

# Callala Beach News

APRIL 2011



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the last month we have had some excellent results for the Callala Beach and Myola area.

- As most of you will have noticed our new amenities block in Parkes Crescent opened on the 14th April. The block is quite unobtrusive and built in a robust manner with good quality finishes. Well done to Council and the committee members who pursued this project so passionately. A photo of the new block is shown on page 4.
- We have been lobbying for a table and chairs near the beach end of Myola in recent months. I am happy to advise that Council have confirmed in writing the intention of installing a picnic table close to the break wall carpark at the southern end of Myola in a nice cleared area west of the road. This will be a great improvement to the amenity of the area. Well done again to all involved.
- Although it is not a Progress matter I would like to congratulate the Facilities Committee for the recent installation of reverse cycle air-conditioning in the Community Hall. This will no doubt make for more comfortable meetings and functions at the hall.

In the last newsletter we mentioned that we are putting together a wish list of sorts for the area. The idea being to recognize and prioritize improvements for the area and then focus the energy of the community in achieving the goals. We have come up with a preliminary list, see page 8. Of course some of these have been tried before without success however it never hurts to ask again.

I attended the Callala Bay Progress Association meeting this month to help with the communication between the two organizations. I look forward to working with Callala Bay on future common projects.

See you at the next meeting Greg Westlake

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## WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MARCH MEETING OF CALLALA BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Points of interest from the last meeting.

- Outgoing President Margaret Day received a certificate of appreciation and a present from the committee to thank her for her years of hard work. See photo on page 4.
- Wish list for the Callala area was discussed and prioritized.
- Pat McAndrew reported on the latest CCB meeting run by Council.
- DCP106 Flood Plain Management draft was discussed. Greg Westlake to provide report at next meeting.
- The picnic table requested for Catherine St, Myola was denied, however Council will erect a picnic table at a more suitable site at the end of the dirt road at the break wall .
- Keys to gate at southern end of Myola only available to those with valid reason and requested prior to 2010.
- Future of the Progress Association was discussed and it was agreed that working with Callala Bay Progress would be advantageous to both committees.
- Letter to be written to Council supporting improvement of exterior lighting for the Community Hall carpark.
- Several maintenance issues were brought up, mainly the overgrown vegetation at all the entrances to the beach.
- We need to source funding for the second stage of the viewing platforms in the original proposal namely the park bench type seating for the beach viewing area of Sir Henry Crescent.

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DA's received in the last month.

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New amenities block at Parkes Crescent Park



Margaret Day receiving her certificate of appreciation and gift from Greg Westlake at the April meeting

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The following **preliminary** ‘wish list’ has been prepared based on member and public suggestions. With all the community bodies of the Shoalhaven chasing to get their slice of a diminishing pie, all very important issues to those involved, it’s an unrealistic expectation of Shoalhaven Council to be able to appease everyone.

While the issues on ‘our’ wish list are extensive and important for the community of Callala Beach and Myola, to present Council with a shopping list of requests would result in zero chance of success. We have chosen to prioritize our major areas of concern as shown below. If you have some better ideas please contact us or come to the next meeting

1. Intersection of Forest Road and Princes Hwy. In short term create a marked turning lane. In the long term improve the intersection layout for improved safety including lighting.
2. Road intersection of Callala Beach Road and Forest Road. Install lighting in the short term and in the long term carry out major alterations to this intersection to provide ‘thru’ lanes for traffic on Forest Road with left and right turning lanes for traffic into Callala Beach Road.
3. Myola Boat Ramp. Grade, drain, enlarge and seal car park and launching area.
4. Provide a cycle way along the north side of Callala Beach Road from the RSL Club to Emmett Street
5. Construct a toilet at the Myola break wall.
6. Beach access points. Provide cold water showers and park type seats at all beach access points. Also prune the bush to give a safe and easy entry to the beach at all sites. Maintain beach car parks with “Road Base” type material.
7. Provide effective storm water drainage to Quay Road outside the shop.
8. Provide improved street lighting in Callala Beach.
9. Improve the recently constructed access ramp to the beach adjacent to the Callala Beach Community Hall.
10. Grade and seal road leading to Myola boat ramp.
11. Grade and seal road to Myola break wall.



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## LADIES GOLF

Pocket Rocket Myrna Barnes ( 4'8" in her high heels ) took out the 2<sup>nd</sup> WGNSW Medal round on the 6<sup>th</sup> April and the weekly competition round with a net 72, narrowly beating Aoauli Carrett's 74 net and also took the ball for the longest drive. The drive and pitch went to Aoauli Carrett.

2<sup>nd</sup> Div: Went to Sandra Walter with a 73 net, runner up Carmel Downton with a 78 net.

The longest drive went to Sandra Walter and the drive and pitch to Norma Hume.

The overall putting competition was won by Chris Walmsley with 29 putts.

The battle between Aoauli and Myrna continued in the verses par game held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April with Myrna coming in with 5+ and Aoauli 1+ 20<sup>th</sup> April, single stableford round, here we go again, Myrna Barnes 38 just inched out Aoauli Carrett 37.

Its been a long lonely road for the powerfully hitting Aoauli to find enough competition among the ladies to take the prizes from her, now with Myrna back to her best and a couple of the newer ladies Carmel Downton and Sue Hamilton coming up the inside, it should make for a very interesting season this year.

This is the first year Callala Ladies have fielded two Pennant teams.

The first Pennant game to be hosted at Callala was postponed due to the rain.

2<sup>nd</sup> round. The gold team were defeated 3/2 by Russel Vale at Wollongong Golf Course.

The Silver team squared their match against Jamberoo at St Georges Basin, a very good result as three of the team Helen Davis, Rita Beauchamp and Pat McAndrew had never played pennants before.

The Charity/Open Day will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.





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## **MEN'S GOLF**

The Dolphin Cup was held in conjunction with the men's Saturday 4BBB Comp with the men partnered with a Lady.

Harry Dowling and Sue Hamilton just pipped Llija Sesum and Aoauli Carrett. to win the Dolphin Cup with George Lewington and B George beating Tony Pitt-Lancaster and James Readon in a count back to take out the 4BBB section.

Sue Hamilton with a 42 just edged out Tony Pitt-Lancaster 41 to be the outright winner of the day.

Go the Ladies.

Happy golfing

Pat McAndrew

## **FROM THE 19<sup>TH</sup> HOLE**

### **The Callala Vets Golf Monthly Report**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we needed flippers and snorkels to play aqua golf. The course was closed due to the heavy rain.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March saw a nice day for golf. The course was in good condition after the wet. Winner on the day was T. Duncan with 42 points. Runner up was L Beauchamp with 40 points on a count back was B Whitlock also on 40 points. The Vets also ran a 9 hole competition which was won by K McCully also on a count back with 21 points.

Thanks to our treasurer the Vets have a 36 ball rundown each Tuesday. The Vets also have four meat raffles every Tuesday with the meat supplied by Bay Village Meats, damn good meat.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> April conditions weren't very good for golf, four seasons in one day. We had 52 players who braved the rain but it was a good day for Mick Crews winning the IGA Monthly Mug with 63 net. The Dolphin Watch Cruise raffle was won by K McCully.

We would like to welcome two new members Rob Jessep and Ken Home.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April the Vets played a Two Person Ambrose in which 74 players turned up including 2 ladies thank you. The day was won by Steve Chapman and Tony Pitt-Lancaster with 60  $\frac{3}{4}$  net.

We would very much like to thank the volunteers for the clean up on the fairways.

Tuesday, April 19 saw 67 players do battle over 18 holes on a beautiful autumn day. The winner being K McCully on 44 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Allen on 42 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> was N. Mele on 39 points.

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The 9 hole competition was won by J Reardon on 22 points.

To the ladies who keep the men on their toes we thank you for playing on Tuesdays with us. Till next month good golfing. Keith McCully

## CALLALA GOLF COURSE

Three retired gentlemen are the ‘muscle’ behind the amazing transformation that is taking place on the Callala golf course. What started some 27 years ago as a vision, a dedicated small band of volunteer’s led by Doug Balkwell and three holes, with apparently a huge walk between holes, is in the process of turning from an ugly duckling into a swan. Back then , they sported a huge 12 members, there was no passing the buck in those days, if you wanted something done you just picked up a shovel and got on with it, ladies included. Incidentally, Doug who turns 90 this year, still tries to play 18 holes every week. It officially became a 9 hole course on 15th October 1995 and has struggled along with limited resources, limited membership and limited opportunities from that time to this.

Nothing ‘just’ happens. Steve Chapman and Arthur Kirby saw an opportunity to increase it to 12 holes. For 2 years they jumped through hoops, climbed mountains of red tape and legislation and obviously whispered in the right ears because their small window of opportunity became a ‘pipe dream’ suddenly realized.

Charlie Krane put up his hand, his time, his massive equipment and volunteered the lot to clear the ground and set out to turn it into an eighteen hole course, a vision that had previously been in the very distant future. It is nothing short of amazing the difference that has occurred in just twelve short months. The fairways are leveled, cleared, seeded and the new nine tees are built along with the bases of the nine greens.

Charlie Krane is still deeply involved and along with Graeme Weston spends hours running around with their own machinery or sourcing other volunteer plant and material. Steve Chapman, Barry Whitlock and Trevor Duncan are the main man power and one or all of them can be seen on the course in any weather, many days not even stopping for a break According to an article in the Mercury, Russel Vale Golf Club started in a very similar way and is now hosting major golf tournaments, **who knows what the future holds for our golf course.**

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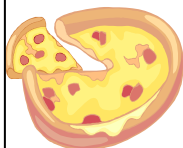
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Another notable catch last Monday was a 20kg kingfish, caught on a live yakka, at the "bommie" near Long Nose. It was caught by a crew member on Luke Ganderton's boat. They had it on board within half an hour of launching. What a way to start the day.

I had one very chuffed young lad in the shop to-day. He had been fishing in Currambene Creek at a highly secret spot and caught a 2.1kg bream. What a great fish for a junior angler! I did not get his name but he has promised me a photo for my shop so hopefully I will get it then. He did tell me he was anchored up and burleying when he caught it.

A couple of things to keep in mind when fishing in Jervis Bay. Some of the Jervis Bay Marine Park boundaries changed on the 1st March. Make sure you have an up to-date Marine Park map. Bream and Tarwhine are counted as one species in your bag limit and finally the Marine Park Rangers and Fisheries Inspectors have been very busy over Easter. I am sure they will still be around after Easter, so take care.

Till next month, good fishing and good health.

Would be fishing.



John Lee



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John Hawksworth

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We've missed a few of our regular sessions over the past month because of weather, public holidays and other excuses but have still managed to do a fair bit.

We had two sessions with Callala Public School students in Callala Creek Bushland Reserve helping them study the different vegetation communities and the damage caused by human impact, particularly trail bikes. We hope to hold regular sessions for the students in the future. Our thanks are due to Al Stratton and Rebecca Rudd from Shoalhaven City Council for technical assistance with this project and to the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority for funding.

We've hosted our annual visit from Macquarie University graduate students studying biodiversity management in the Jervis Bay area. Callala Creek wetlands illustrate many issues relevant to their studies.

Council funds two Jerrinja Aboriginal Bushcare workers, Ron Carberry and Ed Farrell, and we recently coordinated an effort with them attacking remaining weeds and regrowth on both sides of the track running north from the Myola Boat Ramp on Currumbene Creek. Callala Bushcare started removing weeds from this site in 2007. The land is in the process of being formally transferred to Jerrinja ownership and we hope to continue working cooperatively with that community.

Council is seeking assistance to locate outbreaks of an extremely aggressive climbing weed called Madeira vine (*Andredera cordifolia*) also known as Lambs' Tails (see pictures). It has fleshy heart shaped leaves, reddish stems, lumpy tubers along the stems and, at this time of year, obvious creamy white flower spikes. Callala Bushcare has recently treated two sites; one in Callala Bay and one at Myola but it will take several years of effort before we can be sure it has been properly nailed. If you see any anywhere in the Shoalhaven please report it to Greg Thompson at Council with the site address, [thompson@g@shoalhaven.nsw.com.au](mailto:thompson@g@shoalhaven.nsw.com.au).

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is too easily spread. Council has funding to deal with it.

Finally, after a gentle prompt from Callala Beach Progress, we've trimmed excess vegetation from the paths through Sir Henry Crescent Bush Park. We also removed the latest crop of weeds.



MADEIRA VINE

## **CALLALA BEACH VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

Over the past month there were no callouts.

The current weather patterns have seriously delayed any hazard reductions that were planned to take place in the Callala Beach/Bay, Culburra and Currarong areas during the autumn period. These hazard reductions will now take place when conditions become suitable.

Training over the last month has consisted of brigade training in asbestos related incidents and Shoalhaven District training in Rural Fire Driving and Chainsaw use.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 with the following members being elected to positions for the next year.

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Dave Lawther and Allan Baldwin (Myola)

Four members have been awarded with the Rural Fire Service Long Service Medal. These members are Jennifer Lawther (10 year medal plus 10 year clasp), Allan Baldwin (10 year medal plus 10 year clasp), Jacqui Cox (10 year medal) and Shirley Hilder (10 year medal).

Permits are not required until September for all fires in the open. Residents burning backyard waste must notify your neighbours and Fire Control (4424 4424 during office hours ) 24 hours before burning.

It is advisable to have water available, the size of pile to be no bigger than 1.5 metres across and a responsible person must remain with the fire at all times until it is extinguished. Courtesy must be considered for your neighbours. Please do not smoke them out as it quite often results in a phone call to the brigade to come and extinguish the fire

Dave Lawther.

## **CALLALA BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

The next Progress Association monthly meeting will be held on Monday 10th May, 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall at the corner of Quay Road and Centre Street, Callala Beach. Meetings are open to non-members as well as members. New members are always welcome.

Annual fees are \$5 per family (\$4 per family if one member is a pensioner) and this includes free home delivery of Callala Beach News each month within the Callala - Myola area. Membership with postal delivery of Callala Beach News is \$12 (no concessions).

**2011 membership fees are due. (See page 20 for application/renewal form).**

### **INTERNET ACCESS TO NEWSLETTER**

The website is up and running in its new and improved form. The newsletter is available for viewing on the site. We also email out a copy of the newsletter for those on our email list.

Email [myolawestlakes@exemail.com.au](mailto:myolawestlakes@exemail.com.au) to join this service. If you want to rely on this service and save trees by managing without a hard copy just say so.

### **EDITORIAL POLICY**

Responsibility for any unsigned articles in this Newsletter is taken by the Editor Greg Westlake, 48 Catherine St, Myola.

Opinions expressed in such articles are generally in line with positions taken over time by the Callala Beach Progress Association but have not expressly been authorised by the Association. If the Association has a specific view contrary to an article this will be made clear.

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(if unattended this will divert to Nowra Police 4421 9699)

Police Assistance Line 131 444

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

### **Life Threatening Situations 000**

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### **Callala Beach Progress Association Membership Application**

Membership is open to all residents of, and to all people who pay rates on properties in, Callala Beach or Myola and to others having an active interest in the area. Members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month (except January). Alternatively members' views can be sent to one of the office bearers listed above. Applications/ Renewals should be sent to The Treasurer PO Box 2 Callala Beach 2540. If a receipt is required a stamped self-addressed envelope should be provided.

**Name(s) :**

**Address for delivery of Newsletter:  
(or email address for download advice)**

**Callala Beach or Myola address:**

Fee enclosed : \$12 for postal delivery (no concessions)

\$5 per household for hand delivery to Callala/Myola or email

\$4 per household pensioner concession hand delivery or email

Cheques payable to Callala Beach Progress Association Inc.

OR direct deposit to IMB BSB 641-800 account 009 132 476