



KILLCARE WAGSTAFFE TRUST NEWSLETTER August 2010

**General Meeting: - Sunday August 1st at 9.30 a.m. at
the Maitland Bay Centre
Guest Speaker: (at about 10.30).**

ALL VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF KILLCARE WAGSTAFFE ARE WELCOME

Office Bearers elected at the last AGM

President	David Legge	
Vice President	Kay Linton Mann	
Secretary	Jennete Bringolf	
Treasurer	David Legge	
Committee	Mark Atwooll	Deb Holloman
	Terry Jones	Don Runcie
	Alan Stott	Steve Teasdell

Trust Activities

There is no doubt that the Bouddi peninsula is one of the jewels of the Central Coast. It is in everybody's interest to keep it so. The community, the Council and the NPWS all see eye to eye on the importance of maintaining the scenic and environmental assets of the area and restricting the impact of development of these. This convergence with the aims of the Trust is a huge benefit for us as it forms the basis of our largely co-operative relationships with these major stakeholders.

In addition, thanks to the work put in by Alan and Beryl Strom and others who followed, the Trust is regarded as an important community voice by Council and the NPWS. This is an important asset of the Trust and we endeavour to maintain it.

There are many opportunities for enhancing our relationship with Council and the NPWS, some of which are outlined below.

Making submissions to council about local development issues

This was the year of the fight against the proposed development in Hardy's Bay next to the bottle shop. This was a great example of co-operative community work. Not only did the community organizations work together to present a united voice, or rather scream, of community sentiment, it is unlikely that the Council (or the Land and Environment Court for that matter) would have had the resolve to act so decisively without such a clear expression from the community.

The other area of concern has been the triangle at the bottom of Wards Hill Road that contains the Liberty service station. There have been proposals for three restaurants on the Wards Hill Rd side and for an electricity substation at the other end. Both these developments involved the removal or dilution of measures designed to protect the environmental values of the site and were part of the original Land and Environment Court judgement. The Trust put in strong objections to both these proposals.

The other main issue arising recently was the attempt by Council to have the COSS lands zoned RE1 (Recreation) rather than the more appropriate E2 (Environmental protection). The Trust was among many community associations to protest strongly about this significant watering down of the protection given to COSS lands.

Being involved in the Management of Council Lands

There are many parcels of land on the peninsula, both large and small that are State lands managed by council. The Putty Beach Reserve is the largest piece of Council managed land on the peninsula and is in need of long term regeneration. The Trust has prepared a management plan and submitted it to Council. It is in the process of working to have its status upgraded.

In addition there are other smaller reserves which the Trust helps manage such as the reserve at the corner where Killcare Rd, Beach Rd and Scenic Dr intersect. There are others that could also be improved with a little regular work. (Call David Legge on 43601854 if you are interested).

Community Representatives on Council Committees

Several Council Committees, such as the Coastal and Estuary Management Committee, the Floodplain risk management Committee have representatives from the Trust.

Management of the Information Centre at the Maitland Bay Store



This service is managed by the Trust for the NPWS. The store itself is a heritage listed building and is part of the National Park. The recent upgrade has been completed and looks great. There is a flat screen TV, a new desk for the volunteers, a display table and an activity for kids involving identifying bird sounds.

Bush Regeneration in Bouddi National Park

DECCW (NPWS) in conjunction with community Bushcare groups have been successful in obtaining two grants for contractor bush regeneration in Bouddi from the CMA under its program – Engaging NSW communities in coastline conservation

Figure 1 A View of the New Maitland Bay Centre

- 1) Rileys Bay – to continue primary work in the northern section of the bay. This grant will work in a Swamp Sclerophyll Forest EEC – removing Bitou, Lantana and Blackberry. Contractors will cut tracks into the weeds and NPWS will bring a spray unit in by boat to spray large areas. Contractors will then undertake follow up work.



. Bouddi Bushcare work in this area.

- 2) Bouddi coast – contractors will work around the base of Box head and little tallow – removing Bitou. Professional abseilers will be employed to scale the cliffs at Maitland bay Headland and above Bullimah beach to spray Bitou.

Figure 2 Bouddi bushcare volunteers at Rileys Bay

Four community bushcare groups work within Bouddi National park:

- 1) Mourawaring Moors (at Macmasters Beach)
 - 2) Lobster Beach
 - 3) Wagstaffe point
 - 4) Bouddi bushcare – Rileys Bay, Tallow Beach , Bullimah Beach and Maitland Bay
- We are always looking for more volunteers . if interested contact Deb Holloman on 43204224

Other Local News

The Norfolk Island Pine in between the Wagstaffe store and hall is dying and will be replaced by Council. The current suggestion is to use another Norfolk Island Pine as we know they do well in the site. Council is considering several aspects of a design including moving the site of the tree a little to keep it away from overhead and underground cables. There will be a community meeting about the final arrangements

Central Coast Community Congress

Nominations are now being sort for The Central Coast Community Congress - Real People doing Real things Community Building Awards 2010.

The awards are in recognition of the community building initiatives across the region and include paid and unpaid workers, public and private organisations. Nominations will close on September 3rd 2010.

Award winners will be selected based on the information provided by you on the nomination form.

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The Community Building Awards presentation will be held on Thursday, October 28th at the Erina Room, Erina Centre (near library) at Erina Fair from 6pm - 8pm

For forms contact Gosford City Council or email Dawn.Brown@wyong.nsw.gov.au

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