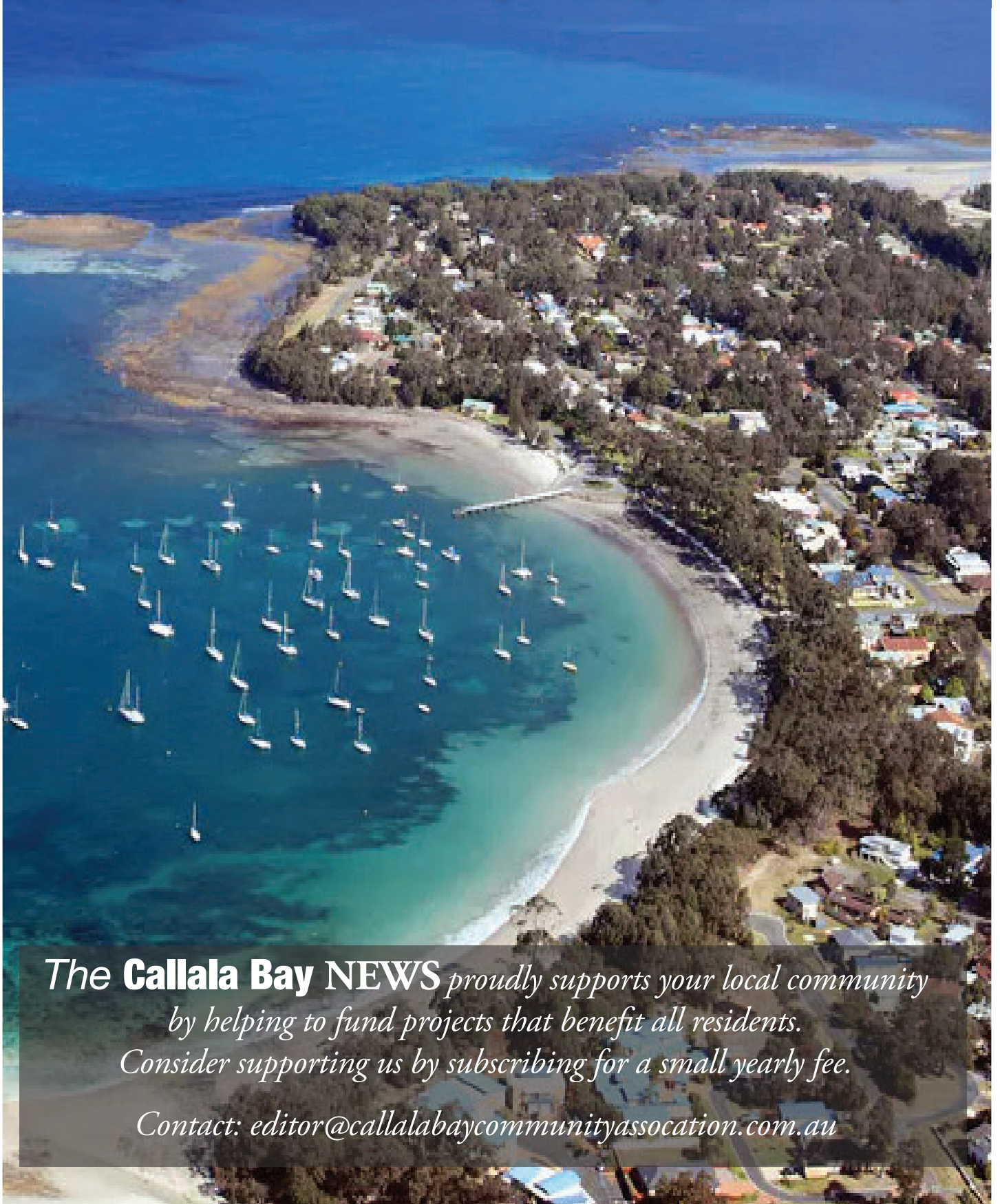


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CBCA Report

A general meeting of the CBCA was held on Wednesday 9th February 2022. There was a good turnup and we were pleased to welcome three new members. At the end of the meeting, we enjoyed coffee and cake and a chance for a chat with our neighbours and friends.

We had a report from the Australia Day working group team leader- John Fowler- who highlighted how successful the day was with great weather and a terrific crowd. The fantastic financial results of the day were also discussed.

The petition for a pathway in Sheaffe St continues to garner signatures so we will continue to raise this matter with SCC. We were unsuccessful in our application for grant funding for the outdoor exercise facility, so we will consider where to on this project in the coming months. There was considerable discussion amongst those present, about a rezoning proposal for a part of Sealark Road- Lot 5 DP 1225356. As a result, we have written to SCC highlighting the apparent contradiction of the agreed planned use of the area which is very environmentally sensitive.

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CBCA Report

We have requested further advice on the proposal, while expressing the deep concern the community has about the proposal. There was also discussion about the community's desire to have green waste bins, which have been a focus of a lot of community feedback. The CBCA will obtain further information on SCC plans in this regard as it appears that a different approach is going to be taken.

So.... WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Michael Roberts and Nigel Smith from Shoalhaven City Council provided a presentation on the Coastal Management Program that SCC is currently developing for the Open Coast and Jervis Bay. Nigel indicated that Stage 2 of the program has been completed with the consultants reviewing previous consultations and studies as well as reviewing the entire beach in Callala Bay. They are currently developing management actions to deal with the risks and the opportunities that they have identified. They plan to hold 'drop in' sessions during March and April where community members can raise issues and ideas they have for the management of our coast. The CBCA will take an active role in advertising these sessions and helping to organise them. Nigel and Michael took questions from the floor.

They highlighted the many different agencies that have a role in the management of the Bay and informed the meeting that Transport NSW has funded the works to be undertaken on the Callala Bay boat ramp, which is a project being managed by another section of SCC. The Environmental Services group is providing input into the plan for the boat ramp.

The community is encouraged to stay informed of the CMP process through the SCC's Get Involved Project page.

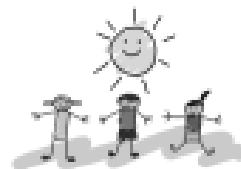
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As you can see, we had a full and interesting agenda which the CBCA committee intends to continue to deliver. If you have a topic you think will be of interest to the wider Callala Bay community please let the CBCA know and we will endeavour to follow up on it. As always, we welcome all members of the community to our general meetings.

The CBCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March 2022 where financial members can vote for office bearers of the CBCA. If you are interested in taking up a role please let the Secretary know. The email address is admin@callalabaycommunityassociation.com. We are particularly keen to recruit a Minute Secretary whose sole job is to take the minutes at our General and Committee meetings. We don't require "Hansard" type minutes, just accurate and brief notes from the meetings.

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Bushcare

This month I'm turning my attention to the Callala Creek Bushland Reserve, specifically the area where our Bush Care team built a long section of boardwalk with the remainder being constructed by Council.

If you've been to the start of the walk at the corner of Sheaffe and Chisolm Streets and wondered why you have to swing your leg over a heavy gauge fence to access the track to the boardwalk, I have two words for you: trail bikes!

As the sign at the start of the boardwalk notes, this area comprises four types of vegetation communities all listed as Endangered in NSW. These are saltmarsh, swamp sclerophyll forest, bangalay sand forest and swamp oak forest.

One of the reasons a saltmarsh environment is particularly endangered is because these fragile places are so easily damaged. It can take many years for delicate soils and vegetation like these to recover from the impact of the imprints of vehicle tyres. In fact, when our group was first established nearly twenty years ago, the saltmarsh adjacent to the creek was littered with abandoned cars and there were skid marks from all sorts of vehicles cutting deep grooves into the soft soil.

When our group started working in this area because of the dumping and damage the Council removed car wrecks, other metal and garbage. Low wire fencing was installed at the Cook St end, and we built an initial several hundred metres of boardwalk.

Besides keeping trail bikes out, the low fencing is also a handy way of checking if you are fit enough for the walk. Can't swing your leg over the fence? Probably not the best walk for you! And you do need to be prepared in terms of clothing – in this instance – do as I say not as I do. I wore $\frac{3}{4}$ pants and Crocs, and as a result

I sustained slight cuts and abrasions to my exposed shin to ankle area on my legs. The other 'must do' I forgot was to apply insect repellent. Fortunately I was a bit early for the mozzies, but a wiser hiker would have been more prepared.



I really enjoyed this walk in preparation for writing this article, but yet another error I made was not checking the tide chart. On this morning it was a 'King' high tide, and so the lowest section of the boardwalk was under water. I did like the reflection of the trees in the water though.



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Bushcare



One reason why this walk is so enjoyable for a Bush Care member, is it is virtually weed-free, so I was able to really relax and not have my plant ID antenna constantly twitching over plants out of place. Where the weeds are, unfortunately, is at the entrance area and start of the walk. We have worked in this area for quite a few sessions, but it can be challenging due to overly excited mosquitoes. However as we move towards the milder weather, our group are planning to address the mess of weeds at the street entrance. Once these have been removed, we will plant a more appropriate selection of plants sourced from the Bush Care Nursery at Crookhaven Heads.

One weed which caught my eye that is lurking around the start of the boardwalk, is Pennywort or *Hydrocotyle bonariensis*, ghastly stuff! In the photo below, everything that isn't Pennywort is indigenous to the area, so any application of herbicide needs to be done extremely carefully. I have a strategy, passed onto me by a wise local chap. The technique involves a container of herbicide, a pair of pliers and a whole lot of patience! I crush a section of each stem with the pliers after dipping the in glyphosate. Yup, one stem at a time. I try and set goals of eradicating this weed from small sections of bush at a time, otherwise it can get too disheartening. Fortunately, the Pennywort at the start of the boardwalk is in a quite limited area. I hope to

take a photo of the area next month, after I've made the Pennywort extremely uncomfortable.

Before I finish, if you are going to attend the re opening of the Progress Hall on Saturday 5th March between noon and 4pm, I'm representing our Bush Care group and will have brochures, examples of weeds and preferred plants. Feel free to stop at the table and have a chat with me. Also feel free to bring along samples of any weed or native plant you'd like identified. I can't guarantee I'll know what it is, but can generally get the right botanical family!

If you would like to become involved with our Callala Bush Care group, please email our Council Co Ordinator Belinda Stewart, Belinda.Stewart@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au, and she will put you in contact with us. Any queries about information or opinions in this column, my [Diana] phone number is 0419 531 902.



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Garden Club

President Bev welcomed members, a visitor who has moved to the area and guest speaker Rev Sue Fisher to our first meeting. A good start so far- let's hope the rest of the year runs smoothly for us. It's always great to catch up with everyone and find out what they have been doing now that restrictions have eased.

Rev Sue is well known in the Callala community. For many years she worked as a part time Minister at the Anglican Church. When she retired, Sue decided to become a volunteer at South Coast Wildlife Rescue. Sue explained what's involved in becoming a volunteer- an interview first followed by an official induction course. Office work was not for her as she wanted to look after the injured kangaroos and wallabies at the centre. This rescue centre is situated in Wandandian and in 2019-20 when fires went through the area, the property was severely damaged. But lots of people came to the rescue and with government grants the centre was back in shape. Sue's bubbly personality and her passion for our wildlife was clear as she told us how she cares for orphaned joeys. Sue gave us some advice if we come across a kangaroo or wallaby that has been injured.

1. Ring Wildlife Rescue ; once it's reported the situation can be assessed.
2. Take care when checking a kangaroo's pouch for a joey as the mother kangaroo could kick you if stressed.
3. Never give an injured joey milk or water
4. To calm an injured kangaroo or wallaby place a towel over their head.

Sadly only 20% of injured animals survive. Sue said the injured animals while recuperating are named after plants, trees, Beatle songs etc. It was lovely having Sue as guest speaker. Members enjoyed her warm, amusing and informative

talk. Thank you Rev Sue.

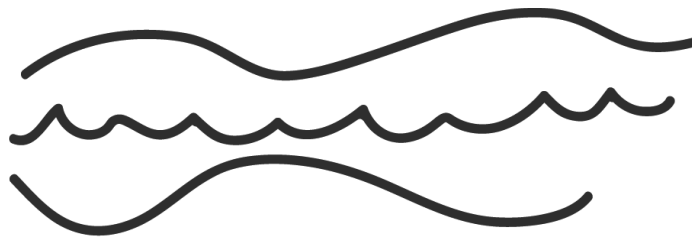
The theme for the display table was "what is growing in my garden". My contribution was a small vase of Zinnias. These are my husband's favourite flower, so I always try and grow some in summer. Zinnias are annuals, native to Mexico belonging to the daisy family. Zinnias are one of the easiest flowers to grow, as they grow quickly and bloom heavily. Zinnias are annuals, so they'll grow for one season and produce seeds. They are great for use as a cutting flower and for attracting bees and ladybugs. I collect the dried flowers which have the seeds and sow them all together around November. Then I transplant them where I want them to grow. They prefer full sun and a well-drained soil.



****On March 5th our garden club will be having a plant stall be at the opening of the Callala Bay Progress Hall in Boorawine Terrace. Please come and say hello.****

****If anyone is interested in playing Mahjong at Culburra Beach please contact Joan Turner 444 723 37.****

We meet on the 3rd Saturday from Feb. – November 1.30pm at Culburra Anglican Church, Penguin Head Rd, Culburra Beach. Please bring your own mug for afternoon tea. Membership fee is \$20 annually. Enjoy your garden. Cheers, Doris Carpenter (secretary) 44465631



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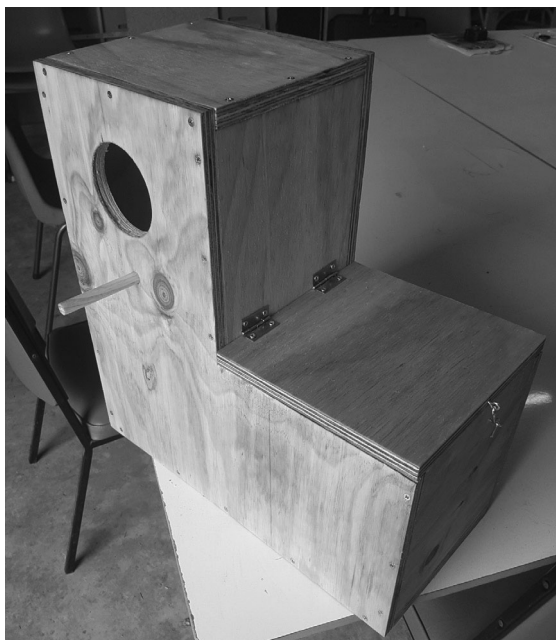
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In previous articles we've discussed our range of native bird, microbat and possum boxes. But, of course, the Shed produces a range of products and this month we'd like to provide some further insight into our other activities.

In addition to our standard range, we also make nest boxes to order, on request, for both outdoor and aviary use. This includes boxes for budgerigars, finches, cockatiels and owls. Our most recent custom order was for a breeding pair of sun conures.



Sun conure breeding box

We were quite fortunate to recently receive a quantity of very old (but sound) Oregon hardwood. One of our members, Bill, has created a series of outdoor settings, dining tables and hall tables from this durable and attractive timber; all of which found local homes. His latest project is an old style "Butcher's block", featuring an Oregon frame with the block formed from laminated Australian hardwood. We can't take items like this to the Markets so, if you are interested, call into the Shed on Monday or Wednesday morning to check it out.



Oregon Butcher's block

We also undertake community projects when we can, making garden beds and bedside storage units for our neighbours, the IRT retirement village, and assisting the local RSL branch with the creation of gardens and the refurbishment of their War Memorial.



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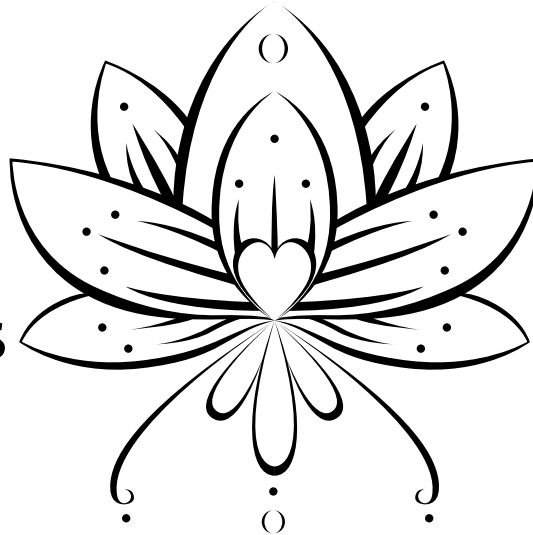
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(passata photo supplied)

The climbing beans have been prolific and very tasty. They grow so fast it is sometimes tricky to get them picked young!

The corn crop is shooting up at an enjoyable rate. Looks good for a future harvest.

The eggplants are producing plenty of fruits. Thanks bees.

We had a record number of visitors to our Market Day in February, despite the early rain. Lots of fresh produce, preserves, plants, cakes and Ana's amazing doughnuts to delight the visitors. Thank you to everyone who made it such a success. (produce photo) and (doughnuts photo)

Also thanks to those contributing to and turning our compost bays, building new beds, growing from seed, planting, feeding, pruning, watering, picking and all the other garden jobs. Photos of (Lana watering) and (Barry cutting timber)

24 of us enjoyed a lovely evening at Bingo's Chinese Restaurant to thank the Cellarbrations staff for selling our raffle tickets for us when COVID rules meant we couldn't set up a table and sell them ourselves. Great food and a lot of fun was had! Look out for our next raffle soon.

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Boorawine Terrace	7.30 T	8.40	10.13	1.48	8.23	10.13	1.48
Emmett Street Shops	7.30 T	8.46	10.16	1.53	8.26	10.16	1.53
Callala Public School	7.35 T	8.45	10.17	1.54	8.27	10.17	1.54
Callala Beach / Myola							
Queen Mary Street	7.15 T	8.15	10.20	1.58	8.31	10.20	1.58
Catherine St Myola	7.20 T	8.20	N/A	N/A	8.36	N/A	N/A
Sir Henry Crescent	7.22 T	8.23	10.23	2.02	8.40	10.23	2.02
Callala Beach Shops	7.25 T	8.25	10.25	2.04	8.42	10.25	2.04
Watts and Lennox St	7.27 T	8.28	10.28	2.07	8.45	10.28	2.07
Mayfield	7.40 T						
Stewart Place Nowra	8.20	9.20	11.00 #	2.55	9.20	11.00 #	2.55
Bomaderry Rail	8.15	9.30	11.10 #	2.40	9.30	11.10 #	2.40
Nowra Tafe	8.20	9.32					
Stocklands Nowra		9.40	#	2.50	9.40	#	2.50
Train Departs Weekdays	8.17 & 9.20	10.00*	11.23 & 12.00pm*	16.12	9.20 & 10.00*	11.23& 12.00pm*	16.12
Train Departs Saturdays					10.31	12.29	16.33

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	Monday to Friday	Monday to Friday	School Days	School Holidays
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Train Arrives Weekdays	8.40* & 9.15	11.40* am & 12.27	1.40* & 2.17	8.40* & 9.15
Train Arrives Saturdays				8.19
Departs				
Stewart Place Nowra	9.20	12.20	2.55	9.20
Bomaderry Rail	9.30	12.32	2.40	9.30
Nowra Tafe	9.32	12.34		9.32
Stocklands Nowra	9.40	12.40	2.50	9.40
Mayfield			3.55	
Callala Bay			5473	
Callala School	10.17	3.35	4.11	10.17
Sydney Ave	10.10	3.43	4.05	10.10
Boorawine Terrace	10.13	3.40	4.08	10.13
Emmett Street Shops	10.16	3.35	4.10	10.16
Callala Beach			5473	
Queen Mary Street	10.20	3.46 T	4.22	10.20
Catherine Street Myola	N/A	3.51 T	4.27	N/A
Sir Henry Crescent	10.23	3.55 T	4.30	10.23
Callala Beach Shops	10.25	3.45 T	4.21	10.25
Watts, Lennox Road Loop	10.28	3.42 T	4.18	10.28
Currarong				
Cambe & Nowra Rds	Not Available	3.50 T	4.20 T	Not Available
Progress Hall		3.53 T	4.23 T	
Tennis Court		3.55 T	4.24 T	
Yalwal St		3.57 T	4.25 T	
Crookhaven Pde		4.00 T	4.26 T	

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