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Culburra Beach & Districts Men's Shed

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The event, titled as a "Resilience BBQ – bursting the COVID19 bubble" was conducted with the support of the Australian Men's Shed Association and the Black Dog Institute. Also in attendance were representatives from Headspace and Grow from Nowra. Refreshments were provided on arrival, and a free BBQ at our nearby Shed for all attendees followed the presentations.

Our planned speaker from the Black Dog Institute, Wayne Wigham, had to withdraw at the last minute due to travel difficulties, but his colleague, Bob Sheridan, provided a thought-provoking session as he talked through his background and experiences. His key message for anyone experiencing mental health issues was straightforward: seek help, reach out, and help others.

The attendance and support of Fiona Phillips MP and Paul Ell and Patricia White of Shoalhaven Council

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Fiona Phillips MP, Patricia White and Paul Ell

was much appreciated by all presenters and attendees.

We are also pleased to acknowledge the financial support of Shoalhaven Council, Callala Bay Family Butcher, Woolworths, and Culburra Beach Bowling Club who assisted us to meet some of the costs of this event.

Attendees at the Resilience BBQ donated a total of \$200, which we will pass onto Black Dog Institute and Headspace in Nowra.

We will be at the Callala Markets on 9 July, with our range of timber craft, nest boxes and other products for sale. Let's hope for fine winter weather. Rug up and come along to see us.

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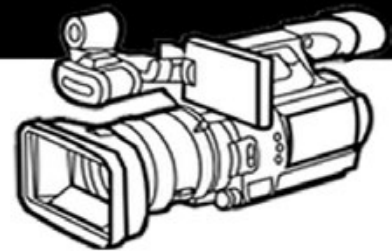


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Recently our Bush Care group had a planning session with our Council supervisor, Belinda Stewart, during which the plans for our sites were updated. It occurs to me that readers might be interested in the full scope of our Callala Bush Care Regeneration work, not just our Callala Bay sites.

Starting at Currumbene Creek, our first site is at Myola Spit where the main weed we target is Dolichos Pea which was originally imported from South Africa in C19th as an ornamental plant. Due to its vigour, common names quickly became 'Dunny Creeper' or 'Chook House vine'. Many years of tackling this weed which sends a long tuber deep into the ground, has dramatically reduced its impact in the Myola Spit area, but ongoing management is required.

Along Callala Beach we have a number of small sites where one of the most common weeds is a succulent commonly known as 'Mother of Millions'. This plant grows up to a metre in height and came originally from Africa and Madagascar, it was imported here as garden plant. There is a strong pattern in the Callala area of part time residents planting 'tough' plants like exotic succulents. My plea is, DON'T DO THIS! Exotic succulents, and 'pot plants' like Asparagus Fern, will either 'escape' or sometimes be dumped in the bush with the false assumption that this material will just compost in situ. No, that isn't what happens, if you dump anything in the bush, it will have an impact on the quality of that area. Bottom line, these exotic plants simply should not be planted, or encouraged to grow, anywhere near bushland.

Also in Callala Beach is Sir Henry Crescent Reserve. Years of Bush Care work has resulted in this relatively small area now having an abundance of native plants, and our plan is to invite nearby residents to join in our annual working bee in the area this coming Spring.

In the bush just off Lennox Rd is an area of Fish Bone Fern – definitely dumped there by a resident. This is a very difficult weed – we have gone through and dug out the Fish Bone in this particular area a number of times over the years, but if just one strand of their root system is left in the soil, they re-shoot. Which means this area will remain an ongoing weed management site indefinitely.

By far the biggest area where our group work is between Benton Sands and Callala Beach. This area which is now a biodiversity wonderland – was once a Lantana infested wasteland. The very wet past year has resulted in a considerable amount of Lantana regrowth in this area. During one two-hour period recently, we killed over 130 Lantana plants, ranging from small seedlings to large shrubs up to 3 metres

high. One of the daunting aspects of managing this area in recent years has been the proliferation of Passionfruit vine. Again, my plea is, please do not plant Passionfruit vines, and consider removing any in your garden, if you live in the Callala area. The seed is spread by birds. It is a nonsense to suggest, as some nursery staff, books and websites do, that the seeds of certain passionfruit species are sterile and will not germinate. Not true! And once Passionfruit vine gets into bushland it is extremely difficult to eradicate.

The final area where we work on 'that' side of the footbridge, is the area between the footpath and Callala Creek. Again, historically, our group has put a tremendous amount of work into removing particularly Lantana and Senna from this area. One ongoing weed is Asparagus Fern, and there is a dense infestation of this which will require chemical control in the Spring.

Next month I'll give an update on plans for our Callala Bay sites.

But before I sign-off I do need to document disappointing evidence of recent environmental vandalism. The photo was taken on 4 June on the foredune at the end of Mitchell Rd. Someone cut down a young eucalypt, it



would have been just under four metres high and around eight years old. Such vandalism is both illegal and will only hasten the erosion of our foreshore.

In Callala Bay, many of us pride ourselves in the care we take of our Environment. But the vandalism of our foreshore areas continues to occur. We are intimidated and dictated to by the handful of residents who do not accept the rule of law as it applies to our natural environment.

Please feel free to contact me on my number below if you would like to give Bush Care a go. Our regular group sessions are on Tuesday mornings, but we can be flexible in site, days and timing for those who are interested in participating.

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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Presidents Report

Hello to the Callala Bay community and other readers of the Callala Bay News. Our very articulate President Sue is still in Britain so your somewhat less articulate Secretary John has written this report for her.

At our May meeting, long serving members Duncan and Stephanie Marshall and Jim and Pauline Townsend were recognised for their many years of diligent service to the community by the conferring of life memberships and the presentation of certificates of acknowledgement. Our congratulations go to Duncan, Stephanie, Jim and Pauline.

Also at the May meeting, Sonia Bazzacco (Senior Land Services Officer South east Local Land Services) gave a very informative and interesting presentation focused on the preservation and ecological/environmental importance of salt marshes with particular reference to extensive damage to the Wowly Creek salt marsh by motor vehicles, specifically motor cycles. A report written by Sonia was featured in the May edition of Callala Bay News.

News from Councillors Paul Ell and Patricia White indicates that our Sheaffe St Pathway project has progressed to some extent in that survey work has been completed and some design work has been done. Detailed design is expected to be complete by December after which the project can be properly costed and budgeted.

Regarding Lot 5 Sealark Road, which borders on Wowly Creek to the East and Jervis Bay National Park to the North, representatives of the owners have been seeking rezoning for residential development to allow up to 20 medium density residences to be developed on the subject land. Progress of this matter was considered and discussed at SCC Council Meeting on the 27th of June. We sent a deputation to that meeting and Duncan Marshall presented our case opposing the development proposal. Councillor Evan Christen supported our case and moved that a new gateway determination (which would allow further progress of the proposal) not be sought. Councillor Patricia White spoke in support and a Council vote on Evan's motion resulted in his motion being carried, i.e., the rezoning proposal and proposed development has been prevented, at least until there is a new application which could still happen some time in the future. This was a win for us. Duncan deserves our congratulations and Councillors Christen and White our gratitude for their support.

We have a new editor for the Callala Bay News and anticipate that timely publication will occur in the future.

It is with much sadness and regret that we have to inform you of the passing of our much loved and esteemed member Julia Lockerbie. Julia passed away on 5th of June after a long illness and some of our members attended her funeral on the 14th of June. Love for Julia and her love for others were very strong themes at that funeral.

The next meeting of the CBCA will be on the 10th of August and a presentation by council officers on the Recovery into Resilience Project will be a feature of that meeting. All will be welcome at that meeting in the Community Centre at 7:00 pm.

JULIA LOCKERBIE 1955-2022



Julia was a true friend and soul sister, always with a warm smile, a compliment and kind word. With another friend we were TA3- the three amigos, we ate, coffeed (if that's a word) and shopped the Shoalhaven. It was quite normal for Julia to sing and dance around stores to their background music, it turned heads but that was Julia in her happy space having fun.

When she started her business High Tea on Tour I became one of her taste testers, she would arrive on the doorstep with a selection of cupcakes with new and different flavours, I was to vote on the best 3 or 4. A high ranking was needed before they appeared at the next event.

Julia of course had a serious side, she became Vice President of the Callala Bay Community Assoc. plus taking on the jobs of editor and printer of the Callala Bay News. She was the instigator of the Fete and Fair fundraiser for the Community Assoc. and was willing to assist any cause that would benefit her beloved Callala.

She fought her cancer with such courage and determination but was knocked at every turn. RIP Julia, you are missed but will not be forgotten.

Margaret Duncan

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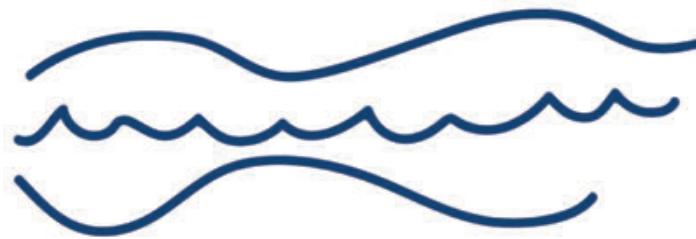
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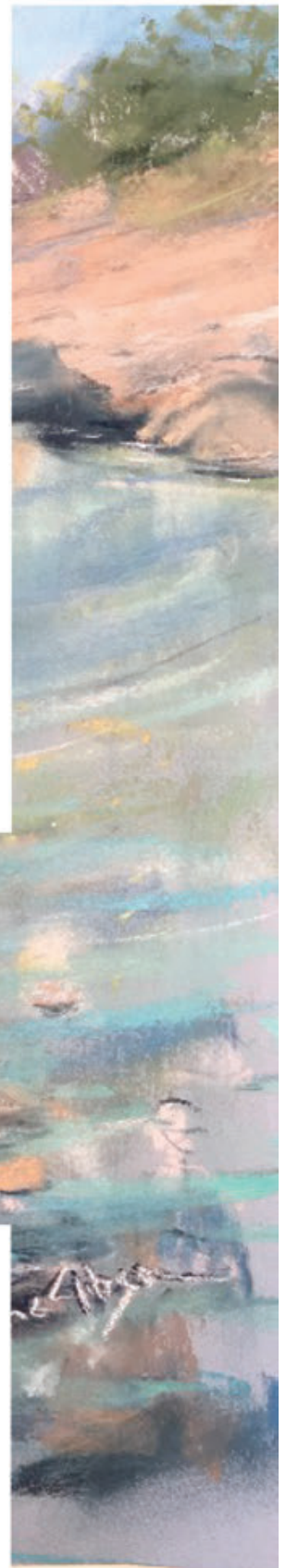


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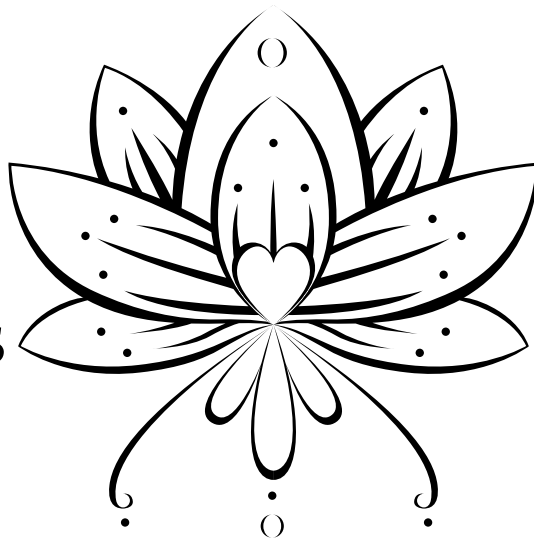
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Life Membership Awards

Last month, (May 22) the CBCA awarded Life Membership of Callala Bay Community Association to Stephanie and Duncan Marshall, and Jim and Pauline Townsend. Duncan and Stephanie have been involved in many community projects including:

Coast Care Program

This program involved the foreshore reserve from the Sailing Club to Bicentennial Park. Through the (then) Callala Bay Progress Association (CBPA), Stephanie and Duncan led a team of interested, local people with a vast knowledge of plant species, to successfully eradicate the weeds and protect the foreshore from dumping, damage, and erosion. The indigenous plants specific to this area were able to minimise soil erosion that had previously been such a problem. Bush Care now maintains the ongoing protection of the foreshore.

Marina Threat

A 50 hectare private commercial Marina was proposed by a private development joint venture group which involved plans for major industrial development, a large hotel and roadworks covering the beach foreshore and around the (soft) rocky headland at Callala Bay. Duncan was instrumental in coordinating a group which undertook extensive research into the impact such a proposal would have on Jervis Bay Marine Park in general and Callala Bay in particular, including denying much public access, damage to environment and quality of life. After a special hearing at Council in which the Community's views were put, Council determined not to support the proposal.

Creating Callala

In 2012 the CBCA and the CBPA in conjunction with input from all three village communities developed a strategic plan to determine which direction the community wanted to take. Consultation meetings were held in the school assembly room and attracted a couple of hundred people. Following a second meeting, working groups and a committee were formed, which, in the next year gathered ideas, researched and produced a printed report which was delivered by hand to every house in Myola, Callala Beach and Bay areas.

Priority projects included festivals, shared paths (including the foreshore path), foreshores protection, policing and public safety, establishing a community garden, environment care, business in Callala, ageing in place, and sports goals.

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Halloran Trust Land Rezoning

In 2014 a liaison group was formed, with Duncan as the spokesperson to have community oversight of the Halloran Trust development to rezone 40ha of Callala Bay Forest in the NE corner of Emmett St and Callala Beach Rd for residential sub-division. A submission has been made to the State Dept of Planning and Environment, highlighting the many issues of the planning process, threatened species (both flora and fauna), bushfire safety requirements and storm water drainage issues.

The CBCA extends its warmest congratulations to Duncan and Stephanie for this Award of Lifetime Membership and recognises their willingness to assist the Callala Bay and the broader Callala Community.



Stephanie and Duncan Marshall

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Culburra Beach & District Garden Club

We meet every 3rd Saturday of month

Feb-Nov at 1.30pm

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Penguin Head Rd, Culburra Beach.

For more details contact Doris Carpenter:

4446 5631

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More details contact Ray Sutton:
0499 452 095

Culburra Beach Orient Point Men's Shed Inc.

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Open 8:30am - 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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John Castellan: **0498 023 781**

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