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Modest

It's part of our Australian Nature, self deprecation, and also a part of our 'just get on with it' attitude. While loading this week we looked at Issue 18's content and noticed one trait that stands out in all of those whom we are privileged to share news from and of; modesty.

modest: adjective 1. having or showing a moderate or humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions. 2. free from ostentation or showy extravagance. Origin: 1555–65; Latin modestus restrained, decorous, equivalent to modes.

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Chinese proverb

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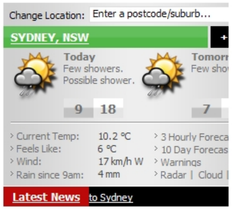

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Stop Press 6.44pm 6.8.11: We have had disturbing reports the last few days that **80-100 small stingrays washed up on Mackerel Beach** and into its creek on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This evening we were able to speak to an **eye-witness, Alex Kelso** of Pink Water Taxis, who had to cease walking his dog on Tuesday on Mackeral due to the stink and on Wednesday, while taking the Dept. of Environment and Conservation on their water sampling rounds, observed numerous boats from local authorities at Mackerel. If you have taken a photo of this scene please contact us. We're sure **everyone** wants to find out what has actually occurred.

Pittwater, Your Voice Has Been Heard – Now Let's *Roar!*

by Andrew Tiede

It is said that the "family that fishes together, stays together". Fishing provides a healthy way for kids and whole family to enjoy the natural, healthy and safe lifestyle that Pittwater offers – except for one minor problem. In a report to NSW Fisheries in 2003, the consultants found that the most important factor for people who undertake fishing holidays or trips is to be able to catch at least one or more legal sized fish. Fair enough, one might say, that sounds reasonable.

But that is the problem; it is no longer a reasonable expectation for Pittwater. The NSW Fisheries survey of 2007/2008 found that the average number of fish per angler per fishing trip was just 0.7 for the whole Hawkesbury / Pittwater area. That's right, fishing locally, even from a boat, means that, most likely, you'll come home empty handed. No wonder our kids don't bother fishing; their chances of catching fish from the shore are much less – a single fish every two or three trips at best.

A month ago, Rob Stokes the MP for Pittwater called for Pittwater to be considered a recreational-only fishing haven. The idea is to fairly payout the professional netters now operating in Pittwater which will allow this beautiful estuary to recover from the recent over-fishing it has endured.

Want proof: NSW Fisheries found that the average size of a dusky flathead (a popular recreational species also targeted by professional netters) caught in the Hawkesbury / Pittwater was 43 cm long. In Port Hacking, a much smaller estuary it was 48 cm long. Logically, one would expect the Port Hacking fish to be smaller, not on average around 1-2 years older and 400 grams heavier. The reason: Port Hacking is closed to commercial netters!

On Friday, Rob Stokes said; "I've been overwhelmed by the size of the response to this initiative and the professionalism of the effort from the Pittwater Community". Rob had been to a meeting with the Minister for Primary Industries the night before and he believes that more progress had been made on ending professional netting in Pittwater in the past month than in the previous seven to eight years. So, take a bow, people of Pittwater, your voice has been heard!

We understand that a review will soon commence into the various aspects of commercial fishing operations in NSW. There, you have heard it *here* first.

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Premier's Community Service Award Winner Announced

From Press Release: Member for Pittwater Rob Stokes today announced Avalon resident **Roland Luke** as the recipient of the Premier's 2011 Pittwater Community Service Award. The award was presented at a reception for Pittwater's community leaders at Mona Vale Golf Club, and acknowledges exemplarily service to the Pittwater community by a local volunteer.

"With more than 30 years of service with the Avalon Soccer Club and Avalon Surf Club, Roland has made an outstanding contribution to the Pittwater community. Roland's ongoing commitment to the Avalon Soccer Club and Avalon Surf Club is remarkable", Rob Stokes said today. "Whether it's setting up soccer fields at daybreak or leading nippers events at Avalon Beach - Roland is always willing to lend a hand.

"Through his decades of service – Roland has gone above and beyond to help ensure the local sporting opportunities we often take for granted are available. Roland's efforts are a wonderful example of the enormous contributions that are made every week by our local volunteers."

"We're enormously fortunate to have Roland as a member of our community and this award is a fitting tribute to his outstanding efforts", Rob Stokes concluded.

We called Roland to ask him how he felt on receiving the award.

"It came as a complete surprise. I was totally knocked out. " he said, adding, "It's not just me, other people have contributed a lot as volunteers to these Organisations. To me it is a recognition of all of these people. We work hard to ensure the safety of others by our surf patrols of the beaches during the summer months. A large part of that is training the 13-15 year olds to come into the organisation and to do their Bronze Medallion."

Mr Luke has assisted the Avalon Beach SLSC with cadets, nippers, competitions and patrolling duties for decades. During winter he gives up his Sunday mornings to set up the soccer fields at Careel Bay.

Nipper registration begins at Avalon SLSC from the **12th of September** this year and their **Membership form** is currently available to download from **here**.

Information about the Avalon Soccer Club may be found **here.**

Roland Luke and Rob Stokes photo by Michael Mannington

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Above: Lydia, 'a queen and her queenfish'.

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Wouldn't it be wonderful if our kids and retirees could enjoy the amenity Pittwater would offer when the fish and birdlife return. Just imagine the magnificent sight of sea eagles swooping down on prey again (and I'm not talking about the foot-balling variety this time). Then, passionate fishers like my dear friend Lydia, who will be 90 this month, can proudly pose with fish they caught right here instead of somewhere else!

After his meeting, Rob Stokes also said that the Minister is willing to consider community and industry support for a new recreational fishing haven. By the way, the Minister, Katrina Hodgkinson, is a proud mother of two and describes herself as a "passionate" fisher. She is also the Minister for Small Business.
So, fellow residents of Pittwater, fishers, enthusiasts of nature, and business owners, let the Minister hear us roar!

Contact Katrina Hodginson now:
office@hodgkinson.minister.nsw.gov.au

Let her know we strongly support Pittwater being declared a recreational fishing haven so Pittwater is given the chance to return to its beautiful and natural state for all the people to enjoy in perpetuity.

Andrew Tiede, Ph: 9999 4525

Previous Article: Let's Give Pittwater and our Kids a Chance.

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Above: Nettie Lodge, Poet, Paul Smith, Director and Penny Gleen, Owner of Church Point Ferries, photo by June Lahm. Photo montage Oliver Delprado

Gone Fishing Gallery

1858 Pittwater Rd
Church Point 2105
(in the old Pasadena Restaurant)
www.gonefishinggallery.com.au

Above: Long-Billed Curlew, Copyright Alan D. Wilson, www.naturespicsonline.com. Right: Mixed Media on wooden panel by Paul Smith. Below: The Last Ferry Home sings farewell to the Curlew, photo by June Lahm.

A Tribute to the Curlew

by Tracy Smith

"She carried her offshore passengers and their dogs who doubled as crew,
And the people of Pittwater loved her, they called her The Mighty Curlew.
She was the vessel that got them home across the treacherous mote,
*And many a Scotland Islander was conceived in the back of that boat." *1*

On July 30th the off-shore crowds and wooden ferry enthusiasts flocked to the Gone Fishing Gallery to farewell our beloved old wooden ferry. The Curlew.

The Curlew is an integral part of the history of Pittwater, She is now 90 years old and has served our off-shore community for 60 of those years. She survived the famous ferry wars of the 60's the rowdy school run between Newport and Scotland Island for the past 2 decades.

After thousands of trips carrying off-shore residents to a from work, school kids in the noisiest pandemonium with a deck hand to keep them on board and in-line (most of the time), she deserves to retire from public life.

This memorable family afternoon was hosted by Paul Smith, master printmaker/artist and Director of Gone Fishing Gallery (an Artist Run Initiative housed in the old Pasadena Restaurant.).
The Curlew was moored nearby, quietly enjoying the attention and open to all for a little reminiscing for the last time. She even had one last trip around the island with the old ferry master and owner Laurie Duff.

Many offshore artists have worked for the last few months to generate a unique and colourful art exhibition, dedicated to The Curlew, which will be in the Gone Fishing Gallery for all to enjoy until the end of August.

Even the children of Pittwater contributed their vision of The Curlew in a series of delightful and guileless small drawings and paintings which are on display.

Gifted illustrator and artist Nettie Lodge read her poetic tribute to the Curlew, and our wonderful A Cappella choir *"Last Ferry Home"* were there to sing her praises with several songs specifically written in her honour.

Andrew Mills complied a book of artworks and stories about the curlew, which can also be purchased from the gallery.

"These are the days we remember most, the best of the Curlew's days,
And the languid hours spent to and fro in a mid evening summer haze
Farewell to the Curlew and all who sailed her, perhaps wooden boats have run out of luck,
But her spirit and Lenny's are forever preserved in our youthful new ferry L. Duck." *1

*1: From an epic poem written and performed by island resident Nettie Lodge.

The exhibition at the GONE FISHING GALLERY will continue to run for the month of August and the gallery is open 10am-4pm Saturdays and Sundays. 1858 Pittwater Road, Church Point.

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Curlew Photo montage Oliver Delprado

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Above: George Negus and Alan Jones introduce the NDIS DisabiliTea. Uploaded by everyaustralian on Jul 31, 2011.

Above: Carolyn Mckay of NBI and CR. Bob Dunbar of Pittwater Council

Above: Gail Carew of the Rotary Club of Pittwater and Max Prince of the Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah. Below: Montage from NBI and Base: NBI Team.

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Every Australian Counts - The DisabiliTea of August 2nd, 2011

On Tuesday we attended the DisabiliTea afternoon tea at the Nelson Heather Centre in Warriewood. Organised by Northern Beaches Interchange CEO, Carolyn McKay, the event was to let the community know about the Every Australian Counts campaign. The 'I count' motif is something we all can understand; we all at one time or another have felt excluded, ignored, treated in a way that infers our feelings, our thoughts, our selves are invisible and we have been disregarded. We all respond with the natural 'I count! I matter, I belong! I am vibrant, beautiful and strong!'.

To gain everyone's support for the introduction of a vital National Disability Insurance Scheme, afternoon teas were held throughout our island home with over 20,000 Australians attending. Some came to support the families and people in our communities who live a 'don't dis my ability' life, more came to learn more about why we don't already have an **NDIS** and what they can do about this.

We heard that the support system for people with a disability and their families or carers is in crisis. The number of people with a disability is rising whilst the people who can or are willing to do unpaid caring is falling. A lack of services and support places responsibility for meeting the needs of a family member with a disability on family members with the resulting emotional, physical and financial stress. When we spoke to Carolyn earlier this year she explained how some of the mums NBI assists had not had a day off for years. Siblings are also affected, some feeling selfish if they express a need to exhale, to share experiences of loving their brother or sister but also resenting what they perceive as a lack of attention due to the demands of caring for someone with a disability. We must all also remain aware that people with a disability *want* to participate in the cultural, economic and social life of our community and nation. The introduction of an NDIS would begin to address some of these negatives with a few much needed and long overdue positives.

Those proposed make very good sense. From the Every Australian counts website: "A National Disability Insurance Scheme would provide people with a disability and their families and carers with the regular care, support, therapy and equipment they need. As a Medicare-type scheme, it would provide a secure and consistent pool of funds for these services and support.
It would be fair, efficient and effective. It would focus on early intervention and delivering those supports which produce the best long term outcomes. It would maximise opportunities for independence, participation and productivity. It would be individualised and person-centred.
Support would be based on the choices of person with a disability and their family. The scheme would reframe support as investment rather than charity. Timely interventions, appropriate aids and equipment, training and development would become investment in individual capacity rather than welfare. The scheme would therefore lead to more positive results for people with a disability, their families and carers as well as being fiscally responsible.
All Australians would benefit from this scheme because disability can affect anyone, anytime. Everyone will benefit from building a more inclusive, more diverse community."

Over the next few months the Productivity Commission will report to the Government on the findings of its inquiry into a long-term disability care and support scheme. The goal in the meantime is to get at least 100, 000 Australians to join the 'I Count !' campaign. When we checked while finalising this article on Saturday morning the tally was up to 50 195.

What can **you** do? You can join the 'I count' campaign by joining and stating 'Count me in!' on their Facebook page: or by clicking on the Count Me In logo here; this will take you to the Every Australian Counts website where you can ensure you too really do count.

Further Reading at:

Every Australian Counts:
http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/take_action/

Northern Beaches Interchange: www.nbi.org.au

Submission to the Productivity Commission: here

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History: In August we feature Events in Pittwater. This week; Dame Nellie Melba lunches at Bilgola Cottage, Spring of 1914.

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Park Bench Philosopher: A glimpse of nurses clattering through the streets after the bombs have fallen, still alive, still determined to do what they can.

Food: Turnips are an August vegetable crop. A recipe for a dip, health benefits and some history.

Events: RMYC Libby Gore Ladie's Lunch, Curlew Farewell at Gone Fishing Gallery, Barry Leef at Palmie Golf Club, History Lectures, Yes You Can Free Computer Seminar from Avpals, Thoroughly Thora Concert in Avalon, Doors Cover Band at Avalon Beach RSL, Pittwater Council Events, Manly Art Gallery Exhibits, Bands playing and more.

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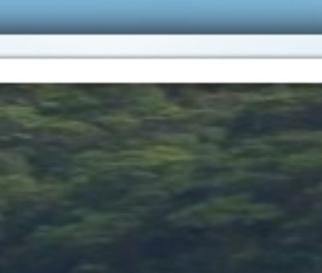
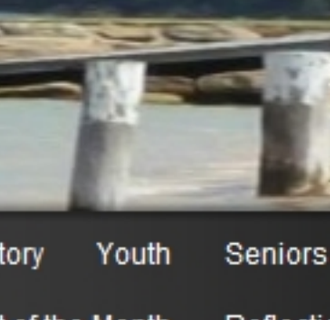


Community News: Emma Moore singing this Sunday, Pittwater Council's Economic Plan, Nathan Webster wins Surf Masters in Brazil, MWPHS Newsletter on Killarney Picnic Grounds, Council updates and Invites.



Environment; Last chance to have your say on our Marine Parks; speak up as the eastern seaboard is next! New Walk from PNHA, Sustainability expo in Pittwater, July's Cooee Newsletter, Seed Bank with full Index of all Australian plants Facts Sheets and more.

Lynda Hill: Overthrowing The Old And Bringing In A New Order: July's Leo New Moon

Pictures: 10 + 1 = Eleven.

Youth: Modestly Bellowing, Free Learner Driver's Course at Mona Vale Library, Pittwater Council's EAT Writing Competition.

Seniors; Fairies in our Midst. AvPals is running a Free Seminar called 'Computers- Yes You Can!'

Community Clubs: Updates on Activities and links to sites.

Artist of the Month: Painter Sophie Haythornthwaite shares some of her beautiful and brilliant paintings.

Collector's Corner: Find out where the Australian term 'a furphy' originated from.

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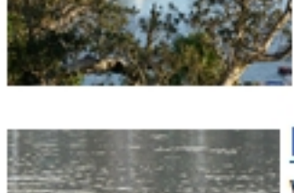

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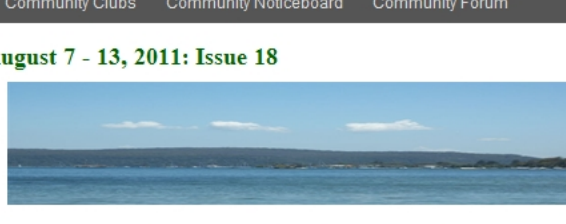

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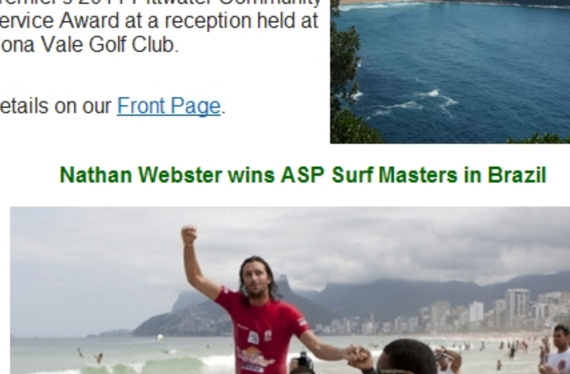
Avalon Volunteer receives Premier's 2011 Pittwater Community Service Award

The hard work and dedication of Secretary of the Avalon Soccer Club and long term volunteer at the Avalon SLSC, Roland Luke, was recognised on Monday. Robert Stokes, MP, presented Mr Luke with the Premier's 2011 Pittwater Community Service Award at a reception held at Mona Vale Golf Club.

Details on our Front Page.

Nathan Webster wins ASP Surf Masters in Brazil



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North Narrabeen resident Nathan Webster overtook local Brazilian Fabio Gouveia in the finals to win the Surf Masters at Arpoador, Rio de Janeiro on Monday, our time. This was the first time the Surf Masters event had been held since 2003.

PITTWATER COUNCIL

NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PITTWATER

With the business community's help, Pittwater Council will prepare a new economic development plan for the next four years between 2012 and 2016, with the theme of 'Working Locally – Connecting Globally'.

According to a report presented to the Council at its meeting this week, the economic development plan will 'seek to identify opportunities for action, collaboration and partnerships to meet the needs of the community'. Mayor Harvey Rose said the plan will help Council monitor the local and regional economic environment and understand more closely the needs of our business community.

"We'll be consulting closely with the business community to understand their needs and what they think the priorities are through focus groups, workshops and online surveys," said Mayor Rose.

Regional Economic Development Coordinator Paul William-Smith said the plan would also be prepared with the assistance of demographic and economic statistics, to establish emerging issues and trends. Mr William-Smith said consultation with the community will begin next month with the aim to capture a broad range of opinions."We'll be enlisting the help of many business owners through the local Chambers as well as the large business network of Pittwater Business Ltd.

For more information about Pittwater's economic development plan contact Paul William –Smith on 9942 2233.

MACKEREL BEACH RAIN & WATER LEVELS MONITORED

Pittwater Council has been awarded a grant to monitor rainfall and water levels at Great Mackerel Beach. Pittwater received $13,666 grant funding from the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme (a combined state and federal grant program) towards a total project cost of $20,500 for the two monitoring devices at Great Mackerel Beach. The devices were installed at the end of July at the inland end of the wharf and next to the pedestrian bridge over the creek. The device at the wharf, known as a pluviometer, will measure rainfall while the other will measure water levels in the creek and any rises that could signal potential flooding.

Jennifer Pang, who heads up the Council's Catchment Management and Climate Change Unit, said the water monitoring devices would lead to improved data collection on flooding that could be used for future flood studies. "The Council is reviewing all flood prone areas in Pittwater to ensure our flood studies reflect current scientific thinking on the likely impacts of climate change," Ms Pang said. "The devices being installed could assist in flood warnings, as well as contributing the latest data for flood studies and future planning."

Ms Pang added that data from the devices will be available for the public to view in the next few weeks at http://mhl.nsw.gov.au/www/lw_start.html

CANNES RESERVE & GUNYAH PLACE RESERVE

The Council voted at its meeting this week to adopt a plan of management for Cannes and Gunyah Place Reserves in Avalon. The two reserves have been the focus of concerns regarding a large number of flying foxes roosting in the area and their effects on residents living nearby.

Numbers of flying-foxes fluctuate but have increased recently due to loss of habitat and natural food sources, as well as flood damage and drought. The plan of management prepared by Council staff aimed to deliver a compromise where residents and the flying foxes could co-exist.

Part of the plan involved obtaining permits to prune vegetation and remove selected cabbage tree palms and cheese trees, where flying foxes were roosting too close to homes. Permits to remove and prune vegetation were partially granted last month by the state government agency, The Office of Environmental Heritage. However a request to remove twelve cabbage tree palms and one cheese tree was refused.

Reserves & Recreation Manager Les Munn said approval to remove six cabbage tree palms and prune additional vegetation in Cannes Reserve had been acted on over the last two weeks. "The work had to be carried out before the flying fox breeding season begins this month," he said.

In unanimously approving the plan of management for the two reserves, the Council also called for further lobbying of the state government and action by the NSW Local Government Association over the impacts of flying foxes on residents.

Mayor Harvey Rose said the Council was very sympathetic to the residents concerns about noise and smell. "We would like to see more concrete evidence of the endangered status of flying foxes in urban areas," he said. "In the case of these two reserves, their colonisation has been a relatively recent event and the detrimental effect on residents has been significant. We have to come up with better solutions to managing flying foxes in urban areas as this is likely to become an issue for other councils as well."

To view the plan of management for Cannes and Gunyah Place Reserves visit www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au

ONLINE BIODIVERSITY CALENDAR A FIRST

Pittwater Council has launched a unique online calendar designed to educate the community about the coastal environment, based on traditional Aboriginal knowledge. The calendar, which is web-based, works through hundreds of images of coastal native birds, animals and plants. Many of the images were provided by local residents and collated by staff from the Council's Coastal Environment Centre at North Narrabeen. The calendar has been coordinated by Pittwater Council on behalf of the Pittwater, Hornsby and Gosford communities and was funded by a $50,000 grant from the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority, through the federal government's Caring for Country grant program.

Representatives of the D'harawal people have provided their knowledge for descriptions of some of the images and the Guringai, Darkinyung and Darug people are also providing input into the calendar. Other information in the calendar includes details of environmental events and community groups, weather patterns and hazards to the environment, such as weed species.
Pittwater Council's Natural Environment and Education Manager Mark Beharrel said the calendar was a work in progress and was designed to be interactive. "We hope that the public will contribute images and other information to the calendar."
"It's a living atlas that will help us measure changes to the coastal environment and increase awareness of native birds, animals and plants throughout the seasons," he said.
The calendar can be viewed at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/biocalendar
To submit photos for the biodiversity calendar email cec@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

COMPUTER PALS AVALON FOR SENIORS

Computers – Yes You Can!

Avalon Computer Pals for Seniors (AVPALS) is presenting a seminar on the afternoon of Friday August 19th 2011 at the Newport Community Centre 11-13 The Boulevard, Newport Beach. The interesting program includes the following topics:

Facebook Made Easy – by Greg Ross
Meet your Ancestors – by Margot Paul
Picture Power – by Brian Hindes
Bridge Online – by Patricia Kalf
Computing Made Easy – by Mike Mannington

After Question Time refreshments will be served and the Lucky Door Prize Draw will take place. Throughout the seminar we will be running informative computer displays.

There is no charge at all for attendance – the seminar is simply to help Seniors use their computers more effectively. The seminar is supported by Supported by: Pittwater Council, Avalon RSL Club and the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care

Seniors wishing to attend can ring 02 8064 3574 for more information and to register their interest. For further information contact Paul Purvis from AVPALS on 02 9979 9667 or 0403 442 764

SHOROC
MAKING OUR REGION OUR COUNCILS AND OUR COMMUNITY EVEN STRONGER

First Ever Regional Sustainability Strategy Launched by SHOROC Mayors
by Lisa S. – July 29, 2011

The Mayors of Mosman, Manly, Warringah and Pittwater today officially launched the major sustainability action plan for the region titled 'Shaping Our Sustainable Future – An action plan for creating a more sustainable SHOROC region together'.

The launch is significant because *Shaping Our Sustainable Future* brings together for the first time a range of projects that will be delivered collectively by the SHOROC councils over the next four years to create a more sustainable region.

SHOROC President and Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said that the action plan includes projects focussing on integrated transport, renewable energy, climate change, ecologically sustainable development, waste avoidance and re-use, water use, enhancing biodiversity and living and working more sustainably.

"Each of our councils is already working very hard to safeguard our environment", said Cr Rose. "This new action plan details the key projects where we can achieve even more for our region by working together".

A good example is that the councils will be working together to maximise recycling and re-use of resources locally. Under the action plan, the councils will be working to divert 66 per cent of residential waste from landfill through the construction of new sorting and recycling facilities at Kimbriki and by implementing a common collection system.

Transport is another key priority. The councils will be working to improve public and community transport through detailed feasibility analysis and planning for the public transport network, a regional approach to cycling network and infrastructure delivery, and lobbying for funds for a regional Bus Rapid Transit system.

The action plan forms Part Two under the banner of Shaping Our Future. Part One, released in 2010 outlined the major infrastructure priorities for the SHOROC region and is already seeing positive results with the NSW Government committing to invest in the priorities identified by the councils for public transport and hospital infrastructure.

"By committing to this sustainability action plan, our four councils are seeking to provide leadership and to be at the forefront in this complex field, demonstrating that we can work together to make this urbanised pocket in Sydney's North East truly sustainable," said Mayor Rose.

You can now find out more or download the Shaping Our Sustainable Future strategy.

PITTWATER COUNCIL

PITTWATER SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS CLOSING SOON

Entries to the 2011 Pittwater Sustainability Awards will be closing soon, with **nominations required by Monday 15 August**. The Sustainability Awards aim to recognise and reward individuals, businesses and schools that are committed to helping Pittwater community reduce its ecological footprint. The awards will be judged in four categories: Sustainability in Design, Sustainability in Business, Sustainability in Landscaping and a new category Sustainability in Schools, which has been added to boost younger residents' interest in the issue.

Entries can be submitted online at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/sustainability_awards or hand delivered addressed to Fional Hasselman at Council's customer service centres in Avalon and Mona Vale.

Previous entries have included a sustainable makeover of a Petitt & Sevitt 1970s house; a completely new home constructed at Mona Vale that has cut energy and water use by up to 50%; a new garden in a clifftop location that now has over 100 native plants and a company producing sportsfield equipment such as goalposts out of recycled materials.

Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said the awards were initiated by the Council in 2009 to recognise and reward sustainable actions by local businesses and individuals. "The first awards included the Blackmores organisation, which has integrated rain water harvest and energy generation into their business premises and local resident Dick Clarke who renovated his home with a focus on sustainable air quality, water and energy use making it 100% carbon neutral," Mayor Rose said.

Winners in each of this year's categories will receive their award at a presentation on 19 October. Entries can be from residents, business or schools and must demonstrate sustainability within the Pittwater area. For more information call Fiona Hasselman on 9970 1248.

PITTWATER COUNCIL

MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON

Young Pittwater residents are being encouraged to register for the upcoming Midnight Basketball tournaments which will be held on Saturday nights from 20 August to 24 September at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, North Narrabeen. Tournaments are being held between 7.30pm and midnight and are open to young players aged between 12 and 18 years. A second tournament will also run from 22 October to 10 December.

To register visit www.midnightbasketball.org.au/locations/pittwater

Participants in Midnight Basketball play three matches, receive a free meal and life skills workshops, plus free transport home at the end of the night. Pittwater Council Mayor Harvey Rose said he was pleased that the success of last year's tournaments had ensured that the program could continue. "The reason we can run it again is due to the great support from both volunteers and sponsors. However, we are still keen to hear from more volunteers over 18 years that can help out on the night and sponsors who can provide in-kind offers or cash sponsorship."

The program is run by the Midnight Basketball Pittwater Community Committee with support from Pittwater Council, Youth Reach - a local youth organisation, along with other community organisations and representatives.

Midnight Basketball was first devised by youth workers in Redfern in 2006, based on a model in the United States and is now a national program. To volunteer or to provide sponsorship contact Suzi Pawley on 9970 1152.

MONA VALE LIBRARY HOSTS 702 ABC SYDNEY KNIT IN

Mona Vale Library is supporting the 702 ABC Sydney Knit In on Friday 5 August from 9am until 6pm at the library located at 1 Park Street, Mona Vale. Each year volunteers knit blanket squares that are then assembled at the annual 702 Knit In on **5 August** 2011 and distributed by international not for profit organisation Wrap with Love to people in need world wide.

Last year 702 ABC Sydney were pleased to report 27,617 squares and 7,039 wraps were created by ABC listeners and volunteers across the state. Now they are calling on Pittwater residents to assist in breaking all previous records and start knitting now! Event co-ordinator and librarian, Jane Smith said the library is seeking stitchers to take part in the annual Knit In 'stitch-up' event for an hour or a few. Why not make a day of it and enjoy morning and afternoon tea on us!" added Ms Smith.

"The library has hosted this event since 2008 and is thankful for the assistance provided by our Friday knitting group the Pittwater Stitchers, who help throughout the year and on the day," Ms Smith said.

Keen knitters from Pittwater are invited to participate by knitting 10" x 10" (25cm x 25cm) blanket squares according to instructions located at www.abc.net.au/sydney/knitin. Hard copies of the instructions are also available from the service desk at the library and the customer service counter at 1 Park Street, Mona Vale.

Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said the 702 ABC Sydney Knit In was an ideal opportunity for Pittwater residents to display their willingness to help others and contribute to distant communities. Completed blanket squares should be delivered to Mona Vale Library or Mona Vale customer service centre by 5 August 2011. For more information about the 702 ABC Sydney Knit In contact the ABC on 8333 1263/2733 or visit their website www.abc.net.au/sydney/knitin

Submit your Event

Name of Event

Date of Event

Address of Event

Description of Event

Contact Name

Contact Phone Number

Website or Email

Submit

Working bee - 10am Sunday 7 August.

Pittwater community gardens

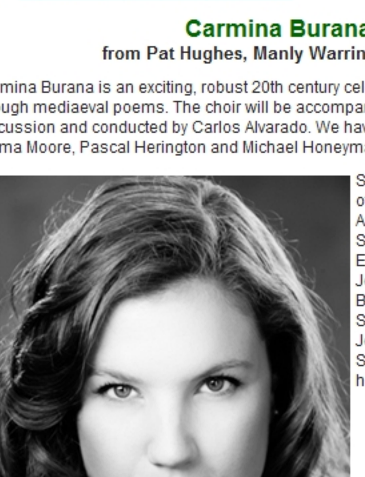
We're on a roll... come along and be involved! Sunday's plan - further construction of our garden enclosure; and mulching and site clearing.
Bring tools- step ladders, shovels, wheelbarrows and large buckets needed and welcomed! and don't forget a picnic lunch. Venue- the usual - our Barrenjoey High School site- enter via the gate on Tasman Rd, Nth Avalon near the Nth Avalon beach car park.

9am – 5pm Sun 14 August - "Rare heritage fruit trees"

A workshop with Peter and Silvia Allen of Telopea Mountain Permaculture & Nursery http://www.petethepermie.com
Eco-House and Garden, at Kimbriki Resouce Recovery Centre, Kimbriki Road,off Mona Vale Road, Ingleside/Terrey Hills
Cost: Permaculture Sydney members $95, non-members $135, Corporate/Government $195 .Includes morning, afternoon tea, and light lunch
From: http://www.pcsa.org.au/?q=home%20

Carmina Burana
from Pat Hughes, Manly Warringah Choir

Carmina Burana is an exciting, robust 20th century celebration of life and love through mediaeval poems. The choir will be accompanied by 2 pianos and percussion and conducted by Carlos Alvarado. We have 3 wonderful soloists Emma Moore, Pascal Herington and Michael Honeyman.



Soprano Emma is the winner of the McDonald's Operatic Aria and Opera and Arts Scholarship from the Sydney Eisteddfod,the winner of the Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonyne Scholarship from Sydney University and the Joan Carden Scholarship. She has a big future ahead of her.

2.00pm on Sunday 7th August
Cardinal Ceretti Chapel, Manly
followed by Afternoon Tea on the Terrace
Adults: $40 Concession $35 Students $15 Children under 12; Free

Bookings:Ph: 9953 2443 or 9977 4776

Sea Eagles Basketball

MANLY WARRINGAH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED

The Manly Warringah basketball association will start the new primary school competitions in August (for all primary school ages) **see entry form below for details**. Or go to website for more information: here

'THE POTTER LEAGUE' Starts in August runs 'til Dec (No games in school holidays) and is designed for new players. Individual players can join at any time or you can enter a team of between 7 & 10 players. Cost: $140 per player includes registration, insurance, game fees, playing singlet, match coaching court hire & referees ($110 if team has a coach).
Venue: Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre NBISC, Jacksons Rd, Warriewood.

Brad Dalton
Dual Olympian,
MWBA Development
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FOUND ! - Apple iPod

Nth Av: opposite Football Park 8am 30/7/11, obviously has been out all night. Still works. **You will need to know size and colour.** Ph: 9974 2874 or 0409 465 779.

Pittwater Offshore Newsletter Update 4/8/2011; click on Logo. Three Lookouts in Ku-ring-gai National Park Walk details and more, Extensive Local Directory.

Scotland Island - Western Shores - Mackeral Beach
Pittwater Offshore Newsletter

To contact Julian: editor@scotlandisland.org.au

PITTWATER NATURAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION INC.

Guided Spring Wildflower Walk
Sunday 21st of August Ku-ring-gai NP, Chiltern Track, Ingleside: The best place for spring flowers in Pittwater?

When/Where: 9-11.30 am. Meet at start of track on Chiltern Road, Ingleside, north of Cicada Glen Road intersection. Walk is on a fire trail so please wear walking shoes; not suitable for strollers.
Bring: a drink and snack, binoculars, camera
Bookings: pnhainfo@gmail.com or Ph: 9918 3368, 9918 9170 or 0439 409 202. Cost: Free

Peninsula Historian
Newsletter of the Manly, Warringah & Pittwater Historical Society Inc.

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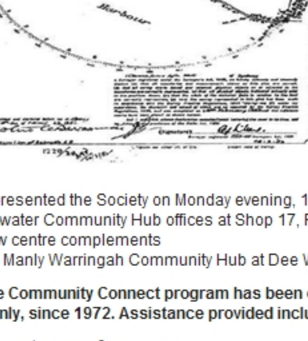
by Tony Dawson, Editor.

When the meeting was thrown open to general business the most pressing concern, raised by George Champion, was the future of **land at Killarney Point**, recently put up for sale. Members were urged to act individually to try to ensure that the land would not be subject to inappropriate development and to press for its incorporation into the surrounding Garigal National Park. The meeting also passed the following motion:

That the Society write to local representatives and relevant organisations to express its concern about the proposed sale and prospect of development of land at Killarney Point and to indicate its belief that the land should be incorporated into Garigal National Park.

Killarney Heights Picnic Ground
We can't seem to get away from this tension between a desire to preserve the natural (or undeveloped) environment and the prospect of some kind of development that might impair that aim. The latest point of contention is the former Killarney Picnic Ground which is heritage-listed on the Regional Environmental Plan (www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=17869). The land on Middle Harbour at Killarney Point (previously known as Green Point or Cockfighters Point) was the site of a dance hall during much of the early 20th century but was purchased by the Mosman Rowing Club in 1957. It was transferred to the present owner in 2005 and has recently been listed for sale. Although the owner has stated that he does not intend to sell to anyone with plans for reckless development, concerns have been raised over the future of this small pocket ofland surrounded by Garigal National Park. Despite the fact that the land in question, like that at Narrabeen Lagoon, is separated from the water by a 100-foot (30.5m) reservation it is being promoted as having its own deep-water jetty, sufficient room for a couple of horses, swimming pool, tennis court, and enough spare space to land a helicopter.



Left: 1952 Survey of Lot 1 DP 87599

How all this can be achieved without encroaching further on to the reservation is a question yet to be answered, but the fear held by many over the entire issue is undoubtedly justified.

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COMMUNITY CONNECT – NORTHERN BEACHES

Barbara and Gordon Davies represented the Society on Monday evening, 11 July at the opening of the new Pittwater Community Hub offices at Shop 17, Peninsular Plaza, Mona Vale. The new centre complements
the Manly Warringah Community Hub at Dee Why.

The Community Connect program has been operating, from Palm Beach to Manly, since 1972. Assistance provided includes:

Support groups for carers;
An affordable gardening service and gardening consultation;
A centre to link those wishing to volunteer with advice and referral to volunteering opportunities;
A free legal advice and taxation service and
A community education, information and research service.

For further information, the contact web address is: www.northsideconnect.com.au

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Narrabeen Lagoon Trail
Unresolved difficulties concerning the route the new walking trail is to take where it reaches Crown Land currently occupied by the Cromer Golf Club attracted public comment from two of our best known members. The question is whether the golf club relocates its 15th hole in order for the trail to go through, or whether the path should be diverted over a bridge and pontoons to allow the club to preserve its existing arrangement. Fellow of the Society, George Champion, weighed in with a letter to The Manly Daily in which he pointed out that the parish map made it abundantly clear that there is a 100-ft (30.5m) reservation in place above the high-water mark for public recreation and access, something that would have been well-known to the golf club before it laid out its course. Vice-president Phil Colman then added that the current president of Cromer Golf Club had been general manager of Warringah Council when the old Narrabeen Lagoon Committee fought to stop all encroachments on the lagoon, and must therefore have been aware of the feelings of everyone who wants to protect what is the only lagoon in our region with any sort of undeveloped catchment.

Although George, Phil and others who care deeply for the lagoon are of a single mind, the members of Cromer Golf Club naturally hold a different view. Our local parliamentary representatives want to bring all the parties together to nut out an agreement. It will be interesting to see what happens.

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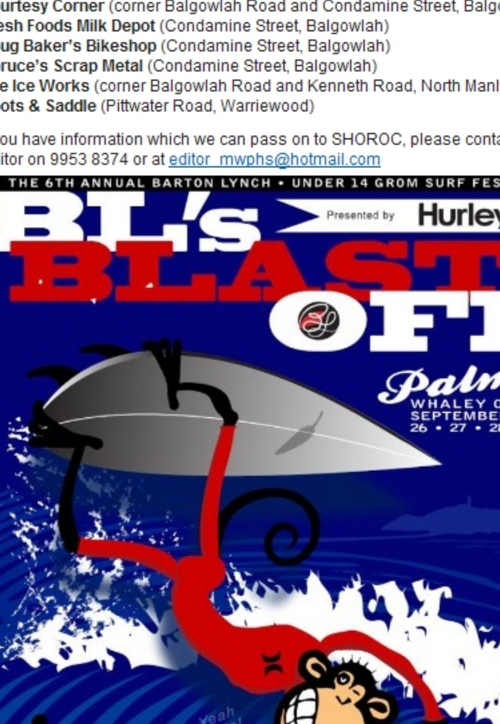
CAN YOU HELP?

In March this year we drew your attention to an interactive map produced by SHOROC showing many of the historic place names in our region. The map may be viewed at www.shoroc.com/history

The Society has recently received a request from SHOROC asking if we can provide additional historical information for certain items on its Historical Place Names Register. We already have information on
some of these but need more on the following:

Top Dog (corner Harbord Road and Pittwater Road, Brookvale)
Sinden Tyre Man (Sydney Road, Manly between Parkview Road and Birkley Road)
Courtesy Corner (corner Balgowlah Road and Condamine Street, Balgowlah)
Fresh Foods Milk Depot (Condamine Street, Balgowlah)
Doug Baker's Bikeshop (Condamine Street, Balgowlah)
Spruce's Scrap Metal (Condamine Street, Balgowlah)
The Ice Works (corner Balgowlah Road and Kenneth Road, North Manly)
Boots & Saddle (Pittwater Road, Warriewood)

If you have information which we can pass on to SHOROC, please contact the Editor on 9953 8374 or at editor_mwphs@hotmail.com



Blast Off Entry Form in File Below; simply Click, Download and 'save as':

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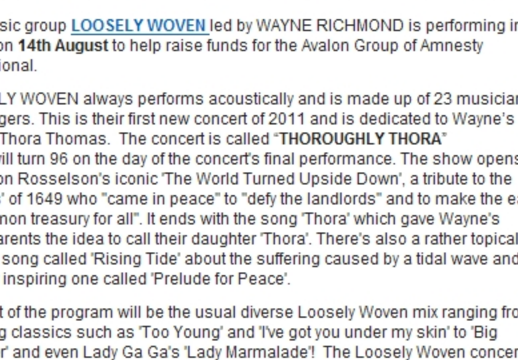
LOOSELY WOVEN GIVES A VERY SPECIAL CONCERT
(a free, light-hearted, folky sort of acoustic concert)



The music group LOOSELY WOVEN led by WAYNE RICHMOND is performing in Avalon on **14th August** to help raise funds for the Avalon Group of Amnesty International.

LOOSELY WOVEN always performs acoustically and is made up of 23 musicians and singers. This is their first new concert of 2011 and is dedicated to Wayne's mother Thora Thomas. The concert is called "**THOROUGHLY THORA**"
Thora will turn 96 on the day of the concert's final performance. The show opens with Leon Rosselson's iconic 'The World Turned Upside Down', a tribute to the 'diggers' of 1649 who "came in peace" to "defy the landlords" and to make the earth "a common treasury for all". It ends with the song 'Thora' which gave Wayne's grandparents the idea to call their daughter 'Thora'. There's also a rather topical original song called 'Rising Tide' about the suffering caused by a tidal wave and another inspiring one called 'Prelude for Peace'.

The rest of the program will be the usual diverse Loosely Woven mix ranging from crooning classics such as 'Too Young' and 'I've got you under my skin' to 'Big Spender' and even Lady Ga Ga's 'Lady Marmalade'! The Loosely Woven concerts are always lots of fun and there are always singalong items.

DATE: Sunday 14th August
TIME: 4 pm
PLACE: Avalon Baptist Church 2 George St. Avalon
Free entry/ free afternoon tea
Donations to Avalon Group of Amnesty International

Avalon Group of Amnesty International are working to help those who suffer human rights abuse, and the victims of injustice around the world. Concert goers will be able to sign petitions or letters if they wish.
Contact: Kath Moody 9918 2502 (kath_moody@hotmail.com)

From Pittwater Council Online Report

Register for the Sustainable Living Expo
This year's Expo will take place on **Sunday 9 October in Mona Vale's Village Park and the Memorial Hall**. Expo organisers have opened registrations for the event and are looking for speakers, products, food & drinks, transport options or anything that has a sustainable angle that can be shared with the public - register here. **View online version**

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Local children will have the chance to join a club specialising in one of the most enduring playthings of childhood from May. Mona Vale Library is starting up a Lego club on the first Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm. **Next is August 7th**.

The club is open to children aged between seven and twelve years of age, with younger children welcome with parental supervision. Mona Vale Library's Manager Cathy Howie thanked the generosity of Pittwater residents who have donated Lego for the club's use.

"Many residents have fond memories of playing with Lego when they were children. The idea of the club is a place where children can play and explore their creative side with Lego, as well as developing their problem-solving skills," Ms Howie said. "The children can bring their favourite Lego creation to the first session to inspire others."

Ms Howie said that library staff would co-ordinate the two hour session but would welcome parents who would like to be involved in the program. If you are interested in attending a Lego at the Library session contact the library on 9970 1622 or book in person at the library, 1 Park Street, Mona Vale.

Sumba Foundation Australia Article at: here

Website at:

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Above: Joan and Peg in their Red Cross uniforms. Below: 1947 Bride.

Joan Fisher OAM

by Pam Bayfield

I wrote ***Come With Me* – on a journey with one of the last surviving nurses who dedicated her life and love to service on a hospital ship and other AGH's in World War 11**, the story of Joan Fisher along with Joan after she made contact with me as President of the Society of Women Writers in 2009. When she told me the name of the hospital ship, the *Oranje*, my ears pricked up as I too had been on that ship as a 21 year old, cruising around the Pacific. When she stated that she had also nursed on the Atherton Tablelands I was astounded as I had lived in Herberton on the Tablelands as a young girl. Was this serendipity? Was I meant to write this story? I believe so.

Joan and I have been on a remarkable journey. I interviewed her to get more details of her life from her handwritten note book in beautiful copperplate handwriting. Joan enlisted as a 21 year old, after becoming a VA (voluntary aid for the Red Cross) volunteering her services at various Sydney hospitals in her spare time. After enlisting she was sent to Kenmore hospital (outside Goulburn) to get it ready to take our wounded soldiers. It was here that she went that one step further in her cleaning of a vestibule that took matron's attention and she decided Joan would be included in the nurses to go on the hospital ship. Joan felt it was an honour to be chosen and always felt she had God on her side through the dangerous times.

The *Oranje* had been given to the Australian and New Zealand governments as a hospital ship and Holland even paid for the refurbishment. The ship made many trips to Aden to pick up English and Australian wounded soldiers and transport them to hospitals in Durban in South Africa. Once the war in Africa was over, the *Oranje* made its final journey back to Australia via New Zealand. Once back in Sydney it was decided that Joan and her fellow VA's would now have to become AAMWS (Australian Army Medical Women's Services) and do a rooky course which the girls found quite hilarious. They wondered how all the marching and rock climbing was going to assist their nursing.

It was while doing this course that Joan found out about the sinking of the *Centaur* which had half their crew from the *Oranje* aboard. She lost many good friends that day. Only one nurse survived, Nell Savage. Joan finds it hard to talk about even today as her orderly George Ockwall of whom she was very fond, died also, along with Matron Jewell. It is wonderful that the ship has been located and will forever be a memorial to the lost souls on board that dreadful day. Joan then nursed the wounded coming back from New Guinea on the Atherton Tablelands in a tent hospital. Here they were called upon to provide entertainment for our troops who were training there to go into the jungles in New Guinea to fight the Japanese.

After the war was over Joan and her fellow nurses were sent to Borneo to nurse the prisoners of war who were in a pitiful condition. Joan saw some dreadful sights as these poor soldiers as well as civilians and children were brought to their hospital to be fed and cared for until well enough to be repatriated.

Once their duty in Borneo was over Joan came back to demobilize as she did not want to remain in the army or to continue nursing. Joan and her fellow nurses found it difficult for quite a time as their families did not want to talk about the war. Many hours were spent on the telephone to nursing friends who understood each other's situation. Not long after, Joan met Mac Fisher, a school teacher and it wasn't long before Mac asked Joan to marry him. Mac was sent to many different schools as headmaster and Joan taught sewing. They had two sons, John and Les.

Joan became very interested in spinning and weaving, having helped the occupational therapist with this craft on the hospital ship. Later she became the President of the Spinners and Weavers Guild for many years.

Joan feels her story needs to be told to honour those she worked with, those she nursed back to health and to those who died. She especially wrote it for the young students who study WW 1 and 11 and to whom she has spoken many times about her experiences in recent years at the Miranda RSL Club. I asked Joan what Anzac Day means to her and she replied, 'It means a lot to all Australians because our fighting men in all wars helped keep our country free.' Joan also remembers the mateship and realising that human beings can be so close to each other and her proudest moments were nursing the sick and injured back to health as well as holding the hand of someone who was dying. Joan still marches every year on Anzac Day with the children of the *Centaur* victims. As Joan said 'it was an honour to nurse the wounded men' and I say it was an honour to write Joan's story. It is truly inspirational.

In the June honours list for 2011 Joan was awarded the OAM of which she is very proud. Well done Joan, it is truly deserved.

Ed.: We rang Joan to ask her for her 'motto for life' and she kindly related how she had recently been in the city and watched a young woman in her twenties moving along the street, with a poodle in a pram, asking passers by for change as she and her dog could not find anywhere to live. Joan saw people ignore her and was saddened that so many could not 'put themselves in other's footprints' nowadays. Joan, being the generous soul she is, gave this young woman what coins she had. Her motto or the phrase she considers her favourite and one she lives by:

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Joan's book ***Come With Me*** has been re-printed and is available at Dymocks at the Warringah Mall and from Pam Bayfield on her web site – **www.pambayfield.com.au**.

Recent OAM Recipient **Joan Fisher** shared her story of Nursing in the Defence Forces with local writer Pam Bayfield who then wrote *Come With Me*. To Celebrate her award this book has been re-released and is available at http://www.pambayfield.com.au/ and at Berkelouw Books in Mona Vale.

Vocational, Historical and just a great read !

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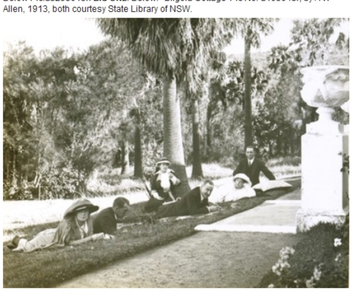
Dame Nellie Melba Lunches at Bilgola Cottage

Above: Balcony photo of(from left): George Armstrong, Mrs Hugh Ward, Mr Chalmers, AW Allen, Madame Melba, John Lemmone, Mrs Armstrong, Hugh J Ward. Pic No: a3293014h Album 64: Photographs of the Allen family, 23 August 1914 - 7 March 1915 , courtesy State Library of NSW.

Above: Melba with H J Ward in the grounds Pic: a3293016h . Below; 'Bilgola Cottage' in 1913 taken from headland by A W Allen, 11th of May, Pic a3291037 and below this 'Within the Grounds', a3293016h , Dec 1913 all courtesy of State Library of NSW.

Below Pic:a3293015h **BIG ONE**: Below; 'Bilgola Cottage' Pic No: a105043r, by A W Allen, 1913, both courtesy State Library of NSW.



'Madame Melba with John Lemmone' Picture a3293015, Courtesy State Library of NSW

Called Australia's First Diva, Dame Nellie Melba, had a long association with the Allen Family of Sydney who were highly cultured and enjoyed cultivating and entertaining the who's who of Sydney Society. Many in the family became lawyers. On Wednesday 23rd of September, 1914 'Madame' Melba as she was referred to by Arthur **Wigram** Allen, went with the family and others to visit and explore Bilgola beach. They were entertained 'at lunch' lavishly and spent the afternoon exploring the grounds and beach. Dame Nellie was accompanied by Mr and Mrs H Ward, (H J Ward had taken over the management of J C Williamson's entrepreneurial entertainment firm on that man's death in 1913. Melba had established the Melba-Williamson Opera Company in 1910), and her business manager, flautist John Lemmone. It would have certainly been an august party given whom attended.

As AW Allen states beneath one of the photographs: 'a number of us went up to Bilgola today to show the place to Madame Melba. We had a very successful afternoon'.

In the party were Mr and Mrs George Armstrong, H J Ward and his wife, John Lemmone, Mr Chalmers, Denis and AW Allen.
Early Spring is beautiful in Pittwater and considering Dame Nellie Melba had sung the role of Mimi in La Boheme at the Royal Opera Convent Gardens in London at the request of King George V on May 11th of 1914, the visit probably formed part of a well deserved day off. You cannot tell from the black and white images here that this lady had auburn hair nor that she was highly spirited with sparkling eyes but the way she is pictured stepping off the veranda gives us some insight to a sprite spirit. Given that she was 53 years of age on this day, born May 19th, 1861, it seems that the blithe aspect of her hard worker nature was well and truly intact.

What was called 'Bilgola Cottage' was built in 1870 by William Bede Dalley (1831-1888), orator and politician, a gent who was born in George street to Irish convict parents. The Hon. W B Dalley, called to the Bar in 1856 is described as being highly educated, refined, articulate and with an open, warm and magnetic personality. In 1878 his second son, John Bede Dalley, was born. Educated in England and called to the Bar in London in 1901 John practised in Sydney until 1906 at **Wigram Chambers** in Phillip Street, Sydney until a fall from a horse deafened him and he turned to journalism and writing. John was described as a bit of a character, always immaculately dressed and perfectly mannered, who satirised the upper echelons of Sydney society, even though a part of this crowd, in all his books. He was known as a 'man about town' from an early age and named as co-respondent in his older brother's divorce proceedings in 1905.
John Bede Dalley continued to live in the lovely house built in 1919 after Bilgola Cottage was demolished, 'Bilgola House'. He is purported to have drowned rock fishing at Bilgola, although some sources state it was Avalon, on 6th of September, 1935.

The weekender Bilgola Cottage was the scene of many Allen Family lunches and picnics through the Springs and Summers of 1913 to 1914 . They seem to have come and gone as though *they* owned the cottage and notes in the family photo albums seem to infer a stronger link then merely having access through their association with John Dalley. Dalley does not appear in any of their Bilgola visits photos. Dalley did eventually get to serve in the AIF, despite his deafness, in 1915 so perhaps he was too busy elsewhere during the years the Allen's frequented Bilgola. It is interesting to note that there is an Allen Avenue in Bilgola. Named for this family?; we will wonder until someone who knows can tell us.

Further Reading:

John Bede Dalley Biography from ADB Online: here
In 1928 he published two novels, No Armour and Max Flambard. Back in Sydney and on the Bulletin, at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Macquarie Street on 8 November, he married an artist Claire Campbell Scott, who had designed the dust-jackets for his books.

John Lemmone Biography from ADB Online: here

Dame Nellie Melba Biography from ADB Online: here

Hugh J Ward Biography from ADB Online: here

JC Williamson Biography from ADB Online: here

Silk program for opera excerpts which featured Nellie Melba as Mimi in La bohème, State Performance by command of King George V in honour of the visit of the King and Queen of Denmark, Royal Opera Covent Garden, London, 11 May 1914
Performing Arts Collection
From: here

In 1882 Hon. W B Dalley, returned to Sydney. He bought the area of 'Manly Heights' and decided to build a castle-like building in the Gothic Revival style on his new property, out of the beautiful local sandstone. He named it Marinella (meaning 'home by the sea') and took up residency in the magnificent castle in 1884.
From: http://www.ourmanly.com.au/Travel/dalleys-castle-history.aspx

Short stories
Dalley, John Bede Polding (Lieutenant, 2 Division Artillery, AIF b. 1882 d. 1935)
[Unpublished : 1918] At Aus War Memorial

John Dalley.
The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866 - 1939) Thursday 11 December 1930 p 56 Article
... John Dalley. IN "Only the Morning" (John Long), Mr. John Dalley, a Sydney writer, has produced a ... story. Apart from the way in which the interest of the reader is sustained, Mr. Dalley has achieved a ... travel along the years. But the task seems to have troubled Mr. Dalley not - at all, for he has ... 327 words

Mr. Dalley on Sir John Robertson.
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 - 1893) Saturday 31 July 1886 p 3 Article
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Modestly Bellowing

It may seem like all our darlings are yelling at the top of their voices when only a foot or less away from each other nowadays, but that would be because there's this little and big voice inside that thinks it's not being heard.We all know we raise our voices when we think we're not being heard. Can't hear me? Let me raise the volume on that for you. This is not an auditory problem, we don't need to send them to our nearest ENT Specialist, we need to ponder for a moment *why*?

Part of it is bravado, for sure, the age old adolescent shyness being bulldozed aside in the equally age old manner of 'look how much I can puff my chest out, and doesn't my song roar through the jungle now?'

Part of it is sheer exuberance in those who are of the age when Spring, all year round, literally *surges* through their veins. Some of us never lose that sprightliness, some of us need to remember that the reason the lad or lass beside you is bellowing to their mate, three inches away, is they have to let it out. They *have* to dance, sing, shout or they're going to explode. Explode across a wave, do three backflips and ten cartwheels across the park. Stand up at dawn and try and out-warble the birds. Stick their heads up into the midnight skies, eyes wide, and think, 'So that's what that star system looks like.'

They are still enmeshed in strands of modesty too, our darlings, you see it in the rise of a suddenly shaky lip or hand, in the eyes that blink and duck your own. If they try to override it with brashness, create a confidence for themselves that will surely mature and become our own 'yahoo!'s of the inner kind, we should continue to smile and nod and remember and perhaps ask all venues where we mix to issue us with earplugs on arrival or allocate a space within that may be termed the 'Bouncer's' room, and not in the officious manner that definition has evolved.

As long as they continue to communicate to us stronger currents in themselves when they need expressing, those subjects where they too still use their quietest voice, we need not worry too much about this current bellowing phenomenon. Tis only they who come next trying to establish in themselves and us that they too have a Voice.

PITTWATER COUNCIL

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS

A free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers will be held by the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) with Pittwater Council at Mona Vale Library on Wednesday 10 August 2011. The course, 'Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers', will offer parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

The Council's Road Safety Officer Michelle Carter said licence conditions for learner drivers meant there was a minimum of one year on 'L' plates and 120 hours of supervised driving, including a mandatory 20 hours of night-time driving.

"A more rigorous driving test has also been introduced, focusing on hazard perception and driver reactions," Ms Carter said. "Parents and supervisors of novice drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer, and that is why the RTA has developed a course to better support them."

The free course will cover topics such as:
- laws for learner and P-plate drivers
- how to use the Learner Driver Log Book
- how to plan on-road driving sessions

"Parents and supervisors who have attended this course found it boosted their confidence, helped them better plan driving sessions and allowed them to share experiences with other parents and supervisors," added Ms Carter.

Bookings for the Helping Learner Drivers Become Safe Drivers course are essential and can be made by calling Michelle Carter from Pittwater Council on 9970 1196 or by email at michelle_carter@pittwater.nsw.gov.au.

No charge for mobile phone calls to Lifeline from anywhere in Australia Senator Stephen Conroy | Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy PORTFOLIO: Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy URL: http://www.minister.dbcde.gov.au/media/media_releases/2011/208SNIPPET: Mobile phone calls to **Lifeline** made from anywhere in Australia will be free of charge from **1 July** under an agreement made between the three major phone carriers.

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Parklife 2011 Sydney Website: here

New Website for Northern Beaches Youth

Manly Council has recently launched a website for young people that is run by young people on the Northern Beaches. Any young people with web design skills who want to get involved in the project are very welcome. Manly Council also posts activities and events on their Facebook and MySpace Youth sites. If you Friend them you'll get the most up to date info. Links for all are posted below:

www.northernbeachesyouthinfo.net.au

www.facebook.com/manlyyouthcentre

www.myspace.com/manlyyouthcentre

PITTWATER COUNCIL

MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON

Young Pittwater residents are being encouraged to register for the upcoming Midnight Basketball tournaments which will be held on Saturday nights from 20 August to 24 September at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, North Narrabeen. Tournaments are being held between 7.30pm and midnight and are open to young players aged between 12 and 18 years. A second tournament will also run from 22 October to 10 December.

To register visit www.midnightbasketball.org.au/locations/pittwater

Participants in Midnight Basketball play three matches, receive a free meal and life skills workshops, plus free transport home at the end of the night. Pittwater Council Mayor Harvey Rose said he was pleased that the success of last year's tournaments had ensured that the program could continue. "The reason we can run it again is due to the great support from both volunteers and sponsors. However, we are still keen to hear from more volunteers over 18 years that can help out on the night and sponsors who can provide in-kind offers or cash sponsorship."

The program is run by the Midnight Basketball Pittwater Community Committee with support from Pittwater Council, Youth Reach - a local youth organisation, along with other community organisations and representatives.

Midnight Basketball was first devised by youth workers in Redfern in 2006, based on a model in the United States and is now a national program. To volunteer or to provide sponsorship contact Suzi Pawley on 9970 1152.

YOUTH REACH
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FAX: (02) 9971 2358
EMAIL: yrstaff@bigpond.net.au

MANLY WARRINGAH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED

The Manly Warringah basketball association will start the new primary school competitions in August (for all primary school ages) **see entry form below for details**. Or go to website for more information: here

'THE POTTER LEAGUE' Starts in August runs 'til Dec (No games in school holidays) and is designed for new players. Individual players can join at any time or you can enter a team of between 7 & 10 players. Cost: $140 per player includes registration, insurance, game fees, playing singlet, match coaching court hire & referees ($110 if team has a coach).
Venue: Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre NBISC, Jacksons Rd, Warriewood.

Brad Dalton
Dual Olympian,
MWBA Development
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Audacity Developer Team. (2000, May). The Free, Cross-Platform Sound Editor. At: http://audacity.sourceforge.net/

PITTWATER COUNCIL

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD – TELL US YOUR STORY!

Put your culinary experiences on paper as part of this year's annual writing competition at Mona Vale Library. With the simple theme of EAT, storytellers young and old are invited to tell their food-related tale. Entries should be about eating, food or any closely related topic and will be judged in three categories: primary school, secondary school and adult.

Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said the EAT writing competition was one of three food themed events being hosted at the library over the next couple of months. "We'll be celebrating History Week from 3-11 September with the theme Eat History. There will be displays in the library that explore the influences migration has had on the food we eat today. In keeping with the theme the library will also host an All About Food event on 17 September with a series of short talks about food," Mayor Rose said.

Entries to the EAT writing **competition close on Friday 26 August**, with the winners announced and prizes awarded at Mona Vale Library on Saturday 17 September.

Entries are now open and can be submitted online at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library
Alternatively email your entry to library@pittwater.nsw.gov.au
Or save it to a USB, together with an entry form, and leave it at the customer service desk at the library.

For enquiries about the writing competition, please contact Heather Thomson on 9970 1614 or visit www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library

Blast Off Entry Form in File Below; simply Click, Download and 'save as':

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Computers – Yes You Can!

Avalon Computer Pals for Seniors (AVPALS) is presenting a seminar on the afternoon of Friday August 19th 2011 at the Newport Community Centre 11-13 The Boulevard, Newport Beach.
The interesting program includes the following topics:

Facebook Made Easy – by Greg Ross
Meet your Ancestors – by Margot Paul
Picture Power – by Brian Hindes
Bridge Online – by Patricia Kalf
Computing Made Easy – by Mike Mannington

After Question Time refreshments will be served and the Lucky Door Prize Draw will take place. Throughout the seminar we will be running informative computer displays.

There is no charge at all for attendance – the seminar is simply to help Seniors use their computers more effectively. The seminar is supported by Supported by: Pittwater Council, Avalon RSL Club and the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care

Seniors wishing to attend can ring 02 8064 3574 for more information and to register their interest. For further information contact Paul Purvis from AVPALS on 02 9979 9667 or 0403 442 764

Independent Website for Elders:
http://www.agedcarecrisis.com/about
About us
We are an independent group of Australian citizens, who are deeply concerned at the provision of aged care in Australia, specifically the delivery of quality care for our elderly and frail citizens, including those who are residents of aged care facilities.
We do not receive any funding
We are not affiliated with any government body
We are not affiliated with any religious body
We are completely independent
www.agedcarecrisis.com provides a voice for elderly and frail citizens in Australia

The Senior Newspaper Online
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Australian Senior Publications

Jan's Story…Enable Me in action

Jan is 76 and full of vitality despite having a number of medical issues. Jan took part in the Enable Me program because she is determined to remain living in her home and would like to get back to travelling on public buses. Jan has a history of cardiac concerns and osteoarthritis in her spine and has lost her confidence.

Jan finds shopping, gardening and cleaning the house difficult. At the beginning of the Enable Me program Jan said "My husband David does all the cleaning, but I would love to get back to helping him out. I'm worried that I won't be able to cope if David is not around. I would like to be stronger and able to manage on my own just in case."

An occupational therapy assessment was carried out to make sure Jan's home was set up in a way that was safe for her given her particular needs. The OT organised for a rail to be installed in the shower and some equipment to help open jars and cans was purchased for the kitchen. The OT also provided Jan with some education around how to avoid falls as she is a high falls risk.

To work on increasing Jan's strength and confidence we arranged for her to see the physiotherapist who, along with the exercise trainer, developed an exercise program. We purchased Jan a set of light weights which she used during her weekly exercise session with the trainer. At the end of the program Jan showed vast improvement in her strength and mobility.

The exercise trainer left Jan with a hard copy of the exercise program, which was made up of photos of Jan doing the exercises the trainer had done with her during the program. Jan said that she finds this very helpful. "I would like the program to continue. I have particularly liked the exercise program. I am planning on continuing the exercises Lisa has given me."

Jan found the Enable Me program to be extremely helpful. She said "My quality of life has improved. I am feeling much stronger. Yesterday I even went to Manly on the public bus!"

Contact Community Care Northern Beaches by clicking their logo:

CCNB Community Care (Northern Beaches) Limited

Ladies Golf at Bayview Golf Club

Bayview Golf Club has a very active female membership base of over 330 members, which represents approximately 28% of total membership. Their Ladies Competition is run on every Thursday and they vary the competition played to include stroke rounds, stableford, foursomes and team events for example. Bayview regularly has over 100 ladies playing in their Thursday competition. They also encourage their older and long standing members to continue playing, by holding a 9 hole competition.

Bayview also offers a popular beginners program called "Swingers" where you can learn how to play golf and the rules and etiquette.

The club holds a number of open days during the year in which they invite visitors to play and enjoy both the course and our hospitality at Bayview.

Gala Charity Day (Teams Stableford 2 scores to count) – 13 October. Click on Logo to visit their website:

The Bayview Golf Club Sydney Australia

Fairies in our Midst

Mildred Gertrude Smythe

We are surrounded by individuals in Pittwater who are uncomfortable with having their good deeds noticed. We have an august body of folk who have done and done and done and are still doing but shy away when offered small thanks.

They remind me of my sister Mellie who was always happy to have a birthday cake as slices could be given to others but would turn bright red if given a gift. We went without many luxuries while growing up but you could always count on Mel to go without her penny pocket money and the lollies we bought if someone else had never tasted a boiled sweet or a fellow student needed shoelaces to keep their boots on.

Every week I meet someone who is doing for others here. All of them like to do without being named, without being patted on the back. They don't like to tout their credentials or achievements. To me they are the fairies in our midst.

Fairies in some tales are mischievous creatures. Examined more closely they are alike guardian spirits of air, water and earth who are given to granting wishes. They are shy, loving creatures not given to puffery or extravagant displays. What they communicate in their guileless giving is a love of nature, a love of others and this is in the doing without fanfare.

The humans in our midst with a large dose of fairy in them are similarly disposed. They turn what is a really bad day into a tide turning place with just one moment of caring, caring that is balm to raggard senses. They offer an education, a new skill, an insight, a means to exhale, to engage, to join in. They are up at dawn and still going at midnight. If the summer joys are done then it must be time to prepare the winters ones.

We must settle, it seems, for whispering 'I saw you!' as they fly as small bright comets back out of sight, with whispering a small even quieter 'Thank you.' to the fairies in our midst.

Above: Music video by Dido performing Thank You. (C) 1999 Arista Records Ltd.

Avalon Computer Pals for Seniors

AVPALS is a volunteer organisation dedicated to helping seniors improve their computer skills. Started in 2000 it now has 20+ trainers and many hundreds of students. At a really low cost (about $30 a school term) they can provide one to one training on most matters connected with computing. From the smallest problem (how to hold the mouse!) to much more serious matters, there is a trainer who can help.

The training rooms are under the Catholic church in Avalon and training is conducted Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. For more information visit AVPALS web site www.avpals.com or ring the co-ordinator Jenny McLaughlin on 02 9999 1348

BENEFITS OF EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

By Ingrid Davey

Older Adult Trainer/Instructor Heartmoves

* You get to meet new people and make new friends
* You get to go out and have a coffee after exercise classes
* You regain your independence
* Your quality of life improves
* Your bone density improves
* Your balance improves
* You feel better and stronger and move better
* You not only benefit physically but more importantly mentally

So what are you all doing sitting at home, get out there and join a walking group, have dance lessons, play golf, attend Heartmoves or any other structured exercise class and live life to the full.

HEARTMOVES Heart Foundation

Heartmoves is a low-moderate intensity exercise program. Regular participation in Heartmoves will help to:

- Better manage weight, blood sugars, blood pressure and cholesterol
- Improve fitness, balance, co-ordination and flexibility
- Enhance your quality of life and meet other people

Ingrid Davey is a qualified Older Adult Instructor and accredited Heartmoves Leader who will guide you through an exercise program that is fun, safe and modified to suit you.

Tuesday 9.30am and Thursday 10.30am at Nelson Heather Centre, 4 Jackson Road Warriewood. New people welcome every week. $8.00 casual

Phone Ingrid to secure your spot on 0405 457 063.
www.heartfoundation.org.au

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This year, Australia will establish a national network of marine sanctuaries in Federal waters right around our coast. Done properly, this would create the largest network of marine sanctuaries in the world - an historic and lasting conservation legacy.

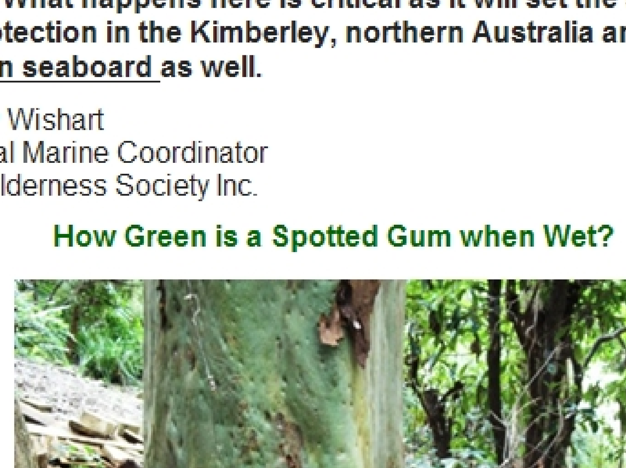
As a first step in this national network, the Federal Government has recently released maps of proposed marine sanctuaries off WA and SA. These first proposed marine sanctuaries however ignore eight out of ten critical hotspots for marine life. These hotspots include areas important for marine life such as threatened blue whales, dolphins and endangered Australian sea lions. The proposal also allows oil drilling to proceed in future off the iconic Kangaroo Island and surf Mecca of Margaret River, with all the risks of a 'Gulf of Mexico' type disaster.

The government is asking for your opinion. You can help to make sure the right places are protected with large marine sanctuaries by adding your voice. Please take action now. **Public submissions close on the 8th of August.**

This is the first of four plans for marine sanctuaries that will circle the nation. **What happens here is critical as it will set the standard for protection in the Kimberley, northern Australia and eastern seaboard as well.**

Felicity Wishart
National Marine Coordinator
The Wilderness Society Inc.

How Green is a Spotted Gum when Wet?



Some Great News

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers and supporters who generously donated their time and effort by fighting to see this area protected. All of our stalls, brochure & sticker distribution, event appearances, letter-writing, media response, contact with politicians and various eye-catching media stunts have made a huge difference in getting us to this point - seeing **Arkaroola** permanently protected from mining.

The Wilderness Society congratulates the Rann Government for agreeing to protect the mountains of the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary!

The Premier has announced that the Government will give the region unprecedented protection, initially under the Mining Act, but going even further with new legislation to specifically exclude mining from the area. The new legislation will recognise the unique character of this iconic mountain wilderness and will not be able to be overturned by a future government.

In a media release, Premier Rann stated that the third phase of the protection would see Arkaroola nominated for National Heritage listing and then World Heritage listing.

"The Wilderness Society has been campaigning for years to see this fantastic outcome" said Campaign Manager Peter Owen.

"Arkaroola is worthy of the highest level of protection available and it would be great to see National and World Heritage listing for Arkaroola in the future. Some places are just too precious to mine... Arkaroola is one of them," he said.

Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary is in the Northern Flinders Ranges and has international significance both biologically and geologically, as well as archaeologically. The area is home to many endemic and endangered species like the Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby.

Arkaroola's stunning mountainous landscape is not only breathtakingly beautiful, but is a significant part of our heritage with classified geological monuments and fossils that aren't found anywhere else in the world.

Give yourself a pat on the back... and do yourself a favour by visiting the beautiful Arkaroola. For those who know the Sprigg family and want to pass on your congratulations just contact admin@arkaroola.com.au

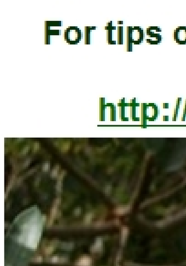
Cheers,
Peter Owen
Campaign Manager
The Wilderness Society (South Australia) Inc.

LIFE IS BETTER WITH NATIONAL TREE DAY

Australians urged to take part in this special day to improve their local environment. Planet Ark is calling on individuals, school teachers and members of community, faith, sporting and green groups to register and run activity sites for Schools Tree Day or National Tree Day happening on Friday 29 July and Sunday 31 July 2011.

Celebrating its 16th year in 2011, National Tree Day has seen the planting of more than 15 million native trees and shrubs over the years. Site Coordinators can also run a number of other activities such as bush regeneration, seed collecting or maintenance at a previous site. To register a National Tree Day site or for more information, visit http://treeday.planetark.org or call the National Tree Day Hotline on 1300 88 5000.

National Tree Day is organised by Planet Ark in partnership with Toyota and its dealer network which provide on-the-ground support at local and community tree-planting sites Australia wide.



Plants of Western New South Wales
G M Cunningham, W E Mulham, P L Milthorpe, J H Leigh
A comprehensive record illustrating and describing the great array of plants in Western New South Wales.

DUE Jul 2011 - CSIRO PUBLISHING - 766pp - Colour photographs
Hardback - 9780643103634 - $180.00

For tips on how to be more energy efficient, visit Climate Action Pittwater at: http://www.climateactionpittwater.org.au/

http://www.petitionspot.com/petitions/savethetamar

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Pittwater Native Fauna Draft Plan of Management Document

Think before you print ; A kilo of recycled paper creates around 1.8 kilograms of carbon emissions, without taking into account the emissions produced from transporting the paper. So, before you send a document to print, think about how many kilograms of carbon emissions you could save by reading it on screen.

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority Carbon Footprints Document

Florabank recognises and shares the best available knowledge from research and practice in native species seed management.
More at: http://www.florabank.org.au/default.asp?V_DOC_ID=1
Click on logo above for Index to the most extensive list of fact sheets on every Australian plant.

PITTWATER SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS CLOSING SOON

Entries to the 2011 Pittwater Sustainability Awards will be closing soon, with **nominations required by Monday 15 August**. The Sustainability Awards aim to recognise and reward individuals, businesses and schools that are committed to helping Pittwater community reduce its ecological footprint. The awards will be judged in four categories: Sustainability in Design, Sustainability in Business, Sustainability in Landscaping and a new category Sustainability in Schools, which has been added to boost younger residents' interest in the issue.

Entries can be submitted online at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/sustainability_awards or hand delivered addressed to Fional Hasselman at Council's customer service centres in Avalon and Mona Vale.

Previous entries have included a sustainable makeover of a Petitt & Sevitt 1970s house; a completely new home constructed at Mona Vale that has cut energy and water use by up to 50%; a new garden in a clifftop location that now has over 100 native plants and a company producing sportsfield equipment such as goalposts out of recycled materials.

Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said the awards were initiated by the Council in 2009 to recognise and reward sustainable actions by local businesses and individuals. "The first awards included the Blackmores organisation, which has integrated rain water harvest and energy generation into their business premises and local resident Dick Clarke who renovated his home with a focus on sustainable air quality, water and energy use making it 100% carbon neutral," Mayor Rose said.

Winners in each of this year's categories will receive their award at a presentation on 19 October. Entries can be from residents, business or schools and must demonstrate sustainability within the Pittwater area. For more information call Fiona Hasselman on 9970 1248.

Guided Spring Wildflower Walk
Sunday 21st of August
Ku-ring-gai NP, Chiltern Track, Ingleside
The best place for spring flowers in Pittwater?

When/Where: 9-11.30 am. Meet at start of track on Chiltern Road, Ingleside, north of Cicada Glen Road intersection. Walk is on a fire trail so please wear walking shoes; not suitable for strollers.
Bring: a drink and snack, binoculars, camera
Bookings: pnhainfo@gmail.com or Ph: 9918 3368, 9918 9170 or 0439 409 202. Cost: Free

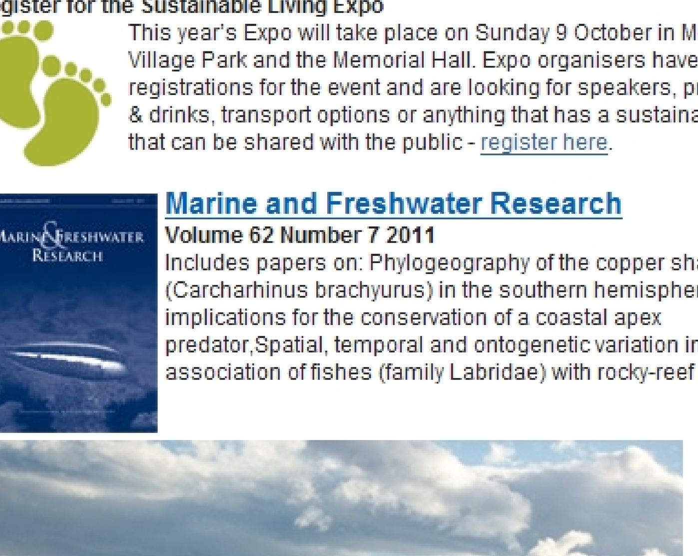
Clean Energy Legislative Package - Think Change

PORTFOLIO: Climate Change and Energy Efficiency URL: http://www.climatechange.gov.au/media/whats-new/clean-energy-legislative-package.aspxSNIPPET:

The Government is seeking comment from the public, stakeholders and legal experts on the details of its Clean Energy Legislative Package. The Clean Energy Legislative Package includes four main bills. **Submissions on the Clean Energy Legislative Package can be sent to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency until 5pm on Monday, 22 August 2011.**

Register for the Sustainable Living Expo
This year's Expo will take place on Sunday 9 October in Mona Vale's Village Park and the Memorial Hall. Expo organisers have opened registrations for the event and are looking for speakers, products, food & drinks, transport options or anything that has a sustainable angle that can be shared with the public - register here.

Marine and Freshwater Research
Volume 62 Number 7 2011
Includes papers on: Phylogeography of the copper shark (Carcharhinus brachyurus) in the southern hemisphere: implications for the conservation of a coastal apex predator,Spatial, temporal and ontogenetic variation in the association of fishes (family Labridae) with rocky-reef habitats



WARRIEWOOD WETLANDS GET A HELPING HAND

Pittwater Council has received a $20,000 grant from the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (SMCMA) to help support environmental work in the Warriewood Wetlands. Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said Council was grateful for the support from SMCMA. The funds will be used in the fight to remove noxious weeds from the Wetlands.

"This funding boost will be a great help to the volunteers from the Warriewood Wetlands Bushcare group who have been caring for the area for nearly 15 years," said Mayor Rose.

Acting Natural Environment & Education Manager Matthew Hansen said the Warriewood Wetlands, which covers an area of 26 hectares, is the largest remaining sand plain wetland in the northern Sydney area. "It contains several endangered ecological communities including the Sydney Freshwater Wetland and Swamp Sclerophyll Forest," he said. "The main focus for the group will be to improve the water quality of Mullet Creek, the main creek running through the Warriewood Wetlands.

Mr Hansen said that bushcarers would remove Lantana and Blackberry, Coral Tree and Water Primrose, as well as monitoring the control of Salvinia. He said that Salvinia weevils were recently released in the Wetlands and Council staff and volunteers were currently monitoring their effectiveness.

Salvinia weevils are a small beetle that have proven effective in combating the spread of Salvinia and do not affect local wildlife.

Other work planned for the Wetlands includes environmental monitoring by volunteers and community educators from the Coastal Environment Centre.

"Monitoring includes water quality testing, undertaking macro-invertebrate surveys as well as assessing wildlife activity in the Wetland area, "said Mr Hansen.

The grant project will also allow for a number of community events to be planned later in the year to help educate the community about the Wetland area.

"These events will provide an opportunity for the local community to get involved in learning more about their local environment and protecting these important Wetlands," added Mr Hansen.

The Warriewood Wetlands Bushcare Support project is part of the much larger Statewide Caring for our Coast – Stage 2 project, involving thousands of volunteers along the NSW coast. It is supported by the five coastal Catchment Management Authorities and the Australian Government through Caring for our Country.

For more information about the project or to get involved, ring Pittwater Council on 9970 1111 or go to their website at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au.

Sustainability Awards - nominations open

Pittwater's Sustainability Awards aim to recognise and reward individuals and businesses committed to making Pittwater sustainable. Applications will be judged by a panel of Councillors, Council staff and an independent representative. Entries close 15 August - Submit your entry online.

International Conference of Environment Centres
MEC Events (Manly Environment Centre)

Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th September 2011
North Head Sanctuary, Manly
More From: http://www.mec.org.au/

International Conference of Environment Centres - Driving Environmental Change from the Street. Making global issues local is the theme for Sydney's 'International Conference for Environment Centres & Community Activists', organised by the Manly Environment Centre.

The four-day-conference aims to be a hub for green groups, providing opportunities to network and share expertise in everything from biodiversity to how to make an impact with events. Speakers include Polly Higgins, 'the planet's lawyer', and 'Transition Towns Totnes' advocate and Professor Janet Richardson.

Venue: North Head Sanctuary, Manly, Sydney.

Contact: Robynne Millward, 02 9976 2842

What Does PNHA do?

On-ground bush regeneration. eg: Asparagus Fern Out Days
Activities: guided walks, bird-watching
Quaterly informative newsletter, online or paper
Members email group for leaset environmental news and events
AGM with Guest Speaker
Free advice for members on managing gardens for Native Vegetation and fauna habitat
Lobbies Pittwater Council and State Government on inappropriate management practices and development
Provides support to Council for PNHA-approved grant applications for environmental projects
Publications: Introductory Field Guide to Birds of Warriewood Wetlands & Irrawong Reserve, $20.00rrp, attractive cards with photos of Pittwater scenes, flora and fauna $2.00

Email: pnhainfo@gmail.com Or click on Logo to visit website.

Pittwater's Environmental Foundation

Pittwater Environmental Foundation was established in 2006 to conserve and enhance the natural environment of the Pittwater local government area through the application of tax deductible donations, gifts and bequests. The Directors were appointed by Pittwater Council.

About 33% (about 1600 ha excluding National Parks) of the original pre-European bushland in Pittwater remains in a reasonably natural or undisturbed condition. Of this, only about 400ha remains in public ownership. All remaining natural bushland is subject to encroachment, illegal clearing, weed invasion, feral animals, altered drainage, bushfire hazard reduction requirements and other edge effects.

Within Pittwater 38 species of plants or animals are listed as endangered or threatened under the Threatened Species Act. There are two endangered populations (Koala and Squirrel Glider) and eight endangered ecological communities or types of bushland. To vist their site please click on logo above.

Proposed Marine Sanctuaries Inadequate; have your say at: click logo

Coastal Environment Centre

The Coastal Environment Centre (CEC) is a multi-award winning regional community environmental learning centre, and Pittwater Council's environmental flagship.

More at: http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/cec

Monthly Cooee Newsletter below. If you would like to receive Council's environmental newsletter via email, please contact jodi_harvey@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

August Newsletter includes information on local:
- Flora and fauna;
- Weeds and pests;
- Events, workshops and activities;
- Environmental projects and grants.

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"I bind myself today to the power of Heaven, the light of the sun, the brightness of the moon, the splendour of fire, the flashing of lightning, the swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea, the stability of the earth, the compactness of rocks."

from the Prayer of Saint Patrick

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Turnips

Planted in mid to late June the turnip is an August vegetable crop. The turnip's root is high in vitamin C. In Iran the turnip is a common household remedy for fever. The green leaves of the turnip top (turnip greens) are a good source of vitamin A, folate, vitamin C, vitamin K and calcium. Turnip greens are also high in lutein (8.5 mg / 100g). Lutein (frome Latin Luteus 'yellow')is found naturally in the retina of the eye and prevents macular degeneration. They can be roasted, are tasty in soups and even make a nice dip once cooked and pulsed.

The turnip was a well-established crop in Hellenistic and Roman times, which leads to the assumption that it was brought into cultivation earlier. Sappho, the 7th century BC Greek poet, calls one of her paramours Gongýla, "turnip". Wild forms of the hot turnip and its relatives the mustards and radishes are found over west Asia and Europe, suggesting their domestication took place somewhere in that area. The Japanese radish the Daikon 'large root' originated in China.

History: 'Pliny the Elder considered the turnip one of the most important vegetables of his day, rating it "directly after cereals or at all events after the bean, since its utility surpasses that of any other plant." Pliny praises it as a source of fodder for farm animals, and this vegetable is not particular about the type of soil it grows in and because it can be left in the ground until the next harvest, it "prevents the effects of famine" .'
From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turnip

Warm Turnip Green Dip

Adapted From: Southern Living, October 2007
At: http://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/warm-turnip-green-dip-10000001665327/

Ingredients (1 ounce = 28.34952grams)
Diced 1/2 sweet onion, minced 2 garlic cloves, chopped; 1/4 cup dry white wine; 1 x 16-oz. package frozen chopped turnip greens, thawed, 12 ounces cream cheese, cut into pieces; 1 (8-oz.) container sour cream 1/2 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper 1/4 teaspoon salt 3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan

Preparation
Sauté onion and garlic in oil for 3 to 4 minutes. Add wine, and cook 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in turnip greens, next 4 ingredients, and 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. Cook, stirring often, 6 to 8 minutes or until cream cheese is melted and mixture is thoroughly heated. Transfer to a lightly greased 1 1/2-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese.
Grill for 4 to 5 minutes or until cheese is lightly browned. Sprinkle evenly with cooked and crisp bacon if you wish.

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FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!

Mona Vale library is seeking expressions of interest from residents who would like to participate as a speaker at their All About Food event at the library on 17 September between 3pm and 5.30pm. All About Food will feature talks for about 20 minutes and explore different aspects of eating and food.

Event organiser Heather Thomson said speakers should choose an aspect of food in which they have specialist knowledge or experience.

"We are asking those interested to complete a form available on our website and forward it together with a short summary of their talk," said Ms Thompson.

All About Food is just one several events with a gastronomic flavour running throughout September.

History Week is from 3 – 11 September, with the theme Eat History. The library will host a display exploring the influences migration has had on the foods Australians currently eat and how these foods have evolved to become uniquely Australian.

Ms Thomson said the library will also celebrate its 39th birthday in September and will soon launch their annual writing competition with a food-based theme.

Expressions of interest can be downloaded at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/libraryfoodfair and sent via email to heather_thomson@pittwater.nsw.gov.au by Friday 19 August.

For more details about All About Food contact Heather Thomson on 9970 1600 or email heather_thomson@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD – TELL US YOUR STORY!

Put your culinary experiences on paper as part of this year's annual writing competition at Mona Vale Library. With the simple theme of EAT, storytellers young and old are invited to tell their food-related tale. Entries should be about eating, food or any closely related topic and will be judged in three categories: primary school, secondary school and adult.

Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said the EAT writing competition was one of three food themed events being hosted at the library over the next couple of months. "We'll be celebrating History Week from 3-11 September with the theme Eat History. There will be displays in the library that explore the influences migration has had on the food we eat today. In keeping with the theme the library will also host an All About Food event on 17 September with a series of short talks about food," Mayor Rose said.

Entries to the EAT writing competition close on Friday 26 August, with the winners announced and prizes awarded at Mona Vale Library on Saturday 17 September.

Entries are now open and can be submitted online at
www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library
Alternatively email your entry to library@pittwater.nsw.gov.au
Or save it to a USB, together with an entry form, and leave it at the customer service desk at the library.

For enquiries about the writing competition, please contact Heather Thomson on 9970 1614 or visit www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library

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Eleven!

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Pittwater Online News receives a lot of information from various sources each week. For Your Interest:

From South Australian Monarto zoo

Every heard a hyena giggle? Or sit on command? Check out our fabulous hyenas in action www.monartozoo.com.au

Voiceless's annual Animal Law Lecture Series returns 1st – 15th August 2011 with leading European Union policy advisor Peter Stevenson, as our international guest lecturer.

Peter will be sharing his experience in lobbying for legislative change to improve conditions for farm animals, including the leading role he played in winning the EU bans on veal crates, battery cages and sow stalls as well as a new status for animals in EU law as sentient beings.

Join the Voiceless team to hear Peter as he shares 'reflections from the European Union'.

Hurry - seats are limited! If you have not yet done so, please visit the Law Lecture Series pages on our **website to register** for our keynote event and others on the national tour.

Google Responds to Google+ Account Suspension Controversy - mashable.com

Google has made a public statement about the recent wave of Google+ account suspensions designed to enforce its "common name" policy.

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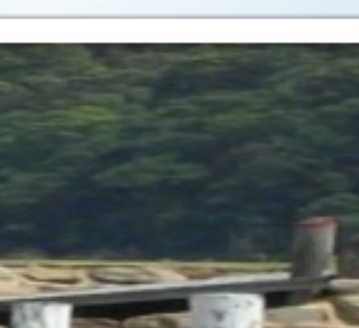


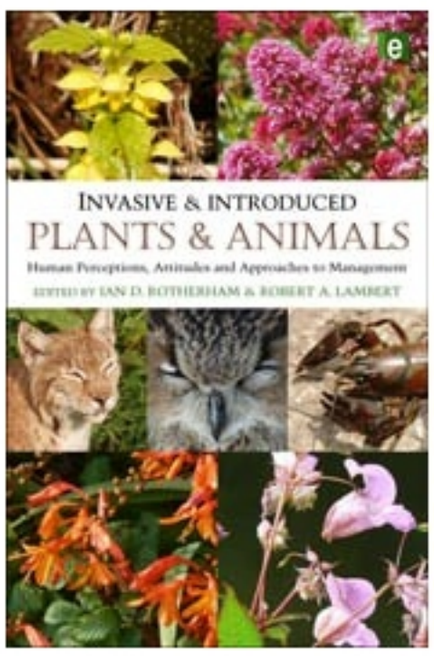
WIN a Rugby jersey signed by Wallaby **Rocky Elsom**! To be in running, email us at promotions@harpercollins.com.au by 31/8/11 and tell us why your dad deserves to win.There are 2 signed jerseys up for grabs!

HP TouchPad Gets Updated With webOS 3.0.2 - mashable.com

Owners of TouchPad just received a new version of webOS 3.0.2 which brings "hundreds" of improvements and new features.

YouTube Users: Klout Is Here - mashable.com

Klout now factors in YouTube activity as part of its scoring system for social influence.



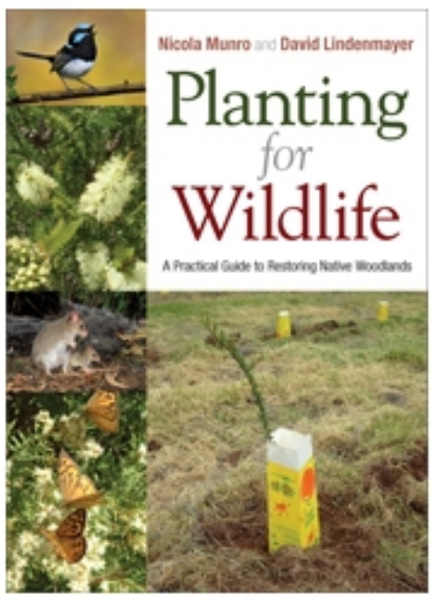
Invasive and Introduced Plants and Animals
Human Perceptions, Attitudes and Approaches to Management
Edited by: Ian D Rotherham, Robert A Lambert

352 pages, Publisher: Earthscan
There have been many well-publicised cases of invasive species of plants and animals, often introduced unintentionally but sometimes on purpose, causing widespread ecological havoc. Examples of such alien invasions include pernicious weeds such as Japanese knotweed, an introduced garden ornamental which can grow through concrete, the water hyacinth which has choked tropical waterways, and many introduced animals which have out-competed and displaced local fauna.

http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/18/pid/6796.htm

Wildlife Research
Volume 38 Number 3 2011

Includes Papers on: Do young eucalypt plantations benefit bats in an intensive agricultural landscape? Palatability and efficacy of rodent baits for eradicating house mice (Mus musculus) from Gough Island, Do young eucalypt plantations benefit bats in an intensive agricultural landscape? From CSIRO At: HERE



Planting for Wildlife
A Practical Guide to Restoring Native Woodlands
Nicola Munro, David Lindenmayer
Provides the latest information on restoring woodlands, with particular emphasis on plantings as habitat for wildlife.

DUE Aug 2011 - CSIRO PUBLISHING - 96pp - Colour photographs
Paperback - $39.95

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Old Books: August 2011

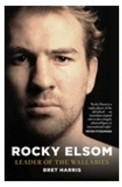
Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine, August, 1864, Volume LXIX, (Volume 69), Philadelphia, Louis A. Godey, Sarah Josepha Hale, 88 pages.
Includes: Civil War Era Godey's; Godey's 1864; Godey's Volume 69; Women's Studies; Civil War Fashion; Civil War Costume; Victorian Fashion; Victorian Hairstyles; Civil War Hairstyles; American Civil War; Civil War Needlework; Fancy Work; Embroidery; Netting; Tatting; Knitting; Crochet; Sheet Music; Piano Music; Steel Engravings; Wood Engravings; Household Tips and Hints; Cooking; Recipes; Receipts; Games; Children's Amusements; House Plans; Literary Notices; Book reviews; Humor; Poetry; Fiction; Serials; Articles; Editorials
Some of these diagrams and drawings are just wonderful!

English furniture and decoration, 1680-1800
Author: Ellwood, G. Montague, 1875-
Subject: Furniture -- England; Interior decoration
Publisher: London B.T. Batsford

Australian Writers for Australian Dads

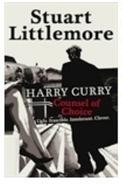
If you have a dad who loves to read HarperCollins Australia has some great suggestions from Australian writers for this Father's Day, **September 4th, 2011**. They are also running a great compeition this month where you can win a Wallabies jumper for your dad: WIN a Rugby jersey signed by Wallaby Rocky Elsom! To be in running, email us at promotions@harpercollins.com.au by 31/8/11 and tell us why your dad deserves to win.There are 2 signed jerseys up for grabs!

This week it's Australian writers for Australian dads! Click on covers to go to HarperCollins.

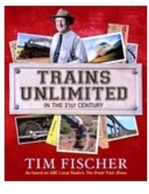


Rocky Elsom: Leader of the Wallabies
By Bret Harris
An insightful and revealing look into the rugby union career of one of Australia's greatest Wallabies, Rocky Elsom, as seen through the eyes of the key figures in his life, including family members, team-mates and coaches.
From representing Australia at under 16s level to attaining cult status in Ireland and named as the best player in the world

Air Force
Ian McPhedran
The inside story of the modern Royal Australian Air Force and its people in an action-packed period - from East Timor and the Bali bombings to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan .
Award-winning journalist and best-selling author Ian McPhedran takes us on another exclusive journey, this time to the heart of the RAAF through personal stories of fighter pilots' bombing raids over Iraq, hi-tech spy planes over Afghanistan, the operational nerve centre of the Middle East war and the men and women who deliver humanitarian aid and alleviate suffering around the world



Harry Curry: Counsel of Choice
By Stuart Littlemore
Ugly. Irascible. Intolerant. Clever.
From one of our sharpest legal minds comes a brilliant new character, Harry Curry - scion of the establishment and criminal defender extraordinaire.



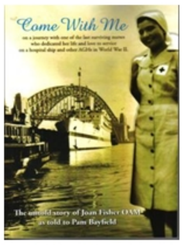
Trains Unlimited
Tim Fischer
ABC Local Radio's hugely successful podcast series The Great Train Show unearthed thousands of train enthusiasts across the country. Hosted by former deputy PM and renowned train obsessive Tim Fischer. The series covered such topics as the restoration of locomotives, childhood train memories, the importance of rail during wartime, and travel on the Trans-Siberian railway.
Trains Unlimited continues this entertaining and illuminating journey along the world's railways. It is about the history, excitement and romance of rail, including the twelve best rail experiences in the world, and it explores the future potential of rail - with unequalled energy efficiencies and strong environmental credentials, Tim makes a compelling case for an even greater role for rail transport in the 21st century and beyond. As wide-ranging, authoritative, fascinating and quirky as the radio program, Trains Unlimited is sure to delight all train enthusiasts and interested general readers alike. All aboard!

ABC Books

Australia's Top 40 V8 race drivers; from Bob Jane to Peter Brock and Craig Lowndes.

A nostalgic look back at the iconic Aussie service station.

To Contact us regarding your forthcoming Book or Literary Event click: here



Recent OAM Recipient **Joan Fisher** shared her story of Nursing in the Defence Forces with local writer Pam Bayfield who then wrote *Come With Me*. To Celebrate her award this book has been re-released and is available at http://www.pambayfield.com.au/ and at Berkelouw Books in Mona Vale.

Vocational, Historical and just a great read !

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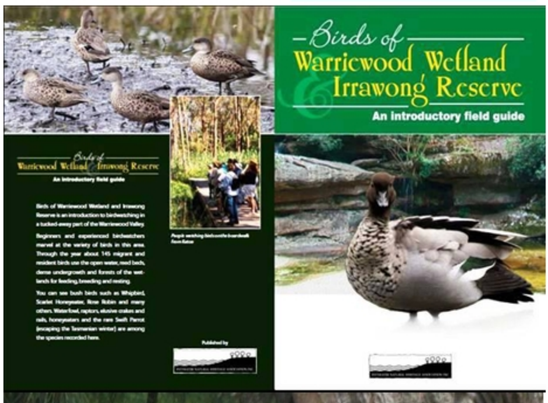
Introductory Field Guide to the Birds of Warriewood Wetland and Irrawong Reserve will give you a good start on birdwatching here, $20, available from **PNHA**. All proceeds go to conservation work in the wetlands. Available at: http://pnha.org.au/publications/



Children's Storytime at Mona Vale Library

Mona Vale Library offers storytime for pre-school children every week during school terms. Children and their carers come and participate in a fun sing-a-long with our story teller as well as listen to several stories in each session, followed by some craft. Storytime is held in the Pelican Room of the library in front of the service desk. Storytime is free and no bookings are required. Storytime Sessions

Tuesdays 10.00am - 11.00am
Wednesdays 10.00am - 11.00am
Thursdays 10.00am - 11.00am

Avalon Library Hours
Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm
Saturday 10am to 1pm
Sunday 2pm to 5pm
59a Old Barrenjoey Road
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Pavewell Cultivo Exhibition - All Welcome
The exhibition at the GONE FISHING GALLERY will continue to run for the month of August and is open 9.30am to open 10am-4pm Saturdays and Sundays

GONE FISHING GALLERY
1926 Pittwater Rd
Church Point 2105
(In the old Peninsula Restaurant)
www.gonefishinggallery.com.au

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SUN 7 AUGUST 2011
11AM TO 3PM
TOP DECK DINING ROOM
FREE ENTRY

MONA VALE GOLF CLUB
Supporting Kayla Edwards

SPORTSMAN'S LUNCH
Charity Golf Day

Friday 12th August 2011
9.45am Registration & Breakfast
7.30am Tee Off - 4Ball Ambrose

With Special Guest Speaker
Sam Kekovich

Register at Reception or by contacting 9999-4288 or bookings@monavalegolf.com.au

Golf & Lunch $50 Lunch Only $15
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Fashion, Food, Entertainment and Fashion Parade

If you have just started your business, or have been in business for a while, we would love to have you showcase your products and services at our event. Which means you should be there to network with other business owners and potential customers.

Our 3 panel speakers are:

Jason Hawkins - Jason is an Ultimate Fighter who is also the owner of Ultimate Fitness Gym in Mona Vale.

Kayla Taylor from Spicy Broccoli Baking talked about branding for your business, how to create a brand that people love and how to keep your brand fresh and relevant in the market place.

Anthony Judge from Smash My Site gives you all the tools you need to promote your business online. Anthony will be talking about how to get your site found on google and more information please click here

Our sponsors Diamond Beach, a luxurious five bedroom bank accounts one of our lucky members, and when we open up for a round at the Brookvale branch with our coffee machine, Coffee Guru, we will be giving away a free coffee machine to one lucky guy. Our sponsors are also giving away a free spa treatment and more information can be found here

Our MC is Jo Hall from Jo Hall Events

Our stall holders are looking to be the place centre for all your needs, so if you would like to be the please contact us at

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Join us on the water and show what you do!

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www.navalwarfare.org.au

Amnesty International (Avalon Group) presents...

Thoroughly Thora
a trio, light, witty, jam of original, sweet material

Loosely Woven
4pm, Sunday 14th August 2011
Avalon Baptist Peace Church
2 George Street, Avalon
Mr Ash Pearce (02) 9918 2222 or ash@ashpearce.com

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS

A free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers will be held by the Mona Vale and Traffic Authority (RTA) with Pittwater Council at Mona Vale Library on Thursday 18 August 2011 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. The workshop is run by Brian Simeon, with offer parents and supervisors hands on advice on how to provide the best supervision for learner drivers to gain experience.

The Council's Road Safety Officer, Michelle Cullis said that research into the causes of crashes involving young drivers has identified inexperience as a major contributing factor.

"A three hour session driving has also been introduced focusing on hazard perception and driver reactions," Ms Cullis said. "Parents and supervisors of novice drivers have a responsibility to ensure that their learner driver is safe and the new full time licence driver is prepared for solo driving."

The free course will cover topics such as:
- Hazard perception and reaction
- Speed and stopping distances
- Fatigue and distraction

Parents and supervisors who have attended this course found it boosted their confidence and improved their skills in supervising learner drivers and helping them to gain more driving experience.

Bookings for the helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers course are essential as places are limited. Please contact Michelle Cullis on 9970 1111 or email mcullis@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

Guided Spring Wildflower Walk
Sunday 28th August 2011
Kuring-gai NP - Ku-ring-gai Chase, Terrey Hills
The best place for spring flowers in Pittwater!

Wheelchair accessible. Bring a picnic lunch and drinks. Meet at the Visitor Centre at 10.30am. Cost $10 per adult. Children free. Bookings essential on 9457 9322 or 0408 493 222. Cash Only. **Free**

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NORTHERN BEACHES ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY
CONDUCTED BY DAVID MARLOW
AND ANDREW ATKINSON AS ORGAN SOLOIST
WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2011
THE GRAND NAVAL – SHIPTED CHORUS WARM SOUND
THE GRAND NAVAL – SHIPTED CHORUS WARM SOUND
ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MONA VALE
7.30 PM
ADULTS $20 CONCESSIONS $15 CHILDREN FREE

2011 Formal Mess Dinner

The President, Committee and Officers of the Mess
Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay
Request the pleasure of your company
at
Mess Dinner
Main Dining Room, Royal Motor Yacht Club
46 Prince Alfred Parade, Newport NSW 2106
at
Saturday 10th September 2011 at 1830 hours
Dress:
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Ladies: Cocktail Dress, Evening Wear
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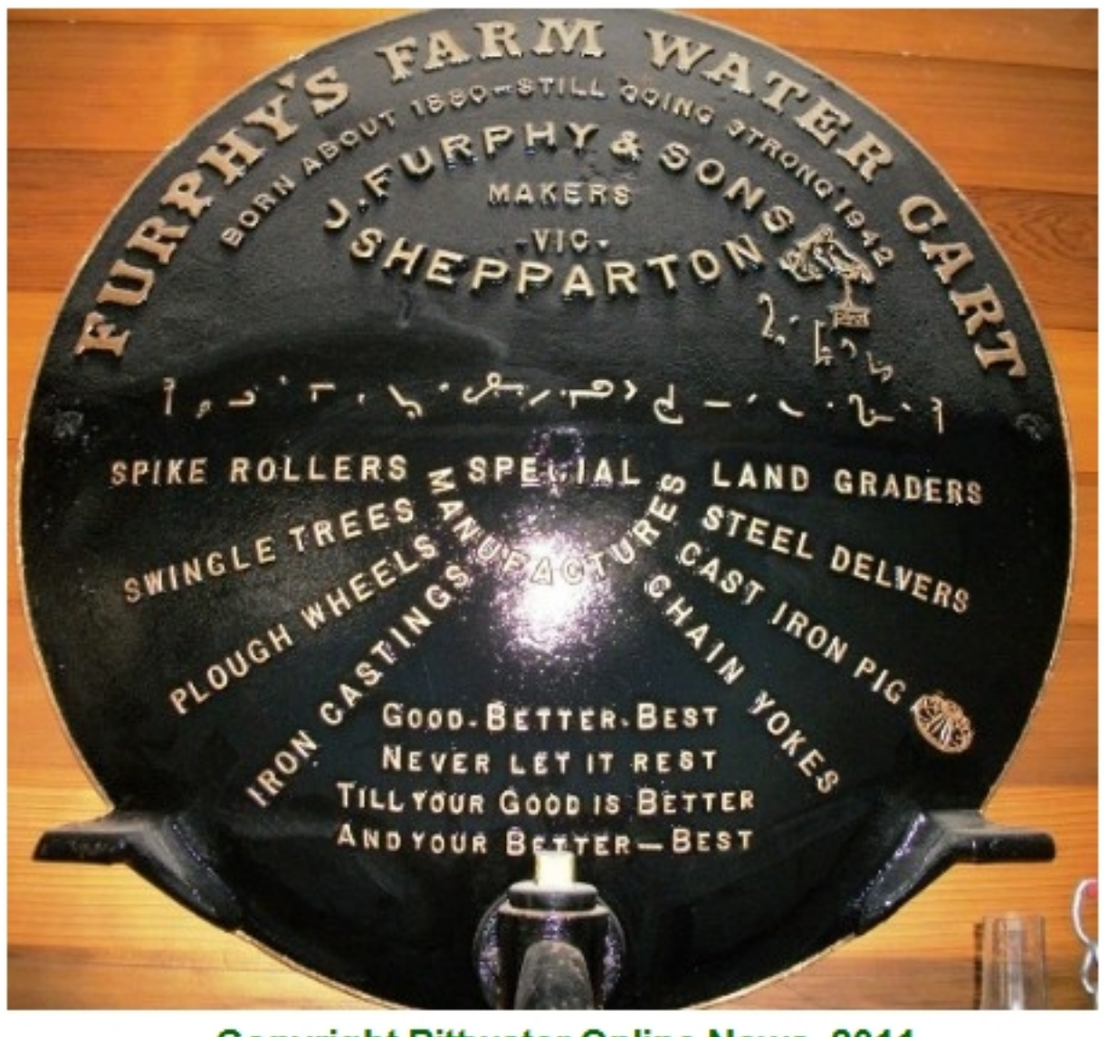

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Furphy Water Carts

The term 'a Furphy' has come into the Australian language from what was a required piece of equipment on the battlefields of WWI. These carst were used extensively in the Middle East and Europe during this conflict and their drivers, moving from place to place, brought updates on what was happening or gossip that proved unreliable in some instances, thus giving born to the term 'a furphy'.

The water cart was invented by John Furphy in 1880 and was unique at that time in Australia. Prior to his invention carts drawn by horses carried water in barrels to where it was needed. During this year a growing demand for farming implements lead to the development of casting components rather then forging them. John Furphy, born 17th of June, 1842, an engineer and blacksmith of Shepperton, Victoria, developed a method of sealing the cast iron ends and cylinder between with bands of steel. When loaded with water they weighed around a ton. They proved a hit and quickly spread from the Riverina area of Victoria to all states.

The end pictured here, from Trevor's Museum, is circa 1898. Prior to then the cast endings were plain or simply cast with 'Furphy' at the top of the plate. Later on other 'phrases' were employed to suit or highlight current trends or historic events; from the official Furphy website: "in 1942, William added a modified version of the saying attributed to W M Hughes, the prime minister of Australia, together with an illustration of a stork holding a baby in traditional fashion. The statement, also in shorthand, read "Produce and populate or perish."
At: http://www.furphys.com.au/history/the-famous-furphy-water-cart.html

John Furphy Biography: http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/furphy-john-3584