

# March 2014 Hallidays Point News of Our World



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## Our Australia Day Breakfast on Black Head Beach

Hallidays Point's 14th Australia Day Breakfast organised by the Lions Club was once again a great success and this year our local Ambassador was Frances Crampton AM who gave the following address:



What a wonderful day. A day that has evolved into an opportunity for Australians to come together to celebrate their country and culture. To reflect on the achievements of the nation and explore the way to make the country even better in the future.

We may grumble from time to time, but this is the best country on earth in which to live, and how fortunate are we to live in this little piece of paradise – Hallidays Point with just 3361 residents.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Biripi and Worimi Nations, and pay respect to the Aboriginal Elders, who have gone before us and to the Aboriginal Elders of today, who maintain their culture, heritage and traditions.

A brief history, for I believe we must know our past. To appreciate those who have gone before to pave the way for the very privileged and free lifestyle we enjoy today.

Why the 26th January? Because on that day in 1788, the First Fleet of 11 ships from Great Britain arrived at Port Jackson, which now forms Sydney Harbour. The objective was to establish a penal colony. What a shock it must have been coming from England, awful months at sea, to arrive in hot, inhospitable Australia with almost nothing but what they stood up in.

By 1808, January 26 was being celebrated as "First Landing Day" or "Foundation Day" with drinking and merriment.

Thirty years later in 1818, Lachlan Macquarie the 5th Governor of Australia ordered a 30-gun salute, hosted a dinner ball at Government House and gave government employees a holiday.

In the following years, employees of banks and other organisations were also given holidays.

In the following decades, horse racing and regattas became popular activities on January 26.

In 1838, Foundation Day became Australia's first public holiday. It was also the occasion of the first public celebrations of the founding of Australia. The shores of Sydney Harbour were crowded and there was a firework display. This tradition continues today.

By 1888, January 26 had become known as 'Anniversary Day' was celebrated in all colonies except Adelaide.

In 1935, January 26 was known as Australia Day in all states except New South Wales, where it was still called Anniversary Day.

But, from 1946, January 26 was known as Australia Day in all states.

The public holiday was moved to the Monday nearest to January 26 to create a long weekend.

Since 1994, the Australia Day has been celebrated on January 26 in all states and territories.



It is a public holiday, unless like this year it is on a weekend, then as you all know there is a public holiday tomorrow.

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# Diamond Beach Rural Fire Service

## The Passing of Mike Donohoe



Mike Donohoe pictured in centre

It is with great sorrow that we advise the sudden death of Mike Donohoe on Saturday 15th of February at home. Mike served the Brigade as Captain and Training Officer. Prior to coming to Hallidays Point, Mike was involved with the RFS in Baulkham Hills as Captain at Middle Hill as well as Media Liaison Officer across the State. Mike will be sadly missed by all who new him.

## Prepare Your Property

Regardless of your decision to Leave Early or Stay and Defend, you still need to prepare your property against the threat of a bush fire or ember attack.

A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bush fire.

Even if your plan is to Leave Early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will be to survive bush fire or ember attack.

A well prepared home can be easier for you and fire fighters to defend, is less likely to put your neighbours homes at risk and will give you more protection if a fire threatens.

### Some things to do:

- Cut back overhanging trees and dispose of cuttings appropriately.
- Check the roof and replace and damaged or missing tiles.
- Clear leaves from roof, gutters and downpipes and fit good quality metal leaf guards.
- Non-combustible fences are the most effective.
- Plant trees and shrubs that have a low oil level.
- If you have a water tank, dam or swimming pool, consider installing a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign. (Available from the RFS.)
- Enclose underfloor areas.
- Store wood piles well away from the house and keep covered
- Keep garden mulch away from the house and keep grass short.
- Make sure the pressure relief valve on LPG cylinders face outwards (so a flame wouldn't be directed towards a building).
- Ensure you have a house that will reach every part of the house.
- Remove and store any flammable items away from buildings.
- Install metal flywire or solid screens to the outside windows and doors.
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# Local Triathlete's Success at Crowdy Triathlon

Local triathlete Mick Doney has won the Over 70s category in the Acclaimed Financial Solutions Crowdy Head Triathlon held on Australia Day.

In his Over 70s age group, Mick placed third in the 500 metre swim, first in the 20km bike ride, and second in the 5km run to finish the event in 1:22:16, more than 2 minutes ahead of the second placed competitor, with a further 23 seconds separating second and third. Mick's win was made even more meritorious because he lost around 2 minutes trying to free a stuck zipper on his wetsuit during transition between the swim and bike leg.



Mick (right) with Natalie Carrier

Mick is something of a legend in local triathlon circles. His background was in marathon running, and while living in Melbourne competed in about 18 or 19 of them. Moving up here from Melbourne 14 years ago has played a significant part in extending his ironman triathlon career, because he says that the weather makes training easier.



Mick (left) with Alan Pursch

He has now competed in over 20 ironman triathlons since 1990 at venues such as Forster-Tuncurry, Port Macquarie, the Gold Coast, New Zealand, Byron Bay, Busselton, and the sport's toughest venue, Kona Hawaii.

Mick has no immediate plans to retire. He enjoys training so while he's fit

and enjoying himself, he figures he might as well continue racing. Look out for Mick as he prepares for the Byron Bay classic in May. You'll see him churning up and down the Black Head pool, pounding along the numerous bush tracks between Diamond Beach and Tuncurry, and on the bicycle somewhere on the highway between here and Cundletown. Give him a friendly Hallidays Point wave of encouragement!

## Blackhead Toilet Block Upgrade Project

Council staff are currently working in partnership with Hallidays Point Landcare on a proposal to reconstruct the toilet block at Blackhead Beach.

Funding of \$25,000 has been secured by the Landcare group, with Council also allocating \$25,000 towards the project. Blackhead Landcare group are commended for taking the initiative to secure the funding available and partner with Council to improve the public facilities within the locality.

Initial investigations looked at options to refurbish the current brick and concrete building, however given the outdated design and layout of this facility and age related degradation to the existing structure, refurbishment is not considered a viable option with reconstruction options currently being scoped as a viable alternative.

The concept behind the proposal is based on open design principles for public facilities which have been adopted in many coastal locations to increase ventilation and have better accessibility for the community.

It is anticipated that a finalised concept and review of costing will be completed soon which will enable Council to display the project proposal for community comment prior to finalising the design and commencing construction.

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# Doreen Heaps

## A Driving Force in Our Community

Doreen was born in London in 1928 and received a Convent Education during her childhood. She married in 1948 and had two sons and a daughter born in England. In 1957 the family migrated to Australia and lived in Sydney at Loftus Heights for 14 years. Doreen's second daughter was born here in 1965.

Doreen has been associated with Diamond Beach since the late 1960's when her parents purchased a block of land and built a house in Jubilee Parade. Doreen bought a block of land in 1976 in Seaview Street and her father built her house which was completed in 1983.

On her retirement in late September 1989 Doreen came to live permanently in Diamond Beach and with encouragement from her sister Jean Marcoleone, became involved in the local Progress Association.

It was during this time that she became aware of the need for a Bus Stop at the corner of Black Head Road and Lakesway, as so many of our local residents were having to travel to Newcastle for medical treatment and the only places they could pick up a bus was either in Taree or Tuncurry, which necessitated those needing treatment relying on friends to get them to these bus stops. Unfortunately at that time the Progress Association was involved in other projects and it was suggested that Doreen take this up with the Bus Company herself. She commenced petitioning for a Bus Stop in 1993 and after 2 years constant correspondence with the local member and the bus company she was finally advised by Mr John Turner M.P and Mr Kim Finnimore the General Manager of Countrylink in 1995 that a Bus Stop had been gazetted.

During this time she attended the first Community Meeting ever held by GTCC at the newly built Uniting Church in late 1994.

During this meeting discussion was held about the outpost Libraries at Old Bar and Manning Point. At question time Doreen asked if it would be possible to have such a Library in our area. She was told that if she was prepared to have a cupboard in her garage it would be possible! Doreen then commenced discussions with a Mr Taylor who was involved with Taree Library, and then Margie Wallis, Manager of the Taree Library. At that particular time, the committee of the Progress Association was not interested in a Library.

During the interim period there was a change over in the Committee of the Progress Association and Alan Kempe became President with Alan Hooper as Secretary. Doreen had to return to Sydney to assist with her young grandchildren who were ill. The committee had been looking at shops at Diamond Beach and Doreen had asked Alan to approach the empty shop owners, hoping they might donate a shop. With her return to Sydney she had asked Alan Kempe to keep an eye on things for her and to continue to press ahead with getting the area a library. Al was great, he organised a book drive where local residents donated books and encouraged the Lions Club to become involved which they did, and with Ruth Gibbs, gathered a small group who



started to organise the books. Mr Jim Dixon donated Shop No.6 of the shopping complex at Hallidays Point free of charge for 6 years. Doreen returned from Sydney just before the actual opening of the Library to find they had a shop, 13 shelves, desk and carpet donated by the Lions Club.

The Hallidays Point Community Library opened on the 12th June 1995 and was officially opened by the Mayor on the 27th June 1995. The electricity connection was paid for by Mr Ron Aiken. Later a Telephone / Fax was donated by the Chamber of Commerce with the connection fee and ongoing bills paid by Taree Council.

The Library originally operated from 10am to 2pm 6 days a week, later extending this from 10am to 5pm with 2pm closing on a Saturday. Demand increased and late opening was introduced to 7pm on a Thursday. It continued like this with increasing support from Taree Council until late March 2008, when the Supermarket was converted into Hallidays Point Library. Throughout all this time Doreen says "I had the wonderful support of many volunteers, some who have continued on in the current library. Also wonderful assistance from local residents in the form of donations of money and books and who also supported our many raffles, book sales and trading table. Hallidays Point residents can be proud of the many projects they have assisted with."

Throughout this period Doreen also became Secretary of the Progress Association in 1995 and continued for a couple of years. She was also Secretary of the Hallidays Point Chamber of Commerce. Doreen has worn many hats, being involved with the Hallidays Point Senior Citizens Association:

President: 2005 – 2006, Secretary: 2000 – 2004, Treasurer: 2012 – 2013 and together with Eric Gilfillan and John Blacklock she was instrumental in getting the Croquet Court up running.

Doreen has been a member of Black Head Women's Bowling Club since 1990 and has played bowls continuously. She has also been their Treasurer for the last 4 years and has been a Director of Black Head Bowling Club for the last 21/2 years. Doreen is also involved with the local Kids Club as their Treasurer.

We asked Doreen how she fills in her spare time but unfortunately there is no more room left in this edition!

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# Our Bloomin' Lot

## So who said dreams don't come true?

We had our first garden meeting under a shady tree opposite the block. There were 8 gardeners and one notetaker and a few apologies. This note taking has proved useful as we all get email updates on what has, and what will be happening.

Beyond my wildest dreams, we are even discussing which trees to plant along the northern edge of the block - mango, nuts, bananas, fig, a veritable feast of ideas. We like to think big.

The block now has a sign that I put my hippy earth creativity into - it's bright and loud just like me. The lot is slashed and looks rather bigger now and we got in and did a bit of weeding on the northern slope and lovely Brian whipper snipped. There are also some markers on the block which designate swales or berms- earth mounding to control water flow. This week bamboo Will is coming out to give us ideas about building a bamboo framed greenhouse for seed raising and propagation. That will be fun.



The soil on the block is hard and dry so we have some slog ahead of us and like everywhere we could do with some rain. Next time you go into the Foodies carpark look up the hill and if you see some figures toiling away that will be the happy "our bloomin' lot" lot.

Come and join us.

Vicki 6559 2011

# Landcare Group at Seascape/Diamond Beach

A new Landcare group has been formed at Seascape. The photo shows six of the dedicated local weed warriors taking a well earned break from bush regeneration work at Seascape last month.



L to R: Tim Beckett; Mike Deignan; Breck Muir; Brian Mitchell; Neville Semmler; Rick Bentley.

This is yet another example of the 'can do' attitude that makes Hallidays Point such a fantastic community to be a part of. Around a dozen locals have now rolled up their sleeves and begun to tackle the invasive weeds that are beginning to threaten the bushland corridors and plantings around the Seascape subdivision.

The volunteers have already demonstrated that hard work is no problem for them. The enthusiasm shown so far is only surpassed by the camaraderie and humour shared on the job. There are certainly some characters as well as plenty of fascinating life experience in this bunch, so working with them can be very entertaining!

Bush regeneration work done by volunteers in the area is done under the umbrella of Hallidays Point Landcare Group. The group works at Seascape on alternate Fridays from 9 to 11 am (meet at Mike Deignan's, 3 Glenelg Place, Seascape), and on the other Fridays at Diamond Beach (meet at Neville Semmler's, 1 Jubilee Place, Diamond Beach).

If you have an interest in bush regeneration and enjoy meeting new mates, Mike (6559 2680) or Tim (6559 2827) will be able to give you more information. Alan (0413 482 505) can help with Landcare orientation and membership.

## Dear Families,

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The calendar tells us we are at the beginning of autumn after an extremely long hot and dry summer. Our gardens have missed the usual summer rains at the time of writing this report but one must live in hope of some sustained rainfall in the coming weeks. Current water restrictions add to the difficulties of gardening presently but we sympathise deeply with farmers throughout this drought-stricken land. Ours is but a minor problem by comparison.

The Garden Club had its first meeting for 2014 on February 19th. March is the time to fertilise azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons. They can be fertilised with a soluble foliar fertiliser and will not need feeding again until after flowering. Prune fuchsias and geraniums and the healthy prunings will make good cuttings. Trim spent heads on roses, lavender and murraya.

Don't forget to put up a strong trellis in a sunny position and plant your sweet peas on St Patrick's Day, March 17th. Everyone used to grow sweet peas but now, many gardeners think twice before getting involved with them as they do need a lot of work. But, no other flower gives such a marvellous return. Well-grown sweet peas will flower profusely over many months and are excellent for cutting, providing flowers in winter and spring in a wide range of colours and with a fragrance that will take you back to childhood and grandmothers.

It's difficult to think about spring at this time of the year but March is the month to plant flowering bulbs if you want them for a show in

your spring garden. Bulbs should be readily available now in nurseries and garden centres. Hopefully, in the coming weeks we can look forward to cooler (and wetter) weather so we can all get out there and dig, dig, dig.

*Carmel Bartlett*

## Soccer Fields Get a Make Over

The soccer fields at Diamond Beach have received a pre-season make over. Greater Taree City Council kindly supplied 30 cubic metres of top soil which was spread over the field, filling in divots and levelling up high traffic areas. On the morning of Saturday 15th February a group of members from the sports club showed up with showels and rakes in hand and tackled the massive task of spreading the 30 cubic metres evenly over the entire playing surface. A big thank you to Tim Stenning for organising the soil and Ethan Williams from Seaview Excavations who showed up with his new track skid steer loader. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked all morning in the rain to get the job done. The playing surface should see a big improvement with this work, which coincided with a nice drop of rain; yes rain remember what that is?

*Adam Turville; Hallidays Point Sports Club*



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# Ingrid a Brave Participant in the Hallidays Point Shave for a Cure!

The last time I had my hair cut was in the north of India. In country areas in India and especially Nepal, it is virtually impossible to find someone to cut your hair since women traditionally don't have haircuts. They leave their hair long for religious reasons. A barber, although initially a bit surprised, obliged.



Last year, my friend Cherrie, was suddenly diagnosed with a life threatening leukaemia. It was such a shock. We had just been on a little holiday together and she seemed larger than life.

Taylor Wagener, the "junior" (although not so junior these days!!) at 3 Beaches Chemist where we all worked, decided she would shave her long hair off to raise money for leukaemia research as part of the "Shave for a Cure" campaign. Taylor and Cherrie had worked together for years.

This year, Taylor has joined HP Lions and is running the "Shave for a Cure" again. It is great to see a young adult becoming involved in a community group and putting in some effort to serve those people less fortunate than herself. She is thinking about her community rather than just staying in her own little world. Good on you Taylor! I hope a lot more young adult join Lions and look towards finding ways of helping our community.

So... since Taylor's, hair is still recovering from last year, I decided I should volunteer this year. My hair has grown quite a bit since the barber shop cut in India in December and I hope that I can get some sponsorship from the community to raise money for this cause which is now so close to my heart.

*Ingrid Horsburgh*

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The February meeting was well attended with 87 members present as well as two Probians from another Club.



In place of a ten-minute speaker, the three February thespians presented a humorous sketch set in a coffee shop in the 50s and now. Well done, Margaret Waldock, Doreen McMullen and Lorraine Blacklock.

# THE GHOST IN THE MACHINE

by Cynthia Morand

It's a phrase that's banded round a bit  
I've always rather fancied it  
It brings forth images in my brain  
When things go awry that I can't explain

New inventions all around me  
Miracles that happen daily  
When they work its fun - a game  
But how often do they stop and fail

Often they leave me in the lurch  
And then I stop and have to search  
For solutions to the scene  
I think its the ghost in my machine

There are lorikeets shrieking in my car  
Well it sounds like birds coming from afar  
Could be a stone, the engine needs a clean  
Again, its the ghost in my machine

My printers disappeared off my screen  
They were there yesterday but they've fled the scene  
Its a puzzle I can't solve  
I'm sure its the ghost in my machine

My camera's on the blink  
Could probably fix it in a wink  
But the manual's gone astray, to my dismay  
Again, its the ghost in my machine

I imagine an image, it looks like smoke  
When I'm trying to fix whatever's broke  
It looks like Casper, the Friendly Ghost  
A tiny figure, a smiling host  
I'm sure its the ghost in my machine

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# WLP Accountants Pty Ltd

**celebrates 60 years in business in the Manning and Great Lakes area this year.**

The firm has seen many changes over the past 60 years, moving from laborious hand-written documents, books and ledgers to manual adding machines and typewriters, up to our current electronic environment where computers have helped streamline the taxation and accounting profession to a "paperless" or "cloud" based system. The firm is proud to have achieved this milestone and even though the ways in which we attend to our clients needs may have changed our core values of assisting our clients to meet their taxation and business requirements remains the same.

The firm began with Alan Cowan opening a Chartered accountancy practice on 20 January, 1954 in Temple Chambers, Victoria Street, Taree with one part-time employee. Today we have offices in Taree and Forster and have a team of twelve people. In 1973 Bruce Walker joined the firm as a partner and in 1975 Roger Lynch, who had worked in the firm since 1963 also became a partner. The firm was then known as Cowan, Walker & Lynch. In 1998 the firm changed its name to Walker Lynch Petersen, reflecting the then partners of Bruce Walker, Roger Lynch and Mark Petersen. Mark Petersen tragically passed away in August 2001. Roger Lynch and Bruce Walker have since retired, with Stuart Horsburgh practicing as partner from 2000 and retiring in July 2012.

The current directors of the firm, Rhonda Haworth and Scott Dawes, continue to maintain the high standard of technical excellence and professionalism demanded as members of the Institute of Chartered



The WLP Team: Liane Poultin, Narelle Boyd, Scott Paterson, Michelle Burnes, Janice Currie, Derek Knight, Meghan Boyd, Sue Percival, Brad Drury, Jenny Ferguson and directors Rhonda Haworth CA and Scott Dawes CA.

Accountants in Australia. Rhonda Haworth joined the firm in 1999, as client manager in our Forster Office and become a partner of the firm in July 2003. Rhonda has over 30 years accounting and audit experience having commenced her career in Sydney in 1982. Scott Dawes was initially employed in our Forster Office as a trainee accountant, progressing to a Client Manager role and upon successful completion of his professional qualifications was admitted as a Director of the firm in 2010.

More recently, the firm has merged with Davis Ford Accountants, welcoming many new clients and existing employees from that firm and consolidating its already strong position in the local accounting profession.

Currently, the firm is a proactive, people-based organisation, committed to providing a prompt and highly professional service, specialising in the areas of business services, tax and accounting, self managed superannuation funds and audit. WLP Accountants' team has a wealth of knowledge and experience across a diverse range of industries and professions, enabling us to provide our clients with an exceptional level of service.

To celebrate 60 years in business, the firm recently held a function which was attended by past and present employees and directors and clients. Alan Cowan gave a speech on "The way things were" many years ago when he started the practice. Bruce Walker and Roger Lynch also related events of their time as Directors to the audience and Rhonda Haworth gave an account of the firm's current activities. Scott Dawes thanked all who attended and particularly thanked Alan Cowan, Bruce Walker and Roger Lynch as founders of the firm for their legacy.



Rhonda Haworth CA and Scott Dawes CA.

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# Fish'n Tips

with Denise Greenaway

If you asked me at this moment what the tide is doing – I wouldn't know!! Now that's terrible for a fisho' 'cos fishing on the right tide is most important. If you want to catch fish that is!! We all know that just 'wetting a line' is often the paramount reason for putting yourself out there in nature, away from the world with the sand between your toes, salt air in your face and nostrils etc.....



If I stop and listen for the sounds of the ocean from afar, I can get a clue! When the tide is changing and low it seems to me to be noisier in a gentle rhythmic way. Not noisy as when there is bad weather or a big swell – just busy noisy. On the high tide it seems almost silent, calm, full and lazy! Maybe that fullness affects the fish as you don't seem to catch as much on the full tide – bream like it and it is the best time for swimming in it – with the fish!

It is mostly on the change of tides that fish become active as the movement of the water over rocks and shoreline, stirs up food for them. Sand Whiting are like vacuum cleaners, using their nose to stir up food in the sand; Bream have large, sharp teeth for chomping on oysters, periwinkles etc. and the flathead bury themselves in the sand ready to 'ambush' passing food – with a flick of their strong tail they dart out and grab the food as it passes by.

The fisho' gathers bait on the different tides too. Pippies are great bait for bream and whiting and will often wash around your feet on a fuller tide. When the tide is lower it is easier to spot the pippies and to scoop them out. I just love gathering pippies, chasing them in the waves and then throwing them back and watching them dig their way back into the sand. Fascinating!! Of course you need a pippie or two to catch those tasty beach worms that 'all' fish love. It is best

to catch worms on the low to rising tide – hopefully when there is a long gap between waves, for me. So many times I've had my fingers around a good worm, just about to pull it out when the wave comes and I lose it! Pumping yabbies in the estuaries is done at low tide so you can see the yabbie holes and have some dry sand to pump them onto – slows them down a bit so you can gather them up!

So fishing on the right tide is recommended and you need to adapt to each new one.

Life's like that ..... different tides, highs and lows, calm or stormy, quiet or busy. For each of our life tides we have to change..... just as we change rigs or bait for fishing the different ocean tides. For me at the moment, life is a high tide – I've been so busy I have not had time to go fishing. "Hush my mouth!!" The Captain and I have been 'upstream' building a new home at Harrington and packing up this one at beautiful Blackhead. Just as the tides of the ocean change and bring new bounty, we can choose to 'go with the flow' and see what new waters bring. I have truly enjoyed my time and the tides at Blackhead and learnt a lot about fishing from my mentors, Trevor, Ken & Brian – thanks guys!!

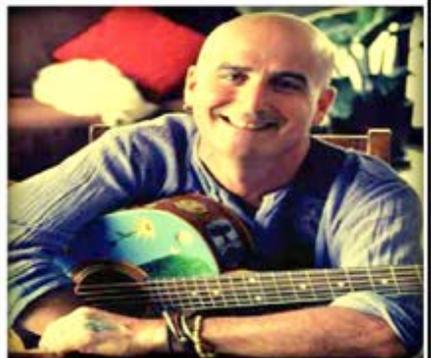
The current is taking me north for now ..... farewell and good fishing!!

*Denise*

Thank you Denise for all the Fish'n Tips articles you've contributed to the News of Our World. They have all been very informative, descriptive and written with a sense of humour. I'm sure you've improved many fishers techniques and encouraged lots of others to take up the activity. Your regular contributions to our Newsletter will be sorely missed. I'm sure that the Hallidays Community all wish you a happy future in your new home at Harrington.



*Ed.*

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Black Head Bowling Club</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Hallidays Point. NSW</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sports &amp; Entertainment, Community &amp; Family Club</b></p>		 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MATT ZARB</b> Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March Commencing 7pm</p>
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# Tank's Corner

## Diamond Beach Veterinary Clinic

Hi Pet Lovers – just a word about protecting us pets if we get lost or stray. Some of us don't like being confined to just a back yard and take any opportunity to go visit others. Sometimes we forget where we really live and can't find our way back home.



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### MICROCHIPPING FOR DOGS

Under the Companion Animal Act 1998, there are 2 steps to permanently identify your pets.

**Step 1** is permanent identification through microchipping.

**Step 2** is lifetime registration through your local council.

These 2 steps will help return your pet to you if it is lost, hurt or stolen. Once microchipped & registered your pet is protected for life

It is the responsibility of the person or organisation selling or giving away the animal to ensure that it is microchipped before the point of sale or transfer.

Permanent identification information is lodged by the authorised identifier with the NSW Companion Animal Register. It is also forwarded to your local council. Owners are issued with a pink copy of the identification form at the time of implantation.

Your dog or cat must be chipped by 12 weeks of age for lifetime identification

Your pet must be lifetime registered with a local council by six months of age

# Stay Active for Life

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**Where:**  
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**Contact:**  
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Greater Taree City Council

**Registration:** Unless your dog is exempt, it must be registered before it is six months old. Cats also.

Lifetime registration can be done at any local council.

**You will need:**

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2. Desexing certificate or statutory declaration
3. Any documents which entitle you to a discount

Greyhounds, police dogs and working dogs [dog trained as a working dog & used for droving, tending or protecting stock] do not require microchipping or lifetime registration.

### MICROCHIPPING FOR CATS

The same rules for dogs apply to cats born after 1999.

## Hallidays Point Library+ News

### Workshops in using your iPad and Tablet

We are conducting lessons for Starters, Intermediate and Advanced iPad and Tablet users throughout 2014 at Greater Taree Libraries.

The response to our first sessions at Hallidays Point Library for iPad and Android Starters were extremely positive. March workshops are:

- iPad Intermediate, Friday 7 March 1.30 – 4.30
- Android Intermediate Tuesday 18 March 12.30- 3.30

We will run advanced workshops in April, and then back to Starters again in May.

Class numbers are very limited so bookings are essential. You need to bring your own device with you. More details of sessions are available at the library.

### Exhibition in the Library Gallery

In March we celebrate Seniors week with a combined exhibition by some of our local senior artists.

60 Up will be on display from 4th – 28 March. An interesting variety of artworks will be available for sale.

### Seniors Week Activities @ the Library

Are you interested in Family history? We will have a Family History Workshop on Wednesday 19 March from 10.30am – 3.00pm (Lunch provided). The workshop will be presented by the Manning Wallamba Family History Society. Numbers for this free workshop are limited, so bookings are essential. Contact the library for more information.

The Young at Heart Short Film Festival will be happening again this year, on Thursday 20 March from 2.00 – 3.30pm. These films were very popular last year. Don't miss the chance to see good quality short films about issues relevant to Seniors. Afternoon tea will be provided and bookings are essential.

**See you soon at the Library – right next door to the Hallidays Point Post Office.**

**Mon – Fri 10am – 5pm, Sat 10am – 12 Noon.**

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## Black Head SLSC

The BHSLC now has a community defibrillator on the verandah of the surf club which the public can access, by using the outside stairs. The Defib was a contribution of many, and thank you to all who donated, but the brain child of the quilters group. As many people use the pool and beach out of patrol hours it is an excellent



life saving device to have available. The BHSLC will maintain the defib. the Surf Club will be conducting lesson in its use so please contact blackheadslsc@bigpond.com for details.

The Branch carnival was held on the 8th and 9th February with Blackhead coming 2nd in the junior and masters division, which is a great effort by all competitors, who not only compete but have a lot fun mixing with members of the other clubs. The day couldn't run without all the officials and competition organisers who work tirelessly to make the week end run smoothly.

Nippers is continuing on Sunday mornings teaching the young up and coming lifesavers, learning water safety and surf skills, while having fun with beach events.

Sunday Sippers on the verandah in the afternoon from 3.30pm onwards, open to all, bring the family, a BBQ is available, a great way to wind down and relax from the week end.

Week end patrols from 9am to 1pm will continue till the end of the next school holidays.

It has been a very busy year. IRB (inflatable rescue boat) proficiencies conducted were in large surf with all participating showing amazing skills with dealing with huge sets of up to 11 waves in each set, I am happy to say no IRB was flipped and all drivers and crew passed with flying colours. The club also trained up some young new drivers and ran Bronze medallion courses for new patrolling members.

The life guards who patrolled the beach over the Xmas school holidays kept the beach safe for all swimmers and surfers, no major rescues occurred thanks to these young men maintaining a high level of proficiency.

The NSW state carnival is on in March, this is to be held at Umina beach on the Central coast, good luck to all the BHSLC participant.

**Pictured:** Shane Reeman, young Carter Cox with his dad, Paul Cox, learning the skills of beach patrol



## Our Natural World with Geraldine

### The Ugly Duckling

So you all know the story of the Ugly Duckling that turned into a Swan?

Well, in late December I received a call from FAWNA to say that Tim and his son in Panorama Drive had rescued a baby bird from an attack by a Kookaburra.



The chick was an odd little thing, it had a big beak with two bulges on each side (maybe it's a friarbird?), it had big feet (maybe it's a waterbird? Oh but there is no webbing and it doesn't feed itself), does it eat insects (no it keeps spitting out the insectivore mix), what about nectar (no doesn't like that either). It is a strange little bird, dark black plumage with a brown upper body covered in "ginger mags" fine hairs. We have no idea what bird we are raising, then one night on the TV show Gourmet Farmer the presenter goes to a pigeon farm, my phone rings and it is Alana saying I know what your bird is I just saw it on TV. The bird, now named Fred is a pigeon! Not any pigeon, but a White Headed Pigeon (not that you could tell that at the moment).

Feeding Fred was quite difficult because pigeons don't "gape" feed like a lot of birds (you know the baby magpie with its mouth wide open bleating at its mum feed me, feed me). Fred is a "crop" feeder, he is looking to put his beak down his mother's throat and suck up milk. Luckily the pet shop sells this mixture called Granivore that attempts to replicate his mothers' milk, although Fred is constantly trying to put his beak between my fingers rather than into the measuring cup of liquid. After a while Fred develops a liking for solids, strawberries, small tomatoes and sweet corn.

All baby birds have an instinct that says if you are about to poop you need to do it outside the nest, so they back up and fire off a pellet of poo, in theory over the side of the nest. In the end I had to move Fred's cage away from the wall as it was becoming streaked with bird droppings.

After four weeks Fred was starting to change from an "ugly duckling" into a beautiful pigeon, all the "ginger mags" hairs had gone and the top half was getting to be a deep grey white colour. I think only the males get the real white head so maybe Fred is going to be Frederica! The bird has now been released into the wild again however at this stage we have failed to wean him/her off sweet corn morning and night!



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Black Head working bees every Monday and Tuesday 8-11 am.  
Contact: Alana 6559 2979

Red Head working bees on the 4th Monday of each month  
8-11 am. Contact: Alan 0413 482 505

Seascape/Diamond Beach working bees each Friday 9-11 am  
Contact: Tim 6559 2827

The school's organic veggie garden most Wednesdays  
from 12.30 pm. Contact: Alana 6559 2979

The Black Head Bazaar on the first Sunday of each month  
(except winter months) – see [www.hallidayspointinfo.com](http://www.hallidayspointinfo.com)

## Hallidays Point Playgroup

Join us at Hallidays Point Community Church

Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am

2 weeks free for new members

Enquiries contact Harmony on 0421 344 624

## SENIOR CITIZENS -BUSY CALENDAR

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

Activities are as follows:

Mon. Croquet 9.30a.m. - 12 noon, Tues.

Tai Chi 8.00a.m. - 9.30a.m.

Every 1st & 3rd Mon - Bingo 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

1st & 3rd Mon - "Poetry For You" 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.

1st Wed of the month -Open Forum 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

Every 2nd Thurs on Aged Pension day - Shopping Day  
9.30a.m pick up

Fri. Art Class 9.30a.m. - 12 noon, Sat. Bazaar preparation

9.00a.m start (Not in Winter), Sun. Black Head Bazaar  
5.30a.m. - 1.00p.m.

(Not in Winter), Films (see notice board)

This schedule shows what a very busy life the seniors lead with all types of activity to interest and get involved in.

Further enquiries contact Secretary Cynthia Morand on  
6559 3692

## BLACKHEAD TENNIS CLUB

Join your local BLACKHEAD TENNIS CLUB and enjoy the benefits of reduced court hire.

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There are a number of tennis groups that play each week that might suit new members.

For further details please call Ian Greenaway on  
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## Ladies Tuesday Evening Tennis 7pm

\$5.00 per week Call Natalie on 0411 251 010 if you can make it.

## Ladies Friday Morning Tennis 9am-11am

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4th Sunday – Praise and Worship 5.00pm

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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## 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, both men and women, so why not 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 6.30 p.m. for fellowship 7.00 p.m. dinner.

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

Enquiries: Gerard Cross, on 6559 3310

## We Serve

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**Your community group at Hallidays Point could use this space for free each month to advertise their activities.**  
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# Manning Valley Aero Club 2nd Annual Charity Ball

You are invited to grab partners / friends and perhaps make a table for the most important fundraising event for the Manning River Aero Club that contributes \$5 to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service for every ticket sold.

Our club is a not for profit organisation that has for over 50 years been providing flying training, charter and joy flight services for the Manning - Great Lakes region. We are very proud to have alumni that are doing wonderful things in aviation in Australia and abroad. Whether it be commanding business jets to wide body airliners or holding senior management positions in regulators, locals have had the opportunity to complete some training with us in pursuit of their dreams and we certainly want to keep on providing a great training environment and fleet for students in years to come. (\*our commercial flying operations are temporarily postponed awaiting our new Chief Pilot's approval)

We are delighted to own a well equipped 2004 model 172 that is sometimes expensive to maintain, especially in the charter category in which ours is maintained to. For instance, a Cessna Airworthiness Directive requires that we replace our seatbelts at a cost close to \$5000.00, every 10 years, which happens to come up for us this coming April. Regardless, this pails into insignificance when a twin engine Bell 412 costs \$3000.00 per flight hour.

At anytime, day or night, the Westpac chopper crews are ready to help people in need. Partly because of various fundraising efforts that occur such as our ball, the service is absolutely free of charge for those who are unfortunate enough to need an aero medivac.

Although the dress code is 'formal', the intent is more for people to dress up in their best and just enjoy the night - black jeans and jacket could suffice. Ours and members' various aircraft ranging from a Tiger Moth to a helicopter (subject to weather) will be on static display, so those merely interested in aviation should enjoy.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information on my

numbers below and I certainly look forward to seeing as many people that can make it on the night.

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Now, in contemporary, modern day Australia, celebrations reflect the diverse society and landscape of the nation, and are marked by community and family events, reflections on Australian history, official community awards like the Australian of the Year, and the Lions Club Citizen of the Year to occur when I conclude, the Australia Day Honours are announced and citizenship ceremonies held.



HP Lions Club Citizen of the Year Kathy Cameron with President Ray Piper (L) & Frances Crampton (R)

There are general celebrations like this one today, launched in the year of the Sydney Olympics in 2000, hosted by the fabulous Lions Club of Hallidays Point and supported by the local businesses (which I urge you to support)

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This reflects my experience of living here for just over a year. A great community and community spirit. A community that supports one another.

Nearly everyone is friendly and helpful. There is a wonderful sense of well-being and a very relaxed and casual manner.

Thank you Lions Club for this honour afforded me today; thank all of you for making this a wonderful place to live. As I walk the beaches,

swim in the pool, go to the Bazaar and play golf I often think of the second and most famous verse of the 6 verses of Dorothea Mackellar's

**MY COUNTRY**

I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains;  
I love her far horizons,  
I love her jewel-sea,  
Her beauty and her terror-  
The wide brown land for me!

This is the lucky country, I have had many opportunities through sport and found the harder I worked the luckier I became.

For a relatively young Nation living on the oldest land mass we have a very full and interesting history. Much has been written and recorded of the diversity from which we evolve.

It is time to rejoice and unite in our diversity, not to hold us, the descendants responsible for the past, but to accept us for who we are today and reap the benefits of harmony and peace.

Finally I say to you:

G'day mate. Bonza Day.  
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"Live the Dream" and  
enjoy Australia Day in  
Paradise

*Frances Crampton AM*



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