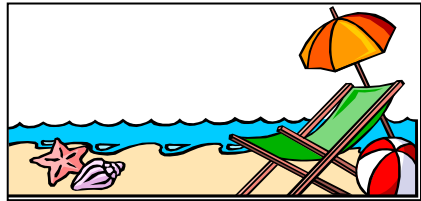


Callala Beach

JUNE 2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As most of you will know the amenities block in Parkes Crescent Callala Beach was completed in April this year. The construction was the result of many years of lobbying of Council so the Committee thought it was a good excuse for a small celebration and community 'get together'. So we are having

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So feel free to come along and join us for a free feed and chat. Also bring along any suggestions you have for improvements for the area.

Another positive is that Council has just constructed a new picnic table near the Myola break wall. See article on page 16.

We have been approached by Callala Bay Community Association to support them in developing a strategic or community plan for the whole of Callala and Myola. This sounds like a great idea and was wholeheartedly supported at our last meeting. More details are given on page 14. See you on the 25th!

Greg Westlake

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MAY MEETING OF CALLALA BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

We had two new faces at this months meeting, we would like to welcome Millie and John and thank them for their attendance, especially as the weather was very unpleasant, two brave souls.

- Good news for the fisherman, the changes to the Marine Park Zones have been cancelled by the new NSW Government and revert back to the conditions you have enjoyed since 2002.
- Central Area 1 will be having a meeting with council on 31st August and we have until 17th August to submit items to be placed on the agenda. Area 1 takes in Culburra, Greenwell Point, Currarong, Orient Point, Callala Bay, Callala Beach and Myola.
- We have finally solved the doggy doo bag problem. Trevor has found a product that comes in a stainless steel carrier that can be bolted and padlocked to the Sulu Bin stands. We have ordered three, one for Centre St, Callala Beach Rd and Myola. If this doesn't work, we may have to adopt the system that works very well in Kiama. Anyone found walking a dog without a plastic bag is fined instantly. Let's hope we don't have to go to that extreme.
- Callala Bay has asked for our support to Shelley Hancock and Joanne Gash to possibly have an obsolete ship scuttled in the Jervis Bay area. The creation of an artificial diving reef would enhance our tourist attraction. The deep water outside the heads may be a possibility.



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taking into consideration the Naval Exercises and our regular visits from the migrating whales.

- Callala Bay has also approached the Beach with a proposal to engage the services of an outside professional to design a Strategic Plan for the Bay/Beach/Myola area. This concept worked very well at Greenwell Point, as anyone who has walked along their beautiful foreshore will contest to. This would be a combined project, with public meetings held to identify and prioritize the best way forward. Change will come whether you want it to or not, nothing stands still and it's better to have it go in the direction you want.
- Council have agreed to tree pruning on the corners of King George Rd, Sir Henry Cres and Parkes Cres. Also in this budget will be the replacement of the Callala Beach Rd beach ramp and the viewing seat will be moved to a better position, where ? at this stage we don't know, but we will find out.
- The Telstra pit on the corner of Watts Rd and Griffith St was reported dangerous and has since been fixed.
- The storm water pit on the corner of Lennox Rd has collapsed and has been reported.
- It was mentioned that the width of Myola Rd makes it necessary for bicycle riders to head off into the grass when there are two cars together and the current mowing schedule is insufficient to keep the area clear.
- A free sausage sizzle is to be held at Parkes Cres on Saturday 25th June 11am to celebrate our long awaited amenities block and a way of engaging with the community of the Beach and Myola.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

DA's received in the last month.

- Additions to dual occupancy dwelling at 67 Roskell Rd, Callala Beach.

BEST WISHES

The progress Association sends their best wishes to Sheila Shipton whom although still ill in Sydney, looks forward to her copy of the newsletter every month. May you soon be back and enjoying the beauties of Callala Beach.

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Harry and his wonderful wife, Beryl, were early residents to Callala Beach. There was no electricity, town water or sewerage but like everybody else they made “DO”. Harry was always busy working to make improvements to Callala Beach.

He was an integral member of Progress and the Senior Citizens and an avid Historian. I have heard the stories of Progress Members turning up to meetings carrying their hurricane lamps. When the Community Hall was burnt down by vandals Council decided that residents would have to use Callala Bay Hall, Harry was one of the enthusiastic residents to change Council’s mind and they agreed to rebuild on the old site, hence our much admired Hall.

I never heard Harry complain about Council’s neglect, you just got on with things. Harry was a great Historian and when we held our “Back to Callala Day” Harry spoke eloquently of our history. Harry was a founding member of St.Mark’s Anglican Church, after the Hall was destroyed he encouraged everyone to build a Church at its present site. He kept a history of St.Mark’s and proudly showed everyone.

Harry’s contribution to Callala Beach is immense and long lasting and we should be very grateful for his presence and dedication. We send our love and sympathy to Beryl and the Family.

Margaret Day



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LADIES GOLF

This should take up a lot of space, what happened! well it rained and it rained and when it stopped raining, it rained some more. The ladies are having withdrawal symptoms. The silver pennant team did manage to play at Nowra; unfortunately we couldn't manage another win over Gerringong only Rita Beauchamp won her match, well done Rita.



8th June wasn't exactly dry but the ladies did tee up on a wet and windy heavy track. There weren't many jackets shed that day and 27 started and finished. The match was the fourth WGNSW Medal round, Country Women's Vets Competition and putting comp.

Myrna Barnes 96/71 beat Aoauli Carrett 93/77 home again to take the monthly medal in division 1.

Margaret Campbell 116/78 snared the 2 division with Val Lewis 114/80 as the runner-up.

Hang on to your hat.

Veteran Country Gross Championship 21-30 handicap went to Beryl Collier with 110. 31-45 handicap went to Barbara Higgs 110.

Veteran Country Nett Championship 21-30 handicap went to the young and lively Alice Poole with an 83 nett. 31-45 handicap was won by Val Lewis with an 80 nett.

Senior Vet's comp 0-45 handicap was won by Es Harding with an 80 nett.

Monthly vets day was taken by Beryl Collier for the best front nine 53.

All this before the recorders could have a nice hot cuppa, no wonder they have a headache when they join the rest of the ladies in the club for the presentations.

Longest drive Div: 1 Aoauli Carrett. Div: 2 Leanne Robson

Drive and Pitch Div: 1 Aoauli Carrett. Div: 2 Margaret Campbell

Putting was also won by Margaret Campbell with an impressive 27 putts

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MENS GOLF

The Saturday men's comp also struggled with the rain this month. Which is unusual, most of the time, the sun shines on the men. The Vet's and the Ladies got rained off then out comes the sun just in time to dry the course for Saturday. We just presume they have better prayer mats than the rest of us, of course the men just think they are made of tougher stuff.



4th June 74 men and 5 ladies took to the greens for the Monthly Medal and Qualifier for the Single Matchplay.

1st Division was won by Les Beauchamp 71,

2nd Division Richard Clarke and 3rd Division Gordon Hemming.

The longest drive on the second hole went to Terry London, Graham Lewington and Harry Dowling

Nearest to pin went to Graham Lewington, Steve Chapman and Wayne Campbell in their respective divisions.

11th June. Only the hardiest of the hardy contested the Irish Four Ball.

Mick Crews and Harry Dowling won on the day with 64 nett.

Nearest to pin on the 15 went to Mick Crews and Harry Dowling.

Best wishes to Allan and Bev Gaffey from all at Callala Golf.

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FROM THE 19TH HOLE

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The winners on the day were: -

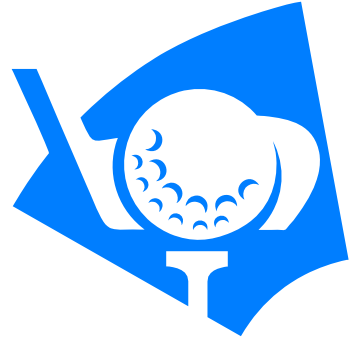
Barry Jarman with 41 points.

Tony Pitt-Lancaster with 40 points.

John Latta with 39 points.

The 9 Hole Comp was won by Trevor Duncan.

A big thank you goes to Alice Pool being one of the few ladies who grace us with her presence nearly every Tuesday.



On the 31st May the weather turned sour and the course was closed so we got a chance to sleep in.

On the 7th June the IGA Monthly Mug was contested, the ground was soft and wet, not much run on the ball and the day was cold but there were 49 players who did battle in the mud and slush.

The scores weren't too bad considering:-

Barry Jarman and Ray Henrys tied with 70 nett Barry winning on a count back.

Trevor Duncan and Mick Crews tied for third with 71 nett Trevor also taking the third prize on a count back.

The Dolphin Watch Cruise was won by Col Chessell.

Also a Happy Birthday to our captain Steve Chapman.

Thank you to all players for your support to the Callala Vets Golf Club.

On the 14th June the only golf that could be played was with scuba gear.

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Keith McCully

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CALLALA AND MYOLA

We have been approached by Callala Bay Community Association to support them in developing a strategic or community plan for the whole of Callala and Myola. This sounds like a great idea and was wholeheartedly supported at our last meeting.

A similar plan was developed in Greenwell Point and this has helped them achieve a lot of improvements for their town. Just go and visit the foreshore area at Greenwell Point. Apparently if we can have a community plan adopted by Council then it empowers them to apply for grants etc to help fund projects.

The plan needs to be developed with the help of the whole community via community work shops that will be run by an independent consultant. We will keep you posted on the exciting project.

CALLALA BEACH VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Over the past month there were two callouts. The first was to a car on fire on Forest Road. The car had hit a kangaroo and burst into flames upon stopping and was totally destroyed. The second call out was to assist Callala Bay brigade at a very large pile burn on a vacant block of land.



With the current weather patterns it is very doubtful that the hazard reductions that were planned to take place in the Callala Beach/Bay, Culburra and Currarong areas will now take place before spring.

Training over the last month has consisted of brigade training in structural fires.

A lot of emphasis is currently being placed on Community Education by the Rural Fire Service and some members of the brigade are training in this very important process. Over the coming months it is proposed that the Shoalhaven District RFS will hold forums to advise residents various methods of being prepared for fires.

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. If water is not available then an alternative method of extinguishing the fire must be available. This could be a tractor, loader or hand tools to make a fire break to prevent the fire from spreading. Also burning small piles and feeding the small pile from the larger pile is a safe way of conducting a pile burn.

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.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Captain Jenny Lawther on 44465728.

Please report all fires to 000.

Dave Lawther

NEW PICNIC TABLE AT MYOLA

At our February meeting it was brought to our attention by Gail Redgate of Myola that Council had forced them to remove a picnic table built by the locals in the area of land behind No.1 Catherine St, also known as ‘Billys Landing’. Gail and Progress have approached Council to replace the table and to their credit one has now been installed further down the road in a very nice location. See photograph below.

The new table is located just north of the breakwall.



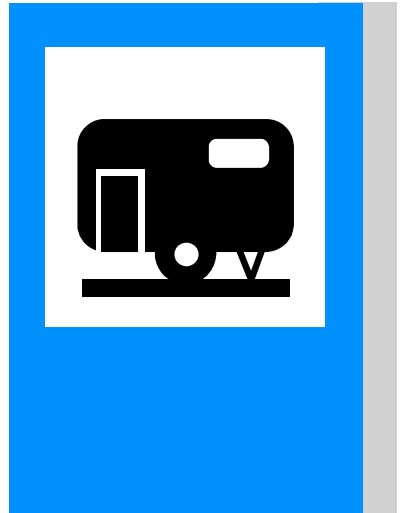
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FISHING NEWS

Hi fellow fishos,

Not a lot happening on the fishing front at the moment, what with big seas, lousy weather and the cold a fisho has to work hard for a feed at the moment.

Callala RLS's fishing competition in May, considering the conditions, was strongly contested with the winders being:

Ladies BRE: Jan White, Mens BRE: Steve Robinson, Largest Fish: Shane Green with a 1.65kg salmon, Junior Deep Sea: Blake Deaves, Ladies Deep Sea: Myrna Barnes, Largest Fish: Tanya Deaves with a 1.47kg salmon, Men's Deep Sea: Joe Veber, Largest Fish: Alan Barnes with a 1.35kg flathead.

Congratulations to all those who put in the effort as the conditions were not ideal.

Just to get you thinking about the basics of fishing I will tell you a story as told to me last week by one of the local "Gun" fishermen who wishes to remain anonymous. For obvious reasons we will call him "Bob". Bob turned up at the Myola boat ramp one day recently ready to "rock n roll" only to find the ramp completely blocked by a boat being held sideways across the end of the ramp by a group of strangers. After explaining in no uncertain terms, the correct etiquette to be followed at a boat ramp, Bob backs his rig down to the water to launch it. As he is by himself Bob ties his boat by the bow rope to the back of his trailer, backs his rig quickly to the water and hits the brake hard. The boat launches itself and is held in the water attached to the trailer.

Unfortunately for Bob the knot at the trailer came undone and the boat just kept going! What to do? Luckily all the women with the group he had just finished telling off had disappeared to the toilet so he strips off to his jocks and swims for it. Bob is fairly large for his height and has not been swimming for 40 years but he finally makes it to the boat, grabs the bow rope and manages to get it to shore, looking like a stranded whale. Hiding behind the boat he got dressed and slunk away as quickly as possible, not game to look at anyone. I did the exact same thing at the Greenwell Point boat ramp so I know exactly how he felt. As a boatie and fisho it pays to check all your knots and shackles constantly. Till next month, good fishing and tight lines! Would be fishing.





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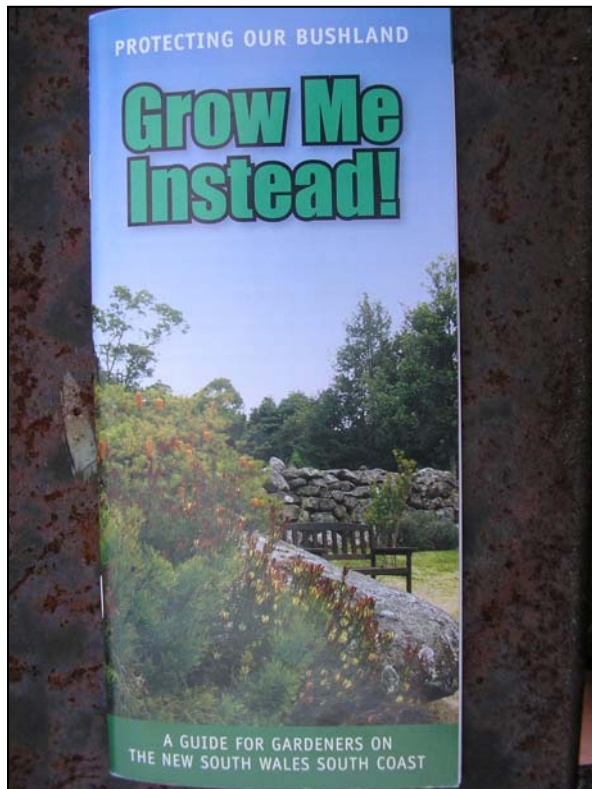
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CALLALA BUSHCARE GROUP

John Hawksworth

Callala Bushcare Group meets every Tuesday at 8am for a two hour working session in one of our local reserves or patches of bushland. Venue and activities vary from week to week. New volunteers are always welcome. Training and equipment are provided. For more details contact me on 44464793 or email rjhawksworth@hotmail.com.

Perhaps the most important quality for a Bushcare volunteer is persistence. Once we have removed weeds from a site we need to return perhaps every six months, perhaps only once a year, to make sure the weeds don't reinvade the site. Recently we have completed a sweep of the foreshore and creek bank on the Callala Beach (Benton Sands) side of Callala Creek. Every time we do this the re-weeding is a smaller job but then we did start removing really dense lantana only six years ago.





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Bushcare continued



Senna or Eastern Cassia

The next priority for us will be removing bitou bush from various locations. This is best done during winter while it is growing vigorously. As well as that we need to clear weedy regrowth from the Lackersteen St side of Callala Creek Bushland Reserve and around to the back of Sheaffe St. There is always something to do.

Shoalhaven City Council has recently reprinted copies of its “Grow Me Instead” booklet. In previous articles I’ve gone on about how some garden plants are inclined to escape and infest our local bush. Senna or “Easter Cassia” is an example. The “Grow Me Instead” booklet provides information on problem plants and suggests local native plant alternatives.

I have a limited number of copies of the booklet for local distribution. If you would like a copy give me a call on 44464793.

CALLALA BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The next Progress Association monthly meeting will be held on Monday 11th July 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 24 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 to join this service. If you want to rely on this service and save trees by managing without a hard copy just say so.

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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.

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