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Culburra Beach & Districts Men's Shed

It's mid-winter, and our various local cavity breeding birds are starting to scout out locations for breeding in the coming spring and summer. You'll doubtless notice increased activity in your local bushland, parks and reserves; and your own backyard.

So, it's a great time to consider putting up a nest box in your backyard to provide habitat for local wildlife. All our native birds and arboreal mammals are suffering greatly from habitat loss, and your contribution can make a notable difference to ensuring our endemic creatures survive and thrive. Popular target species are rosellas and kookaburras, but native fauna can't read and you never know who might move in.

A common complaint after a native bird nest box is installed is that it "isn't being used by" or "isn't attracting" the target species. The usual reason is simply that the box is occupied by another resident, usually a possum (but it could be a snake or monitor lizard) that the birds can't displace.

Possums are a part of Australian life, both in urban areas or adjacent to bush areas. Brushtail possums have become quite adaptable and will readily take to



nest boxes, whether intended or otherwise. Similarly, ringtail possums, who usually use dreys, will also seek out nest boxes if they feel threatened by predators.

Brushtails will sometimes take over kookaburra or owl nest boxes. They need quite a large box, with an opening of 100mm or larger. Their preferred height is flexible, as long as the location is free from lights, traffic and disturbance.

Ringtail possums may go for a deeper nest box with a smaller entry and seem quite partial to the standard rosella boxes. Although ringtails are not aggressive, and pose no threat to eggs and chicks, rosellas are quite timid and will not attempt to challenge them.



None of the above should prevent the installation of a nest box or two. Nature is random, with no guarantees, but one thing is certain; one or other of our native wildlife will benefit from the shelter.

Of course, there are plenty of other birds and possums that will use nest boxes i.e. sugar gliders, lorikeets,

owlet nightjars, tree creepers, pardalotes, feathertail gliders, pygmy possums and antechinus. And don't forget our local microbats.

We make nest boxes for all the above birds, possums and microbats. Please call in for a chat and cuppa on Monday or Wednesday mornings and take a look at the range of products. You can also visit our Facebook page or ring us on 0499 452 095 for more information.

Come out and see us at the Callala Markets on 13 August, where we'll have our full range of nest boxes and other timber craft available for purchase.

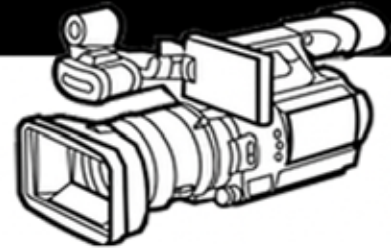
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Bushcare

As promised last month when I wrote about our Callala Beach sites, below are some details of our Callala Bay sites, and information about areas where we've worked over the past month. I'm trialling not always including photos, but relying on readers use of internet search engines if they want to see what plants mentioned look like. However, I'm always happy to provide photos – just contact me on the number at end of article. I've also used common names rather than botanical ones for the most part.

Callala Bay Bush Care Sites

Starting at the footbridge across Callala Creek is the area we know as 'the Lackersteen site'. Since 2015 our team have removed the invasive lawn grasses, kikuyu and Buffalo, along with Asparagus Fern, and Senna/Easter Cassia. Work still remains battling the Veldt Panic Grass, Parramatta Grass (unlike the footie team, this exotic weed hales from Asia/Malaysia) and Milk Thistle – the seeds of these will keep germinating for many years. Moth vine seedlings also insist on popping up in the area beyond the STOP sign. I have taken a personal interest in keeping the immediate area facing the footpath as weed free as possible as a kind of showcase of what regenerated bush looks like. Our team would like to take the existing Bush Care sign down and replace it with an information sign about the native vegetation – one of those metal signs set at waist height. We might have to run some cake stalls, apparently those signs cost upwards of \$2,000 each.

Our next site is the entry area to the Callala Creek Boardwalk. Our team built a considerable part of the boardwalk but these days Council staff do the maintenance along the walking planks. We are focusing our work in the area around the entrance site on the corner of Sheaffe and Chisolm Streets. There's lots of Asparagus Fern, Daisies, Paspalum, Paddy's Lucerne, Buffalo, Japanese Honeysuckle, Nightshade and Senna. When it's warmer, there's also a vast number of ferocious mosquitoes!

Lastly there's the extensive Emmett St/Boorawine Creek Reserve and dune system. All the weeds mentioned in the sites above are found here, plus Blackberry, Formosa Lily, Whiskey Grass, Mickey Mouse plant – not at all cute – it's a South African shrub with red and black flowers that look a bit like Mickey. Arum Lily, Agapanthus, Fish Bone Fern and Norfolk Island Hibiscus. One problem weed that has really taken off here is Pennywort, native to the tropics and the Pacific, and proving to be an emerging pest in Callala.

Activities – over the past month our team has worked at the following sites: Benton Sands and Princess St access track, both at Callala Beach. Lackersteen St, including tackling Moth Vine and Senna in the bushland adjacent to the path, further up the street. Emmett/Boorawine including dune area and area adjacent to the end of Emmett St.

Actions – Environmental Vandalism reports submitted regarding 1) Marine Parade/Callala Headland - inspection done at request of member of the public. Please bear in mind anyone can submit information about Environmental Vandalism to Council – see below. 2) Princess St Beach Access at Callala Beach. 3) Mitchell Rd dune area – a Banksia Integrifolia was observed to have obviously been poisoned.

As noted previously, 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.

To report Environmental Vandalism – on the Council home page, click on Report a Problem, then on the left side of the page that pops up, hit Pollution and clearing of vegetation, then Continue. Follow prompts on that page.

Because photos can be helpful to Council Rangers, you can use the email address, council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

On the subject line, put Environmental Vandalism and the area.

Our Council Co Ordinator is Belinda Stewart, she can be contacted via email, Belinda.Stewart@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au. Any queries about information or opinions in this column, my [Diana] phone number is 0419 531 902.



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Feedback closes at 5pm on Monday, 1 August 2022

Presidents Report

Dear Callala Bay community, friends and visitors. We look forward to the return from overseas of our President Sue Chapman.

Our next general meeting is planned for the 10th August from 7:00pm, held at the Callala Bay Community Centre, 46 Emmett Street. All are welcome. I would encourage you to join us to share your concerns and ways we can improve the facilities and wellbeing of our community. Come along, enjoy a cuppa afterwards and chat with our councillors about your concerns.

At the meeting we look forward to a presentation by council officers on the Recovery into Resilience Project. It should be most interesting. Our ward 2 councillors and Mayor have been invited to attend our meeting and to provide an update on the many projects that the CBCA has been pushing, as well as other things of interest to our community such as progress on planning and construction of our boat ramp.

The CBCA is a Community Consultative Body of Shoalhaven City Council. That means that the council relies on the CBCA to provide feedback and information that the council requires to plan future development and address current concerns and needs. Your input is vital to this process.

John Fowler (Vice- President)

Callala Community Centre

The Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee of the Callala Community Centre (The Centre) is to be held at the Centre, 42 Emmett Street, Callala Bay on Tue 16 Aug 22 at 10:00am. The Centre is managed by a local committee on behalf of the Shoalhaven City Council.

The Centre has undergone a number of improvements in the past 12 months including new flooring, a new sound system, including general communications for the running of meetings and other social activities.

All positions will be spilled and will be open to the community. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The Callala Brumbies

Anna Gardner, the Junior Coach of the Callala District Soccer Club 'the Brumbies' gave a big 'thank you' to the Callala Community for its continued support to the Brumbies.

the community for continuing to support their club. Unfortunately, because of the wet conditions and the wet field, no home games have been held and it will be some time until the fields dry out.

Regardless of the weather, there always needs to have equipment replaced and the rain has created damp issues to doors and kit. Regardless of the weather, the Brumbies have a continuing need for trophies for the end of the playing season and are looking to the community for assistance. Callala Markets has generously made a \$500 donation to assist the Brumbies with its projects, making over \$7000 being donated to the local community.



Dane and Anna Gardner

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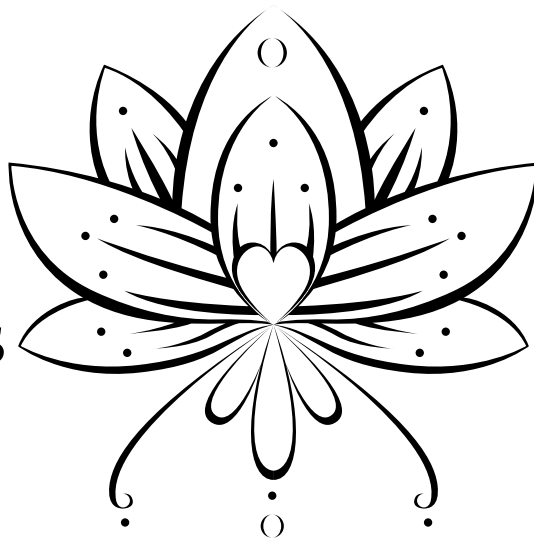
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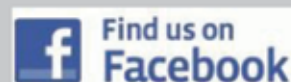


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Cabbage, Broad Beans, Snow peas, Sugar snap peas,
Radish, Strawberries, potatoes, Asian greens

HERBS:- Coriander, Sage, Turmeric, Bay leaf tree, Shallots,
Lots of Garlic, lemon grass, Parsley, chilli
Finger limes (but no fruit this year).

The first back block garden has been planted with a crop of
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CCG Feedback

Recently we received 2 very positive comments.

1. From a horticulturist who said "it's the best cared for
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2. From Carmel MacCallum (the Greens representative)
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WELCOME to the Callala Community Centre, conveniently located opposite the shops in Emmett St, Callala Bay.

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Life Membership Awards

At its meeting on 26 May 22, the Callala Bay Community Association (CBCA) awarded Life Membership to Pauline and Jim Townsend together with Duncan and Stephanie Marshal (see Jul Newsletter). Jim and Pauline have been involved in many community projects since moving permanently to Callala Bay in 2010. Soon after settling, they quickly became involved in CBCA activities, and other community organisations such as The Culburra and District Community Health Service (CDCHS) and the Callala Community Centre Management Committee. (CCCMC)

CDCHS

Jim is the CBCA representative for the Culburra and District Health Service and is a regular medical bus driver to enable less mobile residents keep their health appointments and also to be taken to the train station at Bomaderry if they require health care from outside the area. For a number of years Jim also organised the pickup and delivery of furniture and other bulky items bought and sold at the Culburra Op Shop.

Pauline works weekly in the Culburra Op shop which provides significant funding to many community organisations, and to purchase the CDCHS medical buses.

CBCA

Pauline's contributions to the CBCA include:

- Supplying supper at the monthly CBCA meetings
- Assisting with BBQs and
- Selling raffle tickets at CBCA events such as Australia Day and other fund raisers.

Jim has been a significant contributor and valuable team member to many CBCA Projects including:

- Designing the remediation for Chisholm St which was accepted by SCC;
- Supervising the completion of the Callala Headland shared pathway, which would not have been possible without Jim's technical knowledge and expertise;
- Assisting in placement of new bench seats and picnic table sets along the Headland Path;
- Construction of the roof over the fishing table at the Callala boat ramp;
- Renovation of the covered picnic table set at the skate park;
- Replacing the "doggie bags" when the dispensers are empty; and
- Responsible for setting up and packing up of Australia Day directional signage and flag pole.

Callala Community Centre Management Committee (CCCMC)

In his capacity as CCCMC committee member, Jim is responsible for the external maintenance of the Centre. He and his team of volunteers mow the grassed areas, attend to gardening needs and the maintenance of the two picnic tables. Together with other committee members he has assisted the construction of the covered accessible picnic table and construction of the wheelchair paths servicing the picnic tables.

Both Jim and Pauline emphasise their achievements with the CBCA and other community groups are shared with a willing group of fellow volunteers. They get much satisfaction from their social interactions, companionship, and sense of achievement in making their community even stronger. Congratulations to Jim and Pauline on their Life Membership award.



Jim and Pauline Townsend

CULBURRA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

We maintain the Op Shop, Ambulance Station, Medical Centre and the Medical Bus.

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Culburra Beach & District Garden Club

We meet every 3rd Saturday of month
Feb-Nov at 1.30pm

Venue: Culburra Anglican Church
Penguin Head Rd, Culburra Beach.

For more details contact

Doris Carpenter: **4446 5631**

Culburra & Districts Community Health Service

Visit the Op Shop and pick up a bargain!
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Please contact Culburra Pharmacy on **4447 2382** to arrange transport.

Culburra Beach & Districts Men's Shed

Every Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 1pm, beside the Banksia Community Hall, Fred Evans Lane, Culburra Beach (IRT entry).

More details contact Ray Sutton:
0499 452 095

Culburra Beach Orient Point Men's Shed Inc.

Location: Old Scout Hall Cnr West Crest & Wollumboola Lane

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

All enquiries:

John Castellan: **0498 023 781**

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