are going with a tower, check to see if your monitor, keyboard and mouse are ok. It might save you a bit to replace the tower only.

As far as tablets are concerned, they are really handy for email and internet at home and away where you can connect to Wi-Fi. Some people could get by with just a tablet, but I have found that you still need a computer to download photos or upload music. If your old computer is not too bad, you might get away with it and a tablet.

Windows, Mac or Linux? Stay with which ever platform you have unless you are prepared for a steep learning curve. If you don't know what Linux is, don't go there.

When you're in the store and need more detailed advice, please feel free to call me.

*Wishing you a trouble free
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Keep up the tick protection (Nexgard and Bravecto for dogs and Frontline for cats) over the summer. They are working well, as the number of affected dogs has decreased greatly in our area.

Dad says I may have to go on a diet as a result! Just kidding, there is no way that will happen as he is too much of a softy to do that.

Cat owners be aware that you need to use the frontline spot on every 2 weeks for ticks and we are seeing the usual number of Cat Tick cases with those pets whose owners have not stuck to that regime.

Last month I listed a number of do's and don'ts for the warmer months and if you missed it, look up a copy.

Diamond Beach Veterinary Clinic will be open during the festive season, but will only be available for emergencies on the weekends and Public Holidays. If you have an emergency with your pet, ring our Clinic number 6559 2277 and your call will be diverted to a mobile phone. If asked to leave a message, please do so, as our Vets cannot have their phones in their hands all day.

Myself (Tank) and my staff hope you have a happy and incident free holiday.

Lots of Licks. TANK

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Black Head Longboarders



Well the festive season has once again arrived with the annual Black Head Longboarders Christmas party being held in conjunction with the final competition for the year.



This competition day was held on the southern end of Diamond Beach in relatively small surf.

The first Round of the day was held in the normal 4-person heat format while the second round held a 3-team's event with 4 persons in each team.

The relay teams event required a team member from each individual team to commence from a start finish line on the beach to then paddle out, catch a wave and return to the start finish line on the beach.

When this team member crosses the start, finish line the teams

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coloured rash shirt is exchange to the next team member whom then paddles out catches a wave and so it continues for a 20-minute heat.

A result is then considered by judges who score each wave of each team member of the team and so on.

The day's result went to the Yellow team for a win.

The club's annual general meeting was held on the beach at the conclusion of the comp.

The club has now unanimously voted to reintroduce a heat dedicated to Mini – Mal riders.

This heat will be dedicated to those members wishing to join the Longboarders' club whom cannot achieve the status of riding the required 9 foot plus size surfboard mostly due to not having a MAL,

The Mini – Mal format is considered for board sizes being 7'2" and up in size that have a fuller "MAL" style shape.

The competition day was finished off at the Black Head Bowling Club where amongst partaking in great food, some refreshing beverages and salubrious music the results for the competition year were announced.

This year Board Raffle was also drawn with Terry Aldridge taking out the Jungle Surf Voucher of \$750.00 towards purchasing a NEW MAL!

All in All it has been another great year for the club.

With the addition of the revised Mini-Mal class into the club's competition year we invite any interested person to join us in next years' comp year.

You can contact us on blackheadlongboarders@gmail.com & on face book Blackhead Longboards INC.!!

We wish all a Happy Festive season and some good surfing through the holiday period.

National Broadband Network Construction At Hallidays Point



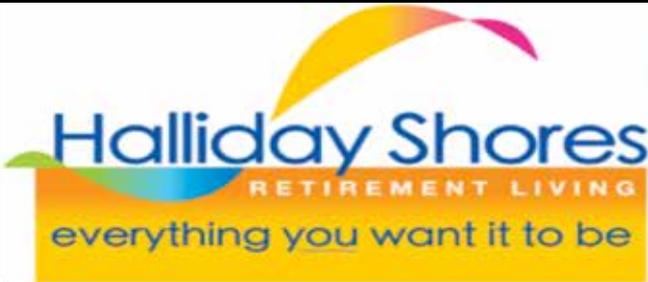
Traffic has been held up from time to time in the area since the commencement of construction of the National Broadband Network (nbn™) in our area in September.

Kelly Stevens, the Manager of State Corporate Affairs for the nbn™ said that construction to connect around 3400 homes and businesses in parts of Darawank, Diamond Beach, Failford, Hallidays Point, Nabiac, Red Head, Tallwoods Village, Black Head began in September with people able to connect from around the end of February.

Kelly added that in addition, around 2,000 premises in parts of Coolongolook, Coomba, Darawank, Dyers Crossing, Firefly, Koorainghat, Krumbach, Minimbah, Nabiac and Tallwoods Village have been able to connect to the fixed wireless network since 2014. Kelly said that the optic fibre is connected to nodes (which we see as green boxes around the area) from where copper wire will connect the internet to homes. The availability of the nbn™ will occur as each node is connected.

Being connected to the nbn™ will not be automatic. Kelly suggested that you can register to be notified of when you will go "live" on the NBN through their website below. She said that up to eight letters will be sent to homes when they are "live" over the eighteen months from when they are "live" to when their ADSL service will be turned off. You can find out whether you are eligible to connect to the nbn™ network by visiting www.nbnco.com.au/switch. Once eligible to connect, people should contact their phone or internet provider to discuss their needs and make the switch.

Article by Ingrid Horsburgh



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4th Sunday of each month - prayer and worship 5.00 pm
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

KIDZ CLUB: Every second Friday

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Hallidays Point

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SENIOR CITIZENS - BUSY CALENDAR

The Senior Citizens Centre is located at the
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Mondays - Croquet 9.30 am to 12 noon

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

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

Tuesday - Tai Chi - 8.00 am - 9.30 am

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

Thursday - Heartmoves Fun Exercise 8.30 am

Friday - Art class - 9.30 am -12.00 noon

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1st Sunday of the month-Black Head Bazaar

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Further enquiries, contact Marilyn Lambden 0411 481 350

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New members are always welcome, men and women,
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Enquiries: Secretary: Vaughn Parker on 6559 3268

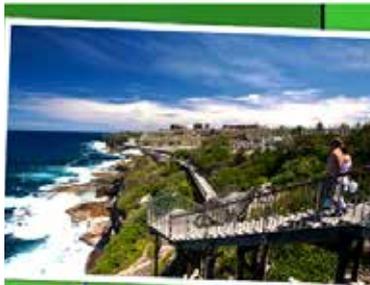
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“THE BLOODY LONG WALK”



On the 13th November 2016 Jude Martin, Jayne Black and Claire Hanna set out for a 35 kilometre walk along the Sydney East Course from Maroubra to Circular Quay following the iconic coastal walk along some of Sydney’s most famous beaches. This was an organised event to raise funds for the Australian Mitochondria Disease.

Each participant paid an entry fee plus had to contribute a minimum of \$400 each to be able take part in the walk or run.

Jayne said “what started as a joke at the Hallidays Point Health and Fitness class when Jude said let’s do a 35 kilometre walk, turned into an amazing day for three inspiring women, not to mention some pretty spectacular scenery.”

The 35 kilometres were completed in 6 hours, 37 mins 45,000 steps. each

WELL DONE GIRLS YOU ARE LEGENDS!

These walks are held yearly and in every state of Australia. There were two walks in Sydney, the other being from Palm Beach to Manly Beach.

I am sure the ladies are planning to participate in the walk again next year so you will probably see them training around the area.



L:R: Jayne, Claire & Jude who raised \$1,500

Story by Lyn Finnie

Footnote: Jayne Black is the mother of Tarli Black whose story features on the front page of this issue.

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