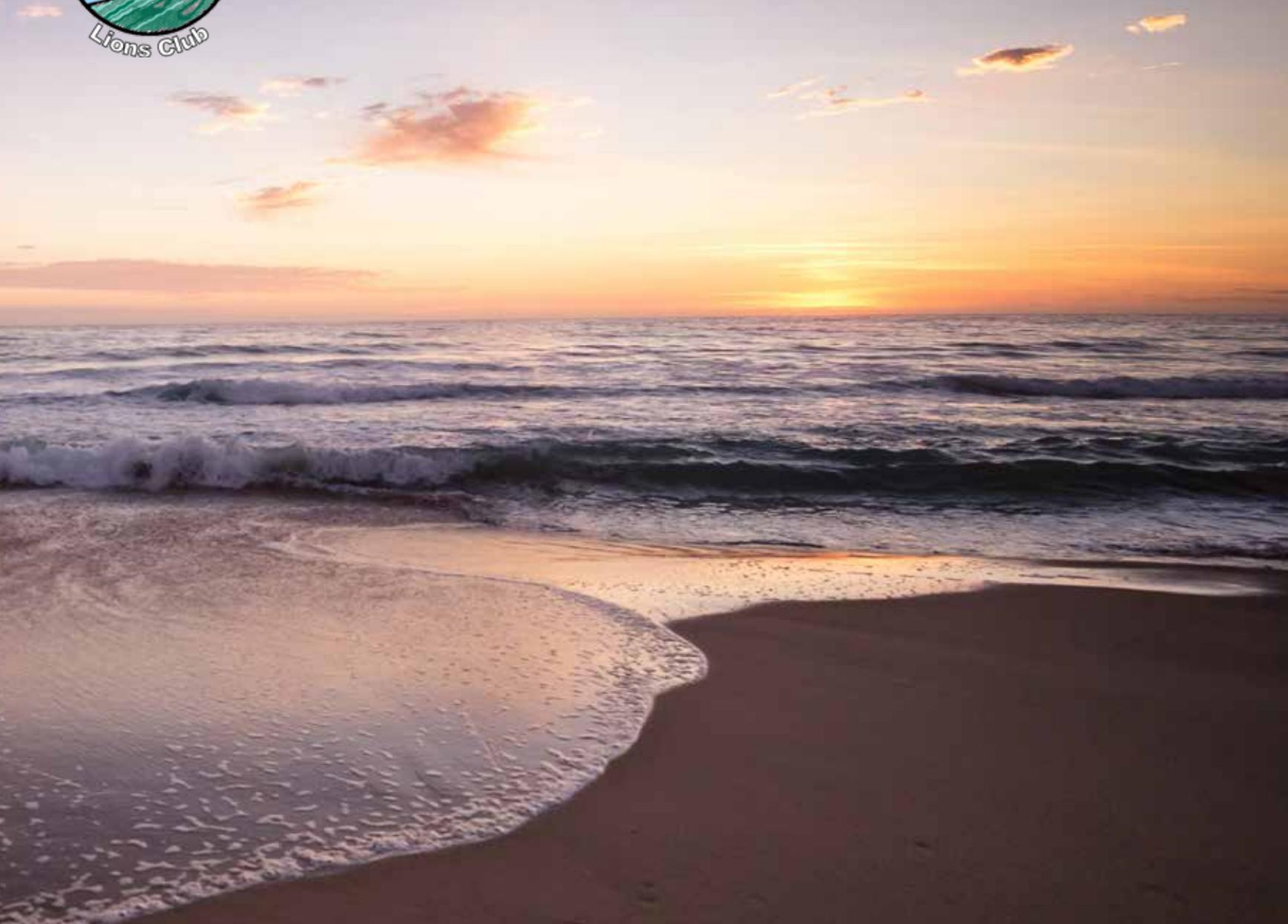


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The screening of the movie Beauty and the Beast was enjoyed by a room full of children and adults.

Gaye brought out the creative talents of the children as they enjoyed a session of scratch art.

Kids Bingo was a great hit as usual with Ann and Vivienne developing the children's listening skills as they called the numbers.

### Local Furies Rush to the Library

Our local Rural Fire Service volunteers gave a very interesting presentation as part of our school holiday program. Children and parents learnt a lot about fire safety. The children especially enjoyed using the fire hose to knock the ball off the cone. We have some prospective furies for our brigade in the coming years!!



### Whizzy the Water drop visits the Library



Children enjoyed the annual visit recently by Whizzy, the MidCoast Water mascot. The children were encouraged with water-saving ideas in readiness for a hot summer.

### 'See It My Way' exhibition

Have you seen the current exhibition of pastels and photography? Three talented locals have combined to give us another very tasteful visual experience. Stephen Bauert and Philip Peters present a variety of pastels, while Margaret Millar's photography takes us from the lake at Forster to the wilds of Africa.

### International Games Week

MidCoast Libraries will join over a thousand libraries around the world during International Games Week from 29 October until 4 November as they transform their libraries with play. Like many other libraries across the country and around the world, Hallidays Point Library will have lots of exciting board games for everyone to play and will host a Puzzle Off competition from Tuesday 31 October from 10am. The Puzzle Off will see libraries across the MidCoast Libraries compete to complete a puzzle - the first library to complete the puzzle will become the MidCoast Libraries Puzzle Master for 2017. So, support our library and help us take out this year's title. See staff for more information.

### Meeting Room Available for Hire

Are you aware that the Library meeting room can be booked by local community groups and individuals? Some charges may apply. The room can be used outside library opening hours. Talk with library staff about your needs.

See you soon in the Library!!

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# Monthly Book Review

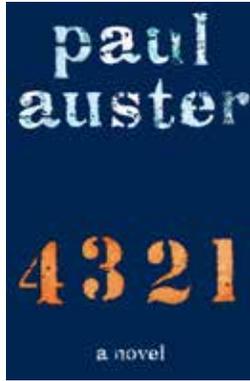
## 4321 A Novel by Paul Auster

A coming-of-age tale of sexual longing and literary ambition,

nominated for the Booker Prize, 4321 is the surprising (and lengthy) story of Archibald Isaac Ferguson. Set in 1947 in New Jersey Archie comes in four varieties with the same DNA, living parallel but entirely different lives that often intersect around the female lead Amy Schneiderman.

The book has a broad scope but as it enters the Nixon era it focuses on the terrible cost of the Vietnam war to the youth of America as the unwilling to fight try to find a way around the inability to choose their destiny. Every word is meaningful and creates a realistic divergence of lives through random events that befall the characters.

The moral...no matter how hard you try life happens to you.



Alana

# Hallidays Point Garden Club



The club's September meeting was held at the Nabiac home of Deb Whitfield and members thank her for her hospitality. It is a 50-acre property which the Whitfields hope to use as a wedding venue in future after the wedding of one of their nine daughters next year. In the past the Whitfields have fostered 22 long-term foster children and have just three at present.



In a large roundabout area near the house is a fantastic playground for the children and grandchildren with all kinds of play equipment and a huge tree house. There is also a swimming pool. The wonderful "barn" venue was originally a concrete slab for the kids to ride their bikes, play games etc but was too hot in summer so a roof was built, and it is now a fantastic undercover area which can seat 100 people with a stage area and great kitchen facilities.

The garden has a retaining wall painstakingly built from bush rock using no mortar. It took Deb a day to build a metre length of rock wall. There are 200 fig trees and liquid ambers planted along their neighbouring boundary and many ladyfinger banana trees which she has divided up and continued to plant out. The vegetable garden is to be moved closer to the house. A charming traditional red Asian bridge graces the pond and statues are sited throughout the garden, one of which is a large elephant. There were chickens, but all were taken by a wedge-tailed eagle which also took one of their small dogs.

This year has been their worst year without rain. Moisture is retained in their garden beds using trailer loads of mulch from the tip. Deb now gets truckloads at a time from the Electricity Commission and leaves it in heaps to allow it to break down properly. She has created a different "story" in each area of the garden.

At the end of her talk to the club membership Deb was thanked for her hospitality. All present were impressed with her venue and garden and the club would be very happy to return at some future time.

Annie Mayne

# Our Bloomin' Lot

It's well and truly tomato season and we are finding it hard to keep up with the harvesting. We pick the tomatoes as soon as they have a pink flush, so the grubs don't get to them and they ripen, seemingly, as you watch them.

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

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

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

Thanks everyone for another successful year.

Alana



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## Black Head Bazaar

Black Head Bazaar is undergoing a few changes—we have incorporated Black Head Bazaar Inc. If you search you will find Black Head Bazaar on Facebook, on twitter @ Black Head Bazaar, and at [hallidayspointinfo.com/black-head-bazaar](http://hallidayspointinfo.com/black-head-bazaar). The phone contact remains the same 0468 312 452. Now you know how to reach us.

It's time for the Bazaar story.

As a small, 8 stall event back in 1991, the Bazaar was first run by Jeny Wallace as a community event in Wylie Breckenridge Park. She did a great job, especially with the coffee and cake and fishcakes. Tidy Towns and I, Alana Parkins, took over in 1996.

In 2010 Tidy Towns merged with Hallidays Point Landcare. I still ran the market but got a lot more help. Now we are Black Head Bazaar Inc and the new president Allan McGuckin and Kris Hourn are running the Bazaar. Hip Hip Hooray!

The money raised at the Bazaar, around \$20,000 in a wet year, still goes primarily towards environmental and community projects in Hallidays Point. Our 'Bloomin' Lot, the organic garden at Black Head, is funded by the Bazaar and each year we make donations to the School and its garden. The Bazaar also funds all those dog tidy bags.

I am looking happily towards the coming markets knowing that I am now officially dispensable, but still likely to be there filling in when needed.

Thank you, all those lovely people who have helped at Bazaar. Over the last 26 years there has been quite a team. Special thanks go to Don Townsend (way back) and Ian Yager, Norman Shapro, Brian Long, Cheryl McGuckin and Malcolm Wallace for their continuing involvement.

*Alana*



## HALLIDAYS POINT Community Liaison and Progress Association (CLAPA)

### Manufactured Homes Development Application

Once again Hallidays Point residents showed their passion for this wonderful area with a massive turnout at a Council Information Session on this dastardly Development. The proponent was given the opportunity to address the gathering and Council staff conveyed their reasoning on recommending that the development be approved. A legal expert gave the results of her study into legal precedents and delivered her legal views on the application.



Questions were then taken from the floor and the responses to these can be seen on Council's Website – the exact location is not available at the time of writing.

The matter has been listed for determination at an Extraordinary Council meeting to be held Thursday 2 November 6pm at Taree Administration Centre. There is also a workshop between 4pm and 6pm where community can address Councillors and ask questions. The Objectors have requested the

opportunity to present its case to Councillors at some time prior to that meeting in the same manner the proponent has been afforded.

### Council Information Session

On a brighter note, the Council has shown some interest in our area with a small section of Black Head Road to be given some overdue attention and stated in their presentation that they have given full support to a Skate Park being established in Hallidays Point and are only to determine the site. Great news for the Youth of our area!

It was also stated that the review of our Community Plan is about to take place and your participation was sought in this process.

### Membership

Please contact me for a Membership Application form should you wish to be part of our team to review the Community Strategic Plan and gain improved facilities for our area. Email is best – [lynjohn4@bigpond.com](mailto:lynjohn4@bigpond.com) - *John Griffiths, President*

## Some Important Events Worth Noting In Your Diary

### Development Application for Manufactured Homes Adjacent to Tallwoods Village

The matter has been listed for determination at an Extraordinary Council meeting to be held Thursday 2 November 6pm at Taree Administration Centre. There is also a workshop between 4pm and 6pm where community can address Councillors and ask questions.

### Free Seniors Christmas Concerts

Two concerts are being held at the Manning Entertainment Centre, on Friday, 17 November 2017 at 10:30am and 2:00pm.  
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### Re-Zoning Proposal - Diamond Beach

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## Manufactured Homes – Opportunity Or Threat – Part 2

Since the October issue of News of Our World, the proposed Gateway 202 lot Manufactured Home Estate on the Eastern Boundary of Tallwoods Village, has become an increasing source of concern.

As mentioned in the last edition, it was scheduled for determination at the first new Council meeting held at Taree Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 27.

This meeting was attended by Hallidays Point residents to overflowing, which gave our new Councillors a clear indication of our interest and concern to what was being proposed.

Submissions were made by the proponents, Gateway, with formal objection submissions being made by a range of residents including the visionary and original developer of Tallwoods, Mr Bill Richardson, and the president of our Progress Association, Mr John Griffiths.

It became clear that the new Council also had, at this stage, reservations about the proposal, with the new Mayor, Mr David West, moving a motion to defer consideration of the matter until a site inspection by Councillors, and an information session with the public, was convened.

As most of you would be aware, this duly took place between 2 & 4 pm on Tuesday, October 17. The format, which was set by Council, provided for a 15-minute presentation by Gateway, a 15-minute supporting presentation by Council Officers, followed by a 90-minute facilitated question and answer session. It was unfortunate that, representatives of those who wished to object, were not afforded the same amount of time to present their opposing views in the interests of fairness and equity.

The meeting had a massive roll-up, in excess of 400 residents, who clearly opposed, or at least, severely questioned the merits of the proposal. The question period had to be extended, and given time constraints, unaddressed questions were collated, with undertakings given by Council to respond to them by Monday, October 23.

Residents' concerns were manifold, ranging across a broad spectrum, including, the legitimacy of the proposal, lack of consultation, inappropriateness of the location, and impact on the amenity and property values in the area.

Disturbingly, it was identified that Council does not have in place a clear vision, strategies, policy and plans to address the development of Manufactured Home Estates, particularly on greenfield residential land. In this particular case it appears Council is merely reacting to a developer request.

Obviously, this makes it extremely difficult for our new Council to make an informed decision on this matter, if no measurable and defined analysis mechanisms are in place.

It is also of concern, that this proposal, if approved, may provide a precedent for similar development on residential land, not only in our area, but across the MidCoast area, generally.

The matter has been listed for determination at an Extraordinary Council meeting to be held Thursday 2 November 6pm at Taree Administration Centre. There is also a workshop between 4pm and 6pm where community can address Councillors and ask questions.

There is every likelihood that this matter, whether approved or not by Council, will end up in the Land and Environment Court for final determination.

*Sometimes, some things, are worth fighting for.*

## Top 5 questions Asked About the Hallidays Point Skate Park

**1. Wasn't the original proposal for the skate park where the 600 signatures were gathered for a Diamond Beach Site?** Yes, this is true. When we first gathered the communities support we thought that Diamond Beach would be the only option for the park. However, after meeting with the council it was their decision to say that Black Head would be the best option. It is council's decision for where the skate park will be built. After viewing the results from the face book page and the paper survey it is roughly 50/50 either way for both Black Head (Site A) and Diamond Beach (Site C). The 50/50 split is not enough to sway the decision from council. (Please note; the fenced off area that was erected in Wiley Breckenridge Park showing the size of the proposed skate park was not from anyone on our committee. This was erected by an anonymous community member one night. Council has informed us that this fenced off zone was unrealistic in size and it would be more likely to cover an area of 20m x 20m as per discussion with the Hallidays Point Skate Park Committee)

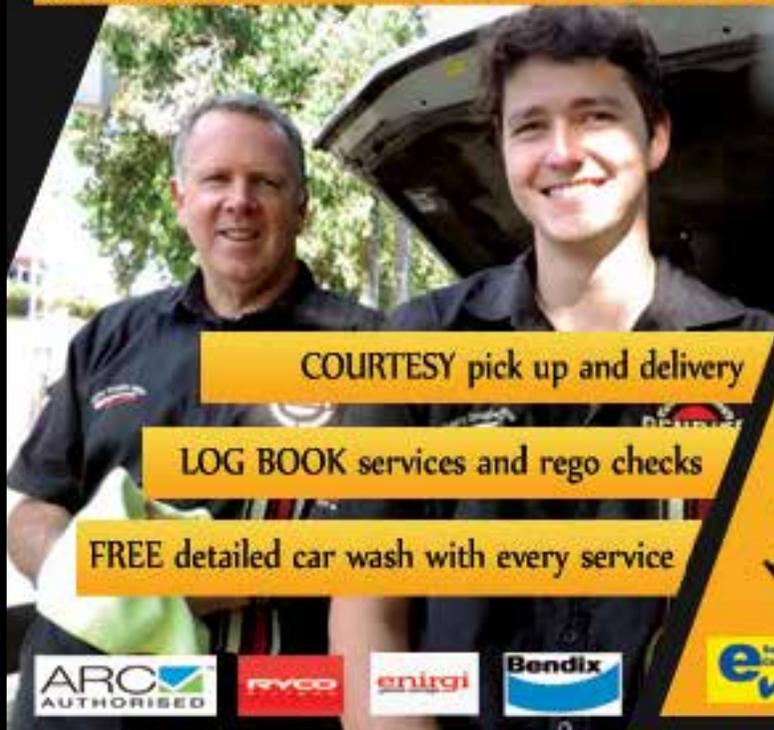
**2. Should we not have footpaths built instead of a skate park?** Footpaths (and cycle ways) are something that we all agree is needed in our community. Most communities have footpaths built due to new subdivisions that have had to comply with section 94 to build them. Old subdivisions or areas where footpaths do not exist have purely been developed by people in their community applying for submissions to have these built. CLAPA was formed to ensure the community has a greater say in the provision of facilities for our area and to have a voice should representation on the large Mid Coast Council not be attained. The latter has not eventuated with excellent Council members now representing Hallidays Point, CLAPA has the intention of following up at the Council/Community meeting being held on the 17th of October to commence an update on the strategic plan for our area. Hallidays Point Skate Park committee became involved with CLAPA to discuss the fact that our community currently has nowhere for children and adults to ride their skate boards and scooters safely.

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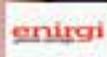
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Drop in any time between 4pm and 6pm on Tuesday 28 November, at 391 Diamond Beach Road to find out more about the proposal.

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3. **Why are we wasting money on a skate park and not putting the money into roads?** The money that we will be accessing through grants to build the skate park is separate money to roads. We will only be applying for grants that comply with sport and recreation. Council has informed the Hallidays Point Skate Park Committee that it is up to them to access funds for the project through Grant Submissions.
4. **Will a skate park bring drugs and vandalism to our town?** We have been in consultation with the Police Department to try and obtain some statistical evidence in relation to this concern. The Police Command has advised statistical information (if any) from the Taree and Forster skate park would not be relevant to Hallidays Point as the 3 areas are all completely different demographic regions. Our aim is to provide an area for the youth and adults to ride safely. We appreciate the communities concern; however, wouldn't it be great to see a skate park developed for the youth to have something to do and keep entertained to try and eliminate boredom?
5. **Where to next for the skate park?** We have worked in collaboration with the community via our face book page, email account, News of the World and paper surveys to gather as much information as possible. There have been some community members that have felt the need to anonymously do letter box drops or erect signage over the village regarding their decision/concerns. Unfortunately, we have not been able to reply to these concerned residents as they have remained anonymous for whatever reason. A huge "Thank you" to all the community members that have voiced their opinions. All information gathered will now be collated to work in collaboration with the council and grant submissions where the decisions will be in their hands.

Regards; Nelson Crisp, Lachy Hocking and Lachy Turville

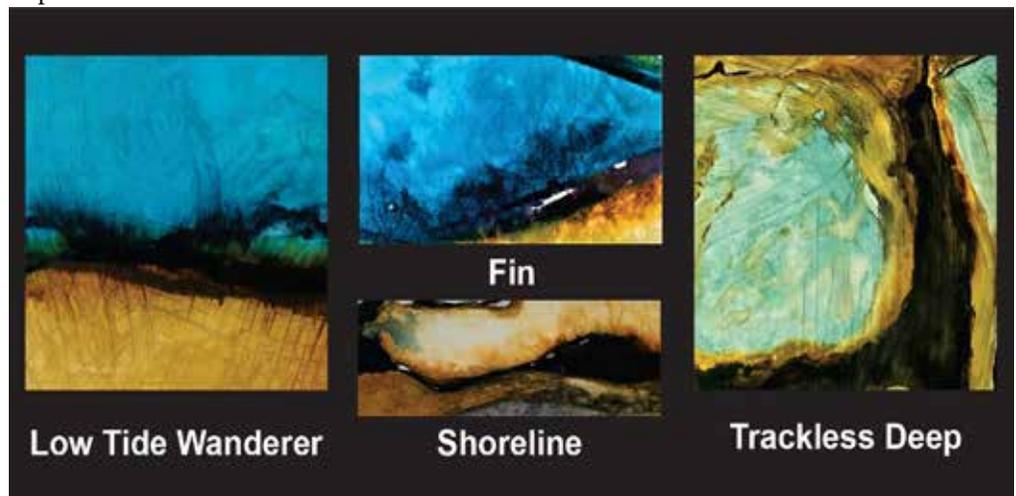
## Art in the Area

### Kevin Griffiths

I 'met' Kevin through his paintings in April this year when I visited the A Little to the Left Studio & Gallery in Taree. It was there I saw his solo exhibition "Macrospectica". It proved to be an amazing success, Kevin sold 30 of the 50 paintings that were exhibited! His next exhibition is at your local art gallery attached to the Hallidays Point Library, so I asked Kevin for his art story.

"I draw my inspiration from both organic matter and inorganic debris", Kevin explained, my finds are all visual to the naked eye but are often obscure or overlooked". It is obvious Kevin is very much a bowerbird and he admits he is always on the hunt for a unique rock or piece of stone. And in addition, he is also a collector of industrial refuse such a broken glass, tile, china and metal fragments that cross his path. "These trinkets, which for some would be considered trash, offer me unique opportunities of composition, colour and form. They are the first step in my process of an artistic creation", Kevin explained.

In addition to his collected treasures, Kevin's iPhone is always at hand and ready to photograph the beauty and potential that he finds in his everyday environment. The rusted tray on the back of a truck, an oily stain on a driveway or the peeling paint on a fence post are all sources of inspiration.



Kevin is currently painting with ink and he works on 'yupo' paper which is a synthetic paper made from recycled plastic and is extremely strong and durable. Part of the process is for him to then create a textured surface to work on. Kevin then builds up layers of ink and works with the scratched surface to create his desired outcome. "I just love the fluidity of ink and find it resonates with my style and assists me to reach my creative goals", Kevin said.

Prior to Kevin's relocation to the Manning Valley he resided for almost 30 years in the inner west of Sydney which he considers to be a creative heartland. He relocated to Burrell Creek three years ago to be closer to family and to escape the hustle and bustle of city life. Kevin now lives in Waverley Station on the bank of Bo Bo Creek and is inspired and thankful each and every day for the environment in which he resides.

In addition to his artistic success, Kevin practised in the natural health community for almost 20 years. His naturopathic work has included the management of health food stores, natural health clinics, and his private practice and he was also a regular TV presenter on 'Mornings with Kerri-Anne' where he produced and delivered segments on natural health management.

Kevin went on to tell me he has not had any formal training or education in the arts. He is a self-taught artist and is enjoying his explorative journey and creative growth. He first started painting with acrylics on canvas but found that acrylics were limiting his desired result. He then discovered yupo paper and ink and a love affair began which has enabled him to more freely express himself.

At the 2016 Taree Open Art Exhibition, Kevin achieved high praise from the judge for his 'subtle use of colour and mark making' and for his 'use of paint to describe movement'.

Kevin's exhibition at the library titled 'Whale-song; Beyond the Blue', has been specifically painted with inspiration from Hallidays Point. "I am sure the exhibition will speak to you, its pictorial language of deeply rich colour, intense mark-making and inky fluidity afloat allows one to look, and look, and look again; with each refreshed viewing high-lighting something previously unseen or overlooked", concluded Kevin.

To see Kevin's work, visit the library from 13 November.

Story by Fred Bullen

## Hallidays Point Probus



After months without any precipitation we all prayed for rain, we just hoped it wouldn't fall on Tuesday October 10, when we had planned our BBQ and Jiu de Boules, and of course it did!

But Allan Buckingham, organiser and coordinator of this half-yearly event had a Plan B: instead of having it in the park we all went to the Senior Citizens' Hall, generously made available by the club, so that at least we could have the BBQ under cover. And as for the Boules game, who cares about a few drops of rain, it's just water, and the track there is far less bumpy than in the park. And there were no ducks running the risk of being hit, and no kookaburras stealing our sausages. Exactly at the time we finished, the rain stopped. After the usual fierce battle, the winner of the Dolphin Trophy was Margaret Waldock, who showed excellent hand-eye coordination. Congratulations, Margaret! And thank you Allan Buckingham, Ray Rowe and Ian Campbell for being our Master Chefs.



Our October meeting saw fewer Probusians than usual, many people were away (including half the committee) or having other commitments, mostly school-holiday-related. About 60 of us enjoyed the talk of our 10-minute speaker, Helen Gaudion, who has spent 9 years at a gold miners' camp in far north Queensland, and has written a book about it: "Cape York Gold". Amazing really when you hear that a city-girl like Helen managed to adapt to a life style as far out of one's comfort zone as possible: no electricity, no running water, no walls, hardly any road-worthy roads in the wet, and a lot of creepy crawlies. But she did it without losing her mind, or her sense of humour for that matter. We loved her talk, and hope that in future she'll come back to tell us more and give us the opportunity to ask questions.



Our guest speaker for October cancelled at very short notice. But again, there was a Plan B: President Tony Knight (he who writes "Knight Time" for this paper) is a man of many talents and one of them is writing short stories. He read two of them: "Taxi" and "Rosemary and Donald" to everyone's delight. His stories always have an unexpected twist. Now we can't wait for him to play the ukulele whenever we need another Plan B. I read some of the poems I've written over the years. When trying to make a selection I discovered that most of them were in Dutch, no good, for that would limit my audience to two fellow-Dutchies, but fortunately I could find enough material in English to fill about 20 minutes.

Our November meeting will be all about horses, as it coincides with Melbourne Cup Day. Alan Bates is organising this, and I'm sure he'll have some surprises up his sleeve. It wouldn't be beyond him to bring along a horse. Most likely a filly.

If you're interested in joining: our club meets every first Tuesday of the month (except in January) at the Surf Club, 9.30 for 10 am. For more info contact our President Tony Knight on 6559 2573 (tonight2@bigpond.com) or our Vice President Peter Hester on 6559 3801 (peterhester1@hotmail.com).



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## Lions Community Assistance Programme

Lions Club of Hallidays Point, Community Assistance Programme has been able to support a local family going through a challenging time. Hard working members and the generosity of local businesses have facilitated some very practical support.



The support included a clean-up, concreted area outside the laundry, a new clothesline, improved drainage and access to the front door.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations, a clothesline, Bunnings Warehouse Taree, gravel and concrete, Pacific Blue Metal Pty Ltd and Great Lakes Aggregates Pty Ltd Failford and Bobcat work and concreting, Lion Barry Gazzard, Lions OnOz.

To finish off the job, turf will be laid soon, thanks to the generosity of Waterwise Turf Wingham. The visual improvement was amazing, it certainly made the TV reality show 'The Block' look ordinary. The volunteers enjoyed morning tea supplied by Lion members and lunch by Wayne and Vonnie of Diamond Beach Butchery @ Black Head.

*Lion Virginia Stewart, Convenor, 0404 493 007*  
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## September Dinner Meeting

Hallidays Point Lions monthly social dinner meeting was held as usual at Black Head SLSC. Our Guest Speaker from the Diamond Beach Rural Fire Brigade was Deputy Captain Martin Davies accompanied and supported by his Tuncurry RFS colleague Deputy Captain Jim Sullivan.

Martin gave us an extremely in depth talk on getting ready for a bushfire by using four simple steps to making a "Bushfire Survival Plan". Martin took us through each step in detail and was able to answer a barrage of questions. At the conclusion of his talk, everyone was given their own planning package to take home and use to prepare for what is shaping up to be a dangerous fire season ahead.



L-R: Deputy Captain Martin Davies, Deputy Captain Jim Sullivan & Club President Gerard Cross

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# Youth of the Year Competition



## Do you seek to gain experience in:

- Leadership
- Personal Improvement
- Sportsmanship
- Citizenship
- Community Involvement
- Public Speaking

The Lions Youth of the Year is aimed at all young people who seek to improve their skills before entering the workforce or other endeavours.

## Aims:

Lions Youth of the Year is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth, at the age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education, and provides students with the incentive to pay greater attention to the general qualities, so vital in developing our youths into first class citizens. The qualities sought, apart from academic attainments are those of leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship. The students meet in fellowship and have the opportunity of open discussion, exchange of ideas and meet professional people of a community service Club organisation.

Youth of the Year is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. A high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement is sought in its potential winners. By emphasising these qualities it hopes to provide outstanding role models for the youth of Australia and an overall increase in the confidence of young men and women.

Lions Youth of the Year is an excellent means of assisting Australia's youth and promoting the essential role of leadership development and community service organisations in maintaining Australia's high standard of living.

## The Process:

The main activities involved in the running of Lions Youth of the Year include initial promotion in schools and local communities; judging of candidates; selection and announcement of the national winner; arrangements for the

winner's overseas travel and attendance at an International Youth Camp and other finalists travel throughout Australia.

Youth of the Year begins in June/July and culminates with final judging and the announcement of the winners at the Multiple District Convention, normally held in May.

## Levels of Judging:

- Club judging
- Zone judging
- Regional judging
- District judging
- State finals
- National final

## National Final:

The final judging will be held at the Lions Multiple District Convention in April or May.

## Prizes / Awards:

Prizes will be awarded to contestants at all levels throughout the Youth of the Year. Lions Australia will award all National Finalists, including the National winner, an organised group tour to a Lions International Youth Camp at Rotorua, New Zealand, followed by a group tour to the National Winner's home state, a total of 16 days' duration during the summer holidays. Each state winner will also receive \$500 spending money.

The National Winner receives an overseas trip to a destination of choice to the value of \$4,000 plus \$1,000 spending money. The Public Speaking winner receives a trip to a destination of choice to the value of \$2,000 plus \$500 spending money. Certificates of recognition are awarded at all levels of judging for the overall heat winner and the public speaking winner.

## Eligibility to Enter:

Entry is open to youth who are attending or have attended a high school or secondary school or equivalent standard of school in any other educational establishment, including correspondence school, in the Lions year in which the National Final is to be conducted, who are over the age of 15 and under 19 years of age at June 30th, in the year of the final.

Note – Students of Colleges of Advanced Education, and equivalent instructions are eligible to participate if undertaking secondary studies.

Other than the above all other conditions governing participation apply. It is mandatory that entrants cannot compete at more than one Club level judging in any one year.

Hallidays Point Lions Club are inviting local High School Students to take part in this exciting opportunity.

Contact Club President Gerard Cross on 0419 274 607 before 30th November.

## Need More Info?

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# Our Natural World

with Geraldine

## Our Very Own Bit of Rainforest

I love rainforests, they have an eerie, quiet atmosphere that envelops you. And we here in Hallidays Point are lucky enough to have our very own little pockets of rainforest, one at Black Head, another at Red Head and one behind the south end of Diamond Beach. Our rainforests are known as Littoral rainforests.

A Littoral Rainforest is defined as a closed forest community recognised by its close proximity to the ocean and closed canopy (i.e. ~70% of the sky obscured by tree leaves and limbs). Vegetation structure can range from low thickets of trees pruned in wind exposed areas (that describes the Diamond Beach headland) to tall forest in more protected sites (for instance along the Black Head nature walk).

The plant species in these ecological communities are predominantly rainforest species with moist, evergreen, leathery leaves and vines may be a major component of the canopy.

One of the problems with having such a dark cover overhead is that it is often hard to get a good view of the trees. Somehow, they all look alike when I glance to the heavens despite the plaque telling me I am looking at a rosewood. The best clue to what is up there is often the berries or flowers that the tree drops. Our canopy trees include tuckeroo, brushbox, rusty fig, maidens wattle, mock olive, cheese tree and ironbarks. The smaller shrubs are easier to spot as you can touch and feel the leaves. I love rubbing the sandpaper fig leaves. A rare rainforest cassia, a yellow flowering shrub, grows along the Black Head rainforest track. *Senna acclinas* can be distinguished from the introduced cassia as its leaves are directly opposite each other along the stem.

The other important part of the rainforest is the vines as it is the vines that help close out the sunlight. The water vine, sarsaparilla, wombat berry and common silk pod or monkey rope are the main colonisers of the gaps in the canopy. Unfortunately, the invasive morning glory has also made its way into parts of the forest.

The Red Head loop has a beautiful range of plants that grow on the forest floor, I particularly like the red tinged rasp ferns and the native ginger plants.

Given the unusually dry spring we have had the Littoral rainforest is probably a bit under stress and will have shed a lot of leaves from the canopy. Hopefully the rains will soon fall again and return the forest to its beautiful best.



Leaf Water Vine



Prickly Rasp Fern



Rainforest Cassia

## Koala Sighting in Heritage Estate

A very healthy large male koala was recently sighted in Heritage Estate, patrolling his territory and looking for females with whom to socialise. He was happy for a day and a half in a small-fruited grey gum, then disappeared under cover of darkness. - *Robyn King*



## Hallidays Point Senior Citizens

Keep the date free! This year our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 13 December starting at 12.00pm at the Community Centre and members are asked to donate an item for our lucky draw. Items should be left at the Community Centre by Monday 4 December. Don't forget to put your name on the board.

If you would like to attend the free Seniors Christmas Concert on Friday 17 November at 2.00pm, please put your name on the list at the Community Centre.

Feel like trying something new? Why not try a friendly game of croquet played at the Community Centre, Bayview Drive, Hallidays Point, on Monday mornings at 9.00am. Croquet is played on a court with six hoops laid out and each player uses a mallet to strike the ball with the aim of sending the ball through each hoop in a specific order and direction. Four coloured balls are in play at all times. Croquet is great for many reasons – exercise, mental stimulation, meeting new people, making new friends, enjoying the outdoors, why not join us?

Happy November birthdays to:

We are always pleased to welcome new members and have a range of activities to enjoy including bingo, cards, croquet,

Anastasia Delves	1st	Lita Addison	16th
Daniel Boone	2nd	Mary Stamp	26th
Marie Curie	7th	Gloria White	30th
Ross Prindable	8th		

Tai Chi, art classes, poetry readings and monthly bus trips. We also hold information sessions with guest speakers. Come along and meet some new friends.

What's the difference between an onion and a bagpipe? Nobody cries when you cut up a bagpipe. Look forward to seeing you., *Gail Phair, Secretary*

## Free Seniors Christmas Concerts at Manning Entertainment Centre

The NSW Government is pleased to continue the wonderful tradition of presenting a series of concerts in regional NSW to honour and thank seniors in our community aged 60 years or older.

Free tickets are now available for the popular Seniors Christmas Concerts, which are being held in Taree this year, on Friday 17 November.

Two concerts are being held at the Manning Entertainment Centre, on Friday, 17 November 2017 at 10:30am and 2:00pm.

Tickets are free for seniors (aged 60 and over) and are available online at <http://mec.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/See-a-Show>. Tickets are also available via the box office (open 10:00am – 1:00pm Tuesday to Friday) at 33 Manning River Drive Taree, by phoning 6592 5466 or visiting the Stockland Foster Information Desk.

Up to four tickets are available per person. People with a lifelong disability and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are classified as a senior if they are 50 years of age or over. Non-seniors are able to attend the concerts with a senior, if they are a carer or companion.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Nikki Sanki, on 6555 4099 or [myalllakes@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:myalllakes@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

*Stephen Bromhead LLM MP, Member For Myall Lakes*

## Diamond Beach Rural Fire Brigade



It was so good to see over 150 people coming to us at the last Black Head market to get their Bush Fire Survival Plan.

It only takes 20 minutes talking to your family making a plan of what to do if a fire comes your way and puts you and your family in danger, do you stay? Or do you go? Talk about it and Have a Plan.

### Things To Do Beforehand:

- Trim overhanging trees and shrubs
- Mow your lawn and remove all cut grass
- Remove material that can burn around your home
- Clear and remove all debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home
- Prepare a hose or hoses that can reach the perimeter of your house.

### PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE.

*Leo Fransen, Phone 0428 222 065-  
Diamond Beach Brigade, Community Engagement Officer.*

## Rainbow Flat Rural Fire Brigade



### Tuncurry Fire

If you have travelled south to Forster or Tuncurry recently, you will have noticed the large burnt area between the Tuncurry Waste Treatment Centre and Great Lakes College. As a firefighter with the New South Wales Rural Fire Service who responded to that fire and worked a number of shifts there, I thought I might share a few reflections of that experience.

It is never nice to be woken in the early hours of the morning to respond to a fire emergency, even less so to see the red glow in the sky and know that you are headed in that direction. In fact, the fire was only about 5 kilometres away, with the wind moving it toward our home. Whenever firefighters respond to a fire not far from home, there is always that worry about where the fire will go, whether your home and family are at risk. The worry is even greater when you travel further from home, leaving it unprotected, as we often do. This was a major fire, and a twelve-hour shift was likely. Thankfully we have a catering unit at Tuncurry, so we were well fed and watered while at the fire ground.



This fire was in the coastal heathland between Great Lakes College to the south, past the Golf Club and moving north towards Tuncurry Waste Management Centre (aka “the tip”). As well as these assets, the firefighting needed to protect homes along The Lakes Way, power lines and the natural vegetation. Crews responded from all over the Manning Valley, Great Lakes, Gloucester and Hastings areas. These four districts have recently combined to create Mid Coast District. This meant that we had local brigades such as Tuncurry, Nubiach, Diamond Beach and Rainbow Flat, plus ones from further afield such as Pacific Palms, Bungwahl, Lake Innes and Tea Gardens, to name just a very few. There were large tankers carrying more than 3000 litres, medium ones, and small ones carrying only 600 litres. The variety of tankers was necessary as the ground was very sandy and bogging was always a risk, and, let’s be honest, sometimes a reality.

The coastal heathland through which the fire was burning is a very rich natural environment growing on deep sand, although the area has been burnt often in the past and much of the original vegetation has gone. There are also some large exotic pine trees, remnants of a one-time commercial plantation. Much of the heathland is dominated by *Banksia serrata*, a long-lived very tough small tree which relies on periodic fire for germination of its seeds. Heathland fires can be very hot, very fierce and fast moving, driven by fluky coastal winds. These conditions are particularly dangerous for firefighters.

Much of the firefighting was good, old-fashioned manual work, putting in backburns and blacking out. Backburning involves lighting low intensity fires using drip torches. These fires burn into the path of an oncoming wildfire, depriving it of fuel so that when the wildfire meets the backburn the wildfire loses intensity and slows its rate of spread. Blacking out is the process whereby crews put out all fire adjacent to the edge of the burnt area, usually ten or more metres, so that if the temperature or wind increases there is no chance of the fire spreading into unburnt country. Blacking out invariably includes turning over logs and kicking at piles of smouldering vegetation, so it generally leads to very dirty firefighters and filthy, sodden clothing. One important thing which helped our backburning was the recent and thorough clearing of vegetation along the power easement.

For this fire, the physical efforts of the firefighters were backed up by some of our more modern tools. Helicopters were widely and effectively used particularly in dealing with hot spots which ground crews had trouble reaching. Each helicopter has a bucket with a capacity of up to 900 litres of water and this fire was very close to readily available water at Tuncurry Race Course. Fresh water is ideal although brackish or salt water will do, with negligible risk of damage to the equipment or vegetation. The Rural Fire Service has specialist Aviation Support Brigades, one of which is based in Taree. Members of this brigade assist with refueling of the aircraft and providing fire safety for the refueling and flight crews.

Other modern technology to assist in the effort was the accurate and timely information provided to the fire ground of the fire’s location and extent, current weather and fire behaviour predictions. For members of the public, much more information was available than in the past. Residents could access the current extent of the fire, any alert levels and any road closure, detours or problems – of particular concern when the fire first broke out and was burning close enough to the school to force a precautionary evacuation. I didn’t see it but apparently it was quite a sight as Tuncurry Beach became a temporary highway taking commuters home to Blackhead and Diamond Beach.

A final memory from the fire? Less than 24 hours after the fire started, the pods on the banksia cones started to open in response to the heat of the fire and their winged seeds began to float to the ground, ready to germinate in the nutrient rich ash bed.

*Robyn King, Community Engagement Officer  
Rainbow Flat Rural Fire Brigade*

# Fishing News

with Trevor

What a spectacular sight!! Four pods of humpback whales within 1 kilometre and no more than 300 metres from the shore off Tuncurry Beach, mixed in with them was a large pod of dolphins and together they put on such an awe-inspiring display. To really top it off, a huge school of bait fish (pilchards), covering almost a hectare, as seen in the media, was slowly heading north. Gannets were dive bombing them and there was often a surface flurry obviously from sharks or other predators. One wonders how long the school will survive.



Neighbour, Brian, together with his eleven-year-old daughter, Brooke launched their brand-new boat at Crowdy Heads for Brooke's and the boat's first venture offshore. Brooke dropped her line over the side, hit the bottom at 60 metres and immediately reeled in a double of two nice snapper even before her father had hit the water. They finished with a satisfying bag of fish. It looks like Brooke is hooked.

This story is consistent with reports from outside fishers with no outstanding catches but most managed to bag reasonable returns mainly of flathead with a few snapper mixed in and an occasional pearl perch. However,



some good catches of teraglin were made over the gravel beds mostly from sunset on. Sharks have been a pest – mostly bronze whalers and have smashed up or bitten off many rigs.

The rivers and lakes are still producing reasonable catches of flathead and bream with the luderick disappearing upstream for several months. The water has been so clear, the fish are "spooked" very easily so it is best to fish the last of the run out, into the dark or in deeper water. Alan and his merry crew managed to boat bream, some over half a kilogram, upstream from Harrington in the night.

The annual migration of the trumpeter whiting in Wallis Lake has begun. This provides great family fishing for a couple of months. Using a small long shanked whiting hook, on a half metre light trace, small running sinker, and keep the bait drifting. I use a two-hook rig as you often get doubles, using cooked prawn, prawns, beach worms or yabbies for bait. They are in the bottom end of the lake at present, working their way down towards the channels. There is no legal length and the bag limit is 20.

The elusive, mulloway has always been a bragging fish, rarely caught off beaches and shorelines, mostly at night and can grow to 60kgs. Occasionally, unprepared anglers have a surprising encounter with one as did Phil, lately, while fishing with light rig and a whiting hook off Tuncurry Beach. The fight went on for some time only for Phil to lose the fish when the hook straightened. Luke from Tuncurry Tackle reports that "some cracking fish to 15kg have been taken from 9 mile and Diamond Beaches".

Generally, the local beach scene has been quiet. I've managed a few bream to 36cm and a rare whiting or two on live worms. Efforts to catch tailor have been a waste of time.

*Good Fishing, Trevor*

# Michael's Computing Trouble Shooting



I would like to revisit the topic of The Windows Help scam. Just recently, there have been a number of people caught out by this. There are a few variations of this scam, but essentially what happens is that you are browsing the web, or you have opened an email, and a message comes up on the screen warning that your computer has become infected and that you need to ring the following number to fix the problem. The message may look like it is from Microsoft, or Windows or one of the Anti-virus companies. It may even have graphics and logos that look like they are genuine. But it is not.

Microsoft and anti-virus companies will not contact you in this way.



If you have rung the number they have given you, you will be told that your computer has been infected in some way. They may instruct you to look at some system files (that will look technical) to convince you that something is wrong, and they will most likely want to get remote access to your computer, so they can "fix the problem".

Don't give remote access to anyone you don't 100% know.

If the scammers ask you for money (and they seem to ask for hundreds of dollars) hang up. To get a local technician to come out would cost you roughly \$60-\$120, so asking for hundreds of dollars should be a red flag for you. They may try to justify this cost by saying that it is for better security software and that the free anti-virus software you have is inadequate. Ring someone locally and check.

One client of mine said that at first, he thought it was a scam but felt reassured when the scammer (whom already had remote access but hadn't asked for money yet) offered to ring back later, after a scan of the computer was done. By not rushing him, he thought it must be a genuine service. Luckily when he did ask for \$500 for two years 'protection' my client said "No thanks. I'd rather put that much toward a new computer".

Please don't get scammed.

*Michael Gallen, Returning to Work in Mid-November*

# Tank's Corner

Tanks Corner for Nov 17. – The weather can affect us Pets as well as our owners. When it is dry, and, we have experienced that lately, our pads can get worn and sore. It is best treated by applying Neatsfoot (sheep) oil to our pads to keep them supple. Don't use anything that dries them out or they can crack and get very sore. The same applies to calluses on the Elbows and knees. Keep them moist with the Oil and they will be tolerable and not crack and bleed. Consult your Vet if there are any pustules (sacs with puss or material in them). In the wet weather, we get sore feet from interdigital dermatitis (infection, redness and sometimes pustules) occurring between the toes top and bottom. This can also extend a little up the pastern. You will need to consult your Vet if this happens as treatment varies with each case. At least keep the feet dry, by drying them after each exercise in the wet and the application of an antiseptic cream. Certainly, if this does not improve with the latter treatment, then consult your Vet. Keep up your Tick and Flea tablets or preparations on a regular basis (1/month for Nexgard, 1/3mths for Bravecto, and 1/2wks for Frontline or Advantix). Hint to owners – hose and dry us off after beach visits because we have a "ball" on the beach and in the sand, but it gets into our eyes, noses and between our toes and saltwater dries out some of the oils in our coats leading to itchiness. Look after us and we will be your best friend "forever".



*Lots of Licks, Tank*

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# The Resolution Network

What's the best present you can give your children this Christmas?

This is a question I've found myself asking quite a bit in the countdown to Christmas – and my answer may surprise you.

I suspect most people might think it's something to do with Pokemons or maybe a Fingerlings Interactive Baby Monkey (not quite sure why!) or a droid or a fidget cube (yes, the spinner is so last year).

However, in my role as a family mediator, I've found that Christmas can be an extremely challenging time for separated families if they end up fighting over who "gets the kids" for the special days during this festive season.

So, what's my answer to this question?

The best present you can give your children this Christmas (if you're no longer in a relationship with the other parent) is to do your very best to agree on the arrangements for the holiday period now.

This means everyone can look forward to Christmas, make arrangements and get ready to enjoy the time with family.

Here are some practical tips to help you get these arrangements into place:

- If you want to make a change to previously established arrangements with the kids – be ready to explain why you want to make the change. It's also a good idea to think about how this change may impact on the other parent – you've got a better chance of them agreeing if you show them you've taken their concerns into consideration as well.
- Give some thought to the best way to raise the idea of making any changes. Is it best to send your idea in an email first? And I'd recommend you not send it as a demand but rather put it forward as an idea you want to discuss with them.
- If you do want to make bigger changes to your current parenting arrangements (such as a change of location) – consider whether you really need to raise them now or whether you can wait till the new year. People's expectations and hopes are very high at Christmas and any change to the "status quo" may be seen in a much more threatening light.

It's also important you not fall into the trap of "buying" your kids' affection at this time of year – this creates more conflict between you and your ex, your kids see straight through it and overall, it does nothing to foster healthy relationships between you and your children.

If you or someone you know is having to navigate this Christmas for the first time (or maybe things have flared up recently between the parents), I hope these practical tips help you to give your children your best during the holiday season.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your situation, please give me a call on 1300 392 132 for a confidential discussion or visit our website:

[www.resolutionnetwork.com.au](http://www.resolutionnetwork.com.au)

Megan Lewis

## TOFS

TOFS celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a repeat of the original trip in October 2007; a train trip from the Central Coast to Wollongong and a tour of the Wollongong Science Centre & Planetarium, followed by lunch at Thirroul Bowling Club was attended by the 3 founding members who were joined by 3 others, all members of a "Barbers Shop" singing group. Only 1 of these has retired from TOFS due to bad health, and 16 of the first 20 members will be attending the 10th Anniversary lunch, and will be joined by 150+ (newer)

**TOFS MC's September Tour** was an historic tour of Port Macquarie with local historian Mitch McKay. It was excellent & enjoyed by all those who attended.

**October Tour;** Thursday 26th is another tour of local importance; Graham Barclay's Oyster Depot at Forster. The tour will give us the chance to learn about oyster farming in Wallis Lake and the high intensity labour involved in producing and ensuring the health of the Sydney Rock Oyster. Graham has a lifetime of experience in this industry and he is foremost in working with the latest techniques.

**November Tour;** Thursday 23rd will be MC's 1st Annual "Ladies Day". And what better way to enjoy the company of our ladies, than a luncheon cruise on the Free Spirit on beautiful Wallis Lake.

We hope to see more residents of the Hallidays Point area join us for another adventure with TOFS MC.

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*Robyn Hellings*

## Kiddies Hut

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Our Waves room (3-5-year old's) is where the children really begin to socialise with one another and gain greater independence, two things so important for an easy transition into formal schooling. Hands on learning is the biggest focus at Kiddies Hut as Educators engage with children throughout the day during individual and small group activities, planned by the Educators for each child to learn, succeed, and develop to their fullest potential.

Our families love reading the daily journals which detail the events of the day in each room and which have photos accompanying them. We appreciate that many families are too busy to stop and read much at pick up time, so families are lucky to be able to receive these by email, along with learning stories which detail their child's learning and development. This is just a small part of documenting our journey with each child, and highly value each familie's input into our program as we strive to provide the best for every child in our care.

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## Hallidays Point Physie

I was so proud of all our girls when they competed in the Mid North Coast Zone competitions held in Taree recently.

Results include 9 girls from our club reaching the Zone finals which now entitles 7 of them to compete in Sydney again on Saturday 28th October.

5 years: Ella McDonald & Eliza Cunningham, 6 years: Eden Giffin, 7 years - Summer Harrison & Sasha Gray, 8 years: Summer Mobbs, Millie Cronk, Daisy Pickering & Scarlett Donnellan.

Special mentions also to 5-year-old Isla, 6-year-old Abigail & Lara, and 8-year-old Ramona and Mali for their fantastic efforts today. We also had our 5-6 years & 7-8 years teams compete and both teams produced their best performances.

Our 9-12-year girls all will be competing on Sunday 15th October, so watch this space for more results from our girls, some who have only started Physie this year! What an achievement from a club which has only been going 2 years.

Three of our 9 years girls also reached the zone final, Taia Shedden, Dallas Rogers, Ashlee Brabant together with 11-year old's Riley Giffin and Lily Moylan. Outstanding performances from Skyla and Summer Brown, Ruby Hopkins, Charlotte Wooldridge, Lani Williams, Maya.

*Marilyn*

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## Happenings at Hallidays Point Public School

Term 4 is underway at HPPS and there are many important things coming up before the end of the year.

- Year 6 Fun Day- Tuesday 7th November
- Presentation Day- Wednesday 6th December
- Year 6 Farewell- Monday 4th December
- Picnic Day- Monday 11th December
- Hallidays Got Talent- Wednesday 13th December



*Lee Crozier*

## Club Blackhead

By the time this article goes to press, our Annual General Meeting will be over for another twelve months. Five of the present board members will be there for another two years to serve under the constitution rule definition 1 triennial rule. There will be a ballot for the remaining three members to make up a Board of Directors of eight.

Wednesday the 1st of November will be the beginning of Club Blackhead's new caterer "Creation 2". The menu will be 60% Asian and 40% Australian food and will include \$10 luncheons. Please make welcome Alex and his father Kevin Ho to Club Blackhead!



Alex Wen & Club Director Joe Ashton

Travelling bowlers will be here on Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th of November for a mixed Bowls, Lunch presentation.

The November Carnival will start on Sunday the 12th and Monday the 13th of November. Prize money for the carnival totals \$6,100. Enquiries should be made to Matt Sargeant, Bowls Coordinator on 6559 2923.

*Until the next time, Jack 'O'*

## Minor Singles Club Champion for 2017

Congratulations to Lyn Else on winning Black Head Club Champion Minor Singles for 2017.

Lyn played off the finals against Mary McManus. It is a credit to both ladies to reach the finals in this event. Both new bowlers that have shown such an interest and determination in doing well in this new sport to them "Bowls". Not only are they so keen to enter in any comp that is presented to them they have also been so active in taking on committee roles. Such a lovely feel of new blood and asset to Black Head Ladies Bowling Club.



Congratulations Lyn. A wonderful achievement.

*Donna Hampson, Publicity Officer, Black Head Ladies Bowling Club*



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## Hallidays Point Population and Dwellings

### ABS Estimated Resident Population

## 2016 - 4,000

The Census usual resident population of Hallidays Point in 2016 was 3,927, living in 2,054 dwellings with an average household size of 2.37.

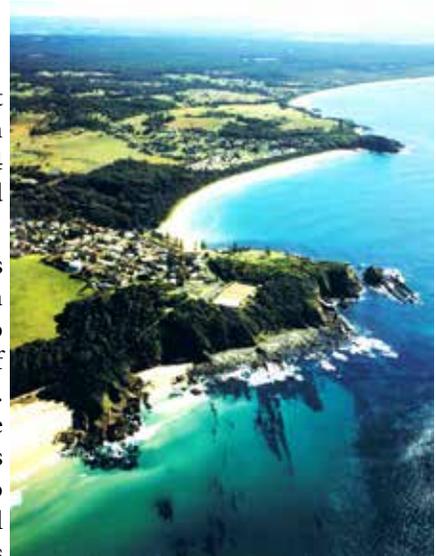
There are a number of different ways of measuring the population of an area, all of which give an insight into the size of the place and its rate of growth over different time periods. The Census counts people where they are on the night of the Census (enumerated population) and also by where they usually live (usual residence). Both these populations are useful and form the basis for a range of characteristics collected in the Census.

However, the most accurate count of the total population is Estimated Resident Population, which factors in an estimate of those missed in the Census and those who were overseas on Census night. It is usually higher than either Census count, and is also updated annually after the Census, providing preliminary estimates for up to 5 years.

This page provides the three population counts for Hallidays Point at the last Census, with comparisons to previous Census years for the Census counts only. The current estimate for Hallidays Point at the most recent year available is shown at the top of the page. This figure is a preliminary estimate only and is subject to review after the next Census data are released. Please use with caution.

Also included are a range of sub population groups and key statistics from the Census (usual resident) population, such as citizens, employed persons and Indigenous population.

These figures all provide the context for the size of the population and growth rate within Hallidays Point and should be looked at in conjunction with other basic demographic information, such as Age Structure, Dwelling Type and Household Size.



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## Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers



Maya Bird with her dad - who undertook the 'Teaching a Learner Driver' workshop last year.

Teaching a young person to drive might be the most important lesson you'll ever give! Make sure you're well equipped to help your learner driver become a safer driver by attending a free two-hour workshop aimed at parents and supervising drivers.

Statistics show that young people are over-represented when it comes to accidents and fatalities on our roads. If you've taken on the responsibility of supervising a learner driver, you're in the hot seat when it comes to ensuring they are confident and safety-conscious. To prepare yourself for this important role, join a free workshop that will reduce the stress, for you and your learner, and make every lesson more effective.

MidCoast Council will host three Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers workshops across the region next month. Attendees will leave armed with information, practical advice, and a structured approach to building the competency of their learner, along with confidence in teaching safe driving habits. The two-hour workshops will be held in Gloucester on Thursday 2 November, Taree on Thursday 9 November and Forster on Tuesday 14 November.

Chris Dimarco, MidCoast Council's Road Safety Officer, is looking forward to offering the workshops. "This is our second round of learner driver workshops this year, and those attending find it's much easier to navigate the requirements of the log book and provide effective lessons that gradually build on the skills of their learner driver."

The course has been developed by Roads and Maritime Services who recognise the important part that parents and supervisors play in supporting inexperienced drivers. Workshop content is designed to help supervisors prepare for the role by covering topics such as laws that apply to L & P licence holders, completing the Learner Driver log book, and the benefits of well supervised on-road driving experience.

Workshops will commence at 6pm and light refreshments will be provided. Dates and locations for the three workshops are:

- Gloucester, SES HQ office, 23 Tate St, Gloucester – Thursday 2 November
- Taree, Council administration building, Pulteney Street – Thursday 9 November
- Forster, Council administration building, Breese Parade - Tuesday 14 November.

Bookings are required and can be made by calling 6591 7236, or emailing [roadsafety@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roadsafety@midcoast.nsw.gov.au). Please specify the location you will be attending when making your booking. Note: While the workshop is aimed at those teaching a learner driver, learners may benefit from some of the workshop content.

## Get On-Board With The Summer Water Saving Program

MidCoast Water Services' would like to remind you that the summer water saving program is now in place. MidCoast residents are urged to help by being mindful of water usage.

The summer water saving program applies throughout daylight saving time to help control the amount of water we use during the warmer months.

Watering during the heat of the day (9am - 4pm) is inefficient as the water evaporates doesn't get a chance to seep into plants, wasting water and your money.

MidCoast Council's director of water services Brendan Guiney says, "I encourage the community to take up the challenge and educate themselves on ways to reduce water usage during summer". Supporting the summer saving program helps save water supplies, is more effective for your garden and your money.

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### Fun Is All In The Mind.

Les Dawson was a top English comedian in the 70's.

When he was not talking about them, he would write comically of his various dislikes which were not a few.

One he wrote of was an insufferable neighbour who after winning a substantial sum on his Premium Bonds, a form of State Lottery, purchased a Tasmanian wombat from Harrods!

Les said he quite took to the animal which he thought a nice sort, and threw it mashed spinach and cabbage stalks until the creature ruined his superb dwarf oak with its pungent droppings.

He found the man even more objectionable when he acquired a mongoose which on one occasion darted into Les' garden, crept into the house and slithered into his mother-in-law's bedroom which presented him with a monumental problem.

She was an accomplished musician and ended each day by playing a snatch on her bugle from her open bedroom window. One evening she chose a selection from Gilbert and Sullivan and as the last note of HMS Pinafore was dying away in the chill night air, the mongoose shot up her nightdress. The fright caused her to fall through the window. She was saved, he said, by her corset catching on a tree. The whole thing caused consternation in the household.

For you and me that is the end of the story, but Les Dawson had a lot more to say of it, not all suitable for our eyes in this gentle newspaper.

Those lovely people who serve me raisin bread from time to time in our village, know that I crave more butter on it than is usual. This may be because from childhood, mothers, and mine was no exception, were great fans of A.A. Milne and would read his nursery rhymes to their children.

One of my favourites was the "The Kings Breakfast". Here is an excerpt from it:

After the King, a bit unhappy that he had been offered marmalade due to a shortage of butter, said **BOTHER!** Which caused a hurried rethink in the Court and the provision of butter from the royal dairymaid after all.

The Queen took the butter and brought it to His Majesty.

The King said, 'Butter eh' and bounced out of bed.

'Nobody he said as he kissed her tenderly

'Nobody,' he said, as he slid down the banisters-

'Nobody my darling' Could call me a fussy man -

**BUT**

I do like a little bit of butter to my bread!



## The Ashes Are Soon To Be In Full Swing.

I share a love of the game although my personal prowess as a cricketer was pitifully low.

Wanting to be a part of the game however I decided on umpiring and joined The Association of Cricket Umpires in UK.

To acquire full membership, I took a course of lectures on the laws in the committee rooms at The Oval followed by a written examination which I passed.

After the following two years practice on the field, I attended two oral examinations in the committee room at Lords before a panel where the pass mark was 95%. I think. Why two? Because I failed the first!

The one I failed was due to my answer to the following which I invite any cricketers to offer the definitive answer in the required detail.

**Q.** You are the umpire at the bowler's end. The bowler bowls. The ball hits the striker on the pad. There is no appeal, but you know that if there had been you would have given the striker out LBW.

The ball runs off the striker's pad to fine leg. The striker is called for a run by the non-striker who after they cross fails to make good his ground. and on appeal is given 'Run Out' by your colleague at square leg. As he makes his way off the ground the bowler at your end casually says 'how was that for LBW umpire?

What action should you take? The definitive answer is as follows:

1. Call your colleague and advise him that you have received an appeal which you must uphold.
2. Invite him to call the outgoing batsman to return
3. Ensure he returns to the non-striker's end
4. Advise the batsman at the non-striker's end that on appeal he is out LBW and must leave the field.
5. Ensure the incoming batsman returns to the striker's end
6. Allow the game to proceed.

*Tony Knight*



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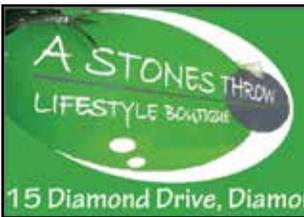
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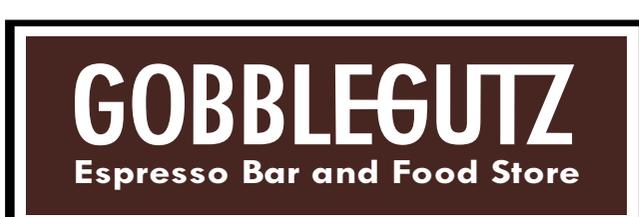
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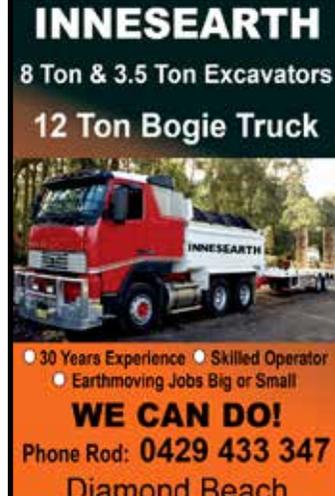
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

## HALLIDAYS POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contact Mary Marshall: **6559 2455**

Services each Sunday at 9.00am

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

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**KIDZ CLUB:** Every second Friday

Look for the sign out the front. School kids Yrs 3-6 3.30 pm  
\$4. Fun and activities with tea provided

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Friday 8.15 am

Prayer group for men.

**CRAFT:** Every second Wednesday 9.30-12'ish

Meet with other crafty people. Share ideas. BYO Craft

\$3. Includes Morning Tea

**OVER 55'S LUNCH** 12-3pm

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

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

Book if you are able on number above.

## HALLIDAYS POINT LANDCARE GROUP INC.

Volunteers are always welcome to help  
maintain our local environment.

Working bees at Black Head Mondays and Tuesdays  
from 8.am until 11 am. - Contact Alan 6559 3365

Seascope/Diamond Beach working bees

Fridays from 9.am to 11am - Contact Tim 6559 2827

## Hallidays Point Community Liaison & Progress Association 'CLAPA'

Contact me for a Membership Application form to be part of our team  
to review the Community Strategic Plan and gain improved facilities  
for our area. Email is best – [lynjohn4@bigpond.com](mailto:lynjohn4@bigpond.com)  
John Griffiths, President

## Do you require the Services of a JP?



A JP provides a free service of witnessing  
Statutory Declarations and Affidavits and Certifying copies of original  
documents. To find a JP in your area, go to [www.jp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jp.nsw.gov.au)  
and follow the link 'finding a JP and using JP services'

## 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

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

Tuesday - Tai Chi - 8.00 am - 9.30 am

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

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)

## Hallidays Point Combined Probus Club

meet at the Black Head Surf Club on the first Tuesday  
of each month at 9.30 for 10.00am start.

Visitors will be made most welcome to join in fun and friendship.

## TENNIS



*You are invited to join  
Black Head Tennis Club*



in Wylie Breckenridge Park behind the Shopping Centre

### Club Membership Categories:

Adult \$40 - Family \$100 - Junior \$20 - Associates \$15

**Membership Fees for year ending June 30th, 2018 NOW DUE**

Social Groups play weekdays and Saturday afternoons from 1.30 pm

Anyone interested in night tennis, please phone the following contact numbers:

### Enquiries:

J. Bowman 6559 2043 or Sharyn: 0414 353 926

Court Hire 7 Days - AM / PM through "Point Bakery"

or After Hours by phoning the above numbers.

## Hallidays Point Play Group

Hallidays Point Community Church, Diamond Beach Rd  
Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

Playgroup is a place for you and your children aged 0-6 to  
have fun, make new friends and develop skills through play.

Playgroups offer a safe, relaxed environment where you  
can find friendship and support. At Playgroup, children are  
offered a variety of social, play and sensory experiences  
that encourage learning and development.

You are welcome to experience two Playgroup sessions  
before joining Playgroup NSW

Membership to Playgroup NSW covers your entire family  
offering parents, grandparents and family members  
the opportunity to attend Playgroup.

Find us on Facebook - Search Hallidays Point Playgroup.

## 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)



## LIONS CLUB OF HALLIDAYS POINT



Lions are an active part of this community and  
have been responsible for providing many  
facilities in our area. They are people just like YOU!

Lions meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month:

**2nd Thursday 5.30pm at the Senior Citizens Centre**

**Business Meeting, Members Only**

with dinner at the Tavern afterwards (optional).

**The 4th Thursday is a Dinner Meeting**

**6.30pm when Partners and Guests are welcome.**

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

Please check with the Secretary.

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

Enquiries: Secretary: Ross Timmins on 0412 119 529

Membership: Vaughn Parker 6559 3268

E: [vaughn.parker@hallidayspointlions.org.au](mailto:vaughn.parker@hallidayspointlions.org.au)

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**GARY KING**



Friday 3rd November - 7.00pm

**Greg Tape**



Saturday 11th November - 7.00pm

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