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Culburra Beach & Districts Men's Shed

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Our coastal towns of the Shoalhaven are certainly beautiful and unique.

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Another fact that makes our local area unique, particularly in the International Global space of Men's Sheds, is that Culburra Beach actually has two Men's Sheds in the one town!

Culburra Beach & Districts Men's Shed was recently privileged to be asked to host a "Shed Muster", i.e. basically a gathering of Men's Shed people from across our local region. Over 30 representatives from Albion Park to Ulladulla came together on 6 October for this inaugural muster.

The purpose of this first time gathering was to share ideas and practices that work well, discuss the critical issues, and resolve how each shed faces the challenges of development and sustainability.

How to attract and retain younger members was by far the most common issue. With an average age of late 60's to early 70's the consensus was that Page 4 – Callala Bay News

the recruitment of younger members is crucial to any Shed's development and viability.

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But everyone also agreed that a Shed's principal objective will always be to create a safe and comfortable environment for men to get together. A friendly and inviting space where men feel free to discuss issues that are affecting them, or other people within their family and social networks, whilst learning new skills or simply putting old ones to good use.

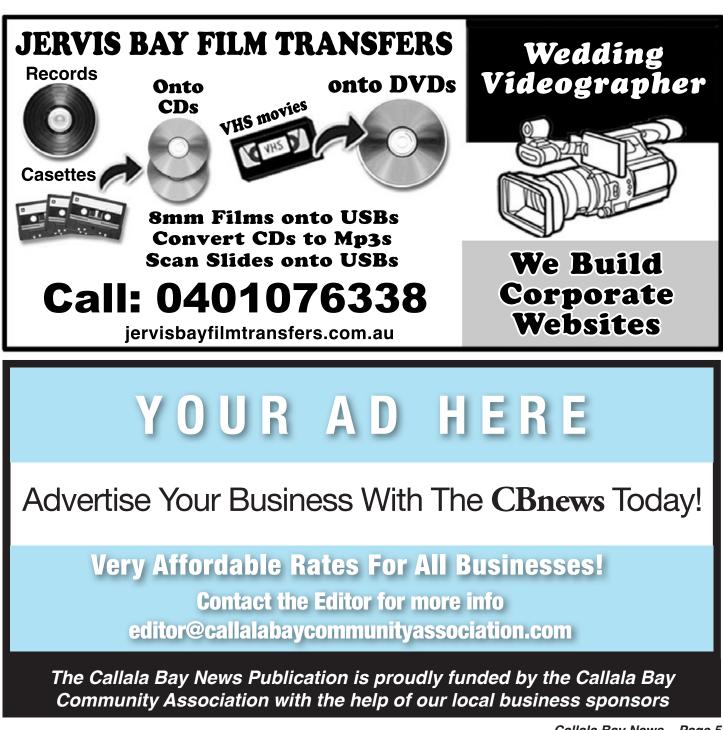
It's on this last point that the Men's Shed concept came about; a place for men to meet up, grab the most valuable piece of equipment in the Shed the kettle - and sit down and have a cuppa and a chat.

A natural progression from the kettle and a cuppa is to continue discussion on current and planned projects, be it wood, metal, plastics, glass or a combination of all these. Most sheds tend to gravitate to community based projects and creating innovative goods to sell at local markets as well as their own personal projects for home.

So, if you are a man that has suddenly found too much time on your hands, or maybe have just cut back on the five days a week work routine, or just want to enjoy the space and time with other men, think about popping in to your local Men's Shed to see what could be in store for you.

We'll be at the Callala Markets on 10 December, with our range of timber craft, nest boxes and other products for purchase. Otherwise, please call into the Shed on any Monday or Wednesday morning, from 9am to 1pm, for a coffee and chat about membership or our products and services.





Bushcare

Areas targeted by our team over the past month:

Callala Beach - several sessions done at Quay Rd beach access areas, particularly the area adjacent to the Princess St carpark where there has been both garden waste dumping and vandalism of Tea Trees. For years our team have been tackling the 'Mother of Millions' succulent and exotic daisies which were actually planted by a former resident thinking that this enhanced the beach access. After spending a couple of somewhat dispiriting weeks on this task, we went to the access point at the end of Quay Rd, expecting to find a vast amount of Mother of Millions, but instead only found a small amount. Turns out the Council's professional Bush Care crew had tackled that area using a succulent specific herbicide. I spoke with our Council supervisor and he and the professional crew came and inspected the Princess St area and they've sprayed the pesky succulents and daisies.

Callala Creek Boardwalk - the entrance this area has finally dried enough for our team to be able to get in to tackle the weeds, although gumboots are still preferred footwear. With the Buffalo Grass struggling due to inundation, delicate native grasses and herbs are relishing their freedom from the dominance of the exotic grasses and other weeds.

Lackersteen St - A section of the lawn grasses and weeds next to the footpath has been slashed by a local resident and myself. I disposed of some of the weedy seed heads via my mower catcher. The Native Violet is dominating along one area of the path. Given that this low growing native herb is part of the plant community in a Salt Marsh, I think it is a more suitable verge plant than Buffalo and Kikuyu. What do you think?

The Veldt Panic Grass is forging ahead now the season is warming. Walking through the area where we've done the most work between the footbridge and the STOP sign, I can see that the bulk of the vegetation is the Salt Marsh revegetation. Sometimes I have to put my hands in my pockets and walk away from the Panic Grass - trust me - it takes a lot of effort!

Boorawine Creek reserve - work has been done removing Passionfruit vine, Japanese Honeysuckle, Formosa Lily and Arum Lily. Walking along the paths you will now notice a variety of thin reeds, mainly types of Juncus and taller sedges - hard at work sucking up the excess moisture in the soil.

Mitchell Rd dune - A small amount of replanting of vandalised shrubs has been done, however further vandalism including poisoning has occurred. We are a very polite community in Callala, but some of you probably know those responsible for the vandalism. Speaking up takes courage, but remaining silent means the vandalism will continue at the very place that should be our most stunning area of vegetation

Please feel free to contact me if you want to give Bush Care a go, 0419 531 902. Our council coordinator is Michael Smith 4429 3111.



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Presidents Report

Hello everyone,

We had a good turnout at our November meeting for a presentation from SCC officers on the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan with a particular focus on the Sheaffe St pathway. Bianca van der Merwe, Design Engineer SCC, Micaiah Tipton, SCC Manager Design Services and SCC District Engineer Brian Jacobs were all in attendance as was Councilor Patricia White .

Those present raised a range of concerns about the Sheaffe St path, including the location of the path, the length of time it is taking to get it built and the lack of identified funding for it. The estimate to build it is around \$300,000 which the CBCA believes should be able to be found in the SCC budget. It was interesting to note that the process for getting the path built appears to be a long and tortuous one as the relevant department of Council has to apply for funding from state government departments-along with every other council- to enable work to be undertaken. This is likely to take up to two years! Unless of course we can find a way to expedite it. The CBCA committee is currently trying to do so.

The CBCA reminded council officers that more than 1200 people had signed a petition demanding a path due to serious safety concerns. People have to use the road way to access the beach, negotiating parked cars, moving cars and boat trailers and muddy edges. Members present at the meeting, reiterated that the pathway is not 'a nice to have' in the context of the Round the Bay Walk. It is an essential piece of infrastructure for the safety of the community as well as visitors. The CBCA will be writing to all Councilors asking that they make this path their highest priority for funding following the Council's quarterly budget review. The Council officers present said that they would take the issues raised into consideration as they progressed the matter.

The Council officers stayed to talk directly to attendees following the presentation. There was considerable discussion before they left!

Councilor White (Ward 3) made a number of suggestions about how to ensure that the Sheaffe St path remains in focus which the CBCA committee will follow up. She also suggested that the CBCA meet with the Halloran Development design engineers to let them know what the community wants included in the development's Contributions Plan. Ideas from the floor included the Sheaffe St path, something for teenagers such as a swimming pool, a pump track for young bike riders, playing fields, a full- size soccer field, toilets and picnic facilities near Wowly Creek and an outdoor exercise facility. If community members have other ideas, please let the CBCA know or come to a future meeting to provide your thoughts.

The Secretary reminded members that their annual membership fee is due in December, payable on line. If you have neighbours and friends who are not yet CBCA members, please encourage them to pay the very reasonable \$5 annual membership fee so that they can support the operation of the CBCA and vote on matters which we can take to Council.

The annual raffle and January sausage sizzles will take place leading up to our Australia Day festivities. Tickets for the raffle go on sale in late December/early January. Prizes include vouchers for meat from our local Callala Bay butcher, a beautiful fruit and vegetable basket from our IGA, wine, DVD player, gift packs for young people from Dollarz Value in Callala Bay and more to come. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle, we would love to hear from you.

Once again, we had a jam-packed meeting with great participation from those present. Our December meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th December. There will be no meeting in January, with a General meeting on Wednesday 8th February 2023 and the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 8th March 2023. All positions will be declared vacant for the AGM, so start thinking about how you can get more involved in the CBCA and your local community.

See you around Callala. Sue Chapman



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Bnews

Extended Bus Timetable for Callala

Adam Darcey from Stuart's Coaches has advised Transport NSW has extended bus services throughout the Shoalhaven.

Stuart's Coaches will now be providing an early morning service, starting at the Callala Beach shops at 05:51am, travelling directly to the Callala Bay shops, then to Bomaderry Railway Station to meet the 6:43am train.

A return service at 17:17(5:17pm) will follow the bus route as required. The revised timetable is available at https://stuartscoaches.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/ timetable.pdf.

A copy is also included in this Newsletter.





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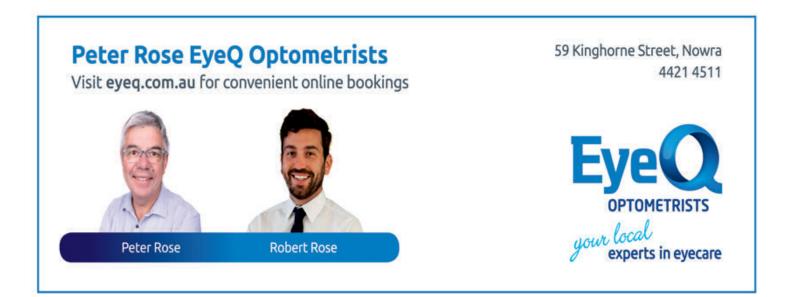
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Caterpillar's Playgroup - 9:30am Friday @ Culburra Beach Anglican

Kids Club - Friday Afternoon @ Callala Bay Anglican

289 Youth Group - Friday Evening @ Callala Bay Anglican

For more information: Rev. Paul <u>McPhail</u> m: 0414 616 860 e: culburra.anglican@gmail.com www.culburraanglican.org.au







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RAFFLES

THURSDAY

Bowlers Extensive Raffle from 6pm. Members Badge Draw!

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY LIVE MUSIC EVERY WEEK! Fisho's Raffle from 12 noon to 1:30pm

SUNDAY

Meat & Seafood Raffle - Tickets 4pm - Drawn 5pm Members Badge Draw! Fisho's Weigh In – 2pm 4th Sunday each month.

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MEMBERS Happy Hour 4 - 6pm. Free Trivia – 6:30pm Start. WEDNESDAY

NPL Poker – \$12 Entry -Includes 2 Lifelines - 7pm start. All games are sit & go – 10 per sit & go.

THURSDAY Bingo – Eyes down at 11am **LAST SATURDAY EACH MONTH** Mega Meat Raffle + 2nd Chance Draw = 5 x \$100 in points to be won + BONUS MEMBERS BADGE DRAW!

BOWLS

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1st and 3rd Sundays 9am till lunch time 2nd Saturday each month. Produce Stall 8.00 until Noon to coincide with the Callala Markets.

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WHATS HAPPENING:

- 1. Saturday 3rd December 2pm GENERAL MEETING (N.B. There will be no January meeting)
- 2. Family Fun Friday Mornings the last Friday every month...Weather permitting. 9.30 to 11.00 a.m. A special Teddy Bears Picnic will be happening on 25th November. As usual, morning tea will be provided by the garden volunteers. All welcome. Bring your teddy too.
- 3. **PRODUCE STALL** Saturday 10th December 2022 8.00 am until 12 Noon.

Weather permitting, we will have our local band The Ukellalas from 10.30a.m.for toe tapping fun. A huge thank you to them for their continued support. Diana assures us the plants grow better when they hear the live music.

- a. Come and meet the team and pick up some fresh produce from the garden
- b. Cakes and sweet treats available
- c. A selection of potted plants and seedlings. Succulents galore!
- d. Cut herbs available for free.
- e. Other local produce for sale

Whats in the ground?

VEGETABLES:- Zucchinis, Tomatoes, Dwarf Green Beans, Cucumbers, English Spinach, Silverbeet and Chard, Leeks, Lettuce, Kale, Carrots, Garlic, Eggplant, Capsicum, Radish, Strawberries, Snow peas, Okra, Pumpkin, Potatoes, Sorrel, Shallots, Rhubarb and more... HERBS:- Sage, Turmeric, Bay leaf, Kaffir lime, Dill, Chives, Coriander, Basil, Muntries, Lemon Page 18 – Callala Bay News CONTACTS:-Victoria Maudson:0424 590 105Gail Fitzgerald:0412 930 080

thyme, Parsley, Chilli and lots of Garlic and Mints of many types still growing.

(If the gates are closed, pluck some herbs for dinner from those growing around the letter box.)

FRUIT TREES: - Figs, Lemon, Lime, Blueberry, Elderberry and Native Raspberries

EDIBLE INDIGENOUS PLANTS: Finger Lime, Riberry, Lilli Pilli, Davidson Plum and Midyim Berry.

What's new?

The shed is up for the children's toys. Thanks to our intrepid kit masters.

Our new scraps bin is a hit! The community supply of cuttings and grass clippings has



mulched beautifully with our IGA scraps and the compost has reached temperatures of up to 65°.... HOT !

Community Group Visits

We continue to welcome Greenacres groups on Tuesdays and thank them for their help in the garden. Now on Wednesdays, a small group of Year 1 students from Callala Bay Public School are visiting for a bit of garden know how. Worms and strawberry encounters are always appreciated

Raffle

It's time for our Christmas Raffle. Thank you to all who donated items for it and to our dedicated shoppers who ensured something for everyone in the trolley. A fabulous selection! Tickets are available from CELLARBRATIONS or from our volunteers outside IGA on Saturdays. The winning ticket will be drawn on 10th December.

WE JUST KEEP ON GROWING!



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.

The information can be seen on the screens located at the Centre.

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

• blue tooth; computer connectivity; the ability to operate DVDs and CDs and play personal audio-visual files from a USB drive or SD memory card.

If you want to have a wedding; memorial service; business conference; group gathering or family reunions the Callala Community Centre is well worth considering.

Our facilities include

- A well-equipped kitchen; air conditioning; raised stage and off-street parking, and
 - Crockery, cutlery and glasses and seating for up to 120 people

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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Callala Friends Book Club

Book Review

Phosphorescence: On Awe, Wonder and Things that Sustain You When the World Goes Dark by Julia Baird was a firm favourite amongst book club members, scoring an average of 8/10!

A review of the book stated it 'is a beautiful, intimate and inspiring investigation into how we can find and nurture within ourselves that essential quality of internal happiness- "the light within" which will sustain us even through the darkest of times'. And we agreed that it did just that.

Words like 'awe', 'wonder' and 'purpose' are found throughout the book and for a couple of our readers seemed to be too 'airy fairy' compared with other books we have read. Indeed, many commentators and other book clubs have said in their reviews that they found it self- indulgent, preachy, written from a white privilege viewpoint, amongst other things.

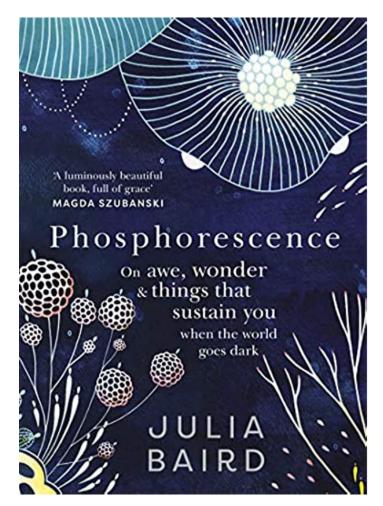
So, although at times it seems very personal to the writer, who has gone through numerous bouts of life- threatening illness, Julia Baird's deep research turned it into a book that meant all our readers wrote copious notes on ideas and case studies which they can return to in the future. While it seems trite to say, all of our book club found something meaningful in the book -'it spoke to us'. Some of us had difficulty in the beginning in getting into it, but when we slowed down, read each small chapter and thought deeply about it before moving to the next small chapter, we all agreed it was interesting, fulfilling and a real conversation starter. We all learnt something. Did you know that all living things emanate a glow-usually very faint- but we are all phosphorescent!

The cover of the book sets the scene- beautiful and ethereal- for the whole book. Julia raised things that we agreed that already knew but so often forgot in the day to day hurly burly. How important it is to switch off our devices and just listen to the world- the trees, birds, the sea, the wind and to seek silence every day to have a sense of calm, if only briefly. The book reminded us not to catastrophise- a lump in our porridge is an annoyance, but a lump in a breast is a whole other level of lump. We all agreed we need to stop exaggerating about the things that we say are terrible. Holes in our roads are an inconvenience but if we slow down they are unlikely to kill us. A hole in the ground in the Ukraine probably means someone has died.

The book has messages for young people- Julia had a chapter for each of her children with some sage advice. It touched on belief and religion, on how to be optimistic but not unrealistic, how to look deeply and thoughtfully. Overall, it helped us remember 'stuff' about living thoughtfully and generously that we already knew deep down but which needed to be brought to our consciousness.

It is an interesting, sometimes difficult and controversial book that is well worth the effort.

Sue Chapman



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Culburra Beach & District Garden Club Inc.

Hello everyone,

Our November meeting was the last one for the year. We will resume on February 18th, 2023. Even though the Spring racing Carnival has finished we still took the opportunity to wear our fascinators and display a spring flower. Members showed off some wonderful flowers from their garden. Victoria brought in the tallest bunch of November lilies for our church vase which looked very impressive at our Sunday service.

President Bev welcomed member Robyn Hannan as guest speaker and her topic was Christmas traditions from around the world. Robyn told us about her Christmas tradition which started in 1977 when she lived in England. Her tradition is to have Quality Streets chocolates on Christmas day. Being a very generous person, she brought in a tin and shared it with us. Robyn started another tradition when she handed everyone a Christmas bag (probably made by her) with a packet of seeds in each one. She asked us to continue this tradition by giving this gift to a friend so that the seeds can be planted.

We were incredibly surprised by traditions celebrated in other countries and here are some of the most unusual ones that Robyn shared with us.

In Michigan USA, an ornamental pickle is placed on a Christmas tree as one of the Christmas decorations. On Christmas morning, the first person to find the pickle on the tree would receive an extra present from Santa Claus or would be said to have a year of good fortune.

In Ethiopia, a hockey game is played once a year and it is on Christmas afternoon. In Venezuela, the main roads are closed to traffic so people can arrive to mass on roller skates.

In Norway, they believe that Christmas Eve coincides with the arrival of evil spirits and witches. Logically, therefore, households hide all their brooms before they go to sleep.

In Japan, every Christmas season Japanese families treat themselves to KFC in what has become a nationwide tradition. The talk prompted members to share their Christmas traditions too. We thanked Robyn for sharing her knowledge and we look forward to having her as guest speaker again.

On behalf of the garden club, I would like to thank the editor of the Callala Bay Newsletter and the committee for their support throughout the year. I also want to wish them and the Callala community a very Merry Christmas and peace and joy for the coming year.

We meet on the 3rd Saturday from Feb. – November 1.30pm at Culburra Anglican Church, Penguin Head Rd, Culburra Beach. Please bring your own cup/ mug for afternoon tea. Membership fee is \$20 annually.

Cheers to all, Doris Carpenter 4446 5631 Happy gardening



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Coastal Development Meeting

On Sunday 20 November a large crowd attended the Callala Community Centre to hear information from a number of speakers about the dangers to fauna and flora if future housing developments on the South Coast of NSW were allowed to go ahead. People from Tuross Head, St Georges Basin, Manyana, Callala Bay and Beach and Culburra Beach were represented in the crowd assessed at more than 120 people.

The speakers included Mayor Amanda Finlay and Cate Faehrman, MLC and Cat Holloway, a resident of Callala Bay, and Auntie Delia from the Jerrinja Nation, who all spoke of the threats to unique habitats and animals caused by developments approved without proper environmental assessments.

The meeting was called to look at the development of approx. 40 hectares of significant forest, situated at the corner of Emmet Street and Callala Beach Road where a number of endangered and rare animals and plants are located. The meeting agenda was expanded to look further afield than the South Coast to also include areas to the north of Sydney to the Queensland border.





Breakfast by the Bay

Sponsored by the Callala Bay Community Association, Callala Bay RFS and Shoalhaven City Council

Bicentennial Park Lackersteen Street, Callala Bay 8:00am to 10:30am

Callala Bay Rural Fire Service will provide Bacon and Egg Rolls, Sausage Sandwiches and bottled water, A generous cash donation appreciated. Juice poppers for sale.

Magic Daniel will provide fun for the kids, great music by Kenny and Amanda with coffee available from Bumpy Road Catering. The Australia Day raffle tickets for sale and drawn on the day. EFTPOS and cash sales available

BYO: Hats, sunscreen and chairs/rug etc

Rezoning of Callala Land

Rezoning of 40ha of The Halloran Trust (THT) land in the north-east corner of Emmett St and Callala Bay Road has been approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), after an assessment by its Wollongong Office.

The key major concerns for Callala and wider community are that DPE's considerations

- a. Lack transparency of process and lack due process,
- b. Disenfranchise the Callala and broader community,
- c. Lack environmental sensitivity and responsibility and
- d. Fail to apply the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD).

This is a simplified summary of the liaison and monitoring group's assessment of the DPE approval process.

Many major issues remain unanswered, and more problems arise from the DPE "assessment":

- 1. THT and DPE have poorly considered, poorly reported, and failed to apply planning law as it exists.
- 2. The DPE reporting repeats and accepts the applicants' statements as the sum of relevant facts and appears to ignore or belittles consideration or evaluating of issues raised in community submissions, in independent environmental studies, and in core planning and environmental challenges grounded in the planning rules.
- 3. The state government agency decided to approve the rezoning, despite an overwhelming majority (97%) of community submissions arguing against the THT proposal.
- 4. THT and DPE appears to have failed the environmental habitat as the land is actively occupied by a number of listed threatened species. These include but are not limited to the Yellow-bellied Glider, Glossy Black Cockatoo and the Bauer's Midge orchid.

What next needs to be done?

- a. Callala people should inform elected representatives about the shortcomings of this rezoning,
- b. Engage with all processes by Council, including bio-certification
- c. Work with other community organisations,
- d. Challenge planning legitimacy with University of Sydney's, Dept of Town Planning, and
- e. Present credible alternatives that truly serve housing, community, and species survival.

Notes from the Medical Centre

Lately a lot of my patients over the age of 70 have been sent letters from the department of Health regarding incomplete Immunisation, this is often met with confusion as they are sure that they have completed all their childhood vaccine program. In fact, for those over the age of 70 who are completely healthy, the government funds pneumococcal vaccine (a cause of pneumonia) and shingles vaccine. For those who are unfamiliar with the pains associated with shingles, it can cause long term nerve pain and even impact vision or hearing for those unfortunate enough to have shingles involving the face, and so I am quite a big supporter of these vaccination program. If you are interested in finding out further about this topic, please contact our friendly team at Callala medical centre.

Next year, there will be some staffing changes, Dr Andrina Ng will be leaving in February to complete her training as a general practitioner, and in her place, we have a new doctor by the name of Dr Chandni Badlani. I hope she falls in love with our little town just like I have. She will be brining with her, her young boy and her husband who is also a dentist, currently working in the south coast.

Dr Zhou

Christmas Event 2022

Greetings all, as you know Christmas is fast approaching and before you become too busy to enjoy it, here is an update on the 2022 Christmas Event for Callala that we hope you will attend. Your support would be greatly appreciated, Callala.

On Saturday 17 December at the Callala Community Centre, there will be a number of market stalls brimming with just the perfect last minute gift. They will start trading at 1:00pm.

Then at 2:00pm Santa will arrive and will be in his grotto in the Centre for the children to have a little chat with him (reindeer will be staying home). We have been given a supply of battery-operated candles which will be handed out to everyone who attends this event.

The Children's Fancy Dress Parade will commence at 2:30pm so the children can show everyone how wonderful their costumes are. Every child will receive a personalised Certificate of Participation, and parents will have the opportunity of taking lots of photos.

At 3:00pm the Salvation Army Band will play some wonderful music for us. This will be an opportunity for you to sit back, relax and enjoy a few moments of peace and tranquillity in this hectic time.

Of course, the main reason for this event is for the Callala community to donate items for the Salvation Army to distribute to those who need a little bit of help this festive season. Items can be non-perishable food, personal items, unwrapped gifts for all ages, as well as something for the animals. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the recipients.

If you need more information, please feel free call Sandra on 0439 241 144

Pre-Loved Clothing & Book Stall

First Saturday of the Month at the Callala Community Centre 9.30am to 12.00 NOON

Clothes in good condition can be dropped off at the stall (on the day only). If clothing can be delivered by 10am; this will allow them to be displayed.

Sponsored by the Anglican Church, Callala

FAMOUS COONAMBLE APPLE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

125 Grams of soft butter {room temp} 3/4 Cup of Caster Sugar {fine} 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract 2 large eggs 125 ml of full cream milk 1 and 1/2 cups of sifted self raising flour 4 generous tablespoons of brown sugar {dark brown is good} ¹/₂ cup of flaked almonds

4 Med to Large Granny Smith apples { 3 x apples peeled, cored and thinly sliced } and {1 x apple peeled and diced into chunks approximately 1cm in size} If you cut the 3 x apples in half and then slice, the apple "crescents" are easier to layer on cake and look a bit fancier. Any broken bits of apple can go into the mix with the chunks.

METHOD

Have all ingredients measured, prepared and set aside.

Heat oven to 160C for a fan forced oven.

Butter a 23cm spring form pan {7 cm deep} and line the base only with baking paper.

Using electric beater, beat the butter, caster sugar and vanilla extract until silky smooth.

Add the milk and eggs and beat until very well blended.

Sift the flour into this mix and beat briefly until all is combined.

Add the diced apple chunks to the mixture and fold through with a spatula until apple chunks are coated.

Spoon half of the mixture into the pan and level it with spoon. Place a layer of apple slices over this mix and sprinkle 2 tablespoons of brown sugar over the apples.

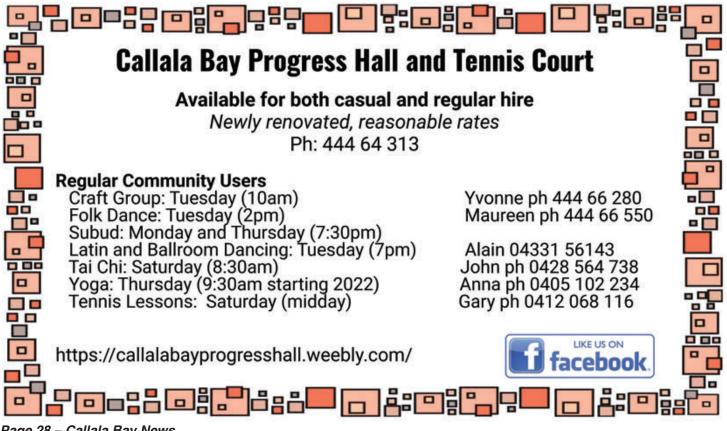
Spoon the remainder of the mix into the pan and cover with apple slices {decorative patterns}, then cover this top layer with the almond flakes.

Then sprinkle 2 tablespoons of brown sugar evenly over the apples and almonds.

Bake in the pre heated oven for around 50 minutes, check at 45 minutes .Cake is cooked when a skewer comes out the cake dry. {Ovens vary in cooking time}

Allow cake to cool in tin for about 20 minutes, run a knife around inside of tin to assist with the release of the cake. When cake is released from the spring form tin it will still be fairly warm and very suitable to eat then with some ice cream/ cream OR you can either leave it to cool on a wire rack.

{my preference is warm with ice cream}



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WORLD FAMOUS CURRIED SAUSAGES

INGREDIENTS

- 1. 16 large beef sausages
- 3 large Granny Smith apples {peeled and cored}
- 3. 2 large carrots
- 4. 3 large white or brown onions
- 5. 3 tablespoons of butter
- 6. 4 tablespoons of plain flour
- 7. 3 tablespoons of Clive of India curry powder {or more to taste}
- 8. 2 teaspoons of salt
- 9. 4 teaspoons of sugar
- 10. 1 teaspoon of dried chilli flakes
- 11. fresh ground pepper {a few turns of grinder}
- 12. 5 cups of beef stock
- 13. 1x 500 gram jar of mango chutney {or marmalade}
- 14. 1 Tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce

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METHOD

- In a large pot, place sausages with enough water to cover sausages. Add Worcestershire sauce and boil until skins come off sausages. Drain and set sausages aside.
- 2. Finely dice the onion and apple, grate the carrots.
- 3. In a large pot or a deep electric frying pan {can simmer at very low heat} heat the butter, then soften the onions until light brown, then add the diced apple and grated carrot and stir through.
- 4. While the onion is softening, in a bowl combine the plain flour, curry powder, salt, sugar and chilli flakes. Add a few grinds of pepper.
- 5. When apple/onion/carrot mix is soft {only minutes, don't let it burn}, add the dry ingredients and mix through very well.
- 6. Slowly add the stock and stir until boiling.
- 7. Turn down heat to simmer, add the jar of mango chutney{marmalade} and stir through. {For a smoother curry you can use a whizz stick to blend curry at this point, I prefer the texture of the ingredients unblended} Try either way.
- 8. Add the sausages either whole or cut into chunks. The mixture should just cover the sausages. Add more stock or water if you think it's too dry. {add very small amounts at a time}.
- 9. Simmer for a minimum of 2 hours, the longer the better! If curry is too moist just simmer uncovered for longer, it will dry and thicken. If too dry, add water
- 10. Serve with boiled rice.
- 11. Curry can be frozen and improves with age
- 12. Sausages can be replaced with an equal quantity of beef {chunks}, chicken thighs or lamb forequarter chops, browned before adding to curry.
- 13. Dried golden raisins can also be added to the mix and allowed to absorb the curry. Personal choice.

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