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Culburra Beach & Districts Men's Shed

Our 10th Anniversary Open Day on Sunday 6 September was a great success with over 100 visitors for Shed tours, door sales and, of course, our sausage sizzle BBQ.

As it was Father's Day, all dads were offered a free sausage sanga, as well as complementary tea/coffee. Our stall at the nearby Culburra Markets allowed for referrals in the right direction, new member inquiries, as well as sales of our timber craft.

We were pleased to welcome Fiona Phillips, our local Federal Member, to both the Culburra Beach Markets stall and the Shed itself. Fiona is a long-time supporter of our Shed, and of the Men's Shed movement in general, so it's always great to catch up with her for a chat.

Shed members backed up the following weekend at the Callala Markets where we were



Our local MP, Fiona Phillips, joined Shed members for our 10th anniversary celebrations

blessed with wonderful Spring weather and lots of local and visitor customers. We enjoyed good sales of cutting boards, chopping blocks, coat racks, drink coasters, etc; as well as garden novelties like "Whirlybirds" and, of

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Don't forget we are also always ready to discuss any 'special order' or project that you need assistance with, like custom-made street libraries.

We'll be at the Callala Markets on Saturday 10 October, with our full range of timber craft, nest boxes and native bee hotels on sale. Come out and enjoy the longer days and



warmer weather and see what the Shed has to offer you.

Follow us on Facebook, or join our Facebook group, to stay up to date on products, events and other items of interest. You can contact us through Facebook, via email to CBDMS1@outlook.com or by phone on 0494 055 329.

November is Consultation Month for Callala Bay.

The insert with this edition of the Callala Bay news is designed to provide you, our readers and residents, an avenue to tell us what you want from the Association and what you would like to see. Please complete it and we will let you know the results.

BIRD FLU

There have been incidents of bird flu detected in the Shoalhaven. If you find a dead or injured bird or sea wildlife, please do not touch it. Record what you see and its location, take a photograph if you can and report it to the NSW Govt online reporting system or call 1800 675888.

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Callala-beachSB@rsl.nsw.org.au

Club Callala Fishing Club

Club Callala Fishing Club holds its monthly weigh-in in the club BBQ area at 2 pm on the fourth Sunday of each month. In addition to monthly prizes for the weekend's catch, participants earn points towards annual trophies and prize money—the more you fish, the more points you earn. Our competition year runs from October to September. Annual membership fees are \$8 for social members, \$15 for fishing members and \$5 for juniors.

The first fishing weekend of the competition year is 24–25 October, when participants can begin earning annual points. Sponsored by the NSW Department of Primary Industries, the weekend will feature plenty of free giveaways and extra prizes for anglers.

The weekend fishing competition and eligibility for the extra prizes are free and open to everyone, not just fishing club members. Simply sign in at the main club.

A free sausage sizzle will also be held after the weigh-in at 2 pm on Sunday, 25 October.

Come along to meet new people, learn more about our fishing club and enjoy the afternoon.



For more information about the rules and fish limits, see the Club Callala noticeboard outside the men's toilets or speak with Fishing Club President Alan Barnes. He will be at the club during the meat raffles on Friday and Sunday evenings (since he does not catch many fish). Ask a staff member to point him out.

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CLUB CALLALA SPORT ACTIVITIES

MONDAY:

Indoor Bowls - from 12:00PM

TUESDAY:

Veterans Golf - from 7:30AM to 1:00PM
 Social Darts from 5:00PM

WEDNESDAY:

Callala Mixed Social Bowls - from 12:30PM
 Ladies' Golf - from 8:30AM to 1:00PM

FRIDAY:

Fitness Class - from 10:30AM

SATURDAY

Mixed Golf Comp - from 7:30AM to 1:00PM

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THURSDAY

Club Raffle - tickets sold from 6:00PM
 Bowls Schooner Draw - from 7:45PM

FRIDAY

Mega Meat Tray & vouchers Raffle -
 tickets sold from 6:00PM, drawn 7:00PM

SATURDAY

Fisho's Raffle -
 tickets sold from 12:00PM to 1:30PM

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Raffle -
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SUNDAY

Sunday Raffle - tickets sold from 4:30PM

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DINNER SPECIALS

TUESDAY \$25 Rump Steak Night

WEDNESDAY \$20 Chicken Schnitzel Night

THURSDAY \$22 Pizza Night

SATURDAY \$17 Club Beef Burger Lunch Special

SUNDAY Roast \$22 Lunch & Dinner

- ALL WEEKLY SPECIALS DINE-IN ONLY -

OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAY

Trivia starting 6:30PM

THURSDAY

Bingo from 11:00AM
 Happy Hour from 5:00PM - 7:00PM
 Pool Comp - rego from 6:30PM, starts 7:00PM
 Member's Badge Draw 7:30PM

SATURDAY

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LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH

Second Chance Draw & Members Badge Draw

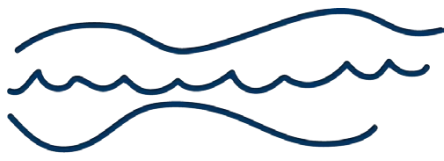
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Fisho's Weigh-In on the fourth Sunday of the
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 Member's Badge Draw 6:00PM

Callala RSL Country Fishing Club



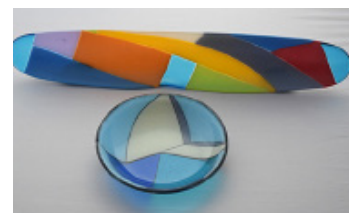
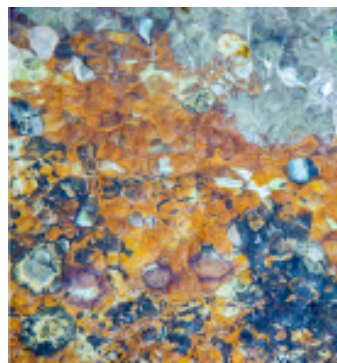
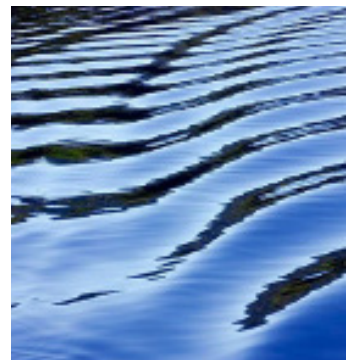
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emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au

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TO GROW AND HARVEST

The next generation of snow peas are in full production.. Members have loved the freshness of our green cabbages this year, the sugarloaf and mini ball cabbages have been sweet, juicy and crunchy. Dill has also provided plenty of harvests. It seemed to be very happy growing in several beds.

When each bed is harvested we add good nutrients and let it rest for a while before we replant it. We have begun to plant out our usual tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini and eggplants, plenty of lettuce and rocket, green and climbing beans along with fennel, kohlrabi, and more Asian Greens.

The potato harvest has been very worthwhile. We enjoyed a very

special Kipfler potato salad last weekend. Jude and John dug up 12 kg of Dutch Creams from bed 13! We left our parsnips planted too close together, so they stayed small and sweet.



WHAT AN EFFORT!



The boats and beds in our beautiful Boat Veggie Garden have been harvested. They have been emptied of plants, soil and frames, and moved for storage or relocated where possible. The furniture is dismantled and stored for now. The replanting of boats and beds in their new positions and the moving forward has begun. It has been a tough one!

There was a great response to our call for help and the whole thing was done in under a week.

A huge **THANKYOU** to our amazing team and to all our community friends who helped and supported and made it happen on schedule and with such good heart!



FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS

A Halloween Special!

Friday 30th October 9.30 to 11.00 am

Morning tea will be provided.

Bring the little ones. This is a great way for preschoolers to socialize, create and explore this food garden and flower wonderland.

Parents and carers can also enjoy the morning in a relaxed environment.



VOLUNTEERING - WHAT'S INVOLVED?

by Leonarda

Our volunteers have plenty of knowledge and different skillsets to share. We learn so much from each other. We have over 20 veggie garden beds, including some fruit trees and flower gardens. We make our own compost by initially running light prunings (home and CCG) and spoiled vegetables through our mulcher. We are grateful when manures and trimmings are donated. We use our compost, worm castings, seaweed brew, comfrey brew and standard fertilisers to boost our crops.

We plant seeds and seedlings, some bought and donated, some grown by members to plant in beds. We pull out weeds. We water a lot, with mains and tankwater.

We net some beds (from birds, possums and white butterfly) and often search and remove pests like snails, caterpillars, beetles and curl grubs. The fresh garden produce is for our volunteers to take home for free on working days, and for sale to the wider community at reasonable prices. We share any citrus, strawberries, figs or native berries when they're ripe. We enjoy a bit of cake and social banter at Morning Tea.

Sometimes there are maintenance days. Some members help with repairs, setting up frames & trellises or minor building jobs. Some folk help with admin tasks or selling raffle tickets.

On Friday before market day we harvest and prepare our organically grown produce to sell to the community on the Saturday. Herbs are free for the picking.

It's your community and it's your garden. Whether you have skills or know nothing about plants, come and have a look. It's fun and interesting



WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

REGULAR MORNINGS

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00 am.

GENERAL MEETINGS

NOT Saturday 3rd October (long weekend) it will be held Tuesday 6th October at 11 am.

WORKING BEES

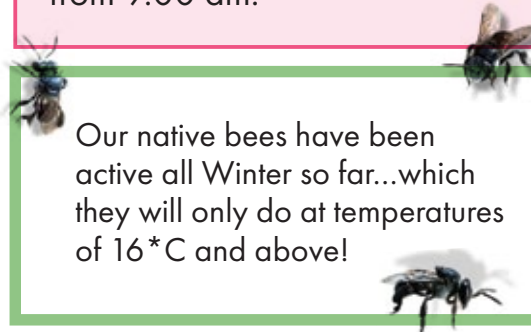
Sundays 4th and 18th October from 9.00 am.

PICK AND PREP FRIDAYS

9th October from 3.00 pm.

PRODUCE MARKETS

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Callala Markets

We were blessed with wonderful spring weather at the September Markets, with a good roll up of stall holders and customers. All of us were inspired by the new growth in our gardens, a bit more daylight each day and the days getting warmer.

Our stall holders are always working on new ideas for our visitors and locals. The variety they create, mostly not found in general retail shops, is part of what makes the Markets unique. We offer a range of locally made products, ranging from handmade candles and soaps, jams and spreads, wooden plaques and bowls, handmade pottery and jewellery through to crystals, nest boxes and bee hotels, baby booties and hats, timber craft and novelties, designer cards, and soft knitted children's toys.

All profits from stall fees provide the base for our ongoing donations to local community organisations and charities.

Come along to our next market on Saturday 10 October at the Callala Community Centre in Emmet Street and enjoy an altogether relaxing and interesting day, exploring the wonderful items on display. It's NSW School Holidays time so we hope to see lots of visitors. Please make the effort to come out and support your local artisans and craft makers.



Our resident Spinning Wheel operator

The Callala Community Garden will also be operating on the day, so you can check out their range of fresh seasonal produce.

We always hope for fine weather, but we'll be there - rain, hail or shine.

Want to join us? Contact Sandra on: 0413 581 419 for stallholder enquiries.



2nd Saturday
EACH MONTH
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8:00AM - 1:00PM



The promotional graphic features a circular logo on the left with the text 'Callala Markets' in a large, blue, cursive font, and 'Community focus' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the logo, the event details are listed in bold, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are icons for Facebook and Instagram. The background of the graphic is a light brown, textured surface with several seashells scattered around.



WELCOME to the Callala Community Centre, conveniently located opposite the shops in Emmett St, Callala Bay.

We are one part of the Shoalhaven Community Information Network (SCIN). Our technology has been upgraded to include solar panels, a storage battery, and satellite communications to provide an independent, continuous, communication solution with the Nowra Emergency Centre.

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An audio-visual system has been installed in the Centre offering flexible and comprehensive facilities, including;

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**For all hiring enquiries contact Cynthia on 0412 121 737
or email cynirwin974@gmail.com**

Follow us on Facebook at Callala Community Centre.

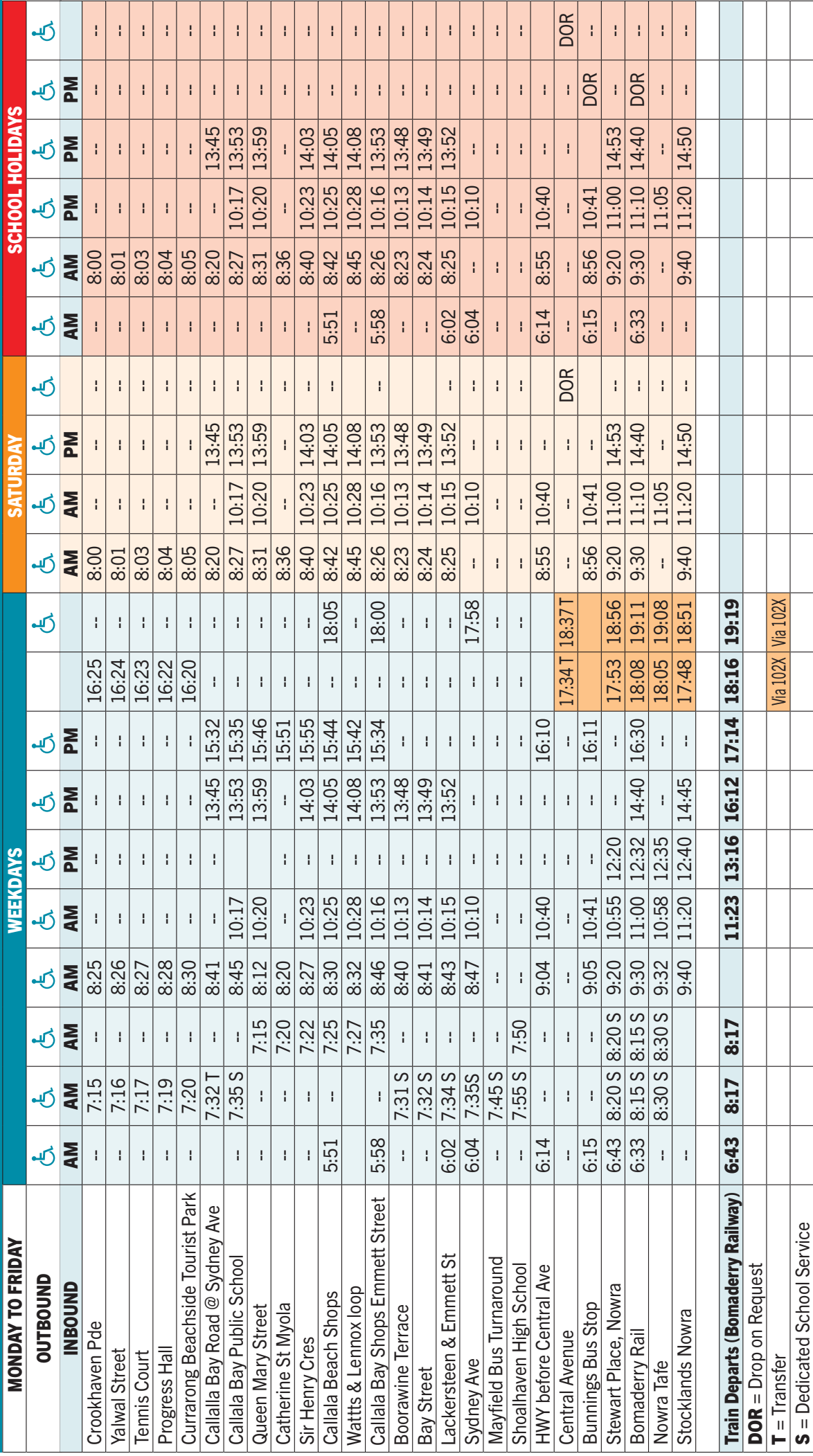
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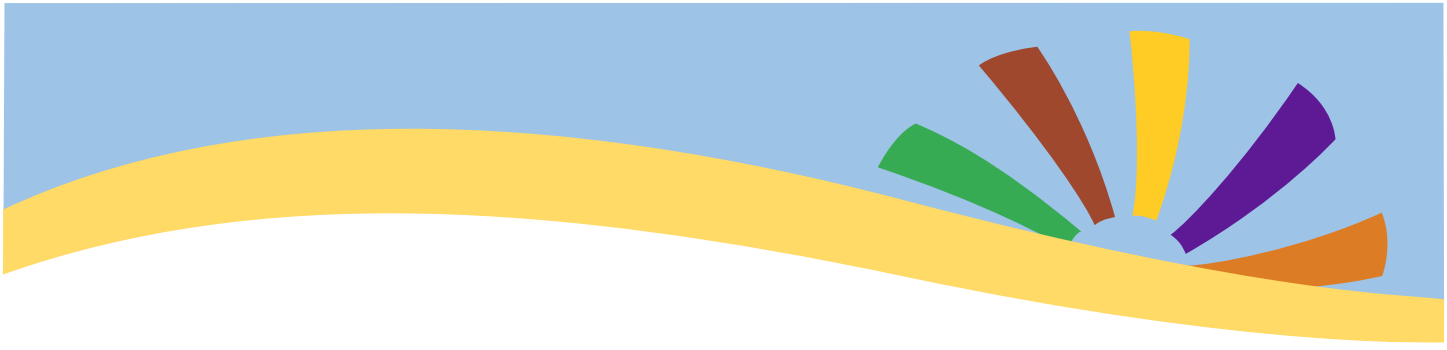
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Culburra Beach and District Garden Club Inc.

President Sharran welcomed guest speaker Mr Martin Montabello and his wife Sue to our September meeting. Martin is Vice President of the Shoalhaven Orchid Society and a passionate orchid grower. Before he got into orchids, Martin who has lived in Callala for 46 years, grew Fuchsias but a chance visit to an orchid society exhibition changed his life. He started to grow and show orchids starting with Cymbidiums to Phalaenopsis and Slipper orchids.

Martin showed us his pristine greenhouse and hot house which he built himself to shelter his collection of 150 Phalaenopsis. He likes to grow everything under cover which protects his orchids from intense winds and hot sun. His orchids flower all year round and are often displayed in his home. (lucky Sue) His talk centred on growing, watering and fertilising orchids. One interesting feature is that he grows his orchids into clear (see-through) plastic pots because they let you monitor root health and moisture levels.

His potting medium consists of bark, coconut chips, perlite, shell grit, and charcoal. Martin said that with fertiliser only use ¼ strength during Spring, Summer, and Autumn. Seasol is the simplest way as it is productive for the medium rather than the plant. The best is to immerse the pot in the Seasol solution until it gets a good drink. Martin said any generic fertiliser will do and to restrain from giving orchids too much water. You can grow orchids indoors if they have access to bright light but not direct sunlight.

There was a Q/A time for Martin to deal with member's queries. We are inviting Martin back as there are many of us who want to know more about growing and looking after our orchids. Martin and Sue generously donated a lovely orchid which was won by Anne. We thanked him for coming to our meeting and bringing in a stunning display of orchids.

We asked members to bring along their much-loved teddy or a soft toy to celebrate National Teddy Bear Day which was on September 9th. Members shared their story about their teddy bear. I did a short PowerPoint presentation on teddy bears and how they came about. Teddy bears got their name from U.S. President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt after he refused to shoot a captured bear during a 1902 hunting trip. A famous cartoon was drawn in The Washington Post satirizing Roosevelt's refusal to shoot the cute, small bear. Morris Michtom, a Brooklyn candy shop owner and toymaker, saw the cartoon and had his wife Rose craft a small stuffed bear. Michtom placed the plush bear in his shop window with a sign reading "Teddy's Bear" after getting formal permission from President Roosevelt. The toys became an overnight sensation.

The display table was immersed in a mass of spring flowers and with Martin's display of orchids, the church looked beautiful. Members brought in Clivias, native Orchids, Azaleas, Daffodils, Lavender, Geraldton wax, Daisies, Babiana, Bluebells, Begonia flowers, Eriostemon, Leucodendron, Ivy geraniums, Hippeastrum Spanish shawl, and Crassula.

Clivias are in full bloom now with their magnificent orange flowers. Clivias are tough, low-maintenance evergreen perennials featuring glossy, dark green strap-shaped leaves and bright, trumpet-shaped flowers and grow from fleshy roots instead of bulbs. They come from the shady woodlands of South Africa. Common names include bush lily, kaffir lily, and forest lily. They love shady spots or filtered, indirect light. Direct sun will burn their leaves. Because their fleshy roots store water, they are drought tolerant. Water them well when the topsoil dries out and keeps them dry during winter. They thrive when their roots are tightly squeezed (pot-bound) in a small container. Clivias were named after Lady Charlotte Florentina Clive, the Duchess of Northumberland, who was the granddaughter of Robert Clive, better known as Clive of India. There are many different varieties, but the Cream-flowering Clivias are highly sought-after.



Next meeting is Saturday October 17th.
Theme is Opals- (the traditional birthstone)
and native flowers or greenery. We meet at
the Culburra Anglican Church, Penguin Head
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Cheers to all and happy gardening, Doris
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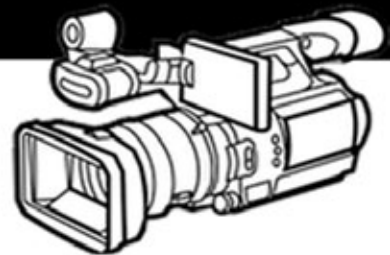
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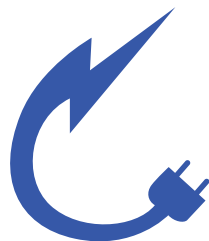
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Bushcare

I've written before about the Native orchids to be seen around Callala Bay in late winter and early spring, but these botanical delights are worth revisiting.

The first to put on a show were the Thin Pencil or Bridal Veil orchids which you may have caught a glimpse of - they grow on the trunks of *Casuarina Glauca* (She Oaks) - in the wetland area between Callala Creek and Lackersteen St.



These orchids are epiphytes, that means they draw their nutrition from the air and rain, plus bark debris around them. It boggles my mind that these sprays of flowers, flowing down the tree trunks at least 40-50 cm, are created by such minimal inputs.

From late August till late September, the delicate Greenhood orchids, and Tiger or Hornet Orchids emerge from the sandy loam soil between the end of Mitchell Rd and the first bridge near Boorawine Creek. These delicate little herbaceous orchids are amongst my favourite plants. Even though I know the timing of their emergence, they always manage to surprise me, seeming to pop up overnight.

The little Greenhood orchids - confusing name in our area here their 'hoods' are brown and grow in groups, or small clusters, between two to six. They are quite inconspicuous, their stems only grow about 15cm from a small rosette of leaves at their base. I think the appeal to many people is that their horned hood looks a bit like a face.

The bright yellow and brown faced Tiger Orchids are more noticeable and taller. Around here they grow to around 25cm.

Both the Greenhood and Tiger orchids seed doesn't contain any stored food reserves. When the orchid's seed, which looks like fine dust, falls to the ground, it makes a funky friend! The seed links up in the soil with a compatible type of fungal network or mycelium. The fungus feeds the seeds the type of nutrients needed to germinate and as the sprouting seed develops the fungus builds an exchange system in the orchid's roots. The fungus provides nutrients like phosphorus to the orchid and the orchid provides the fungus with carbon carbonate. There is so much going on in the ground under our feet. One more reason to treasure living in spectacular Callala Bay.



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- Project StatusIn Progress
- Estimated completion date 31 March 2028
- Last reviewed30 July 2026

The latest

August 2026 update:

The construction tender for the roundabouts is now live.

Callala Bay Road has been delayed due to additional environmental investigations. To maintain the overall program, construction of the Worrigeer Roundabout has been brought forward.

Revised construction timing estimates for each site are provided below.

Detailed design of the road upgrades is continuing.

About the project

The Australia Government has committed \$40 million to upgrade six locations within the Shoalhaven Region.

The project will address existing road failures and improve the durability and safety of the roads, with a range of improvements to be considered including pavement reconstruction, widening, road raising, signage, line marking, guardrail and intersection upgrades.

The project will be delivered in three phases over a 3-4 year period:

Scoping Phase COMPLETE - Site investigations and options assessment to determine the preferred treatment measures for each of the 6 sites.

Development Phase - Design finalisation.

Delivery Phase - Tendering and construction.

The funding will be used to repair and upgrade four roads and two intersections including:

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(February 2027 to August 2027)

Callala Bay Roundabout
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Nominations open for Shoalhaven Australia Day Awards

Published on 18 September 2026



The opportunity to recognise outstanding members of the Shoalhaven community is here, with nominations now open for the 2027 Shoalhaven Australia Day Awards.

Community members are encouraged to nominate someone who has gone above and beyond to make a positive difference in the Shoalhaven, with nominators going into the draw to win a \$500 Holiday Haven tourist park voucher.

Acting Mayor Peter Wilkins said the Australia Day Awards shine a light on the people whose dedication and community spirit help make the Shoalhaven a great place to live.

“Across the Shoalhaven there are people quietly making a difference every day, whether they’re volunteering, achieving great things in sport or helping to strengthen our community,” Cr Wilkins said.

“The Australia Day Awards are an opportunity to celebrate the people whose efforts enrich our community and make us proud to call the Shoalhaven home.

“If someone has inspired you or made a positive impact over the past year, I encourage you to take a few minutes to nominate them,” he said.

Nominators go into a draw to win a \$500 Holiday Haven voucher. This year there are four categories for nominations and include:

Citizen of the Year: Recognises a citizen 25 years and over who has demonstrated an outstanding achievement for the Shoalhaven community.

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Sports Achiever of the Year: Recognises a committed sportsperson (athlete, coach, manager, mentor, volunteer or official) 12 years and over who has demonstrated an outstanding sports achievement in the Shoalhaven community.

Head to Council’s website for more information on the categories and to nominate someone great by Friday 13 November 2026.

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