Location Location $520,000
- Set on a 1109 square metre block
- Short walk to beach and shops
- Great family home or investment
- Currently renting to excellent tenants

Easy Living $615,000
- As new immaculate 3 bedroom home
- Easy care block with established gardens
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- Short level walk to beach

Privacy and Close to Beach $875,000
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- Studio flat in the shed - fenced house yard

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Anzac Memorial Proposal

Following the overwhelming community response to this year’s inaugural Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Black Head Ocean Pool it is proposed that an appropriate permanent Anzac Memorial be erected in the ocean pool area.

It is estimated that over 300 residents and visitors attended the dawn service in April this year.

To meet Council regulatory requirements, Lions Club of Hallidays Point have adopted the event and will work with the Anzac Day Committee to organise future annual Commemorations.

Community Input

Community input is sought on a proposal to erect an upright granite memorial in the ocean pool area. The structure need only be up to 90cm in height adjacent to the flagpole erected last year by Lions Club.

The memorial will include a plaque commemorating those who gave their lives in conflicts.

An example of wording as follows:

This Memorial to commemorate
Our Brave Anzacs who fought at Gallipoli 1915
and members of our Defence Forces
who gave so much in conflicts.
‘LEST WE FORGET’
This plaque was unveiled on
Date
By
State or Federal MP

Several alternate sites were considered but none had the symbolic ocean backdrop providing a view of the rising sun. The suggested site is clear of the access road to the beach and will not impede access to the pool area.

Funding will be sought through Government grants such as the State Government’s Community Building Partnership program plus funds held by the Anzac Day Committee.

Comment on the proposal is welcomed and may be forwarded to:

David O’Hara,
Lions Club and Anzac Day Committee,
Phone/Text 0447 377 555
or email datoh@bigpond.com
or by mail to Lions Club – Anzac Memorial,
PO Box 5072, Hallidays Point NSW 2430
Know Your Bushfire Risk

Living with the bush is part of living in our beautiful area, but so is living with the risk of bushfire.

If you are living in an area where the bush or grasslands meet built-up areas, this is what you might expect if there is a bushfire:

- Fires can spread quickly from parks and reserves, threatening your home, fences or gardens
- Thick smoke from the fire might make it difficult to see or breathe
- Even if you live a few streets back from the bush, you are at risk of ember attack
- Burning embers can travel through the air, setting fire to homes hundreds of metres from the bush.

If you live near the coast, this is what you might expect:

- Burning scrub or coastal heath can be very hot and burn very quickly
- Fires burning in coastal areas can reach homes quickly
- Access may be difficult, especially if roads in the area are blocked or busy
- Burning embers may be blown from the fire towards your home, starting spot fires.

Come to the Get Ready Day at Rainbow Flat on Saturday September 16, where brigade members will help evaluate your risk and devise strategies to manage this risk. You might also like to talk to members of Diamond Beach Brigade at the monthly Black Head Bazaar.

For further information, contact Rainbow Flat Community Engagement Officer, Robyn King, on 02 6559 2041

Prepare your garden for bush fires

Reducing the amount of vegetation on a property is one of the most critical components of preparing for bush fires.

Measures that should be taken before the fire season include:

- Removing dead branches, leaves and undergrowth from around your home especially under trees.
- Pruning tree limbs that are lower than two meters above the ground or overhanging your home.
- Reducing, removing and managing vegetation such as long grass within 20 meters of your home and within 5 meters of any shed and garages.
- Removing bark, heavy mulch, wood piles and any other flammable materials close to your home and sheds.
- There are various other measures that can be taken in the garden to protect your home. They include:
  - Installing a sprinkler system to wet down your home and garden to reduce the impact of radiant heat, sparks and embers, (all fittings should be metal, as plastic melts)
  - Make sure hoses are long enough to reach around your home
  - Planting lower flammability vegetation, including plants and trees with low oil and high water and salt content.
  - Developing a well-managed vegetable garden, as it can act as an excellent fuel break.
  - Planting trees and shrubs with space between them so they do not form a continuous canopy.

Please amend the phone number I gave you for our Senior Deputy Captain Ron Smith last month his number is M: 0490 094 621

Leo Fransen, Phone 0428 222 065
Diamond Beach Brigade, Community Engagement Officer.

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Get Ready Day 2017

Rainbow Flat Rural Fire Brigade will hold its annual Get Ready Day on Saturday September 16 at the fire station on Bonvale Close from 10am to 2pm as part of the state wide Get Ready Weekend. Come along, meet your local fire fighters and pick up some tips to make your home and property safer this summer.

Children and new residents are particularly welcome.

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The club’s Annual General Meeting was held at the Hallidays Point Senior Citizens’ Club on July 19th. President, Jenny Greentree, thanked outgoing Committee members, Elaine Anlezark, Annette Hart and Phil Jackson for their generous contribution to the successful running of the club over the years. She also reflected in her Annual Report on all the gardens visited and the various activities of the 2016-17 year.

Carolyn Begg was presented with the Ann Williams Clark Medallion, a prestigious award from Garden Clubs of Australia.

The Committee for the upcoming year is as follows:

**President:** Jenny Greentree

**Vice President:** Bill Lyndon

**Treasurer/News Editor:** Anne Visser

**Secretary:** Annie Mayne

**Social Secretary:** Tamara Whitney

**Trading Table Convenor:** Raillie Douglas

**Publicity Officer:** Wendy Mertz

**Committee Member:** Bob Ricketts

Following the AGM, members adjourned for a sumptuous morning tea which was followed by the usual monthly meeting. Phil Jackson gave an updated report on arrangements for the visit to Hunter Valley Gardens on September 21st. The trip will have to be cancelled if the quota of 48 people to fill the bus cannot be met. Please call Phil Jackson on 6559 3806 if you are interested in going but have not yet let him know. The August meeting is to be at Green Patch Nursery at Bohnock.

Cheryl Winner from FAWNA gave a very interesting presentation on the work carried out by her organisation, how the volunteers operate and how their funds are raised to meet the expenses outlaid to rescue, rehabilitate and release native animals, birds and reptiles back into the wild.

Members were thanked for their contributions towards the catering for the day which included the morning tea already mentioned and the luncheon that followed the meetings.

For any enquiries regarding the Garden Club, contact Secretary, Annie Mayne on 6559 2570 or email annietheaussie@bigpond.com

**What a wonderful success this year’s Open Gardens event was, on a perfect weekend. We had approximately 1,000 visitors and achieved a net amount of $10,500 which was recently donated to Riding for Disabled.**

As an active Garden Club, we are very proud to have hosted this event and will look forward to doing it again in the future.

We are most appreciative of the promotion of the Open Gardens in the News of Our World, which helped to ensure this event was a great success.

**Many thanks, Annie Mayne, Secretary**

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**Some Important Events Worth Noting**

**In Your Diary**

**28th September** Combined Service Clubs and Community Organisation’s Dinner Club Taree ph 0434 645 853 for details

**28th October** Age Care Expo commencing 9.30am Taree Race Club ph 0434 645 853 for details
Demystify Age Care

October 28th

There are very few greater challenges or stressful situations than working through age care decisions.

The tough decisions are not just the financial ones but are very much about making some heart felt emotional decisions, on the care of someone dear to you.

More often than not, those tough decisions are left to the adult children (of the age person) who are often rushed and ill-prepared.

Dr David Gillespie MP our Federal Member announced to a group of businessmen last month, that his electorate now has the highest average age of any electorate in Australia, so the local challenge is immense.

The choice of housing, the question of money lasting a life time, are challenges that need strategies and solution options.

Age Care Expo

Your Heritage Financial Planning is facilitating an Aged Care Expo at Taree – Wingham Race Club and Winning Post Function Centre, Saturday October 28th

There will be information booths with representatives from age care providers, support services and Centrelink.

While entry will be available from 9.30 am to visit the booths, there will be two theatre style strategy sessions conducted at 10.30am and 3.15pm

Those session will run for just over an hour and will leave attendees with a greater understanding of process and some strategy options that can make a difference in meeting age care costs.

The sessions are being held on a Saturday, to make the information available to a wider audience, in particular the potential decision makers, the children, who have aged parents.

Accredited Advice and Age Care Services

The experienced team of Alan Tickle and his Paraplanning support, Narelle Dark have both completed training and accreditation in age care advice.

A package of service options is available that cover age pension applications and retirement strategy, age care strategy and financial solutions, age care Income and assets assessment and applications.

Liaison with legal representatives on review or preparation of Wills, Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardian, Superannuation nominations and death benefit tax strategy, are also provided when required.

For further information on the Age Care Expo, or appointment requests, please phone 6551 2333.

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Nearly Naked and Nude Exhibition
Hallidays Point Library, with the assistance of Manning Regional Art Gallery, is exhibiting the work of some local artists who were not included in the final selection for the Manning Art Prize for 2017. Enjoy the art works and sculptures of these artists from 4 September until 13 October.

Borrow Box
Lots of new eBooks and eAudiobooks titles have recently been added to our Borrow Box collection. Check them out, or ask Library Staff about getting connected.

Ancestry.com
Want to do some family research? The library has a subscription to ancestry.com. Use the library internet computers (free) to access this fantastic resource.

Do you have a child or grandchild 2-5 yrs old?
Have you considered bringing him/her to Storytime? Great fun is had at our Storytime for 2-5yr olds every Friday morning at 10.30am. We enjoy stories, craft, movement and music.

School Holiday Program Sept/Oct 2017
Once again, we will be having a great line-up of activities for primary school aged children during the holidays. The program will be available in early September. Drop into the library or check our website www.midcoastlibraries.com.au for further details.

See you soon in the Library!!
Library Hours: Mon. – Fri. 10am – 5pm, Sat. 10am – 12 noon

Help & Exercise!
While you’re walking in your neighbourhood, why not help deliver the Hallidays Point News of Our World?
We currently need spare walkers to cover for our regulars who are on holiday.
Please call Clare on: 6559 3413
Art in The Area
NEARLY NAKED & NUDE
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2017

The Regional Gallery at Taree will display an exhibition during September-October called Naked & Nude, and our local equivalent called Nearly Naked & Nude will be featured at the Hallidays Point Library. The arresting title "Naked & Nude", refers to two things: firstly, the great tradition of the Nude: a person who is bare, with no covering or decoration. Secondly, a wider definition: something that is revealed, laid bare, unmasked or vulnerable. So, with such a broad-brush description many local and interstate artists created new works, hoping their entry would be accepted and perhaps win the $10,000 first prize.

With over 400 entries, the judges at Taree had a very difficult time choosing which paintings were to be hung so there were many disappointed artists. But not to worry, you can see a great selection of paintings which the judges didn’t pick at the library in the Nearly Naked & Nude exhibition.

Here are some of the very different, sometimes challenging, paintings you can see between September 4 and October 12 during library hours.

So, treat yourself to a new artistic experience at the library, and then go and see the others at the Regional Gallery.

Monthly Book Review
Into the Water
by Paula Hawkins

The story of Into the Water is carried, sometimes confusingly, by 11 narrative voices that either speak as observers or tell their own story. A mother is found drowned in a “mystic” pool in a small Northumberland town. Everyone knows something but no one is telling.

The story has its flaws. The men are universally nasty – rapists, adulterers, paedophiles, killers, all liars – and the women are unlikeable for the most part. The story line is somewhat lineal with little real excitement or tension. This book is explicit about domestic violence and is not for the squeamish. It is not as good as her first book Girl on a Train, however, it is very readable.

Expressions of Interest are Invited
Caterer
The Lions Club of Hallidays Point
is seeking a caterer to provide meals at the Lions Club Dinner Meetings held at Black Head Surf Club on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Please contact Noel McManus 0458 904 149 for further details.

Are You A Very Busy Woman Wanting To Feel Fitter, Stronger and More Toned?

If you are a busy woman juggling work and family commitments than finding time for yourself can seem impossible.

And while you know the physical and mental benefits of exercise is what you need, joining a standard gym is just not appealing.

That’s why here at Hallidays Point Health and Fitness we have cleared room in our weekly timetable of classes for a Special 4 week introductory course just for Super Busy Women like you.

This Class will be held at 5:45am on Mondays and Wednesdays for 4 Weeks starting on 9th of October in our training rooms at Tallwoods Village.

So if you are a Super Busy Woman looking to tone up, feel fitter and stronger and know that the only time you are going to get for yourself is in the early morning then WE WANT YOU!

What You’ll Get In Our New Spring Into Shape Program:

Introductory 1 on 1 Personal Training Session: Discover your goals and starting points get your questions answered, just you and your trainer.

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Hallidays Point Probus Club

It was quite a relief to see more than 60 Probians turn up at our August meeting, what with this dreadful flu going around. Everyone I spoke to had had it, while the absentees were still having it. But, spring is on its way, so now we can all look forward to a bout of hay fever. However, everyone present was in good spirits and soaked up the sunshine during the morning tea break on the deck of the Surf Club to boost their vitamin D intake.

The 10-minute speaker slot was taken by Ian Campbell in his role as Activities Officer (he’s also our Bulletin Editor), who every month provides an extensive activities calendar and who wanted to know how many people actually did attend any of the promoted events.

Our guest speaker for August was Senior Constable Ray Slade on crime prevention and community safety. Ray has been in the Police Force for 30 years, his command stretching from Johns River to Nerong. At the beginning of his talk Ray handed out a brochure titled “Home Safe” issued by the NRMA, a very handy booklet with all sorts of tips regarding home security and break-in prevention. Ray told us that 99.99 % of thieves and burglars are opportunists, so it helps if one doesn’t provide an opportunity. We all know it: when going away tell the neighbours, make sure your house doesn’t look deserted, with garbage bins still outside on Friday, all blinds drawn, the lawn in desperate need of mowing and mail sticking out of your letterbox, and yet, even blind Freddie can point out at least ten unoccupied houses at any time in my street alone! Ray also said to never, ever let someone inside with excuses like “can I use your ‘phone (or toilet)?” In Ray’s own words: “just tell them to bugger off!” . There were many questions from the audience and mostly the answers came down to “contact the police”.

We all enjoyed Ray’s talk, not least because of his colourful vocabulary!

Many outings are planned for the next few months: the Russian Ballet and Glenn Miller (not together!) at the MEC, whale watching with Amaroo Cruises, a trip to Eungai Buffalo Farm, to name just a few.

If you’re interested in joining: our club meets every first Tuesday of the month (except in January) 9.45 for 10 am at Black Head Surf Club, so just come along to check us out. Or, for more info, contact our President Tony Knight on 6559 2573 (tonight2@bigpond.com) or our Vice President Peter Hester on 6559 3801 (peterhester1@hotmail.com).

Anna Hamers IPP
Knight Time

LET THERE BE LIGHT

We take light for granted don't we? It is always there when we pull back the curtains in the morning. It is just the absence of darkness and the gift of the sun.

Well Light is all that and much more. Within itself there is fragility, durability, delicacy and power. It may yet hold the key to Time itself.

The greatness of our nation Australia is that it is our home so let's recall proudly that the Aboriginal people of this land have the longest continuous cultural history of any group of people on Earth - dating back perhaps 65,000 years. If so their Dreamtime stories and Culture pre-date the book of Genesis with its description of creation by at the very least 50,000 years.

I expect most of us know one or more of the Dreamtime stories of the origin of light. This is a charming one of several:

There was a time when everything was still. The great Father of All Spirits was the only one awake.

Gently he awoke the Sun Mother. She opened her eyes and a warm ray of light spread out towards the sleeping earth.

The Father of All Spirits said to her, "Mother, I have work for you. Go down to the Earth and awake the sleeping spirits. Give them forms."

The Sun Mother glided down to Earth, and everywhere she walked plants grew.

She sat down and watched the glorious sight of her insects mingling with her flowers.

Urged on, the Mother ventured into a very deep cave, spreading her light around her.

Her heat melted the ice, then she created fish and small snakes, lizards and frogs and awoke the spirits of the birds and animals and they burst into the sunshine in a glorious array of colours.

She called all her creatures to her and instructed them to enjoy the wealth of the earth and to live peacefully with one another.

Then she rose into the sky and became the sun.

The living creatures watched the Sun in awe as she crept across the sky, towards the west.

However, when she finally sank beneath the horizon they were panic-stricken, thinking she had deserted them.

All night they stood frozen in their places, thinking that the end of time had come.

After what seemed to them a lifetime the Sun Mother peeked her head above the horizon in the East.

The earth's children learned then to expect her coming and going and were no longer afraid.

The Sun Mother looked down upon the Earth and gave birth to two children.

The god was the Morning Star and the goddess was the moon. Two children were born to them and these she sent to Earth. They became our ancestors.

She made them superior to the animals because they had part of her mind and would never want to change their shape.
General Public Meeting
Held on 2nd August 2017
at Senior Citizens Community Hall

The President opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone.
Committee Members Present: John Griffiths (President), Claire Pontin (Secretary), Alan Tickle, Ray Piper, Ian Dyball, John Finnie

In attendance for Skate Park discussion: Sharon Hocking, Kate Crisp, Cathy Turville, Nelson Crisp, Lachlan Turville, Lachlan Hocking.

Over thirty residents attended the meeting

1. **New Skate Park for Hallidays Point** - Location

   Sharon Hocking and others explained the situation so far:
   There is a need for a skate park in Hallidays Point (the only place in MC Council area without one). Statistics show that 40/42 deaths while skate-boarding occurred while riding on roads. There are about 50 kids who skate locally and every weekend 3-4 cars leave Hallidays Point to travel to other skate park locations.

   They made some initial enquiries in the community and got over 600 signatures in support. They then approached Council and have been given the go ahead subject to agreement of the location and the availability of funds through local fund raising.

   The site needs to be free of trees (to avoid dangerous debris and leaf litter), in a visible not a secluded area, within easy distance of public toilets and not too close to shops. It doesn't need lighting as it is not expected to be used after dark.

   Council has suggested the vacant Council land on the corner near the roundabout in Black Head and Council is keen to get the skaters’ input to design of the park which could be done through a skate park design app (which appealed to the kids).

   Issues raised from the floor:
   • Possible need for a code of conduct
   • The proposed location would be good for tourists
   • Concern that it might attract drinkers after hours, noting there is a prohibition on alcohol after 10pm
   • Needs litter management strategy
   • Suitability of location

   **MOTION:** That HPCLAPA support the concept of the skate park.

   Moved: Ian Dyball  Seconded: Bruce White. Motion carried.

2. **Manufactured Homes Development Application**

   The President, John Griffiths, explained that the Committee were looking for comment to help formulate a submission to Council on the Development Application. Submissions close 3 August (the following day).

   It is necessary that input be restricted to legitimate planning issues, rather than purely emotional comments.

   As a result of discussions it was agreed that a submission be made to Council and this was made as follows:

   The General Manager, MidCoast Council, PO Box 450, FORSTER NSW  2428

   **2 August 2017?**

   **Dear Sir, Re: 407/2017/DA Tallwoods**

   Members of the Hallidays Point Community Liaison & Progress Association Inc. have expressed concern over certain aspects of the above DA. This follows attendance at a meeting at Tallwoods comprising some sixty concerned residents and another in Black Head attended by over thirty apprehensive ratepayers.
In summary, refusal is called for on the following grounds:

a) Over development – The DCP is silent on Manufactured Homes Estates, but even so, the principles espoused in SEPP 36 appear not to have been followed. The application is unclear on the target market; is in proximity of like developments (owned by the applicant) and is not serviced by adequate transport services.

b) Inadequate Resident Parking – The residences comprise two and three bedroom cabins and, in best case scenario, at least two cars will be present at each site every night and all weekend. Remember that there are no taxis, no trains, one bus to Taree or Forster each day and no transport to the local shopping centre. Residents will be forced to park on Ocean View Drive or in visitor parking.

c) The social impact is such that a broad age group, that is eligible to occupy what is low cost housing, has the potential for negative interactions between occupants, with evidence that such a density of housing targeting lower socio economic persons, increases the incidence of crime and possession of prohibited substances.

d) The housing quality of the proposed development is in conflict with residential style in the immediate area which also adds to the adverse impact on existing local amenity.

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c) Social Impact – The Social Impact Statement refers to statistics from Old Bar against a base line of crime statistics at Newcastle. The use of Old Bar statistics and assuming that those would be commensurate with a study of crime statistics at Hallidays Point is flawed.

Old Bar age demographics does not compare with Hallidays Point. Significantly, the statistics at Old Bar has not yet tested the impact of increased housing density of proposed medium density housing at Old Bar and the current housing boom in that area.

While it is stated that Police Crime Manager has been consulted, the assumption that there is support for the development by omission of a stated objection by Police in the body of the report, is flawed. The assumption of no objection from Police is premature and certainly not consistent with past concern of local Police Crime Manager when similar medium to higher density developments have come before the former Greater Taree City Council.

This was apparent with DA applications such as for Dawson River Caravan Park expansion to increase permanent occupants, where concern was expressed over increased concentration of lower socio economic demographic, and evidence of commensurate increased anti-social and criminal activity from such increased population concentration.

Since this DA is not seniors living, and open to a wide demographic and by the developers own admission, targeting those with less financial means and lower socio economic status, this of itself is conducive to negative social impact, not fairly and objectively evident in the developer’s funded social impact statement.

Apart from these issues, the developer’s funded social impact statement presents a risk to safety that is not in the public’s best interest.

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Elected Members – Whilst our Association has every confidence in the Administrator and Senior Staff to make most decision, concern is expressed that a development of this nature should be considered by elected Councillors who are attuned to the desires of their constituents. Perhaps the issues raised herein should be referred to the developer for consideration and the matter be deferred until a future meeting.

 Yours faithfully, John Griffiths Interim Chairperson

Another Public Meeting was held on Thursday 17th August to follow up on the above issues and a report plus a Resident Survey on the proposed Skate Park is included as a ‘Lift-out in this edition of the News of Our World
Local MidCoast Councilor Candidates

The News of Our World invited candidates for election to MidCoast Council who reside within the area of our distribution to submit their profiles for the benefit of our readers who may be looking for local representation on the new Council to be elected on the 9th of September. The eight local resident candidates are listed here in order of their positions on the ballot paper:

Ian James Davis, Nabiac
Born in 1964 I grew up in Penrith, the outer suburb of Sydney. My working career started at the age of 15 after leaving school in year nine with no academic accreditations to my name when I joined the Railway as a junior station assistant.

My passion for the vintage automobile started at around the age of 15 and became a hobby at the age of 19. I completed a fibreglass TAFE course between shifts in my early 20s to further my hobby.

I met my beautiful wife Heidi at the age of 20 and we married exactly one year later to the day we met, we were then blessed with the birth of our daughter Simone the following year.

I served just less than 18 years on the railway and through this time I took several job grades, finishing my time as a freight guard after being made redundant.

By the time I left the railway I had already built several vehicles from scratch and supplied fibreglass reproduction Ford bodies to the open market.

In my early 30’s I finally turned my hobby to a full-time business, utilising my nickname given to me in my early 20s I named the business Rod Bods by Elvis. Just like most businesses over the years it had its highs and lows but by keeping up with technology and continuously looking to improve, we have had the doors open continuously from day one.

In my early 40’s I became heavily involved with vehicle registration schemes and was a major player in the development and implementation of a new registration scheme for pre-1949 modified vehicles. I was determined to get this registration scheme approved and it ended up being a 10 years battle with RTA/RMS. The 10 years dealing with government departments I found extremely frustrating and at times just plain ridiculous, however, I have learnt the art of negotiation and how to get policies changed.

I have always gone to bat for the little man and where possible get rid of red tape. In doing this I was elected by the Australian Street Rod Federation to be their representative to a vehicle standard working group set up in 2011 by the former Minister for Roads, Duncan Gay and I served on this for some five years.

In my mid-40s I decided to further my education and accreditations. I completed several TAFE courses and with my years of experience in the automotive fields was able to gain accreditation as a licensed mechanic and licensed motor vehicle body maker (coach builder). In 2012 I become a license vehicle certifier with the ability to certify all modified light vehicles and trailers.

In recent times, I have formed the Licensed Certifier’s Association to which I am president/spokesman. This association was formed to help iron out RMS red tape, bring to light difficulties in registering modified vehicles and help with the expansion of knowledge between certifiers and the public.

Over the years I have been a member of four Street Rod Clubs and been a president in all. I am current president of the North Coast Lakesters.

Aaron Lee Temple
Tallwoods Village

I’m a husband, father of three, local business owner/operator, and active community member of the Midcoast Council area.

I believe in hard work, supporting local charities and business and taking the time to enjoy the wonderful assets of this area with family and friends.

My extended family have been a part of this beautiful area for more than 100 years. Born in Taree, I started my schooling years at Nabiac Primary and completed my education at Chatham High School.

I have worked and lived in Taree, Forster-Tuncurry and currently reside in Hallidays Point.

In both my professional and personal life, I have learned to seek solutions and solve problems. I will use those skills to pursue a better community- a community of safe neighbourhoods and thriving local business. I do believe the future looks bright.

I believe I have the skills to communicate with a wide range of people, and to work with them to achieve common goals.

The MidCoast Council ratepayers deserve a council that works together for the benefit of all, creating opportunities for the community and small business to thrive.

I want our local area to be an attractive place for parents to raise families, retirees to feel comfortable and safe and for local businesses to be able to create jobs to go a long way to keeping our kids in employment locally.

It would be a privilege and honour to serve you as councillor for MidCoast Council.

Mark David Barratt - Nabiac

I am Mark David Barratt, to many known as Bear, 49 years old and lived locally for 44 years.

I was born in Sydney in 1968 and moved with the family to Tuncurry in 1973 when I was 5 years old.

I enrolled at Tuncurry Public School where I stayed, completing year 6 then onto Forster High completing year 10 in 1983.

Joshua Deane Crowther, Rainbow Flat

Genuine independent local runs for council.

Josh Crowther is passionate about the environment and is running for the local council to ensure it is central to decisions on growth in tourism and business development as well as preserving the way of life in the Manning region.

“We have a unique beauty in our region and while we need to grow economically to provide jobs and services, it has to be done in a way that protects what makes our part of the world so special and attractive,” Mr Crowther said announcing he was running for Mid Coast Council.

He is a true local, born in Forster and grew up in Nabiac on a hobby farm with rescued donkeys. He played rugby for the Forster Tuncurry Dolphins, has a black belt in taekwondo, lives at Rainbow Flat and is often at Hallidays Point picking up his children from pre-school.

Mr Crowther, 35, studied at Newcastle University and returned with a law degree to Forster and now has a senior position at Stacks Law Firm in Taree, as Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates.

“Working as a lawyer specialising in wills and estates has trained me to check thoroughly for details and determine exactly what people want to achieve before they sign any documents. You have to look ahead and take precautions against any adverse development that may occur.

“It’s important to listen to people and help those who are in conflict with others to reach some sort of agreement that is acceptable. I think I can bring that sort of experience and professional ability to the council.”
I worked in the family business, Taree Discount Tyres for 15 years, then went out on my own and started Bear’s Tyres 18 years ago, now renamed Bear’s Tyrepower Tuncurry where I am today.

Sport was a big part of my life growing up in the local area, from playing rugby league for the Forster Tuncurry Hawkes and going onto captain/coaching for the Forster Dragons and Wallamba Brumbies Rugby League Clubs. I also played 'A' grade pennants with Forster/Tuncurry Golf Club where I am still a current member.

I'm still highly involved in sport through sponsorship, currently being a major sponsor for the Forster/Tuncurry Ladies Pennant Teams and Wallamba Bulls Rugby Team.

I met my lovely wife Leah 18 years ago and have 3 great kids, Tamara 25, Kai 16 and Sophie 11 years and live at Nabiac.

I am standing for council to support Brad Christensen and I care about our community, especially the people that live in it. I want the merger to bond so we can work together as a community. Having my own business and my own kids entering the workforce, employment and more jobs are important to me. Roads, Health Care for Seniors, Tourism and Growth are high on my list. This is why I'm standing with the Fresh Connect Team - Team B.

Mark Barratt Nabiac. tuncurry@tyrepower.com.au

Frances Tonia Crampton, Tallwoods Village - Independent

Frances Crampton is one of the most respected sports administrators in Australia. Frances has represented Australia at 5 Olympic Games, 5 Commonwealth Games and multiple World Championships. Frances has an extensive background in large organisational governance, having served as CEO, Board Member, and President of state and national sporting bodies including Gymnastics, Golf, Sports Council for the Disabled and Softball. Frances received an OAM for services to the sport of Gymnastics and an AM for services to the sports industry. Frances Crampton was the founding Chair and later CEO of the NSW Sports Federation, a group that became the "voice of NSW Sport" as the go-between body linking the NSW Government with the State Sporting Organisations that represent all the athletes, coaches, administrators and supporters of grass roots sport in NSW. Frances believes the MidCoast is the best place to live, and is passionate about ensuring the important issues are dealt with by Council. The important issues are the ones that are regularly raised by the people who live in the region - roads, rates, beaches, pools, parks, libraries, and population support in regional growth planning.

"The key focus of our Group is in our name “Community FIRST”. We shall establish mechanisms to consult with and focus on the needs of the Community. I want to bring a calm, rational review of the 16 months of administration of the new MidCoast Council while focussing on the key issues of concern – ROADS and RATES. Visit our website for more details. Vote 1 in Box D"

Frances Crampton AM, JP, Civil Celebrant

www.communityfirstgroup.com

Arthur David Chapman - Tallwoods Village - Independent

Professional Roles:
- 3rd generation local from Nabiac and Dyers Crossing
- Completed schooling at Chatham High 1976
- Worked locally as a roof tiler until 1978
- Joined and served in the Australian Army, including overseas service
- Completed a Bachelor or Sports Science at University of Wollongong (UOW)
- Completed my thesis on pre/post menopause health within elite sports women - sponsored by the NSW Catholic University and received a Doctorate
- Operational manager of over SS's retirement villages for Lend Lease Sydney NSW
- Operational manager of Sunrise Supported Living Tuncurry NSW
- Owned and operated a successful child care fitness franchise, as Franchisor and Franchisee. Awarded - Best Emerging Franchise system in Australia during my ownership by the “Franchise Council of Australia”

Voluntary Roles:
- Former Secretary for Nabiac Sub Branch RSL
- Established the Wallamba / Nabiac Men's Shed and served as President. Also, actively applied and received a community grant
- Anglican Parish Council member for one term
- Treasurer and currently president of the Wallamba Bulls Rugby Union Club - actively applied and received a community grant for the upgrade of fields and car park for all sporting codes that utilise the Aub- Ferris facilities

Personally:

I am married and as a blended family we have 8 gorgeous Grandchildren that melt my old heart. I’m a survivor of heart disease, yet this has not stopped me in my pursuit to represent NSW, Masters division of a sport called Crossfit (I feel my army mentality has taken over), so you will find me every morning in the local Forster Gym. My wife Alison volunteers at an Op Shop in Forster and our spare time is spent assisting where we can.

Vision for the Mid North Coast:

Having spent my childhood in this beautiful area, I have a strong bond with the Mid Coast and this is very evident with my return to this area after my semi-retirement from serving in the armed forces and other careers. It is my belief that we reside in the best geographical area of not just NSW or Australia, but the world!

I have a strong vision for the health of all community members, from birth to palliative and strongly believe in the benefits of such.

I have a can-do attitude and strong networking skills, along with being a team player.

Understanding the needs of all areas within the MidCoast Council, gives me a strong understanding of the varied needs. I chose to be a member of the “Bell Team” and I strongly believe what Kathryn Bell stands for and in her vision for the area. As I have great knowledge of this area and the outlying areas to our north, south, east and west, I am confident that by being part of Kathryn's team I will be an asset and that together we will be one strong voice to represent us all.

Claire Pontin, Red Head - Country Labor

The Country Labor team is strong on skills and experience and is determined to fairly represent and be accountable to all the people of MidCoast Council.

Claire and her family moved to Hallidays Point in early 2008. She spent 30 years in the NSW and then Federal Government. Claire first trained in science and then added economics and business. Her early career was natural resource management in national parks and fisheries. Later, Claire was a General Manager and member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Claire has skills in financial analysis, strategic business development and governance. She negotiated Federal funding arrangements with State Governments; represented Australia in international negotiations; helped establish the first joint Australia - New Zealand government agency and worked closely with an independent professional Board of Directors.

Claire is a supporter of local music; is on the Board of Sinfonia Mid North Coast and helped set up the Conservatorium Mid North Coast. She was a Cub and Scout Leader and a team leader in the SES for many years.

She is a strong advocate for the environment; participated in the Gloucester anti-CSG vigil; is on the Manning Clean Water Action Group committee; and is an active member of the Labor Environmental Action Network. Claire supports community development and job opportunities and is inaugural Secretary of the Hallidays Point Progress Association.

She supports social justice including women's refuges, domestic violence campaigns, refugee support, marriage equality, indigenous recognition and accessible education. She is on the Steering Committee of Restore our Refuge.


Louise Helen Collins, Nabiac
-Country Labor

Louise Collins is a retired teacher. Louise and her partner Allan have lived at Nabiac since 1982. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

Louise graduated as a primary school teacher and worked with the NSW Department of Education from 1973 until 1984. She was then a teacher and later a Co-ordinator at Great Lakes Children's Centre Inc. at Forster from 1984 until retirement in 2012. During this time Louise completed a Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies, and a Diploma in Management.

Louise oversaw many changes both at the parent managed Children's Centre, and within the pre-school and child care industry. Knowledge of the governance of a non-profit community organisation was a requirement of her position, as was knowledge of the local community, understanding of legislation, and understanding of funding at local, State and Federal levels.

In 2015 Louise became Secretary of the Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre Inc. This wonderful organisation includes the Second Chance Op Shop (staffed by volunteers who fundraise for local projects in the Nabiac community). Louise joined the Nabiac Village Futures Group in when it commenced in 2004 as a sub-committee of the Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre. She has been Secretary of this Group since 2006. Louise has participated in the development of Strategic Plans for Nabiac and its surrounding area, reflecting the changing needs of the community and guiding future projects and activities. As Secretary for the Futures Group Louise administers the popular Nabiac Community Facebook page.

Louise enjoys travel, within Australia and further afield. The family have enjoyed many camping holidays over the years. Retirement has provided the opportunity to visit family and the grandchildren. Louise enjoys music, cooking, swimming in the new Nabiac Pool and she recently has enjoyed participating in a local book club.

Away on Election Day?
Good news is you can pre-poll

If you've got a trip planned or you'll be outside the MidCoast area on Election Day (9 September), you should apply for a postal vote or attend a pre-poll voting centre before you leave, as there are no options for absentee voting.

Pre-polling is available from Monday 28 August until Friday 8 September, from the following locations:

- Forster - Stocklands Shop 16 (formerly Vast Interior Building)
- Taree - Manning Uniting Church 29 Albert Street
- Gloucester - Council Chambers, Railway Street
- Raymond Terrace - 72 Port Stephens Street
- Sydney Town Hall - 483 George Street

Pre-poll venue opening hours are:

- Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 5:30pm
- Fri (08 Sep): 8:30am - 6:00pm
- Sat: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Closed on Sun

Applications to apply for a postal vote can be found on the Vote NSW website and must be received by 5pm Monday 4 September. Voting is compulsory, so to avoid a penalty make sure you arrange to vote, even if you can't do it on the day.

MidCoast Council is one of 46 councils across NSW going to the polls to decide who will best represent them for the next three years. We're a community of over 90,000, spread over 10,000km2. Our council operates a $320million per year business that looks after 3,200km of roads, 542 bridges and 3,000 hectares of open space. The Council will be made up of 11 councillors, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor who are elected to the positions by the elected councillors. The full list of MidCoast Council candidates can be found on the Vote NSW websites. The election gives you the chance to vote for the councillors who will best represent our region, so make your vote count.

The NSW Electoral Commission is managing the election. For everything you need to know about the election, including election day voting locations and times, visit the NSW Electoral Commission website at www.votensw.info or call 1300 135 736.

Iconic Figtree on Figtree Hill Severely Lopped by MCC

A well-known landmark at the entrance to Seascape Village, a large Figtree, has had the chain saw taken to it by Mid Coast Council workers. Large branches have been cut off, surrounding shrubs removed with the bulk of the offcut branches still at the site at the time of printing.

For many years the tree and its surrounds have provided a pleasant shaded area, a play area for local children as well as a habitat for a long-standing resident Satin Bower Bird, along with other wildlife of the area. This is all gone now.

Local residents (including many children) are outraged that their favourite place in Seascape has been decimated with no community consultation whatsoever. 'The seemingly mindless 'trimming' of this tree and the surrounds has left a bare area where once a 'magic' children's play area existed. Nearby smaller fig trees surrounding the main tree have remained untouched, which begs the question 'Why? Why take the chain saw to a tree well away from roads and paths? Why lop the main tree and leave all the others uncathed? Mid Coast Council Parks and gardens department have been contacted regarding this action, but so far have declined to comment. We need many voices to harangue Council about this excessive tree lopping so that the message is clear to those that are in charge there.

We hope that no further needless lopping takes place in our area.

Submitted by Hallidays Point Community Group on behalf of Sandi Kippax, Mobile: 0408 294 634

Hallidays Point Community Skate Park

Hallidays Point Community Skate Park Committee (HPSPC) are in consultation with Mid Coast Council who have given in principal support to proceed with the process of designing and constructing a community skate park in Hallidays Point.

Mid Coast Council and HPSPC agree this skate park will provide a safe environment and recreation area that will channel the potential to develop skills, enhance social interaction and create a positive and diverse communal area.

Mid Coast Council and HPSPC would like to work in collaboration with the Hallidays Point community, especially the youth of our area. Please contribute positive feedback (via face book and/or email) for the possible locations and the equipment included within the skate park itself.
While the final decision is made by MidCoast Council, community consultation will help inform their final decision.

VOTE for your preferred location!
Please visit the HP Community skate park FACEBOOK page for more detailed information and cast your vote for:
Vote A – Cnr Blackhead Rd & High St – Mid Coast Council recommended site (See Plan- approximate position circled and marked ‘A’)
Vote B – Opposite the Library - withdrawn
Vote C – Diamond Beach Park
Votes close September 15

Where Does Your Waste Go?

While your household rubbish is “out of sight, out of mind”, have you ever wondered where it ends up? In light of the recent media coverage about illegal disposal of waste in NSW, MidCoast Council explains how waste across the region is disposed of legally and responsibly.

The good news is that no waste produced by MidCoast businesses and residents is transported outside the region for disposal to landfill. “With a lower per tonne waste levy than metro council areas, and by owning our landfill facilities, we have no need to look outside our area to dispose of waste, legally or illegally”, Amy Hill, MidCoast Council’s Waste Program Coordinator explained.

MidCoast landfill facilities are licensed, council owned assets, unlike many metropolitan areas where they are owned independently. Stockpiles are stored within their licence conditions, meaning they are processed and reused within the 12 month Environment Protection Authority (EPA) stockpiling regulation.

"This means we retain direct control over waste management, and the issue of stockpiling large amounts of material that doesn't have an end use is not part of our waste management practices", Amy said.

As a regional council, MidCoast Council pays a $79.60 per tonne waste levy based on the amount of waste going to landfill, which is the NSW Government’s way of encouraging recycling and assisting in diverting waste from landfill. "In Sydney the levy currently sits at $138 per tonne, which is a far higher incentive to look for alternative ways to dispose of waste and could potentially lead to misuse of the system", Amy said.

The vital process of separating rubbish into the red, yellow and green bin helps to minimise the impact of waste on our environment and divert waste from landfill. Through its contractual arrangement with JR Richards & Sons, MidCoast Council have all the necessary contract management, quality assurance and audit systems in place to ensure all waste generated within the region is disposed of, or recycled, lawfully within the region.

The waste that you place in your red lidded general waste bin is delivered to one of our licensed landfills, either Buckett’s Way Landfill (Tinonee), or Gloucester Landfill. The yellow recycling bin helps reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill, and has great environmental benefits. Cardboard/paper, glass bottles, rigid plastic containers (not plastic bags), aluminium cans and empty aerosols are suitable for your yellow bin. Recyclable waste is delivered to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at Tuncurry Waste Management Centre, where it is separated and sold as recycling products to companies like Onesteel, Sims Metal, Australian Recycled Plastic and Orora. Glass is processed locally into 5 grades for commercial applications, such as pool filter medium, termite barrier, sand blasting and binding agents.

The green bin helps divert garden waste from around the home away from landfill, which reduces the production of methane, a greenhouse gas. JR Richards delivers your green waste to one of our licenced waste facilities where it is mulched and either used as (EPA) approved cover material on the capped landfills, windrowed and composted for residents to use, or further processed via the MAF (Material Aerated Facility) into a soil conditioner and sold to residents for reuse.

These processes play a significant role in helping to minimise the impact of waste on our environment and divert waste from landfill. Every household can help by being responsible when disposing rubbish, or even better, thinking about what waste is being brought into the home at the time of purchase.

By doing this we can all help minimise the issue of waste disposal across the MidCoast region.

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Lions Successful With Grant For Walkway/Cycleway

Lions Club of Hallidays Point has been successful in gaining a $25,000 grant under the Stronger Communities Program second round to replace the existing walkway through Lions Park and extend it to the High Street Roundabout. The Grant Program was set up as a result of the Council amalgamations and was part of a $1 million kitty.

Immediate Past President Deb Schmitzer says the grant is very welcome and together with Lions contribution of $20,000 will see the present dangerous surface rectified. Lions members will also provide in-kind contribution to spread the soil adjoining the pathway and the intended contractor has generously agreed to provide that soil at no cost. The total cost of almost $50,000 will assist those people who use the walkway to access the picnic area, playground, ablutions facilities and Black Head Beach.

This is the first stage of a project to redo the path all the way to the playground. It also highlights to the community use of some of the monies received at the Pop-Up Shop that has been so successful. Those Lions members who faithfully service the shop can take a bow and next time members of the public are in the shop they should thank the volunteers for their efforts.

Lions and the community thank MidCoast Council and the Local State Member Steve Bromhead for the grant.

Lions Youth Exchange

Kanon (wearing the scarf) and Kiyo, both on Lions Youth Exchange from Japan. Kanon is being hosted throughout August by Chez and Samantha Bartlett who live at Firefly. There are a lot of English and Japanese lessons happening. Already Kanon’s English has improved. Kanon is helping Sam with her Japanese language skills in preparation for her trip to Japan in December with Lions Youth Exchange. Sam is being endorsed by the Lions Club of Hallidays Point. Sam has become a member of the Hallidays Point Lions Club in preparation for the formation of a branch club at Nabiac and District.

Kanon is enjoying a lot of new experiences. Only today Kanon saw the garbage truck automatically lift and empty bins. Her comment was that at home this is still done by hand.

Kiyo was hosted for 11 days by the Carrier family of Red Head. Kiyo had a wonderful time out on the ski boat, horse riding and having a go at anything. Molly was fortunate to have her own private Japanese tutor. There were many tears when Kiyo moved to her next host family.

Host family parent Lion Suzanne Newton with Leander De Swaef from Belgium. Leander was hosted for 10 days in Townsville then attended Camp Koala, Melbourne with 40 other youth from around the world. After completing camp Leander flew up to Newcastle and was hosted by Sue and her family at Hallidays Point.

Leander had many firsts in his visit to Hallidays Point: Right: with Lion Alan Stewart
• eating Lamingtons and meat pies
• watching barrel racing
• seeing platypus in the wild
• learning bush bashing and driving an automatic car.
• playing the didgeridoo
• experiencing the medicinal uses of the eucalyptus leaf.

There was time for a trip across to Tamworth and some cultural education.

It was a sad day when Leander had to leave us all and make his long 36 hour journey home.

The Lions Club of Hallidays Point during July and August have hosted:
• Barbara, Poland 21 year old university student,
• Heta, Finland 17 yr old school student, • Karolin, Estonia 18 yrs old,
• Lili, Germany 17 years old, • Vittorio, Italy 17 yrs old,
• Kiyo, Japan, • Kanon, Japan.

The club would like to sincerely thank the host families for opening your hearts and homes to these youth. Thank you to the Jackson, Jones, Preston, Carrier and Bartlett families for your generosity and support of the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

Lions Australia have just awarded the Lions Club of Hallidays Point the award of 2nd in the nation for youth exchange. This is a prestigious award and demonstrates the club’s active engagement of youth.

If you are interested in taking part in Lions Youth Exchange or being a host family please contact Sue Newton 0418 607 292 or pacviewa@ozemail.com.au

District Governor’s Official Visit

District Governor John Davis and his Partner Rosalie made their official visit to the Hallidays Point Lions Club on Thursday 10th August. John was inducted as Governor of our Lions District 201N1 at the International Convention held in Chicago at the beginning of July.

John has been involved in community service since he joined the Rural Youth Association in 1968. He joined the Werris Creek branch of the United Farmers Association in 1975. In 1982 John joined the Werris Creek Rotary club. In 1996 the club was disbanded due to lack of numbers. John has fond memories of this vibrant club. There was a dinner celebrating the years of Rotary service with guests including the Werris Creek Lions club. They invited John to join them and so began John’s journey with the Lions family when he was inducted in September 1996. John transferred to the Lions Club of Tamworth when he moved into Tamworth in 2003. In 2011 John came onto 201N1 Cabinet.

Outside Lions, John joined the Australian Red Cross in 1999 with Life membership and has been actively involved at both branch and state level. He is in his 6th year as a Director on the NSW Divisional Advisory Board. His interests and hobbies include, watching motor racing sports, travelling with Rosalie and family events and functions. DG John’s motto and goal is “Embracing new ideas & growth in the spirit of harmony and friendship”.

John said, “I am honoured to serve as your District Governor for 2017 – 2018 and thank you for your confidence in me. Rosalie and I enjoyed our time in Chicago as it gave us first hand insight in the way Lions throughout the world serve their communities. Thirty thousand Lions registered for the convention, one of the largest number to register for an International Convention in history. It was an amazing experience.”

District 201N1 encompasses Collarenebri, Moree, Ashford and Iluka to the North, then down the east coast to Forster Tuncurry, then across to Murrurundi and as far as Premer in the West. We have 62 Lions Clubs, 2 Branch Clubs, 4 Lioness Clubs and 5 Leo Clubs.

The DG’s visit was hosted at a dinner held at the unique Kings Creek Retreat at Krambach. Thank you to Carla and Spud Hickman for catering our Lions dinner. This is a wonderful location and presented a relaxed social evening. This venue was selected since it is part of the catchment area of members of the soon to be formed Branch Club of Nabiac, sponsored by Hallidays Point Lions. There were over 40 people in attendance for the night. Thank you to Carla and Spud Hickman for catering our Lions dinner. This is a wonderful location and presented a relaxed social evening.

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Fishing News with Trevor

Who would have thought that 60 years ago the humpback whale population along the east coast was almost wiped out and now they estimate there are over 30,000 and increasing exponentially. Three hundred and fifty two were sighted in one day off Port Macquarie headland and many will be on view around our area on their long return journey from southern Queensland using the south bound, close inshore current. One wonders if there will be enough food for them in years to come but, I guess nature will find a balance.

The illustration shows one of 3 bull sharks landed off the bank of the Manning River at night, by a couple of local fishermen using rod and reel, in the company of Fisheries Department officers. Croki is about half way between the estuary and Taree. They measured between 2.95m and 3.15m and are not very friendly customers and specimens have been caught as far inland as Wingham in brackish water. These were tagged and released and, I understand, there will be a documentary of the episode released later this year.

Members of the local Black Head Bowling Club Fishing Club are reminded that fish may be weighed in at any time at the club or at Luke’s Tuncurry Tackle shop, not just on the usual outing day. Presentations will be made on specific outing days at 3pm at the club on the third Sunday of the month. New members are welcome. Simply call into the Post Office and give treasurer Allan $20 to join.

There are still plenty of snapper about but there is no doubt skill and experience helps fill the fish box. “Farmer” Ian Grey, has these attributes and usually fishes at night at selected spots, anchors and berleys heavily and often uses live bait. They caught snapper from 1.5 to 5kgs, teraglin and a few other species. Similarly, Brian Lynch, with many years experience, pushed off from Black Head Beach in very favourable conditions and reached their quota of flathead before trying the reef fish where snapper was again the dominant one.

The rocks have been producing, luderick, drummer and the “family fish” garfish. There is plenty of cabbage on the rocks for the luderick; enough to chop up and berley without denuding it. The beaches have been quiet with a rare whiting or two, the occasional bream and tailor, more so down south of Forster. Reports still coming in of sizeable mulloway mainly on fish slabs. Blackfish (luderick) is now the dominant species being landed around the break walls and leases with some good bream also in these areas.

TIP: Following a “down” (bite) when your float submerges, always count to 3 before striking. Invariably learners pull too early as luderick sucks the bait, not bite it.

Good Fishing, Trevor
Our Natural World

with Geraldine

White-Bellied Sea-Eagles – 2017 Breeding Season

It was in the October 2015 edition that I first wrote about the Sea-Eagles I had been watching on my iPad via an Eagle Cam set up in the trees overlooking the eagles nest on the Parramatta River.

This year in early May the Sea Eagle pair began restoring their nest ready for the next breeding season. Lady and Dad would bring leafy sticks to line the nest. Dad would carefully place his leaves around the nest and then the moment he flew away Lady would pick the leaves out and re-arrange them (sound familiar guys!)

At the start of June, Lady produced one egg and about 36 hours later a second egg. From then on the pair were permanently on the nest, sharing the role of incubating the eggs. After 40 days in late July a chick “pipped” the egg shell and fought its way out. The researchers named the chick SE19 (sea eagle number 19, not very imaginative!) We voyeurs eagerly awaited the appearance of the second chick, but as the days passed it became obvious that the egg was a non-viable. But little SE19 was a healthy feisty little thing, so one sea eagle was better than none.

Then disaster struck. On July 26th Lady and Dad seemed very distracted by something in the forest and spent quite a lot of time off the nest. Late in the afternoon an intruder sea eagle suddenly crashed onto the nest. Lady flew at the eagle and knocked it off the nest. Five minutes passed and then the intruder flew back to the nest and fought a “chest on, talons out” battle that resulted in both birds crashing through the tree branches to the forest floor. Little SE19 and the egg were left abandoned on the nest.

The researchers received permission to enter the reserve in the dark and search for the birds with flashlights. They found two birds and managed to capture one that was injured with a talon wound in the breast. At the time the researchers thought it was Dad. The injured bird was taken to Taronga Zoo where it died 24 hours later.

The Sea Eagle Cam watchers were very relieved when dawn broke and both Dad and Lady could be seen perching on nearby branches. But for little SE19 their return was too late. The night had been particularly cold and without a parent to keep it warm it had died of exposure. Then much to our surprise Lady returned to the nest and sat on the dead chick and the cold egg! A few days later she removed the dead chick but to this day the pair are still trying to incubate the remaining egg.

What did I learn? Firstly, the instinct to defend their territory and their nest was stronger than the notion of protecting their chick. And secondly, the incubation process is driven by the eagle’s hormones not what is actually occurring on the nest. The birds will continue to sit on the dead egg until the hormones wain. It sort of explains where the derogatory term “birdbrain” comes from.

Wouldn’t it be great if we had our own Hallidays Point Sea Eagle CAM to watch Trevor’s sea eagle! Trevor is the fishing column man.

Club Blackhead

Bowlers, men and women, grace the greens at Black Head for the Club’s 2017 Winter Carnival held for eight days from the 22nd July to the 29th July.

Bowlers came from Victoria - Port Fairy & Bundoora and NSW – Kingswood, Moama, Gulgong and Warners Bay. Local clubs made it from Tuncurry Beach, Tuncurry Sporties, Harrington and Kew, as well as our own members.

The two greens were well prepared by Club Greenkeeper Jason Aurisch. Matt Sargeant, Bowls Coordinator, made sure that every Bowler enjoyed the Carnival.

Congratulations to all winners and runners-up in women’s and Men’s various events held during the Carnival.

The Ladies section of the Club held their AGM and elected their executive committee for the ensuing year:

• President – Pat Bayley • Vice Presidents – Ruth Higham & Jill Hodgson
• Secretary – Cindy Hudson • Treasurer – Doreen Heaps
• Match Selectors – Glencie Honeysett, Gwenda Jackson & Helen Bush
• Social Organiser – Cheryl Forbes • Publicity – Donna Hampson

Congratulations Ladies on your appointments.

Until Next Time, Jack ‘O’
Black Head Women’s Bowling Club

Black Head Club

Fours Champions 2017

In the last edition of News of Our World were three of these ladies photographed published as Triples Champions for Black Head. This edition with the additional team member playing in third position for fours competition is Gae Re and they are the WINNERS for Black Head Ladies Fours Club Championship 2017. All smiles again for this team. They defeated Ruth Higham, Dawn Hinitt, Gillian Miles & Mary McManus in a great finals game of bowls. Helen's team got in the lead early and hung on with some very challenging ends, where Ruth's team caught up with some top shots with bowls in ditch and on edge. Just not enough to fill the gap and Helen's team came away with a good win 26-12.

Our social ladies were more interested in watching this finals game and cut short the number of ends they should have played to watch this match. A big interest for all concerned. The weather conditions were perfect too as we had been blessed with such glorious weather to be out on the green playing bowls. That has been what we say in paradise.

Congratulations Helen, Gae, Glenice & Gwenda. We all know how proud you are to win this event. Congratulations also to Ruth, Dawn, Gillian & Mary to have made the finals. It is a proud time for both teams to get to finals but only one team comes out a champ. But really both teams are winners then one becomes a runner up.

Donna Hampson, Publicity officer Black Head Women’s Bowling Club

TOFS

Due to the last-minute cancellation of the Bootawa Dam tour due to urgent maintenance, on Thursday 27th July, a small group of TOFS headed off for a tour of The Little Brewing Company in Port Macquarie with keen beer lovers on board. The Brewery is owned by brewer Warwick Little who really turns out some excellent brews, many of which have awards that cover the main entry hall.

Our Tour Guide, a lovely lass with a warm smile, greeted us standing on a small step, as she said to see over the bar!! She gave us an excellent background of the brewing process and the awards the brewery has achieved in its 10 years of operation. She then presented us with several tasting cups of cool beers along the counter for us to sample, beginning with a Pale Ale, a Pilsener and an Indian Pale Ale known as the “Fastidious Bastard.”

The giant stainless-steel vats stood guard over us as we worked through each brew with excellent verbal notes to understand the difference in each brew. Later, some purchases of a few cartons or sample carriers to take home.

Then on to the iconic Coopernook Historic Hotel for an Aussie lunch with great hamburgers washed down with a few beers or wines.

This trip was organised at short notice, due to the Bootawa Dam tour cancellation, so thanks to John M, in the absence of our Tour Organisers Don & Roger. A special thanks to our driver Dave M, who could only stand and watch sadly whilst we all supped on our beers.

We hope to see more residents of Halliday Shores, and the Hallidays Point area, join us soon for another adventure TOFS MC tour.

A great day was had by all.

Interested in joining us? Phone John Mead on 6559 3803/0417 007 456

Michael’s Computing

Trouble Shooting

What are PDF files all about?

PDF (Portable Document Format) is a file format that has captured all the elements of a printed document as an electronic image that you can view, navigate, print, or forward to someone else. Traditionally, PDF files were created using Adobe Acrobat Writer or similar products. To view and use the files, the free Acrobat Reader program (or other alternatives) would be used. These reading programs can be easily downloaded for free; however, some of the programs to create a PDF file can be horrendously expensive. Of course I have a couple of free ways to create PDFs

PDF files are especially useful for documents such as magazine articles, product brochures, bills, or flyers in which you want to preserve the original graphic appearance online. A PDF file contains one or more page images, each of which you can zoom in on or out from. You can page forward and backward. It looks like a complicated document but it is really just an image of the document that cannot be altered (unless you have a PDF writer).

So when your electricity supplier, say, sends you your bill, it looks just like what you used to get in the post, but is actually just a series of images. If you needed to send someone a document and wanted to make sure that nothing could be changed, for example a contract, then you wouldn’t send them a Word document. You would send them the same document in a PDF format.

So what are the free ways to create PDFs? The first suggestion is to use Open Office, which can be downloaded for free. This would be okay for WORD type documents or Excel type spreadsheets. You would just create your document as normal and then from the File Menu choose Export ‘As a PDF’.

In Microsoft Office programs, you can choose the “Save As” option and change the file type to PDF.

But my favourite way to create PDFs is to use a free program called Bullzip PDF Printer. With this alternative, it doesn’t matter what program you used to create your document. When you want to convert it to PDF you simply go through the steps you would to print it, but you choose Bullzip PDF Printer as your printer instead of your actual printer.

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Hallidays Point Netball Club
We would like to thank all our sponsors again for their support this year, not only our Team Sponsor but also we would like to thank 3 Beaches Chemist for supplying all teams with a First Aid Kit.

Hallidays Point Netball Club have had a successful season again this year with 5 out of 8 teams making it to the Semi Finals which start 19/08/17.

Under 10’s
Sponsored by Itravel,
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Coached by Rosemary Hudson

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Sponsored by A Stones Throw,
Coached by Tracey Black

Locals Beating Power Companies!
Unfortunately the Mid North Coast is in an electricity crisis, with power bills increasing by another 25%, and the regions supply charges are one of the most expensive in Australia.
On a positive note, there is a way to take back control of this downward spiral, and protect yourself from further increases. John Toia, your local Solar Advisor from Select Connect Solar has been helping families and households in the Hallidays Point, Tallwoods, Forster, Pacific Palms, Wallabi Point, Old Bar, Pampoolah, Fallsford and the Greater Taree area by installing affordable and super-efficient Solar Power Systems. John’s friendly and honest approach has seen his referral base grow as he becomes the trusted advisor.
Select Connect Solar is an Australian owned company that has been installing Residential and Commercial Solar in NSW over the past 4 years. In the last 12 months Select Connect Solar has helped over 200 local households reduce their bills by 40% - 80%.

Contact us today for your free energy and solar assessment (valued $300)
Ph: (02) 888 33 777 Website: www.selectconnectsolar.com.au Email: enquiries@selectconnect.com.au

Phillip
from Pampoolah, NSW
5 stars 15/02/2017
Installation crew were exceptional – friendly and helpful, know exactly what they had to do.

Reginald
from Fallsford, NSW
4.8 stars 17/03/2017
Very happy with the installation guys, they were very polite. My wife said they were magic to talk to, explained everything very well so she could understand. We were absolutely wrapped, would give them a 10/10 if I could.

Patricia
from Old Bar, NSW
4.9 stars 17/03/2017
I had them put in just before xmas and they seem to be working well considering I have a spa and I do lots of cooking. The installation people were very helpful and understanding and put them where I wanted them. They took care of everything on the electrical side of things too.
HALLIADYS POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Contact Mrs Pat Coster: 6559 2898
Services each Sunday at 9.00am
4th Sunday of each month - prayer and worship 5.00 pm
followed by fellowship tea
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
KIDZ CLUB: Every second Friday
Look for the sign out the front. School kids Yrs 3-6 3.30 pm
$4. Fun and activities with tea provided
MEN’S FELLOWSHIP: Friday 8.15 am
Prayer group for men.
CRAFT: Every second Wednesday 9.30-12’ish
Meet with other crafty people. Share ideas. BYO Craft
$3. Includes Morning Tea
OVER 55’S LUNCH 12-3pm
Anyone over 55 is welcome. 2 Course meal and afternoon tea.
Bingo. Pick up available if necessary. $8
Book if you are able on number above.

SENIOR CITIZENS - BUSY CALENDAR
The Senior Citizens Centre is located at the
Black Head Sports Reserve in Baywood Drive.
Activities are as follows:
Mondays - Croquet 9.30 am to 12 noon
Every 1st and 3rd Monday - Bingo 10 am - 1.00 pm
Every 1st and 3rd Monday - Poetry for you 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Every 2nd and 4th Monday at 1.00 pm - Senior Moments
Tuesday - Tai Chi - 8.00 am - 9.30 am
1st Wednesday of the month - Open Forum 10 am - 12.00 noon
Friday - Art Class - 9.30 am - 12.00 noon
Films/Theatre (see notice board)
1st Sunday of the month-Black Head Bazaar
5.30 am - 1.00 pm (not in winter)
Further enquiries, contact Marilyn Lambden 0411 481 350
(If unanswered please leave a message)

HALLIADYS POINT Play Group
Hallidays Point Community Church, Diamond Beach Rd
Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am
Playgroup is a place for you and your children aged 0-6 to have fun, make new friends and develop skills through play.
Playgroups offer a safe, relaxed environment where you can find friendship and support. At Playgroup, children are offered a variety of social, play and sensory experiences that encourage learning and development.
You are welcome to experience two Playgroup sessions before joining Playgroup NSW
Membership to Playgroup NSW covers your entire family offering parents, grandparents and family members the opportunity to attend Playgroup.
Find us on Facebook – Search Hallidays Point Playgroup.

BOWLS
Men’s Social Bowls - Every Monday 1pm Mutfi
Women’s Social Bowls - Every Thursday 9am
Uniform Weekend Chicken Run Mixed Mutfi - 1pm
Sat or Sun (contact club)

HALLIADYS POINT LANDCARE GROUP INC.
Volunteers are always welcome to help maintain our local environment.
Working bees every Monday and Tuesday from 8am until 11 am.
Contact Aliana 6559 2979
Seascap/Diamond Beach working bees each Friday 9-11am
Contact Tim 6559 2827
The school’s organic garden
most Wednesdays from 12.30 pm.
Contact Aliana 6559 2979
The Black Head Bazaar on the 1st Sunday of each month
(except winter) see www.hallidayspointinfo.com

Stephen Weber (JP)
A Justice of Peace (JP) provides a free service of witnessing the signing of Statutory Declarations, Affidavits and certifying copies of original documents.
Contact me on P. 0421 563 258 or E: sjwip@outlook.com for assistance.

Hallidays Point Combined Probus Club
meet at the Black Head Surf Club on the first Tuesday of each month at 9.30 for 10.00am start.
Visitors will be made most welcome to join in fun and friendship.

TENNIS
You are invited to join
Black Head Tennis Club
in Wyile Brecknock Park behind the Shopping Centre
Club Membership Categories:
Adult $40 - Family $100 - Junior $20 - Associates $15
Membership Fees for year ending June 30th, 2018 NOW DUE
Social Groups play weekdays and Saturday afternoons from 1.30 pm
Anyone interested in tennis, please phone the following contact numbers:
Enquiries:
J. Bowman 6559 2043 or Sharyn: 0414 353 926
Court Hire 7 Days - AM / PM through “Point Bakery”
Or After Hours by phoning the above numbers.

LIONS CLUB OF HALLIADYS POINT
Lions are an active part of this community and have been responsible for providing many facilities in our area. They are people just like YOU!
Lions meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month:
2nd Thursday 5.30pm at the Senior Citizens Centre Business Meeting, Members Only
with dinner at the Tavern afterwards (optional).
The 4th Thursday is a Dinner Meeting
6.30pm when Partners and Guests are welcome.
Venue is usually at the Black Head SLSC but can sometimes be changed.
Please check with the Secretary.
New members are always welcome, men and women,
so why not come along and check as out.
Enquiries: Secretary: Ross Timmins on 0412 119 529
Membership: Vaughn Parker 6559 3268
E: vaughn.parker@hallidayspointlions.org.au
www.hallidayspoint.lionso.org.au
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