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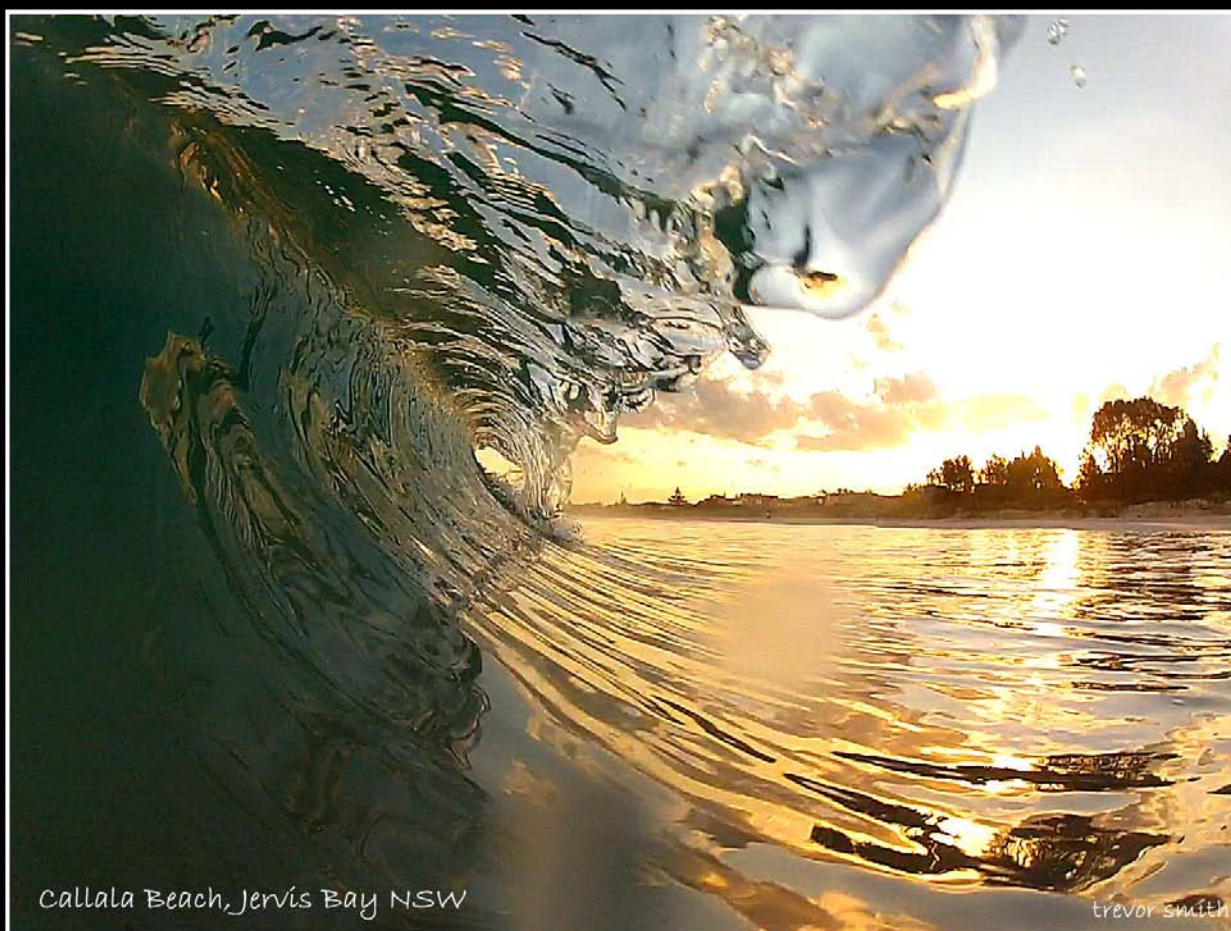
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Callala Beach, Jervis Bay NSW

trevor smith

Light Waves Ahead

Callala Beach photographer, Trevor Smith, mounted his housed GoPro on a pole and waited for the perfect light to capture this sensational shot. "I took maybe 60 stills. As the wave broke, I went under and behind it, pushed the pole through the back of the wave, pointed the GoPro sideways in the wave's face and swam with it."

Check out Trevor's growing catalogue of images on his Facebook page @CallalaBeachJB The last of Trevor's 2016 Callala calendars are available at Barefoot Beach in Callala Bay

CBCA Monthly Report

The April General Meeting was well attended and saw Counsellor Greg Watson speak on the proposed merger of Shoalhaven City Council (SCC) and Kiama Council. Greg advised that with others, he had sponsored 7 public meetings with 800 people and only 7 or 8 attendees had expressed that the merger would be good for the area. He said that if residents felt strongly, they write directly to the boundaries commission or government representatives and our local member. (For details see the SCC website). Council is currently preparing its annual budget for funding allocated to operation projects and suggested that if the CBCA wanted funding for projects it should make application when the budget goes public.

The closure of the Tourist Information Centre and its relocation to the foyer of the Entertainment Centre drew comments from the floor that this was an ill-conceived idea. The CBCA will write to the Council to express this opinion.

CBCA member Trevor Smith advised that well-known local indigenous artist Noel Wellington, who recently completed a series of traditional wood scaring artwork on the benches along the Callala Beach to Myola pathway, had offered to create a wooden installation on the Callala Bay Headland adjacent to the Round the Bay Walk. It would depict the Jerringa traditional use of Callala Bay. The meeting endorsed this concept and Trevor will organise a meeting on site with Mr Wellington to explain his proposal and its cultural and historical significance. (More on Mr Wellington's art inside.)

Chisholm Street road work is expected to finish on April 29. Additional excavation to accommodate sewer and water mains have delayed the project. CBCA members raised concerns about pedestrians endangered by road-racing and "hooning". The CBCA will contact SCC and submit suggested traffic calming solutions to Roads and Maritime Services including a pedestrian crossing from the Bay Village Plaza to the skateboard and sporting fields and Community Centre.

CBCA approached SCC to construct a roof over the picnic table at the skateboard park for weather protection. CBCA has also been in touch with SCC regarding engaging a graphic artist to meet with skaters to discuss the design and ultimate painting of the skate ramps. CBCA will continue its efforts to obtain a water filling station to service the skateboard park, the sporting complex and members of the community generally. We hope it will encourage the skaters to keep the area clean of rubbish, especially the ever-present plastic bottles and cans.

Our next meeting will be May 11th at the Callala Community Centre, Emmett St, Callala Bay commencing at 7.15pm for 7.30 pm start. Please join us. All welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

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Our Coast, Our Lifestyle



Once upon a time, Callala Bay was a land far far away – 15 kilometres away, in fact. But as sea levels rose over thousands of years, sand was pushed up on the coast, valleys were drowned and our bays, estuaries, lagoons, wetlands and beaches were created. The idea that our idyllic sandy beaches are ancient and constant is a fantasy.

So, what does our coastline mean to you now and how do you value or contribute to it? How does living on the shores of Callala Bay shape your day? How do you want it to be in the future?

Don't be surprised if you get a phone call or a survey from Shoalhaven Council asking you these questions. It's part of a campaign by council tagged "Our Coast, Our Lifestyle", that aims to connect community members to the work council does to protect and manage our exceptionally beautiful seaside environments. Our Coast, Our Lifestyle has twin purposes:

First is to promote understanding of the custodian role council plays in managing risks to our coast from erosion and storm damage along the Shoalhaven coast. But more importantly, Our Coast, Our Lifestyle, seeks feedback directly from the community to understand how and why people here value the coast to ensure coastal management decisions balance the needs of everyone.

"We tend to assume the beach is where it always has been. But that's not the case," according to Coastal Engineer and Chair of the NSW Coastal Panel, Angus Gordon.

"The dynamic nature of the coast must be built into council's entire thinking. You can't fight nature on the coast – nature is far more powerful. "

"If you are not working in harmony with nature, nature will overwhelm you." Gordon said.

Gordon was speaking in one of a series of videos on the recently launched Our Coast

Our Lifestyle website.

<http://www.ourcoastourlifestyle.com.au/>

On the website is a survey for Shoalhaven residents to give feedback on coastal values and uses. There you will also find fact sheets and photographs about coastal management in our region plus forums for online community discussion.

Land and property owners play an important role in helping to manage coastal changes and reduce the impact of storms by complying with development approvals and managing vegetation on their properties. Voluntary community groups like Bushcare are also crucial to coastal protection and maintaining the health of the local habitat.

On the web videos, world champion surfer and surfing instructor, Pam Burrige, voiced the need for accessible lookouts and makes the point that provisions like car parks, actually help to protect the public areas of natural beauty. She also acknowledged the work of council in reclaiming and revegetating sand dunes as well as building storm water barriers and access tracks.

While singer/songwriter Liam Maihi, said in his Vox Pop that living on the coast shapes his music.

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SHARK PATROL RESTS AMID CORRUPTION CONTROVERSY



Long before sharks were making headlines for cruising close to beaches, the Australian Aerial Patrol (AAP) was watching sharks from their red and yellow aircraft. On ANZAC Day, the charity organisation completed its 59th summer coastal patrol between Sydney and Ulladulla. But explosive new claims, reported on April 27, of money-laundering partnerships with drug syndicates, fraud and tax evasion threaten the charity.

According to AAP General Manager, Harry Mitchell, the accusations are baseless rumours. But the Civil Aviation Authority grounded the AAP fleet in March after corporate sponsorship from Bendigo Bank was frozen, causing AAP's chief pilot and engineer to resign suddenly over lack of payment.

The Middle Eastern Organised Crime Squad and the Illawarra Police are investigating several fraud and misappropriation of funds claims. The NSW Crime Commission has issued Mr Mitchell with a court order restraining \$750,000 that was paid in 2014 as a deposit by a consortium of investors on the aircraft training and maintenance arm of AAP. One

of those investors was charged and found guilty of drug trafficking. Police allege that money was the proceeds of crime laundered through the AAP and Mr Mitchell.

Shoalhaven Council are among the sponsors of AAP, as are Wollongong and Kiama Councils. It's alleged that flight logs do not reflect the number of patrols the organisation claims to have completed. But Mr Mitchell told Callala Connection that Despite AAP funding coming entirely from private sponsors, community groups and local councils, this past summer was AAP's busiest yet. Meanwhile, the red helicopter seen over Callala this summer works under the state government's 16 million dollar budget assigned to shark attack mitigation.

"Between September and April, our fixed-wing coastal patrol passed over beaches not the usual 4 times, but 8-10 times each flight," Mr Mitchell said.

"At the peak of summer we flew every day, not just weekends and public holidays."

The crews include one pilot and three observers, one of which is in radio communication with emergency services, police and especially the Surf Life Saving clubs. While shallow water shark spotting is its predominant activity, AAP state that general coastal safety is the overall goal as so many of the South Coast's beaches – as in Jervis Bay - are unpatrolled.

Mr Mitchell says he has been involved in this patrol for 35 years and that the numbers of sharks living and travelling along our coast hasn't changed. Callala's north side of Jervis Bay is particularly

favoured by dusky whalers who favour healthy estuarine nutrient loads to feed on small fish, crabs, octopus, squid or cuttlefish - often roaming across the Bay to Hyams Beach.

What has changed is the appearance of more large migratory animals that were previously uncommon, such as leatherback turtles, schooling cownose rays and seals. Those are the prey attracting the more feared great white, bull and tiger sharks closer to shore and to people.

"I'm often asked where I think an attack is most likely to happen. I'd say Port Kembla Beach - the seal colony there has grown." Mitchell said.

"I love sharks. But really, we don't know sharks at all."

CARVING CALLALA BAY'S STORIES



From a Royal audience in the Halls of the National Museum of Australia in Canberra to the headland pathway in Callala Bay, Noel Wellington is carving his family's history in wood for all to see.

Mr Wellington, a Jerringa artist from Nowra, has already created stunning story-boards out of timber seats along the Callala Beach-Myola pathway as well as in a log monument at the Crookhaven Headland Reserve. His proposal to continue his work

on the Callala headland has been greeted enthusiastically by residents and steps are being taken now to make that idea a reality.

Callala Headland holds a significant place in the memories of Wellington's family for being a vantage point to watch the mullet schools and other sea life. He carves and engraves designs into the wood that reflect the marine life of that place as well as the tradition of Aboriginal tree-scarring. Tree-scarring had a variety of purposes from tool-making to communicating or commemorating special events or sites.

MONSTER WARSHIP IN JERVIS BAY



The Royal Australian Navy's largest and newest warship, HMAS Adelaide, spent two weeks in Jervis Bay this April. While Adelaide's sister ship, HMAS Canberra, was returning from a month in Fiji stocking and rebuilding remote island areas devastated by Cyclone Winston, Adelaide's crew was conducting training exercises for the very same humanitarian aid and disaster relief work. Meanwhile, the RAN continues its internal investigation into the fires last November that started in the Beecroft Weapons Range Impact Zone while live-firing exercises were underway. The fire burned 2000 hectares of the peninsula and came to 700m from Currarong homes.



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Lest We Forget

A more beautiful, clear, sunny ANZAC Day in Callala would be hard to imagine.

April 25, 2016 was a day not of celebration but of commemoration of the World War I landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli 101 years ago.

The gathering of 500 at Callala Beach RSL and Country Club heard a traditional message of gratitude for the remarkable and tragic efforts of service men and women during wartime.



Flagbearers Retired Lt. Col. James Morris, Mr. John Byrne and Mr. Col Chessel led the parade of Callala Beach RSL Sub-branch and community members. Air Commodore Retired, Ian Scotland, spoke of ANZAC history and the importance of remembering the failures and successes of military action to preserve the peace and friendship we enjoy in Australia now.

Andrew Dwyer sang the New Zealand national anthem in Maori and English as well as the Australian anthem.

Ward Councillor Jemma Tribe represented the Shoalhaven Council and Reverend Sue Fisher led the community in a prayer. Dozens of groups and individuals laid wreaths at the cenotaph. (Pictures by Margaret Duncan.)



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Bushcare Volunteers

Lesley Oliver

Wet weather and grandparent duties created some disruption to last month's bushcare programme. But we did manage to visit three of our sites.

First we planted more Sea Rush (*Juncus kraussii* ssp. *Australiensis*) at the "de-buffaloed" creek bank near Bicentennial Park, Callala Bay. After planting 160 seedlings in two sessions, we were grateful to have some serious rain afterwards, even despite our use of water crystals.



Maidenhair ferns have wedge-shaped slightly rounded bright green leaves.

We then spent another morning at Boorawine Creek Reserve clearing Buffalo and Kikuyu from around the area previously planted by the Callala Bushcare Group. This is inevitably a delicate job as there are also many native plants in the understorey which we strive to preserve, such as the beautiful Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum aethiopicus*). Widespread in damp open situations, often along creeks, this fern can form large colonies. To anyone like me who has struggled to keep these ferns alive in a pot, it is always mystifying to see how they thrive in frequently hostile environments.

We also devoted some effort to removing visible Senna seedlings and other escaped garden weeds.

Last week we visited the Bangalay Sand Forest at the eastern end of Callala Beach. This area near Benton Sands was the very first site tackled by Callala Bushcare Group more than 10 years ago.

Back then, the view from the pathway was of dense walls of Lantana extending as high as the tree canopies. Lantana is one of 32 Weeds of National Significance with top priority for removal move because of their extreme invasiveness and impact. So we persisted in hand-weeding the site and, with the help of some industrial-scale poisoning by Council, managed to eliminate the infestation.

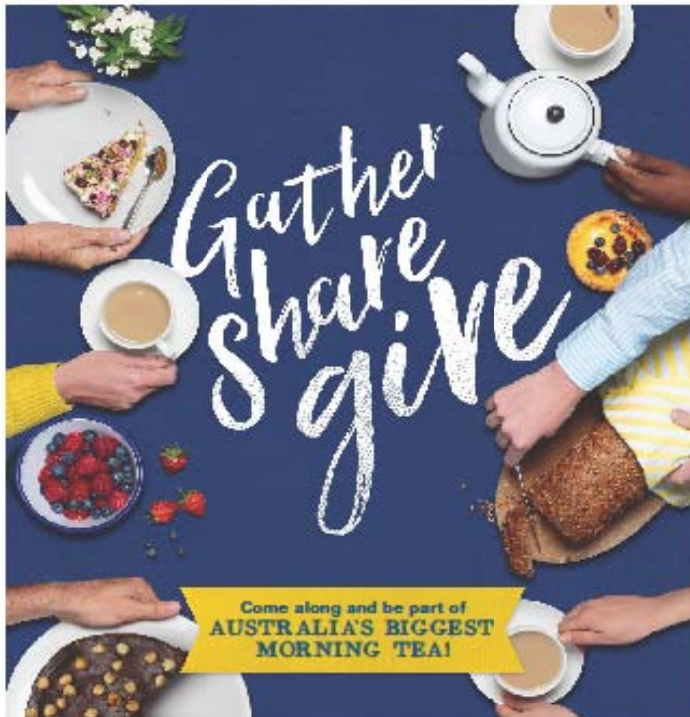
However, Lantana seeds remain viable for many years in the soil, and even cut stems left on site (as per bushcare practice) often regenerate as a cutting in the sometimes damp sandy soil. It is therefore crucial to re-visit these areas on at least an annual basis to remove new lantana seedlings.

Despite patches of Lantana, Senna and Passionfruit vines, it was gratifying to see vigorous re-growth of native shrubs, vines, and groundcovers, and to hear the abundance of birds and frogs. Never a bad way to spend a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning!



The call of the green and golden bell frog sounds like a motorbike changing gears.

If you would like to join us any Tuesday morning between 8.00 and 10.00am, please contact: Bryan Lenne Ph: 4446 4157 or Email: scribblybark@gmail.com



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The venue has changed to the Callala Community Centre in Emmett St - as the increasing support has turned our Biggest Morning Tea into an event - "Bigger Than Ben Hur".

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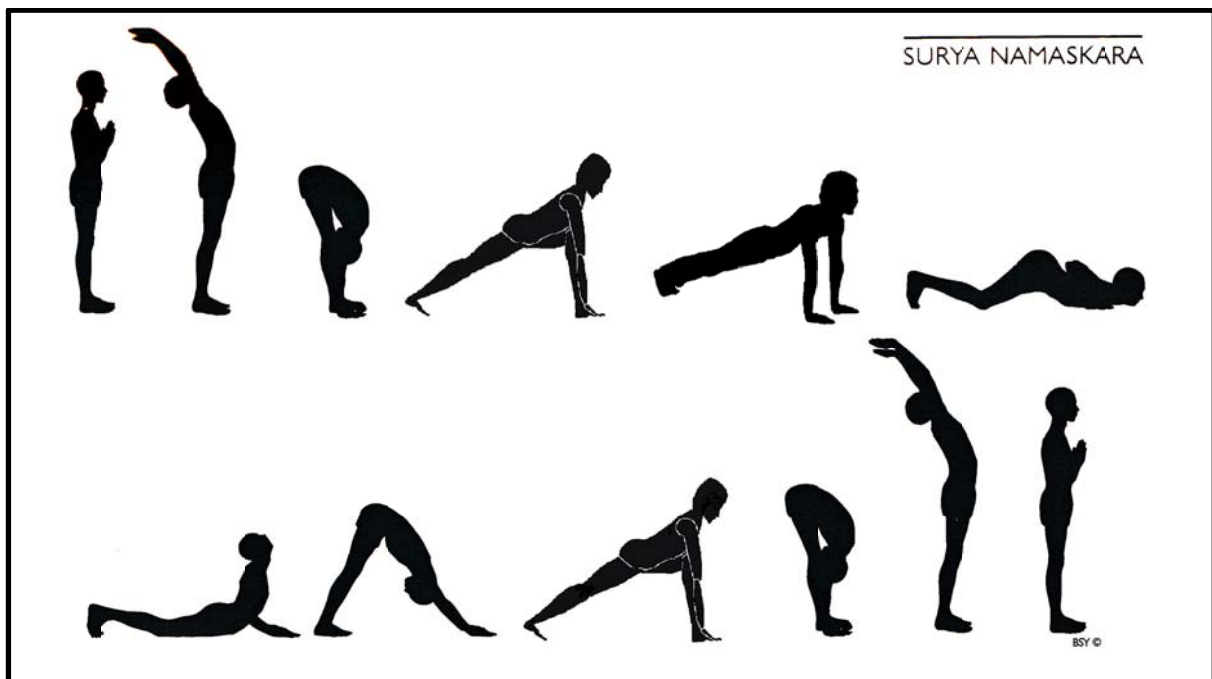
During winter we need to be mindful that joints and muscles may feel stiffer and ache more than usual, especially in the morning. It's important that we warm ourselves entirely before moving into our usual exercise routine. Embarking on dynamic movement before we take a sunrise walk or bike ride can help to alleviate aches and pains later in the day.

I love a simple sequence, called a sun salutation, ideal to help you greet the day. It is accessible to everyone, it warms and conditions all your muscles, allowing energy to flow while raising the heart rate gently.

The sun salutation is ideal for loosening stiffness and regaining flexibility. It stimulates your body's circulation and promotes deep rhythmic breathing which relaxes your body and eliminates stress or tension.

It's really useful to come along to a Yoga class to get a feel for these movements under the guidance of a qualified teacher. Katie offers simple, nourishing weekly Yoga classes in Callala Bay and Callala Beach. Her sessions offer accessible flowing Yoga for every body type and ability so that we can learn Yoga together in an inclusive, safe environment.

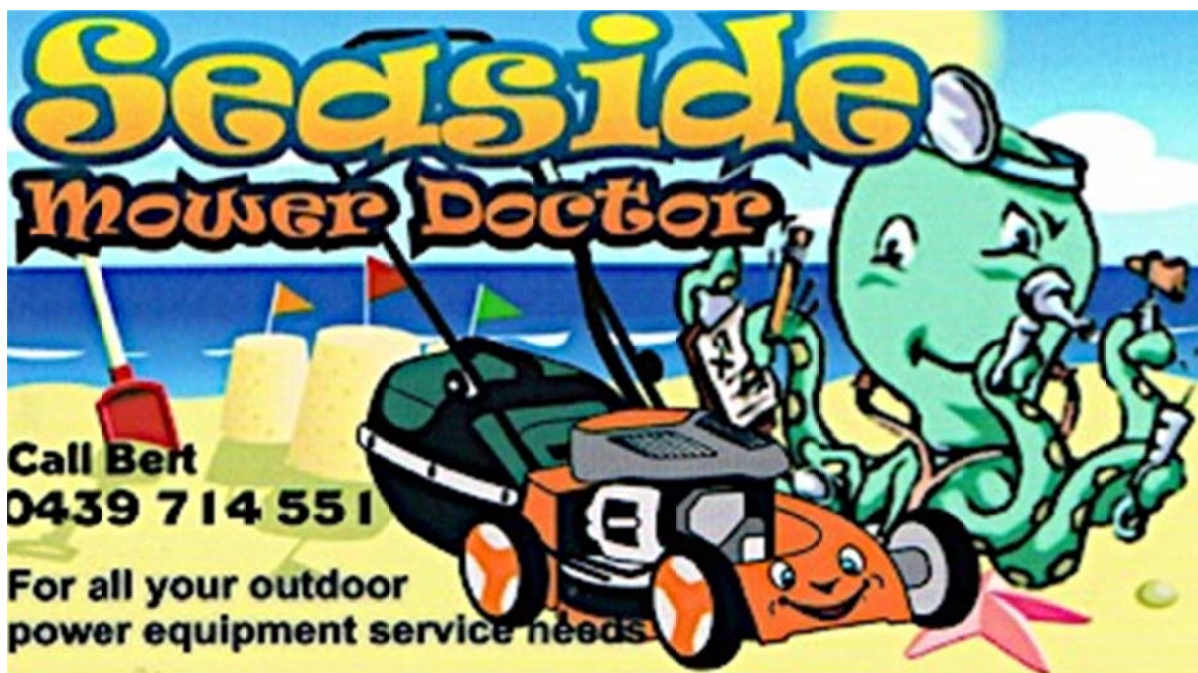
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Males 55 years or over, can join the Vet's. Ladies and visitors also play on the day. If you would like to join us for great golf and friendly company, contact the golf shop on 4446 5112 between 8 am and 5 pm and arrange a time slot between 7.30-9:30am

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Men's & Vet's Golf

Tuesday 29th March was a special day for Vets members at Callala as they were privileged to view Secretary Jack Harris modelling a proposed new uniform.



Michael Inness was on fire when he comfortably won the Single Stableford Event with a Score of 40 Points. His nearest rivals were Ross Elletson, Steve Chapman and Graham Lewington with scores of 38 & 37 Points.

Saturday 2nd April was Men's Monthly Medal day at Callala. Members were treated to a wonderful lunch prepared and served by our wonderful Gordana Sesum. Thank you Gordana! Men's Captain, Ilija Sesum, took the top dog spot today with an impressive 66 points which also ensured he won "B" Grade Monthly medal as well. Runner up overall after the count back was applied and taking out "C" Grade Monthly medal was the Legend, Barry Whitlock, with a great 68. Overall third, after the count back with Barry was Steve Chapman also with an impressive 68 points. Steve's great result also ensured he took out the "A" Grade monthly medal.

Tuesday 5th April Vet's Golf. Great club member and worker, Graham Mitchell, had a good game in the Monthly Mug Stroke Event at Callala to comfortably win the Event with a Score of 63 Nett from Runner Up Jack Harris. Division One was won by David Brumby with also a great Score of 65 Nett with Visitor, Glen Moses, a close second on 66 Nett.

CALLALA WINS VET'S SHIELD DAY

Monday 11th April Vet's Golf. Callala won the first half of the annually contested Challenge Shield from Ex Servos on Monday by a healthy Margin of 56 Points. The Event will be finalized at Worrigeer later in the year. The first four places in the Event were filled by the following Callala Players: Geoff Blackshaw, Jamie Reardon, Olga Clifton & Graham Lewington. An equal amount of players from each side faced the Starter but Worrigeer players were unable to handle the difficult Callala Course on the day.

Saturday Men's Golf 16th April. Single Stableford was the format for this competition. It was not surprising to see Gordon Heming, one of our course record holders, come in with an impressive 40 points to take out the winner's prize. President, Harold Reynolds played an excellent round of golf to come home as runner up with 38 points.

Tuesday 19th Vet's Golf. Barry Jarman stepped up at Callala on Tuesday to comfortably win the Single Stableford event with a handy Score of 37 Points. His nearest rival was Vets Captain, Doug Ingle who came in with a Score of 35 Points. Gary Donovan was in third place with 34 Points. Well done guys!

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Women's Bowls

Lyn Byrne

Callala RSL Women's Bowling Club entered a team in the Currarong 6-a-side Tournament held over two days April 3-4.

As a small club, our teams were made up of the members who work for the Sunday games and the retirees who played the Monday games. The Sunday team was Tori Brownhill, Carmen Carter, Joanne Shaw, Jan Wright, Tracey Semevente and Kaitlin Shaw. Tori and Joanne won their

pairs game while the fours were narrowly beaten.

The Monday team of Dianne Dawes, Audrey Mansfield, Jan Wright, Debbie Allen, Bev Young and Lyn Byrne were also defeated. Despite the cancellation of the afternoon games, because of rain on Monday, we all had a great couple of days and look forward to next year's tournament.

**Monday players
at the Currarong
6-a-Side
Tournament.**

**Back: Dianne
Dawes, Audrey
Mansfield and Lyn
Byrne.**

**Front: Jan
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Netball

Callala's young girls may number only a few hundred, but a large proportion of the district's top young Netball players hail from Callala.

Among those stand-outs is Grace Smith (pictured) who was recently selected for the Shoalhaven Netball Association Representative State Age Squad for her third year, along with court compatriot Kyla Kennedy. The pair have been playing together since age 7.



In 2015 Grace was awarded the representative teams' Most Consistent Player as well as Albatross Netball Club's Junior Player of the Year. Plus she was selected to the South Coast Regional Public Schools netball team which played against regional teams from all over NSW at the PSSA State Championship Carnival.

There are several reasons for Callala's particularly strong Netball culture:

Netball is an ideal first team sport, allowing girls to get started with ball skills, fitness and footwork from as young as six. Also, mothers tend to pass on their enthusiasm for the sport. Callala Public school encourages whole school participation in Netball – including the boys. Under the leadership of Principal Therese Aston, Callala PS recently sent four teams to a Netball

NSW Schools Netball Cup carnival where our top team dominated.

But two Callala women in particular have nurtured a group of girls in netball for six years. Accomplished players themselves with Albatross Netball Club, Bronwyn Freeman and Nicole Smith (whose own lifelong friendship began playing netball in primary school) are also dedicated coaches to the next generation of potential champions.

Their expertise shows through the young players. In a team of nine netballers selected to the Sthn Illawarra zone team for this month's Regional carnival, four of the team members are from Callala Public School: Caitlyn Freeman, Isabella Wallace, Caitlyn Beck and Malia Barrel. Malia was selected for the South Coast Regional team to play at the 2016 State Championships.

Soccer

The season kicked off this year with most of the Callala Brumbies teams in serious training from early March. We played our first games of the season on April 4 with the Junior teams and both Senior Men's teams playing at home for good crowds of spectators and supporters.

The Ladies, Youth and Premiers started their seasons the following week with some very competitive games. These teams are playing great football and are worth getting out for a look on a Tuesday or Wednesday night.

The Brumbies entered teams in all junior grades this year including Youth (U14), Premiers (U16), Ladies in 2nd division and 1st Grade and the Men in 2nd and 3rd Grade competitions.

For the football purists or those that enjoy the social interaction over a hot beverage and sausage sandwich, the Brumbies have football on at the Callala sports ground on every second Saturday from 9am with the possibility of 8 games. Up to 6 of the junior teams will be in action from the U6s through to the U12s. The 3rd Grade Men then kick off from midday with 2nd Grade Men playing from 1:40pm.

The Ladies play at home regularly on Tuesday nights at 7pm and the Youth and Premiers play at home on Wednesday nights at 6pm and 7:30pm, unfortunately on alternative weeks to each other. So if you enjoy watching the game played or discussing with like-minded individuals how it should be played, then please come along and support the Callala Brumbies throughout 2016 season.

XTERRA, Callala Beach

The hugely popular international triathlon series event, the XTERRA Asia-Pacific Championships, again turned normally quiet Callala Beach into a hive of activity and energy from April 23-24. Mad keen amateurs raced alongside elite professionals. Beginners and fun-runners were put to shame by some super fit juniors. While the Kiwi competitors took out the victory honours as well as \$50,000 in prize money.

Braden Currie and Lizzie Orchard won the 3rd annual XTERRA Asia-Pacific Championship on a breezy Callala day with swells and currents challenging race officials to minimise the swim leg and keep swimmers out of the weed and turbulence.

Braden Currie (centre) shot into the lead after a strong mountain bike leg, holding off fellow Kiwi, Sam Osborne (left) on the trail to win his 9th career XTERRA title and second XTERRA Asia-Pacific title. Australia's Ben Allen (right) was a minute behind in 3rd place.



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New Zealander, Lizzie Orchard caught long-time leader Jacqui Slack of Great Britain 7km into the rugged run, then held off Carina Wasle of Austria by just 27 seconds to take her third straight XTERRA Asia-Pacific race this year.

Meanwhile, local amateurs of all ages rose to the challenge. Sarah Wynter and Jasmine Shepherd, both only 8 years old, competed in Saturday's kids X terra - a 3km bike ride and 500m run off-road. The pair love competing together and have previously completed triathlons at Callala and Huskisson.

According to Jasmine's Mum, Ginette, "They go hard and are rewarded with a medal and – more importantly - an ice cream at the finish line!"



Clockwise from top left:

Women's winner, New Zealander, Lizzie Orchard (pic, Cat Holloway); Junior enthusiasts Sarah Wynter and Jasmine Shepherd (pic, Ginette Shepherd); Adam Knight looking comfortable on familiar ground (pic, Trevor Smith); Elly and Jake Andrews cheer competitors at the changeover (pic, Cat Holloway)



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A Musical Maid

From classical opera to 50s rock'n roll, Callala Bay soprano, Monique Hill, has already hit many career high notes. Yet she says her goal for now is just to keep improving her singing technique and gain more confidence.

Modest words from a woman who began classical singing training at age 14 under Callala Bay vocal expert, the late Lyn Aldred. Monique now regularly wins or places in various extremely competitive vocal sections at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod.

"I'd never had any exposure to classical music until I met Lyn," Monique said.

"But I love it now – classical singing is very challenging. It demands real accuracy and endurance.

"But I love musical theatre too – it's great fun, it really helps to develop your stage presence, plus you get time to become friends with cast mates.

"There are some amazingly talented people in our area. Performing with them really motivates me to keep working hard."



Monique (cent) performing *Three Little Maids* from Gilbert & Sullivan's *Mikado*

Monique, a primary school teacher and retail worker by day, is in rehearsal now for her fourth full-scale musical with the acclaimed Albatross Musical Theatre Company (AMTC) in Nowra. This time it's the ageless Dickens tale, *Oliver*, and Monique will have a spotlight solo moment in the show to strut her singing chops.

Last year, Monique was in the ensemble for the AMTC production of *Grease* – the company's biggest selling show to date – as well as featuring as a soloist and ensemble singer in the 40th anniversary extravaganza *Fabulous & Forty*, which featured several professional singers including Monique's current singing teacher, David Foley, and the veteran opera diva, Christa Leahmann. Her first musical theatre foray was in the ambitious and highly successful AMTC production of *The Wizard of Oz* in 2014.



In AMTC's 2015 hit, *Grease*

Several Callala residents are AMTC performers. Conductor and composer, Andrew Lyons, is one of the company's orchestra directors. Jenny Callanan plays clarinet in the orchestra. *Oliver!* is also Cat Holloway's fourth AMTC musical, this time playing Widow Corney, alongside her daughters, Malia, who plays the key role of the Artful Dodger and Parri, who sings and dances in Fagin's gang and the junior ensemble. Nell Hughes makes her theatrical debut with *Oliver!* in the junior ensemble.

Apparently, Callala, has no shortage of young musical talent. Earlier in the year, two other budding Callala performers, Ella Carson and Brianna Lethbridge, joined the cast of Nowra Player in the hilarious musical pantomime, *Camelot*, with the very accomplished young singer and musician, Isabelle Cork, as Princess Guinevere.

Oliver! runs in the school holidays from July 8-17 at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. Tickets are on sale now. The Shoalhaven Eisteddfod begins this month and is always a surprising showcase of local talent across in all kinds of performing arts. The full program is now available online at www.shoalhaveneisteddfod.org.au



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Similar crossings have been very effective in slowing traffic and improving pedestrian safety and it is anticipated that the proposed works will also significantly improve safety for traffic and pedestrians in the area.

Netball

Congratulations to those students who attended the Netball NSW Schools' Cup. We sent two non-competitive teams (Stingrays and Starfish) and one team in the competitive division (Dolphins). All teams performed very well with the Stingrays and Starfish teams playing well together for the first time but still enjoying many wins.

The Dolphins won every game in their pool and now progress to the next phase of the NSW Cup which will be in Queanbeyan on August 4. Go Dolphins!

Thanks to the parents who helped out on the day: Manefa Sezonenko, Natalie Dunstan and our Dolphins umpire, Bronwyn Freeman. In addition to these people, it was great to see so many parents come along and cheer on the teams. Special thanks to Mrs Ball who helped with supervision and organisation.

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Since we last wrote we have been OUT TO LUNCH at the North Nowra Tavern on April 4. As we have changed our lunchtime get-togethers, we have been trying out different venues. The next one will be at the Vincentia Golf Club on May 16, 2016. There is also an outing planned for Mogo Zoo on 23rd May 2016.

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