

CALLALA BAY NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of the Callala Bay Community Association Incorporated

JUNE 2015



NEW HAPPENINGS THIS MONTH!

THANKS TO SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL WE NOW HAVE A NEW BENCH SEAT ON THE UNIVERSAL PATHWAY AND WORK HAS RECOMMENCED ON THE UNIVERSAL PATHWAY FROM THE STEPS BEHIND THE YACHT CLUB – THANKYOU TO CBCA COMMITTEE MEMBER JIM AND HIS VOLUNTEER TEAM WHO CONTINUE TO WORK TIRELESSLY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

THE CALLALA BAY UNIVERSAL PATHWAY PROJECT

There appears to be a misconception about this project. In this issue it is our intention to provide you with facts:

HISTORY.

The origins of the path come from two areas, the work done by the now defunct Creating Callala Committee and from the Round The Bay Walk project.

The CBCA sought and obtained a grant for \$82,000.00 under the Community Building Partnership from the NSW Government to undertake construction of a path from Sheaffe St to the bridge over Callala Creek. The Shoalhaven City Council surveyed the proposed route of the path and in the process it became evident that archaeological investigation was required to determine the extent of the subsurface middens used by the original land owners. That investigation found that the extent, cultural and scientific significance was far greater than was first supposed.

IMPLICATION OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS.

As a result Council advised the CBCA that it would not be possible to construct any form of concrete path from Marine Parade to Callala Creek, including the sealing of the unmade portion of Marine Parade. The CBCA respects the significance of the middens, both to the indigenous and scientific communities. Council made it clear that they were also required to observe the findings of the survey and were not able to provide permission for us to proceed with the original proposal to build a sealed concrete pathway. Other overland options were canvassed and rejected. There was no objection however to the continued use of the Headland Track currently used by walkers and cyclists. In fact as part of the Round The Bay Walk, it is imperative that the track be utilised to allow people to take advantage of the panoramic views afforded from the headland. It was pointed out to us that those using the track are following in the footsteps of the indigenous landowners. The CBCA recognising the need to provide access to the Round the Bay Walk for those less mobile, or less willing to use the track, particularly in wet weather, canvassed the idea of providing an alternate route specifically for those with mobility issues via a shared footpath down Bay Street, enabling people to access Bicentennial Park, and onwards to Myola via Benton Sands and Callala Beach. This would mean that they would not be denied the opportunity either to complete the walk or to take advantage of the views. There now seems to be some confusion here and we state categorically to dispel any misconceptions

- The Bay St alternative is a concept only
- It was not, nor is it intended to replace the route of the original path which can be and should be accessed from the end of the concrete path at the Callala Point Look Out
- The construction of any shared pathway in Bay St would be the responsibility of the SCC (We note here that it is public land and should Council, for what ever reason wish to construct a path they are within their rights to do so. In fact for safety reasons it would be difficult to justify any objection)
- No funds from original grant supplied to the CBCA will be utilised in that shared pathway if indeed it is ever constructed. That decision and funding lies with Council.

As part of the concept, CBCA has indicated to Council where a branch from the original path might link up Bay Street and Marine Parade and marked it out accordingly. Council has yet to survey and investigate that branch path and the CBCA will not be undertaking any construction until permission is granted. It may well be that should the branch path be approved it could be funded by Council and not by the CBCA as the balance of the original grant funds will be used on the second stage of section one, i.e. from the bottom of the stairs near the sailing club north towards Sheaffe St

The first stage of section one has now been completed, ending in a turn out to the unsealed section of Marine Parade. The CBCA was not permitted to go beyond the survey point for section one (currently under construction).

WHERE TO NOW?

The balance of section one of the path will shortly commence from the base of the steps near the sailing club and head north toward Sheaffe St. This will take place once Council has surveyed and pegged the route. There is a misconception again that the universal path should provide an alternate access from the path along the car park to the upper section of the path above the sailing club for the disabled, bicycles or prams. Whilst this would be desirable it is not within the scope or the terms of the grant neither is it within the financial capacity of the grant to fund such a proposal. The current plans, as provided by Council indicate that the current steps are to remain. It is unlikely that the balance of the funds in hand will be sufficient to complete the path to Sheaffe St, however we are of the understanding that Council will undertake its completion.

PRESIDENTS REPORT with thanks to Leann

Our last meeting commenced with Vice President, Julia Lockerbie, introducing members of the CBCA Committee to the guests. Julia reminded everyone that the overall tenor of all our meetings is one of respect and politeness and asked that speakers keep their comments to two minutes, thus allowing everyone to have their say.

As per Shoalhaven City Council's, Guidelines for the Conduct of Community Consultative Bodies, 1.4 Recommended Conduct for Attendance at CCB Meetings:-

Participants are encouraged to:

- a) Come with good intentions and extend goodwill to all participants;
- b) Address the issue not the person and endeavour to express yourself clearly;
- c) Listen to and respect other's opinions.

CBCA:- Anyone not obeying the above rules will be asked to leave the meeting.

The Chairperson, Leann Lewington then officially opened the meeting to all 16 members and 3 Visitors present:- Greg Westlake (Callala Beach Progress Association), Julie Morris and James Morris.

Apologies:- Marie Bhugon, Clr. Patricia White, Clr. Jemma Tribe, Kaye Paris, Michael Paris, Bill Hughes, Lorraine Taylor, Jeannie Green and Mayor Joanna Gash.

We tabled our 49 in-coming e-mails and the 19 out-going e-mails.

Leann and Julia spoke about the 4 hour meeting they attended at the Council chambers, with other Community Consultative Bodies. These meetings are held twice yearly and are very informative.

We will purchase 3 Dog Waste Dispensers and bags from our Fund Raising Account.

For the past 5 years we have held discussions regarding moving our monthly meetings to the Callala Community Centre (instead of the Callala Bay Progress Hall).

Motion by: Leann Lewington and seconded by Julia Lockerbie:-

That we move our monthly meetings to the Callala Community Centre, commencing in August, 2015.

12 people voted yes, 2 people voted no, 3 people abstained from voting (as they are on the Callala Community Centre, Management Committee) therefore the motion was carried.

CBCA Meeting Dates for 2015:-

Wednesday, 10 June, 7.30 pm Progress Hall, Boorawine Tce.

Wednesday, 8 July, 7.30 pm Progress Hall, Boorawine Tce.

Please note:- commencing in August, our meetings will be held in the Callala Community Centre, Emmett St.

Wednesday, 12 August, 7.30 pm Callala Community Centre, Emmett St.

Saturday, 12 September, 3 pm Callala Community Centre, Emmett St.

Wednesday, 14 October, 7.30 pm Callala Community Centre, Emmett St.

Wednesday, 11 November, 7.30 pm Callala Community Centre, Emmett St.

Wednesday, 9 December 7.30 pm Callala Community Centre, Emmett St.

Please note: - there will be no meeting on Wednesday, 9 September. Instead we will be having a Sausage Sizzle and September meeting combined on Saturday, 12 September, 2015 3 pm in the Callala Community Centre, Emmett Street. All Welcome!!

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Chisholm Street update:- Howard gave an overview of our concerns, as per last month's Newsletter.

Universal Pathway:- the remaining 14 metres of concrete to link Marine Parade is now finished. Well done to Jim Townsend and his team of volunteers, a great job well done!!!

We welcomed 3 new members:- Valerie Frith, Julie Morris and James Morris. We also had 1 returning member:- Bill Frith.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10 June, 2015 at the Callala Bay Progress Hall, 73-75 Boorawine Tce, Callala Bay, commencing at 7.30 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 7:20pm

AROUND TOWN

I truly do not like Winter, while I appreciate the ever-changing scenery in our beautiful town, I would prefer to look at it from under my doona, but here we are at the start of Winter and life must go on!

Do you find yourself being complacent, taking this amazing town for granted? In the past month I have travelled to Sydney and interstate, wow it was unbelievably wonderful to return "home."

When you have 5 minutes to spare, go and have a look at the new bench seat up on the Universal Pathway, have a sit and contemplate, it is a great place to do it (although I'm thinking we may need to create a reservations system!)

Jim Townsend and his amazing team of volunteers have recommenced the construction of the pathway, I am in awe of the time and energy these people give, a simple thank you seems inadequate.

The CBCA currently has some lever arch files that are free to a good home, at last count there are approx. 20, so if you would like them please give me a call – first come, first served.

This month we welcome two new advertisers: Pottenger & McGee Solicitors and the Callala Men's Golf Vets Club, take a look at their ads P15 and P20.

Sadly there have been a number of serious reports of break and enter this month, as well as a stolen boat from the Bay. Please keep your eyes peeled, report anything suspicious to the police. I have heard quite a few people comment that they don't bother reporting crime, because the police do not show up, please be aware that every report is logged, and it is these reports that are used to ascertain the policing levels for the area.

The Callala Brumbies Soccer Season is well underway, get along to support them!

The School Canteen continues to need volunteers for the canteen, even 1 day a month would help. P&C meetings times have changed as follows: "From now on, we will alternate the monthly Tuesday meetings at 3:30pm and 7pm to allow working parents the opportunity to get involved and meet other parents. The next P&C meeting will be **Tuesday 2nd June at 3-30pm** Hope to see you then - all welcome!"

If any not for profit or community group would like to advertise in the Callala Bay News, please let me know, there is no charge.

Anyway, that's all for me this month,

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Julia

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CALLALA GOLF REPORT with thanks to Billy D

If you are a golfer Male or Female or are interested in playing please come and join us. Saturday Men's comp. (Lady Player's welcome) Tuesday Vet's comp. (again Female players welcome) Wednesday Ladies comp
The old saying that "Strength in numbers" is very true so Help make your club stronger by coming and participating in a great game amongst terrific people.

If you are reading this it means that you are interested in Golf so before getting started with the May Report, here is an important date and event.

Sunday, 7 June is the Callala annual "Allan Gaffey" Memorial Cancer Fundraiser day"

Some of you may remember Allan who was a passionate and active golfer, bowler and community person who participated in most golf and bowls programs both at club level and at representative level which also including fundraisers for various causes.

We invite all interested golfers, Male and Female to register and come along and support us with Allan's Cancer Fundraising Day. It is a fun day to celebrate a great bloke and at the same time raise funds for our local Cancer Foundation.

The cost for 18 holes of golf with lunch and a drink is \$15 per person.

Contact the Golf shop (4446 5112) between 7.30am and 5 pm and arrange for a time slot for yourself or your group.

Saturday Men's Golf 28th March 2015

Right from the start today it was obvious that it was going to be one of those days where all the planets aligned to ensure that the game format of two-person multiplier coupled with single stableford would be one that would be enjoyed by all who played.

Great weather coupled with the course being in good condition and a big field of spectators (Kangaroos and other wildlife) gathered to witness some great golf.

Battling through the crowds of spectators where today's champion pair, Barry Whitlock and Frank Park.

The boys reported that although the crowd was large in number they were generally well behaved and very appreciative of the exhibition of excellent golf put on by them in taking out their win.

Congratulations Barry and Frank on your win and for your kind words about the adoring and appreciative crowd of supporters.

Runners up today in the two-person multiplier were the formable team of Jamie Reardon and Andrew Rostron who although not having time to stop for photos or autographs also indicated their appreciation of the large crowd.

Today's overall stableford winner and converted incentive award winner was Rob Jerman who demonstrated why he is one of Callala's top players.

1st Frank Park & Barry Whitlock. 2nd Andrew & Jamie. O/All winner Rob with Graham & Ilija



Saturday Men's Golf 9th May

Callala course although still very water logged in places was declared open for play much to the resounding cheers of all the members.

To celebrate after not being able to play on the course for nearly four weeks the Men's Saturday Golf players took part in a single stroke Monthly Medal event.

Winner of today, Col Chessell who through his talent today took out overall winner, "B" grade Monthly Medal winner and to top off a great day also walked away with the converted encouragement award, which certainly added to his pleasure at his day's achievements

"A" Grade Monthly Medal winner for this month went to Gary Donovan who put in a very skilled round of golf to earn his place in the winner's circle.

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Overall runner up for the day was to go to Mark Reardon who also won the "C" Grade Monthly Medal with a great round of golf to secure his win.

Winner Col Chessell with Ilija Sesum. "A" grade Garry Donovan. "C" grade Mark Reardon



Saturday Men's Golf 23rd May

Today a smaller than usual field of keen players contested the deferred May Monthly Medal stroke round that was today's format.

Even though Mother Nature did her darnedest to try and wreck today's game she failed miserably as we had one up on her by playing the new Callala rated wet weather course.

The wet weather course is a great initiative by the club and now allows for play to take place where in the past the course would have been closed. Well-done Callala!!!

A big Congratulations goes to today's overall winner and "A" Monthly Medal winner, Col Chessell who certainly epitomises that saying "When you're hot you're hot and when you're not you're not".

Well over the last few matches including Vets' Col has been "Hot" and playing great golf to maintain his current place in the winner's circle as top dog.

Well done Col and we hope your great form continues for Monday's match against Shoalhaven Heads.

Overall runner up was Mike Inness after the count back denied him Col's top dog spot.

Today's "B" grade Monthly Medal winner was David Brumby who also played some great golf to record his win.

Congratulations Dave on a well deserved win.

Coming in as "C" grade Monthly Medal winner was Glen Harding. I am sure that Glen's win today will inspire him to carry his great form over to Monday's game against Shoalhaven Heads. Congratulations Glen on a great win.

The culinary delights of Monthly Medal continued today with the great meal served up to today's combatants who showed their appreciation by their smiles and thank you.

Huge thanks and appreciation to Wayne Campbell, Gordana Sesum and Jamie Reardon for their dedication and efforts with the meal, as always it was scrumptious.

Overall winner & "A" grade winner Col Chessell with Ilija.

"B" Grade Winner David Brumby with Captain Ilija Sesum.

No photo available of "C" grade winner Glen Harding.



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TRAVELS

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One of the most amazing ways to experience the sites and cultures of Cambodia and Vietnam is to travel between the two on the Mekong River aboard the Jahan. The Mekong River is the 7th longest river in Asia and the 12th longest river in the world. For centuries she has linked small communities in trade but more recently she has become an important international trade route as she connects six Mekong countries. Even with modernization the Mekong has retained her heritage and culture. Community trade is still vibrant and a way of life on this amazing river.

Travel Indochina offer a wonderful small group tour that starts in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This is the gate way to Angkor Wat Angkor Wat is the largest religious monument in the world first being a Hindu and then a Buddhist Temple. It was built by the Khmer King Suryavarman 11 in the 12th century and this area was the capital of the Khmer Empire. It became his state temple and then his mausoleum.

Today Angkor Wat has gone under restoration mainly to remove vegetation and to open up parts for the public to view. This temple is a powerful symbol of Cambodia and due to its artistic legacy this led directly to France adopting Cambodia as a protectorate in 1863. Cambodia became independent of France in 1953 and has controlled Angkor Wat since then. It is hard to image the scale and beauty of Angkor Wat unless you see it for yourself. The outer wall encloses a space of 203 acres and the temple is surrounded by a 190 metre wide moat. It really is one of the manmade wonders of the world and a must see at some stage in life.

Siem Reap is a vibrant city and the start of most tours down the Mekong. The hotel that is a must stay is the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor. This hotel



is part of the Raffles group who has the famous hotel in Singapore. She was built in 1929 in the grand colonial French style. Today she combines colonial grandeur with modern elegance and is one of the most beautiful hotels you can image. Surrounded by French gardens, rooms with classic four- poster beds and the restaurant complete with silver candelabras and white linen.

After leaving Siem Reap the next stop is to board the luxurious Jahan for an unforgettable cruise down the Mekong to Vietnam. The Jahan design was inspired by the Shah of Jahan who was known for his love of his wife which inspired him to construct the Taj Mahal in her honour. The Jahan has 26 spacious cabins all with large balconies, air conditioning, luxurious beds, en-suite

bathrooms and all decorated in Raj – era designs. The Jahan is a luxury floating hotel with public areas such as the bar, restaurant and pool all in the same style. She has brought cruising on the Mekong to a whole new level of style, comfort and service.

The Mekong cruise is all about meeting the people and experiencing life in Cambodia and Vietnam. The people centre their life around the Mekong so cruising down her is the best way to see the real Cambodia and Vietnam. The Jahan does not cruise far each day and the water is very calm. There is plenty of time each day to explore the different villages on guided tours, explore on your own or take one of the optional tours. Since she pulls up right at the shore you also have the luxury of going back to the boat when you feel like it for a rest or a swim. Some of the highlights of this cruise are Tonlp Sap Lake, Kampong Chhang, Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Chau Doc, Cai Be and M Tho where the cruise ends.

The first stop once leaving Siem Reap is Tonlp Sap Lake that was designated as a UNESCO biosphere in 1997. This lake is the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia and the home to many ethnic Vietnamese who live in floating villages around the lake. During the wet season the lake fills and at the end of the season the local people make their living out of fishing where the majority of fish in Cambodia comes from. Kampong Chhang is located at the western end of Tonlp Sap Lake and is gate way to Phnom Penh as it is connected by a highway and railway. Just outside Kampong Chhang and on the way to Kampong Cham there is an amazing pottery village.

The next highlight of the cruise is Kampong Cham which is located in Eastern Cambodia. It is another fascinating village and here you can experience village life and a seldom visited silk weaving village.

The next day you arriving in Phnom Penh once known as the “Pearl of Asia “ as it was considered the most beautiful off all the French-built cities in Indochina. It is the capital and largest city in Cambodia and become the capital of the Khmer Empire in 1432 when it was moved from Angkor. The buildings are amazing and you can see why it was known as the Pearl of Asia.



There is also a dark side to Phnom Penh which lies 17 km from the capital in a place called Choeung Ek. This is the site of the Choeung EK Genocidal Centre

or as we know it as the Killing Fields. You are encouraged to visit the centre and learn about the sad history of Cambodia between the years of 1975 and 1979 where over one million people were executed by the Khmer Rouge. This tour is confronting but very worthwhile. After a day of reflecting on what humans can do to each other you are treated to a fantastic beach BBQ and traditional Khmer dance performance to celebrate the rich Cambodian history from ancient happier years. The following day you cruise towards the Vietnam board and arrive in Chau Doc with its rich French Colonial architecture and bustling market and then on to Cai Be which is known for its colourful floating markets. Here you



get to experience the markets, visit local orchards, traditional homes and rattan making.

Leaving the Jahan at My Tho to travel overland to Saigon was a sad day. The crew and guides on board were amazing and the food was outstanding and the experiences along the way are one of a kind and never to be forgotten.

Saigon is an eye opener. So different from life on the Mekong. The buildings are grand, the streets are wide and lined with beautiful trees. The War Remnants Museum is well worth a visit if you are interested in learning more about the Vietnam War and the Cu Chi tunnels on the city's outskirts are a must.

The Cu Chi tunnels were used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War and are a network of connecting underground tunnels. They were used not only as hiding spots during the war but as supply routes, hospitals, storage of food and weapons plus living places for many during this period. They are fascinating to visit and just amazing to see.

Both Cambodia and Vietnam are fascinating places. There is so much more to see in these countries but this tour gives you a great insight to their way of life and history. The people were so beautiful and friendly and the whole experience you could not fault.



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GONE FISHING With thanks to Jon Lee

Hi fellow Fishos,

Well here we go again. Weather, weather, weather! What can I say? It has been so terrible for fishing that I nearly cancelled this fishing report.

What a difference a day makes. A little stable weather and all is well with the world.

The current bright spot is squid. Extra large and plentiful.

Kingfish are still out there and a good size. You may have to move around to find them but they are out there. I was talking to a guy last Sunday at Currarong ramp. He had tried a host of places from Currarong to J.B. and finally got on to some good

sized ones at The Hat. They also caught some nice morwong.

Tale of the day was a good catch of flathead, caught last Saturday from the rocks.

Caught on pilchards using gang hooks. 8 flathead over 60cms. He threw the 4 biggest back. Nice to see people keeping only what they need.

Snapper also are back on the menu. One of my customers showed me a photo of a nice reddie, complete with hump caught just outside the Hammerhead sanctuary area. They caught quite a few good sized ones.

Talking to a guy the other day and he reckons we will be in for a bumper Spring/ Summer season for fish. Apparently The El Nino will be bringing hotter water than normal, sooner than usual. This in turn will bring the more northern type of fish down here earlier. Already the water up north is hotter and further south than normal. So we can look forward to some top fishing come Spring.

In between the weed on the beach there are still some good whiting, bream and the occasional trevally to be caught also.

A couple of my sons' mates, Grant Trethewey and Justin should arrive in Weipa to-day, so in a weeks time hopefully I will have the drum on what's happening up there. Maybe also some good photos for the next edition.

Till next month, good health and good fishing.

Would be fishing.

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CALLALA BUSHCARE GROUP with thanks to Lesley Oliver

RAIN, rain, rain and sometimes high winds made for a difficult month for Bushcare and we only managed two active sessions in the month, both at the Callala Creek Bushland Reserve at the end of Lackersteen St, Callala Bay. We cut back more of the Buffalo Grass, and hand-weeded around the healthy Casuarina trees and existing native reeds and groundcover plants, in preparation for more herbicide. Sadly, but far too commonly, we spent a fair proportion of the session removing litter from the site.



Ron and Ed, the Council bushcarers, bravely found some time amongst the wild weather, to remove the remaining Norfolk Island Hibiscus trees. They also “frilled” and poisoned the extremely large one which they left in place as it is far too large to remove at this stage.



If the weather continues to be unsuitable for outdoor activities, we are happy to report that there are any number of excellent courses and workshops on offer in the next few months:

Of interest to all local fisher folk is the Fish Habitat Workshop on Thursday May 28 between 5.30 and 7.30pm. Scott Nichols from Fisheries NSW is the guest speaker. This will take place at Lady Denman Museum, Classroom 2, 11 Dent St Huskisson. Please RSVP to Adam Woods 02 4228 9246 by 26 may. For more details –<http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/?u=1519d918ebe8cb475cfc02d0d&id=17504179d5&e=26597757c2>

If your passions run more to gardening and home sustainability, the very popular courses run by Shoalhaven Council Waste Services will be available throughout May and June. The free 1½ hour workshops include Composting, Worm Farming, Veggie Gardening and more. Don’t forget to grab your FREE compost bin at a Compost Stage 1 workshop. New workshops this Autumn include “Healthy Soils, Healthy Life” and “Bokashi and Probiotics for the house and garden”. For more information phone the friendly Waste Services team on ext. 3374 or check the internet

<http://shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Waste-and-recycling/Home-Sustainability-Workshops>

Meanwhile, with the cooler weather, it is also a good time to check your own garden for environmental weeds. Given their tendency to run amok, weeds are rarely welcome in gardens, but if they are left to flourish there, they will eventually spread to surrounding gardens and bushland. With the onset of winter, it should be easy to spot the red berries of the very invasive Asparagus Fern (*Asparagus aethiopicus*).



This perennial groundcover or prostrate shrub has long, arching, prickly stems

These are followed by pale green berries which mature to bright red in winter.

Introduced as a garden ornamental, and given its hardiness, Asparagus Fern has been popular in hanging baskets. It is now one of the worst weeds in the Shoalhaven, spreading rapidly through bird droppings, water, and the dumping of garden waste. It smothers other plants, and its dense root mass traps moisture and soil nutrients, at the expense of other plants.

Please assist your neighbours and the surrounding bush by removing Asparagus Fern from your garden; and disposing of all garden waste at the local tip, or as compost.

Residents and visitors are welcome to join Bushcare sessions which are held every Tuesday between 8-10am. All tools and equipment supplied. If you have any enquiries, please contact: Bryan Lenne PH: 4446 4157



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK with thanks to Jo Gash

Thank you for allowing me to provide you with what is happening in Ward 2, especially Callala Bay / Beach areas.

Ward 2 Councillors are:

Clr Joanna Gash – Mayor – 0427 160 170
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Recently completed works:

Culburra Beach – Black Swan Way near Greenbank Grove, sealing of table drain.

Callala Bay – Recent inspection of Chisholm Street re the location of new footpath. We appreciated that so many of the Committee turned up to discuss this ongoing issue with the Councillors and staff who were present.

Newly started works –

Culburra Beach – Clearing and mowing of drains will commence in the next few weeks.

Culburra – Orient Point Oval – An inspection is being arranged to investigate the work that needs to be done on the oval, home to the “Cougars”.

Park Row, Orient Point – Stormwater pipeline construction is progressing near the Raglan Street intersection. Runoff from the underdeveloped land to the north will be intercepted, piped and discharged downstream in to Council's existing stormwater infrastructure.

Jerrinja – Orient Point – Council Rangers have donated a box trailer to assist with the cleaning of illegal waste as part of the Illawarra region dumping program.

Vincentia – Orion Beach Shared Pathway – Tenders have been selected and work commenced. This shared path will complete the missing link for the Round the Bay walk from Minerva Avenue to Plantation Point Parade including Callala Bay.

Vincentia Shopping Centre – Work is progressing with walls starting to go up on the site.

Worring Heights – Naval College Road – An 80 room motel, reception area, restaurant, pool, tennis court and day spa has been approved – providing much needed accommodation and work opportunities.

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CALLALA MEN'S BOWLS NEWS with thanks to Lyn Byrne

The rain stayed away for the final of the Men's Major Singles Championship. This game between Col Neighbour and Garry Manning had been postponed due to rain three times. A large crowd of supporters gathered to watch a fantastic game of bowls. Both started well, the score Col 3 Garry 2 on the 4th end. On the 19th end, Col led 18 – 15 and from there slowly pulled away to win the match 31 – 22 on the 31st end. Congratulations to both players on a terrific game of bowls. Thank you to Steve Foley, Shoalhaven Gutter Cleaning, for sponsoring a sausage sizzle for the players and spectators and Steve Irwin and Eddie Semevente for their usual BBQ culinary expertise.

The AGM of the Men's Bowling Club was held on Sunday 10th May. Greg McMillan was re-elected as President. Corey Carter and Tiger Mason are the Vice Presidents. Pat Ford was returned as Secretary as was Bob Fowler as Treasurer. Dennis Beazley is now Bowls Organiser, Chairman of Match, Selectors Committee and Delegates representative with Peter Hobill. The Assistant Bowls Organisers are Marty Gehrke and Ron Wilkinson. The match committee is Steve Foley, Gary Manning and Ken Carney. The selectors are Corey Carter, Anthony Fisher and Col Neighbour. Darryl (Tiger) Mason was surprised and honoured to be bestowed with Life Membership for his dedication and hard work for the club. Fine and cool conditions, last Saturday were the order of the day for the first semi final of the Men's Pairs Championship. The two Steve's, Foley and Irwin won the first end. Corey Carter and Col Neighbour come back with a vengeance taking the lead 17 – 5 on the 12th end. Even though the two Steve's fought back, Corey and Col were too good on the day, winning the game 23 – 11, the score not indicative of the play. The second semi final is set down for later in the week.



Top L L to R Garry Manning and Col Neighbour winner of the Men's Major Singles Championship with marker President Greg McMillan

Top Centre L to R The executive committee for 2015 Bob Fowler, Tiger Mason, Greg McMillan, Corey Carter and Patrick Ford

Top Right Tiger Mason after being made a life member of the Callala Men's Bowling Club

Bottom L L to R Corey Carter and Col Neighbour after winning their Pairs semi final against Steve Irwin and Steve Foley

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CALLALA WOMEN'S BOWLS NEWS with thanks to Lyn Byrne

After weeks of rain, the sun shone on Tuesday, 28th April, for the Kath McDonald Memorial Day. Two games of 13 ends were played followed by a sumptuous lunch catered for by the social committee. This year's winning team with two wins + 7, was Bev Young, Joan Jagger and Tracey Semevente, with Joan and Tracey playing one game each. Second place on a count back went to Dianne Dawes and Terry McMillan with a win and a loss +9. Joy Green, Audrey Mansfield and Petra Evison took out third place, also with a win and a loss +9. Joy and Audrey played one game each. Jane Davis and Barbara Hollands won the AM prize. Jan Wright and Lyn Byrne scraped in by 3 shots to win the PM prize.

Thank you to Jim and Sophie McDonald for attending and presenting the prizes on behalf of his late parents. I would also like to thank President Terry McMillan and her merry band of helpers for organising and serving lunch and Joan Jagger for organising the teams.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 19th May. Terry McMillan was returned as President as was Elaine Coid Secretary, Jane Davis Treasurer. Vice President is Tracey Semevente with Joan Jagger Bowls Organiser, Lyn Byrne Publicity Officer.

After the monthly meeting and AGM, the ladies played their first 7UP competition for the year, the weather being fine for once. Dianne Scotto and Bev Fowler defeated Dianne Dawes and Lyn Byrne. Rocky Richetti and Joan Jagger defeated Joy Green and Tracey Semevente. The major singles is set down for the 2nd June; please make sure you put your name down.

Top L L to R Joan Jagger, Bev Young, Tracey Semevente with Jim McDonald jnr after winning the Kath McDonald Memorial Day trophy

Top R L to R Dianne Dawes and Terry McMillan with Jim McDonald jnr with their runner up prize

Bottom R L to R Jim McDonald jnr presenting

Barbara Hollands and Jane Davis with their AM prize

Bottom L L to R Jim McDonald jnr presenting Lyn Byrne and Jan Wright with their PM prize



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