



March 2015 Hallidays Point News of Our World

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Australia Day Breakfast on Black Head Beach

Despite the fact that the rain started coming down heavily around 7.15am and everything had to be moved to inside the SLSC, it can safely be said from the feedback I had from the large gathering assembled, the event was a great success.

Alan Tickle gave a very good address on behalf of the Mayor of Greater Taree City Council.

The Flag Raising Ceremony was held on the balcony of the Surf Club with the Guard of Honour provided by the Diamond Beach Rural Fire Service while all those gathered sang a rousing rendition of our National Anthem.

The Flag Raising Ceremony was followed by an awe inspiring talk by our Australia Day Ambassador, Professor Brian Burdekin AO.

Brian is Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of New South Wales and also teaches at Universities in Europe, America and China.

From 1976 to 1986 he was Principal Advisor to a former Australian Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Trade Minister, Minister for Federal-State Relations and the Federal Attorney General.

Prior to this he was a diplomat (representing Australia in the United States and Geneva) and a lawyer.



Professor Brian Burdekin AO.

He spent 10 years as a diplomat negotiating the Law of the Sea Treaty - which extended Australia's territorial sea from 3 miles to 12 miles and gave us a 200 mile exclusive economic zone.

From 1986 to 1994 Brian was the first Federal Human Rights Commissioner of Australia. He conducted major national inquiries into wide-spread abuses of particularly vulnerable groups - including the homeless, mentally ill, people with disabilities, and older Australians suffering dementia.

From 1995 to 2003 he was Special Adviser to the United Nations and conducted over 200 missions to nearly 100 countries in the Asia Pacific, Africa, Europe and Latin America to create an independent Human Rights Commission or Anti-Corruption Commission. In the past 25 years he has helped to establish such Commissions in over 70 countries.

The Hallidays Point Lions Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Bev Crisp. Bev is a tireless worker for the community and renowned for her cooking, particularly for any person in need of assistance. Her great Jams & Pickles are legendary and generously distributed to raise money for worthy causes. She was given an outstanding round of applause and appreciation. Bev is a very popular choice for the award within the community.

Congratulations Bev on your well deserved award.

Thanks to Harry Edstein for the photos.



Bev Crisp - Hallidays Point Citizen of the Year

John Finnie, Editor.



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Operation Asparagus: Black Head Beach

A group of hardy Landcare volunteers entered a new theatre of war in early 2014. Location: the coastal rainforest and dune vegetation behind Black Head Beach. Enemy: *Asparagus aethiopicus*, or asparagus fern to you and I. Our initial council of war resolved that complete elimination of the enemy using troops on the ground wielding a variety of hand held weapons and taking no prisoners was the only way to counter the threat of this aggressive foe.

What is asparagus fern? Originating from South Africa, it was introduced into Australia in the late nineteenth century as a pot plant. It spreads both by seed (birds love those red berries) and vegetatively by underground rhizomes and tubers. It poses a serious environmental threat because it rapidly colonises large areas of bushland, forming a dense mat that suppresses regeneration of native vegetation.



Flowering asparagus fern



Fruiting asparagus fern – the berries start green, then turn red

Why do we need to remove this weed from our dunes and rainforest reserves? Our reserves are very special. Dunes are vital defences from storm surges and other threats from the ocean to houses and other assets behind the beach. The best way to keep a strong, healthy dune system is to encourage the native vegetation (banksia, coastal wattle, tuckeroo, etc.) that has evolved there over

many thousands of years. The littoral (coastal) rainforest behind the beach is a remnant of the rainforest that once stretched along most of the NSW coast. It is an EEC (Endangered Ecological Community), protected by law, which allows for very large fines for illegal damage or clearing. It is precious because it is a refuge for endangered flora and fauna and of great scientific interest and recreational value. Last year scientists found that an extract from the blushwood tree, a rainforest tree that grows only in a small area of the Atherton Tablelands, was an incredibly effective treatment for skin cancers. Who knows what still may be discovered in littoral rainforests? Here are a few pictures of just some of the treasures to be found in our own coastal rainforest:



Worth saving from that pesky asparagus fern and other introduced weeds, eh? We think so, which is why a year ago we started physically digging up the stuff, bagging it and taking it to the tip. Why not spray it? Actually we have sprayed and used spraying contractors in part of the area for nearly 20 years now. It has knocked the weed back in places, but not completely killed it. It appears that to rely on chemicals requires so much spray that the toxicity inhibits regeneration. We have certainly found that physical removal has resulted in excellent regeneration of native vegetation, much more quickly than we anticipated.

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Here are some snaps of what our awesome band of volunteers have been up to:



Eleanor Long with one of the piles of bagged asparagus



The pile grows, 200+ sacks and counting!



Bruce White loads some of the weed onto a GTCC truck with his tractor

Interested in helping? Here are some things you could do:

- If you have asparagus fern (or climbing asparagus) in your garden, get rid of it. Dig out the crown and put it and any fruit in the bin. If you don't want to do it yourself, give me a ring on 0413 482 505 and I will organise someone to help.
- Never dump any garden refuse in or near bushland areas.
- Come and join us! Still plenty to do. We meet each Monday at around 8 am and work till around 11. Full training given. It's hard yakka but very satisfying. We also have easier jobs for those that aren't able to do heavy digging. Same number – 0413 482 505 – for more info.
- Check out our community website www.hallidayspointinfo.com for more info about Hallidays Point Landcare Group and our many other local environmental and community projects.



Regenerating rainforest behind Black Head Beach. No asparagus fern to be seen, and the native flora bouncing back beautifully.

Alan Pursch

Black Head Pool

It was necessary to close the Black Head ocean pool on the Sunday afternoon of the Australia Day long weekend after two reports of cut feet caused by broken glass in the pool. Members of Dad's Army drained the pool, and after collecting the shards of glass and sweeping the affected area, refilled the pool in time for the Australia Day public holiday.

This incident reinforces the need to remind the public that glass bottles and containers are inappropriate in and around the pool. A reminder also that dogs (Greater Taree City Council regulation) and smoking (NSW State Government law) are not permitted in the pool or the area surrounding the pool.

Pool cleaning is carried out each Thursday, with the closing time to coincide with low tide advertised on the door of Dad's Army shed.

Peter Ryall



Black Head Pool at Dawn. Photo by John Finnie

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Diamond Beach Rural Fire Service



On the first Thursday of the Month we check that both trucks are ready to respond to call-outs. Checks carried out include Mechanical, including all fluids and tyres, including spare, fixed and portable water pumps and generator, tools, first aid and AED.



Fully equipped with Fire Fighting equipment including hoses, nozzles, fixed and portable pumps, portable generators, food and drinking water, stand pipe and filler hose to fill truck tanks with water.



Some of the Brigade Members who attended the Australia Day Breakfast
Photo by Harry Edstein

Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP)

A Place of Last Resort

Neighbourhood Safer Places are places of last resort - when all other plans have failed:

- NSP's should not be used as places to relocate to when leaving early
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- Sheltering at an NSP will not guarantee your safety - leaving early is always the safest option
- NSP's should only be used if you cannot leave early or safely stay and defend or when your **Bush Fire Survival plan** has failed
- If there are no NSP's available, other safer locations should be identified in your **Bush Fire Survival Plan**
- You should have a number of NSP's and other safer locations recorded in your **Bush Fire Survival Plan**
- Always use the safest option during a bush fire emergency
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HALLIDAYS POINT ANZAC DAY 2015

6am DAWN SERVICE and the traditional 11am COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On 25 April 2015 we mark the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli

This year the Hallidays Point ANZAC Day Organising Committee will hold a 6am Dawn Service in addition to the traditional 11am Service at the ANZAC War Memorial, Black Head Bowling Club.

An early complimentary cooked Breakfast provided by the Bowling Club will be served from 5.30am prior to the 6am Service.

The Commemoration Service will as usual be held at 11am followed by Finger Food provided by the Organising committee.

Wreaths may be laid at the 11am Commemoration Service.

For Info
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Head2Head Ocean Swim

Return of the Black Head "Head2Head Ocean Swim" in April.

Black Head Surf Life Saving Club has conducted the "Head2Head Ocean Classic" over recent years, with the inaugural event held on January 3rd 2010. Logistical problems meant that it didn't run last year. In 2013, the last time it was held, there were 269 entries from the local area and from across the state.



This year sees the return of the event on Sunday April 19th, 2015 (the last day of the school holidays). As in past years, there will be a 700 metre swim (9.15am), a 1500 metre swim (10.30am) and an ocean ski paddle.

The event offers Family entry. Families must be

parents and/or their school-age children. Minimum entry age is 12 years.

The Black Head "Head2Head" is well known throughout the state and is well attended by the swimming fraternity because of the welcoming community spirit, great organisation, and the friendly hospitality provided in a family atmosphere.

The "Head2Head" is a part of the Fine Ocean Swim Series and entries can now be made via the website www.oceanswims.com Further details of registration, entry fees, and prizes will be available in early March.

Peter Ryall



Hallidays Point Senior Citizens

Goodness, what happened to that month? Gone! This year "Seniors Week" will be held from 14th to 22nd March

On Friday 20th Hallidays Point Seniors will be hosting a demonstration of Martial Arts by a number of the members of



Fudoshin Budo Ryu School of Martial Arts and Weaponry. The Sensei for this group is Graeme Dunning. This exciting presentation will commence at 10.00 am at the Seniors Hall.

Following the Martial Arts demonstration at around 11.00 am the Choir and Recorder group from Hallidays Point Public School will perform. The students are a delightful bunch of young people ably led by their music teacher, Ms Linda Davis. The school's choir and recorder group have performed for us for some years and both students and seniors look forward very much to this event.

We have arranged for a sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the performances. A gold coin donation will be appreciated.

Please advise if transport is required by calling 0411 481 350. If unanswered, please leave a message.

That's about it for now. Hopefully I will have some beautiful pictures to go with next month's prattle.

Cheers, Marilyn

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Our Natural World

with Geraldine

Triantiwontigongolopes perhaps?

This summer our house has been invaded, not by the usual Christmas beetles or flying ants but by things that quietly crawl across the floor. You dispose of them but next morning there they are crawling across the floor yet again. I thought perhaps they might be Triantiwontigongolopes.

Let me explain. When I was a kid I had a book of CJ Dennis poetry and in it was a poem that went like this...

There's a very funny insect that you do not often spy,
And it isn't quite a spider, and it isn't quite a fly;
It is something like a beetle, and a little like a bee,
But nothing like a wooly grub that climbs upon a tree.
Its name is quite a hard one, but you'll learn it soon, I
hope.

So try:

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Tri-anti-wonti-

Tri-anti-wonti-gong-olope

I always wanted to find this creature and I thought our creepy crawly might be a Triantiwontigolope but alas it turns out it is just a Millipede.

Contrary to their name millipedes do not have a thousand legs. They have two legs coming from each body segment. This is how you tell a centipede from a millipede; a centipede only has one set of legs for each body segment. Our millipede seems to have about 80 legs.



The millipedes appear after moist periods of rain. Millipedes are herbivores and scavengers that feed on decaying plant material and animal matter. They are usually found in cool, moist environments; under rocks and logs, in leaf litter and under the bark of trees. In which case why do they persist in coming inside our house? Turns out they come inside looking to find a mate. The males have specially designed "mating legs" on their seventh body segment which they use to transfer sperm to the female genital opening.

As you can gather the millipedes have overstayed their welcome in our house and it would be really good if they decided to move on!

(PS: The CJ Dennis poem has several more verses, for those interested in reading the ending just google Triantiwontigongolope)

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Living in contented retirement at Halliday Shores for the last 6 years, they have become very involved at the retirement village as volunteers running movie nights, Marg co-ordinator of Social Club and Leo as bus driver once a week for shopping. Other volunteer work includes Landcare, Diamond Beach Fire Brigade, (Leo is currently deputy Captain) and past President of Newcastle Caravan Club, which involves lots of trips around the State.

Leo arrived in Australia from Holland with his mother, father and two brothers in 1953 at 5 years of age. The five of them lived at Brookvale in a single car garage! These were tough days.

Leo was schooled at Brookvale Public and Manly Boys High. He married his first wife in 1970 and in 1977 together with their daughter and son they moved to England.

By 1979 Leo was now single and met Margaret who was born, schooled and married in England. Margaret was also single by 1979 with 4 boys. They were married in October 1981 and for the next 8 years they were both involved in soccer "Little League Football for underprivileged children where they helped boys change their lives for the better. Leo and Margaret did much fundraising to pay for the boy's uniforms and boots and were able to take all 84 boys to Wembley to see International football games and meet a lot of the top England footballers. Trips of a lifetime for a lot of the boys.

In November 1989 Leo and Margaret moved to Australia where they lived in a Terry Hills caravan park. Leo started his own business in rubbish removal called "Keep Australia Beautiful" involved in clearing and cleaning building sites. Margaret was nursing at Narrabeen, both working hard in order to buy a house in Gosford in 1990. For 3 years they were up at 5am driving to Sydney to work. The move to the Central Coast settled them for 12 years until in 2002 they built their dream home in Maitland where they received numerous visits from their family in England.

In 2006 Margaret was diagnosed with breast cancer involving treatment with chemotherapy and radiation. Now unable to work, a reassessing of life saw them on a trip with the Caravan Club to Happy Hallidays Caravan Park where a friend introduced them to a friend who lived at Halliday Shores. The rest is history and they have been busy here ever since, Margaret with many trips back to England to see mum and sons, Leo back in 2010, for daughter's wedding and catch up with his son. He is now booked for a further visit in 2016.

Thank you Leo and Margaret

Story by Margaret Waldock



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Hallidays Point Garden Club

On Wednesday January 21st, about 40 club members gathered at Jenny and Bill Lyndon's for the annual twilight barbecue.



It's always such a good night and the Lyndons' hospitality was its usual warm and welcoming. The garden looked amazing, reflecting the labour of love that goes into such a creation. At one point we were all forced under cover due to the sudden arrival of a summer storm which threw down squally rain but failed to dampen the mood of the evening. A big thankyou from the club to Jenny and Bill.

The first meeting of the year is to be held at the home of Libby and Anthony Siacca at Tuncurry on Wednesday February 18th.

Please note the date, club members, and also any other readers interested in finding out more about the Garden Club.

Some tasks in the garden for this time of the year might include controlling citrus leaf miner by regularly spraying with Pest Oil early in the morning or later in the evening. Also it is time to feed citrus fruit trees and top up the mulch over their root systems. This is also a good time for taking cuttings of shrubs. Dip 10cm long pieces in hormone powder (some of our gardeners use honey or vegemite!!) and insert in pots of seed-raising mix. Caterpillars can be a pest too at this time of the year. Spray with a natural bio-insecticide that is non-toxic to humans.

Happy gardening.

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Petition Update for Diamond Beach Road Upgrade

Cr Alan Tickle has stated that he will be formally receiving and the lodging the petition on March 4th

A notice of motion will then be lodged by Cr Tickle with debate occurring near the start of the Council meeting March 18th which commences at 5pm

Attendance at the meeting by this community will add some support as well as emailing dlcouncillors@gtcc.nsw.gov.au expressing concern over the state of Diamond Beach Road and asking that it be classed as a local road in the same manner as Black Head, Old Bar and Wingham Roads are prioritised.

In a second action, Councillor Tickle will be having discussions with the local school over parking issues with a suggestion that pressure be imposed on the State Government and candidates in the 25th March Election, to fund works along that section of the road.

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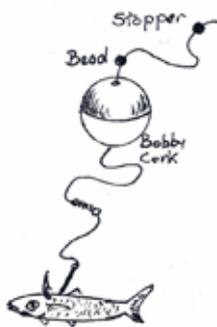
Fishing News

with Trevor

For those of us who access Tuncurry Beach north end by foot, vehicle, or horse must appreciate how dangerous it is. Vehicles returning from the beach have to approach the access at speed, oblivious to what is on the ramp as there is no clear view. I have suggested to Great Lakes Council several times that a walking area be built, to be used exclusively for pedestrians and horses.



Nothing has been done to maintain or repair the access in over 10 years and with approximately 4,000 permits generating many thousands of dollars it should be a priority. Please add your voice if you are also concerned.



Now is dusky flathead time (36cm not 25cm minimum). They respond to many varieties of baits and lures, both soft plastic and metal. Check the action of the lure to make sure it functions properly and be prepared to change if unsuccessful. Try varying retrieve actions – slow, fast, “tea bagging”, etc. Strips of cut fish flesh, prawns, whitebait, yabbies, and worms are commonly used but best of all are live baits such as poddy mullet and herring,

when fished close to the seabed. All flathead respond to a moving bait and bobby corking (as shown) so that the live bait is just off the bottom is a successful method. Best locations are the edge of

rock walls and leases, drop offs and eddies where they ambush their prey.

Blue swimmer crabs are common up Wallis Lake while some great Jewfish to 20kg. are rewarding anglers off the wall according to Brad from Great Lakes Tackle.

Offshore reports vary with some great catches of snapper and teraglin off Black Head while 6 boats returned to Crowdy Head a fortnight ago with not even a scale.

The shape of our local beaches is terrible – no gutters, holes or drop-offs and consequently, only a few fish have been landed, although several drummer using bread bait and burley, have been landed off the rocks.

Local, Damian Basile was rewarded with a nice 7kg. jewfish using worms, off Black Head Beach.

Good Fishing, Trevor



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The night is one of celebration in recognising the achievements of past Community and Lions Members.

Note: By accepting this invitation and then finding you are unable to attend there is an understanding that there is a responsibility to pay for dinner if you do not cancel by April 13.

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PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT BLACKHEAD BOWLING CLUB 15TH FEB 1990.

RE: FORMATION OF A LIONS CLUB IN HALLIDAYS POINT.

THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 8-30PM AND WAS OPENED BY JOHN McMULLEN WITH 15 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. JOHN THOMASON MOVED THAT JOHN McMULLEN CHAIR THE MEETING AND WAS SECONDED BY RAY EAGLING, CARRIED.

APOLOGIES WAS ACCEPTED FROM BOB COUPE.

THE CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED THE REASONS FOR THE MEETING AND THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LIONS

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT MEMBERSHIP BE OPEN TO BOTH MALE AND FEMALE. COST PER MEMBER TO BE \$70 PER YEAR.

TWO DINNER MEETINGS PER MONTH AND WHERE 5 WEEKS IN A MONTH IT WAS THOUGHT, THIS COULD BE A PARTNERS NIGHT.

THE CHAIRMAN MENTION THE LIONS POLICY ON CLASSIFICATIONS, BUT COULD SEE NO PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA.

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR. INTEREST WAS SHOWN ON POINTS DEALING WITH FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY WORK. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT A LIONS CLUB COULD HELP BOTH THE LOCAL BUSH-FIRE BRIGADE AND THE SURF CLUB FINANCIALLY, AND COMMUNITY WORKS SUCH AS PARKS, THE AGED, AND THE YOUTH.

A MOTION WAS MOVED TO FORM A STEERING COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF THE FORMATION OF A LIONS CLUB IN THE AREA NAMED HALLIDAYS POINT LIONS CLUB

MOVED REG IVANOFF,
SECONDED RAY EAGLING,.....,CARRIED.

MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE: DOREEN HIGGS, LOU COLMAN, KEN MONTREIVE,, JEAN MARCOLEONE,, JOHN McMULLEN, JOHN THOMASON.

MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT 11 COOINDIA ST, HALLIDAYS POINT THURS, 22ND AT 8-00PM.

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Art in the Area

Jeanette Smith – Hallidays Point

Jeanette started painting from the age of eight and was motivated to keep painting by winning a school colouring competition. She went on to tell me: “My mother was a china painter and our house was full of “creating corners” where she painted and displayed her work. There wasn’t any way I could escape from art.



When I finished high school I won an award to go to a Sydney Art

School, but I opted for a gap year to travel the world; that led to many years travelling and absorbing art in many forms and from many countries. It was when I finally studied fine arts that I realised the award would have saved me a lot of time and money!”

Jeanette holds formal qualifications from Sydney institutions in Interior & Exterior Design. Construction Project Management and Fine Arts. Education and Teaching in the Creative industries. “While I worked in the busy and demanding building design and construction industries, I knew my future must involve art if I was to enjoy life.

Moving to the Mid North Coast and painting is like having a studio every minute I’m awake”, says Jeanette.

“I’ve trained myself to apply ‘creative observation’ to everything I see, and I’m still amazed how this is a never ending pleasure and such a spring board for my painting”.

Jeanette has helped many local students, young and not-so-young over the years in many practical ways. Most recently by having their work on exhibition along with hers in Gallery Saltair at Hallidays Point. “Their work, and the customer’s acceptance of what they have painted, has been so satisfying for me. Not to mention how proud they have made me in demonstrating how they have “got” my message of ‘creative observation’ and infused their own works with this concept. I’m a strong believer that artistic technique comes with the discoveries made by the student. Rather than having to know technicalities before you get messy with your art, it’s much better to be guided in discovering your technique by a tutor who has the training and obvious skill to impart their knowledge”

When you visit the gallery you will not only see the diversity in every artist as they delight in showing works which in the ‘eye of the beholder’ provide great enjoyment but which also demonstrates that they have given an idea, feeling or their own inspiration a go!

Story by Fred Bullen

The Basic Aims of Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA)



The primary objective of Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) is to provide most people with a disability, the opportunity to ride and enjoy all the activities connected with horse riding. Riding for people with a disability is both therapeutic and recreational and RDA is in fact one of the few organisations who offer a multi-diagnostic service, catering for people with a wide range of disabilities.

The objectives of RDA(NSW) are to encourage, support and assist Centres to provide riding therapy, sport, recreation, training and safety programs for people with disabilities. RDA(NSW) programs in horse riding, carriage driving, dressage, Hippotherapy and EFMAH&L cater for people with all kinds of disability including intellectual disabilities, specific learning disorders, injuries resulting from accidents, cerebral palsy, psychiatric disorders, spinal bifida, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, thalidomide, visual and hearing impairments, autism and amputees.

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2. Grandparents Storytime – Grandparents – bring your 2 – 5 yr old grandchildren along and join us for stories, songs, rhymes and morning tea! Fri 20 March 10.30am

Exhibition in the Library Gallery



Guests at the opening of Fred Bullen's art exhibition 'Do You See What I See' on Thursday 18th at the library were entertained by local performer Brian 'Griffo' Griffin. A wide variety of styles and subjects gave the crowd plenty to talk about. The exhibition is open during gallery hours until 14 March.



Artist's Profile Fred Bullen

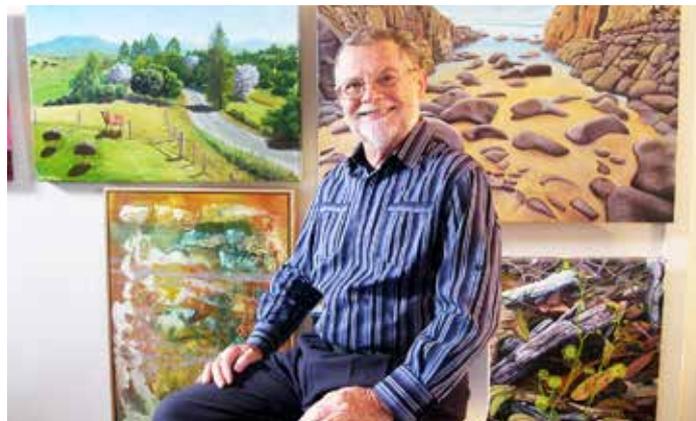
As a schoolboy Fred attended formal art classes at the weekend and later painted with the Parramatta Art Society. He abandoned art to concentrate on his career as an engineering designer for the next 40 years.

Several years ago he retired and with his wife Patrice, moved to the Mid North Coast of NSW and decided to take up the challenge of starting back into art.

He joined the local art society where he was guided in his artistic endeavours by dedicated and competent local artists who give up

their time to teach. In addition, he participated in workshops run by visiting tutors in quite diverse artistic media and subjects.

He started by painting traditional landscapes on canvas and moved on to large format boards for abstract works, often with very heavily textured surfaces. His works cover a wide range of subjects and many have been created using unusual techniques and materials including lightweight concrete (Hebel), timber and clay.



His inspiration comes from the local bush and beach which are then reproduced in one of many styles such as 'abstract realism', '3D' or in a more traditional style. He has won awards for his works which are currently displayed in galleries in Forster, Taree and Port Macquarie as well as local cafes.

If you would like to see more of his artworks at his studio in Tallwoods Village, give him a call on 0414 839 550 or email attalina8@bigpond.com.

Come and see paintings which will inspire and delight you with their variety, subjects, materials and prices. Do you see what I see? is an exhibition of artworks by local artist Fred Bullen. These artworks are on display from 18 February until 14 March.

Time for Storytime and Wriggle, Giggle, Read!

Our regular children's activities are proving popular for 2015. Wriggle, Giggle, Read for 0-2 year olds is on every Wednesday morning from 10.30 -11.15am. On Friday mornings from 10.30 -11.15am, bring your 3-5 year old along for Preschool Storytime and enjoy stories, craft and rhymes.

Happy 7th Birthday

Wow! 7 years already!! Can you believe it? On 26 March it is 7 years since we started operating from the current site. We have seen great growth during that time. Some exciting developments have included the introduction of our eBook and eMagazine collections, and the Wi-Fi service. As always we have a great selection of books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and Audio books. You may also like to read the newspapers and use our photocopying, faxing and scanning facilities. So much to do, see and borrow at the Hallidays Point Branch of the Manning Valley Libraries!

See you soon in the Library!!

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Keeping our Paradise, Paradise

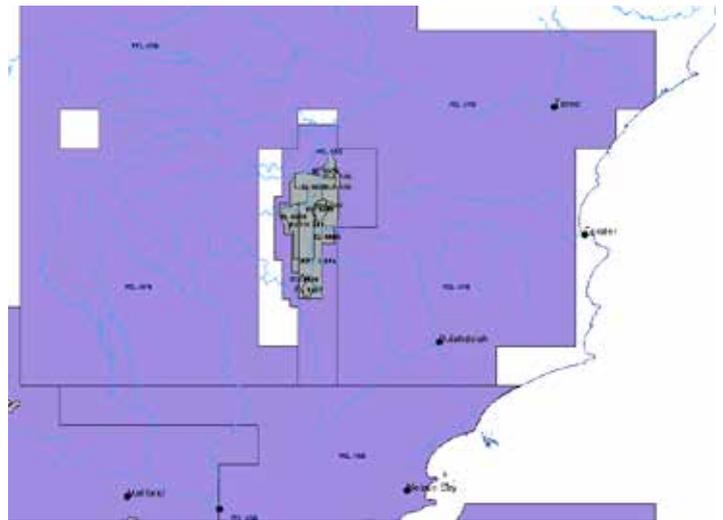
I grew up in Gippsland, Victoria on a mixed farming property of around 600 hectares and loved the bush and open space. To the south of us 10 km away lay the Latrobe Valley with its brown coal mines and mighty Loy Yang power station and four other brown coal fired power stations. In between was a pulp mill. Together, the heavy industry employed many people especially before the power generation was sold. I visited last July for a football reunion which was great fun. But, there are some smells one never forgets- in this case, the acrid atmospheric cocktail of pulp mill fumes mixed with burnt coal fumes.

I was reminded that the most important reason for leaving friends and family to come to the Mid North Coast was my need for clean air and water and pristine bush. I was convinced it would be possible to run a successful small business in a thriving local community with a clean environment. My hope is that as this region develops it does so with us "keeping an eye" on the amazing natural beauty and clean environment we enjoy here.

After recent debate about resources and the environment I've done some research. The Department of Trade and Investment provided a map showing Petroleum Exploration Licenses (PEL) (coal and gas) for this area. The map shows the boundary of PEL 476 is about 2km inland from the coast of Hallidays Point and just a fraction further to the north (about the southern edge of Saltwater National Park). The Department's register shows the PEL is owned by Pangaea Oil and Gas PTY LTD. Apparently, PELs can be bought, sold and go beyond expiry date into a kind of dormant state; then be re-activated, without locals knowing. The map shows if a coal or gas development went ahead here such close proximity means there would be significant pollution and degradation of our pristine

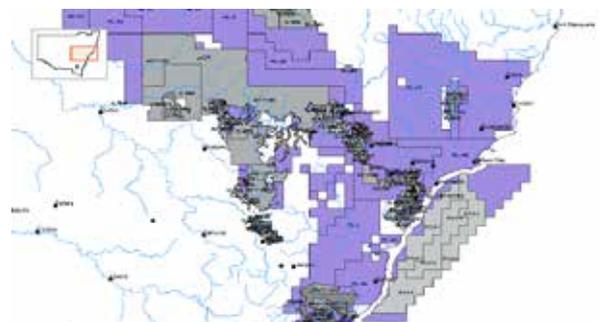
region with plummeting property prices.

Graham Taylor, Red Head.



The map above shows Petrol Exploration Licences between Taree and Nelson Bay

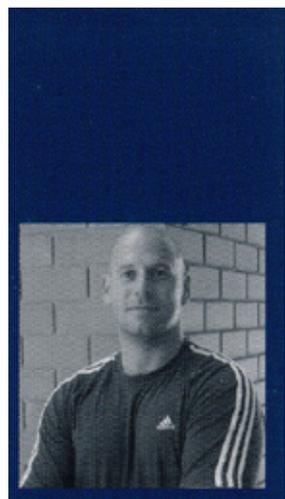
The map below shows Petrol Exploration Licences between Port Macquarie and Sydney



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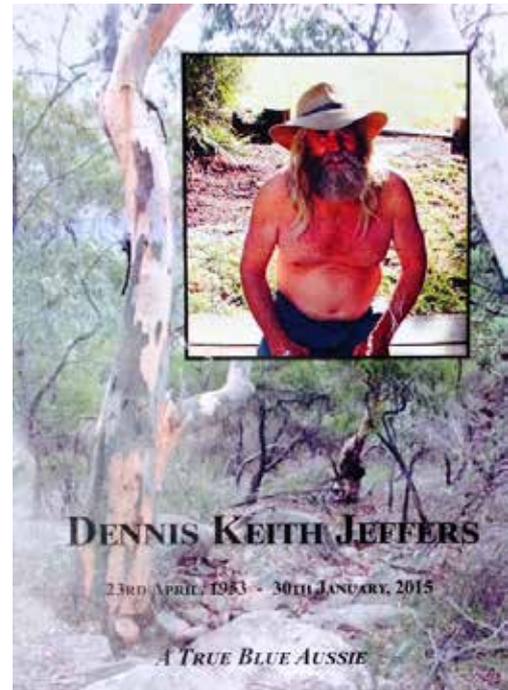
Easter is not far away now and it is important that we do not indulge in the chocolate treats readily available or we could end up with a sore belly. Things have quietened down now the holidays are over, but watch out carefully when the Easter holidays start, particularly with kids on bikes and motorists new to the area.

We need to keep up our Flea and Tick protection and the new product Nexgard – once per month palatable tablet for Ticks and Fleas – is popular, but supply is the problem as the wholesalers are having trouble getting supplies from the manufacturers. So, be patient, as we do have 3 packs and even 1 packs available until the 6 packs are more readily available. It is important to keep up Flea and Tick control all year round for many reasons. Two reasons are that the products are more effective if given each month and because Fleas and Ticks don't necessarily disappear over the cooler months as we live in a mild climate. We have seen Flea problems in winter and we have had a few Tick cases in June and July and especially August.

Don't forget to remind your owners that the Microchip details need to be updated at the Council if you have recently moved into our area. Love to see you all at the Clinic and I am very partial to pats and belly rubs.

Lots of licks -TANK

Vale Dennis Jeffers



Thank you for your love, support and thoughtful words in honouring Dennis Keith Jeffers' life. It has meant a great deal to family and friends during this difficult time.

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A business continuity plan will help your business continue operating, ensuring you're still receiving income when disaster strikes.

Develop a plan by:

Making triplicates:

Keep up-to-date triplicate records of both electronic and written records. In some jurisdictions, if your company fails to maintain and safeguard accurate business records, you may still be held liable.

Knowing what you must do to stay in business: identify your

critical business activities and the resources needed to support them in order to maintain customer service while your business is closed for repairs.

Planning for the worst possible scenario:

Do research before a disaster strikes by finding alternative facilities, equipment and supplies, and locating qualified contractors to repair your facility.

Devising a plan: set up an emergency response plan and train employees how to execute it.

Getting your emergency business supplies together:

Consider the additional resources you may need to activate during an emergency, such as back-up sources of power and communications systems. Also, where possible, stockpile supplies you may need like first-aid kits or torches.

Listing key numbers and addresses:

Compile a list of important phone numbers, email addresses and physical addresses, including local and state emergency management agencies, major clients, contractors, suppliers, real estate agents, financial institutions, insurance brokers/advisors and loss management experts. This list should also include employees and company officials. Remember to keep copies off the premises, like at home or in the cloud, in case the disaster is widespread.

Ensure that you have adequate business insurance:

Insurance should cover the replacement cost of equipment not book value. You can also take out additional cover for increased cost of working such as rent of alternative premises, relocation expenses, advertising, rubbish removal and mail redirection. Talk to your insurance broker to tailor the correct level of cover for your business.

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Hallidays Point History

by Tracey & John Wilson

Tracey and I have been working on as the Surf Club Historians.

Our intent is some time this year a web site will be set up (independent of the existing Surf Club one) that will be a valuable resource for all to access on a history collection point of view.



Contents to date :

- Copies of all Black Head Surf Clubs annual reports.
- Around 600 newspaper clippings of Surf Club related stories.
- Summary of the Club History.
- Transcript interviews from community people with long ties to the Club.

This is still very much a work in progress but we are extremely happy with its content and quality to date.

All items copied are going to be backed up at National Archives fit for the purpose of fire proof storage and State Surf Association copied like wise.

We will keep you in touch when the website mentioned above goes live.

“The Golden Years” 1930

The following is a transcript record of lifelong resident of Black Head Village Mr Harry Alcorn. These records are of loved memories of growing up in the area from Harry. Although the contents are not specific to the Black Head Surf Club history as

such, they are of great historical significance to the Black Head region and will be an excellent resource of knowledge to share the history of this great Village to those with interest in the future:

Twenty houses comprised the Village of Black Head. The names of the properties being: Rowling, Berisford, Connell, Holden, Alcorn, Pointer, Schofield, Summerville, Hill, Trotter, Sharpe, Martins, Stokes, Hoy Dairy Farm, Brekinridge had 3 cottages, The Hoy Cottage, Neilson and the Hoy Boarding House. The Boarding House was originally a shop with a few rooms and a large shed with Loft on top. As time went on, rooms were added to the Boarding House to total ten.

Families that passed through the Boarding House were the Hoy Family, the Cause Family, the Gordon Family, a Miss Foulkes who only stayed a short time. Then came the Nosworthy Family with Gordon Wilson the last owner.

Bill Cause was a Professional Fisherman with his family running the Boarding House. Bill was the first Professional to operate from the beach. The Large shed was used by Bill to make the odd boat as well as traps and fishing gear. The loft area on top of the shed was used mainly by the Surf Club Members.

Authors note: (At this stage many members travelled from Wingham and Taree to patrol the beach at weekends. Often they slept in the Shed Loft for accommodation purposes.)

At this time the sanitary pan service was in operation and the creek (Lagoon) was crystal clear water. All kids learnt to swim in the creek. In latter years the introduction of septic tanks resulted in run off finding its way to the creek. The result was pollution and dead fish in the creek. All the additional water from the increase in housing in the area contributed to this problem. At this time the sanitary pan service was in operation and the creek (Lagoon) was crystal clear water. All kids learnt to swim in the creek. In later years the introduction of septic tanks resulted in run off finding

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its way to the creek. The result was pollution and dead fish in the creek. All the additional water from the increase in housing in the area contributed to this problem.

The Surf Club Houses were on the sand hill to the left of the bridge from the reserve. Out front was a massive Shark Tower of approximately 60 feet. The poles for the Existing Foot Bridge and Tower were supplied and drawn to the sites by Charlie Holden and his Bullock Team. Charlie owned the Farm on the southern side of Black Head Village.

The road into the Village was dirt as was all the roads in the area.



During wet weather the road in from the Tuncurry road was, at times difficult to traverse with its couple of red clay hills and gully crossings, one in particular where Tallwoods is now situated. After torrential rain one Sunday, Father tried to cross this one late in the

afternoon in our 1930 model Essex Super Six. Result being water too deep and a stalled car in the middle. Then we had a hairy trip to Taree towed by Mack Smith the local Carrier.

Around 7p.m each Saturday night we would hear Alec Trotter negotiating the hill up Albert Street which was near impossible during wet weather. Alec was a school Teacher from Kolodong and drove an "A" model Ford.

The Dairy Farm conducted by Mary Hoy was situated in the gully in main Street, Bounded by Brush up and around to Stokes Cottage. All cream and milk for Black Head area come from Mary's Dairy. It's boundary being Main Street, High Street and Ocean Street. During this time the streets were unnamed.

Mary had another paddock taking in the hill behind the Alcorn Cottage, Now McMullen's in Albert Street. There were no cottages behind this point.

The Bank along the Village front was covered with Rain Forest Trees with the odd break in the growth.

The year Circa 36'-37' saw the Cause Family move up into the Schofield House where the Post Office operated.

Billy Cause was the first Professional Fisherman who operated from Black Head Beach with heaps of Lobsters available. One only had to row out 200 yards from the Headland were a good catch of Snapper

could be taken. There were two Boat Sheds in the area in the corner near the present Surf Club. These were Crown leases that were eventually cancelled.

This story will be continued in the April edition.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

HALLIDAYS POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contact Helen Bush 6559 2732

Services each Sunday at 8.30am

4th Sunday of each month - prayer and worship 5.30pm followed by fellowship tea

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

KIDZ CLUB: Every second Friday

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

BLOKES SHED: Wed and Thurs 10am -3pm

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Friday 8.15am

Prayer group for men.

CRAFT: Every second Wednesday 9.30-12'ish

Meet with other crafty people. Share ideas. BYO Craft

\$ 3. Includes Morning Tea

OVER 55'S LUNCH 12-3pm

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

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Book if you are able on number above.

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or at the Tuncurry surgery on 6555 3004

SENIOR CITIZENS - BUSY CALENDAR

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

Activities are as follows:

Mondays - Croquet 9.30 am to 12 noon

Every 1st and 3rd Monday - Bingo 10 am - 1.00 pm

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

Tuesday - Tai Chi - 8.00 am - 9.30 am

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

Thursday - Heartmoves Fun Exercise 8.30 am

Friday - Art class - 9.30 am -12.00 noon

Films/Theatre (see notice board)

1st Sunday of the month-Black Head Bazaar

5.30 am - 1.00 pm (not in winter)

Further enquiries, contact Marilyn Lambden 0411 481 350

(If unanswered please leave a message)

BOWLS

Men's Social Bowls - Every Monday 1pm Mufti

Women's Social Bowls - Every Thursday 9am

Uniform Weekend Chicken Run Mixed Mufti - 1pm

Sat or Sun (contact club)

Hallidays Point

Combined Probus Club

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on the first Tuesday of each month

at 9.30 for 10.00am start.

Visitors will be made most welcome to join

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Volunteers are always welcome to help maintain our local environment.

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Contact Alana 6559 2979

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

Contact Tim 6559 2827

The school's organic garden

most Wednesdays from 12.30pm.

Contact Alana 6559 2979

The Black Head Bazaar on the 1st Sunday of each month (except winter) see www.hallidayspointinfo.com

Hallidays Point Play Group

Join us at Hallidays Point Community Church

Every Tuesday 9.30 am to 11.30 am

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

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Enquiries: Contact Club Secretary Kathy on 0437 487 098

or Further Information & Bookings call 0412006169

Email: blackheadtennisclub@gmail.com

LIONS CLUB OF HALLIDAYS POINT

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

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

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

Lions meet each month: 2nd Thursday at 6.00 p.m.

at the Senior Citizens Centre then if you choose

7.30 p.m. to the Tavern for dinner

4th Thursday at the Black Head Surf Life Saving Club

(contact secretary to check on venue)

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

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

Enquiries: Sue Newton. Secretary on 0418 607 292

WE SERVE

www.hallidayspointlions.org.au

President: Vaughn Parker 6559 3268

Rescue at Black Head



Photo by Jack Edstein

Courtney and James Kenniff would like to recognise the rescue efforts of two youths from Taree who came to the assistance of Courtney, James and their son Jesse after being washed off rocks and into the ocean on Sunday 15th February at Black Head.

The Kenniff family would like to send warm thanks and gratitude to Jarrod Walton who stayed with Jesse giving support, reassurance and assistance, also the Black Head Surf Life Saving Club, Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Brigade and Westpac Rescue Helicopter for their professional and rapid response during this traumatic event.

Jesse is doing well and will possibly return to school on Monday the 23rd February.



Photos by Harry Edstein

Media Release



Help your Learner Driver Become a Safer Driver

If you're teaching a child to drive, or about to start, you'll know it can be a daunting experience for both supervisor and learner. Join a free workshop to learn some simple tips to make the experience much smoother.

Council are holding a free two hour workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers on Wednesday 18 March.

Road Safety Officer, Chris Dimarco said "The Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers Workshop offers parents and supervisors practical advice on getting the most out of every practice driving session. The Roads and Maritime Services recognises the important role parents and supervisors play in advising and supporting inexperienced drivers, and have developed this course to support and better prepare them for the role. Past workshop attendees reported feeling more confident, and better equipped to plan driving practice sessions that ensure their learner drivers gain maximum benefit."

Some of the topics to be covered include laws that apply to L & P licence holders, completing the Learner driver log book, and the benefits of well supervised on-road driving experience. In addition, attendees will leave armed with a number of strategies, techniques, and tips to more effectively supervise their learner drivers.

The workshop will be held at the Council building, in the Manning Room, 2 Pulteney Street Taree, starting at 6.00pm.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Council on (02) 6592 5399, or [email tareecouncil@gtcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tareecouncil@gtcc.nsw.gov.au)

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