



KILLCARE WAGSTAFFE TRUST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 7th November at 9.30a.m. at the Maitland Bay Centre

Guest Speaker: (at about 10.30) –

ALL VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF KILLCARE WAGSTAFFE ARE WELCOME

The Agenda will include on-going concerns and projects and plans for the future.

Photographic Competition

The entries in the KWT photo competition were on display at the Maitland Bay Centre over the October long weekend. The exhibition brought many extra visitors to the centre. The digital photos were displayed using the new television and DVD player that was part of the recent improvements to the centre.

The competition brief was that each photo must contain at least part of at least one *Angophora costata* or Sydney red gum as a major part of the composition.

The winners were:

Digital category	Print category	
<i>Winner</i> Andre Martin for Bouddi NP sunset	<i>Winner</i> Ian Bull for Sydney red gums meet red centre dust storm	<i>Highly commended</i> Robyn Warburton for Costata Constrictor

The judges were:

Piers Jones: - with a local reputation as an artist and sculptor

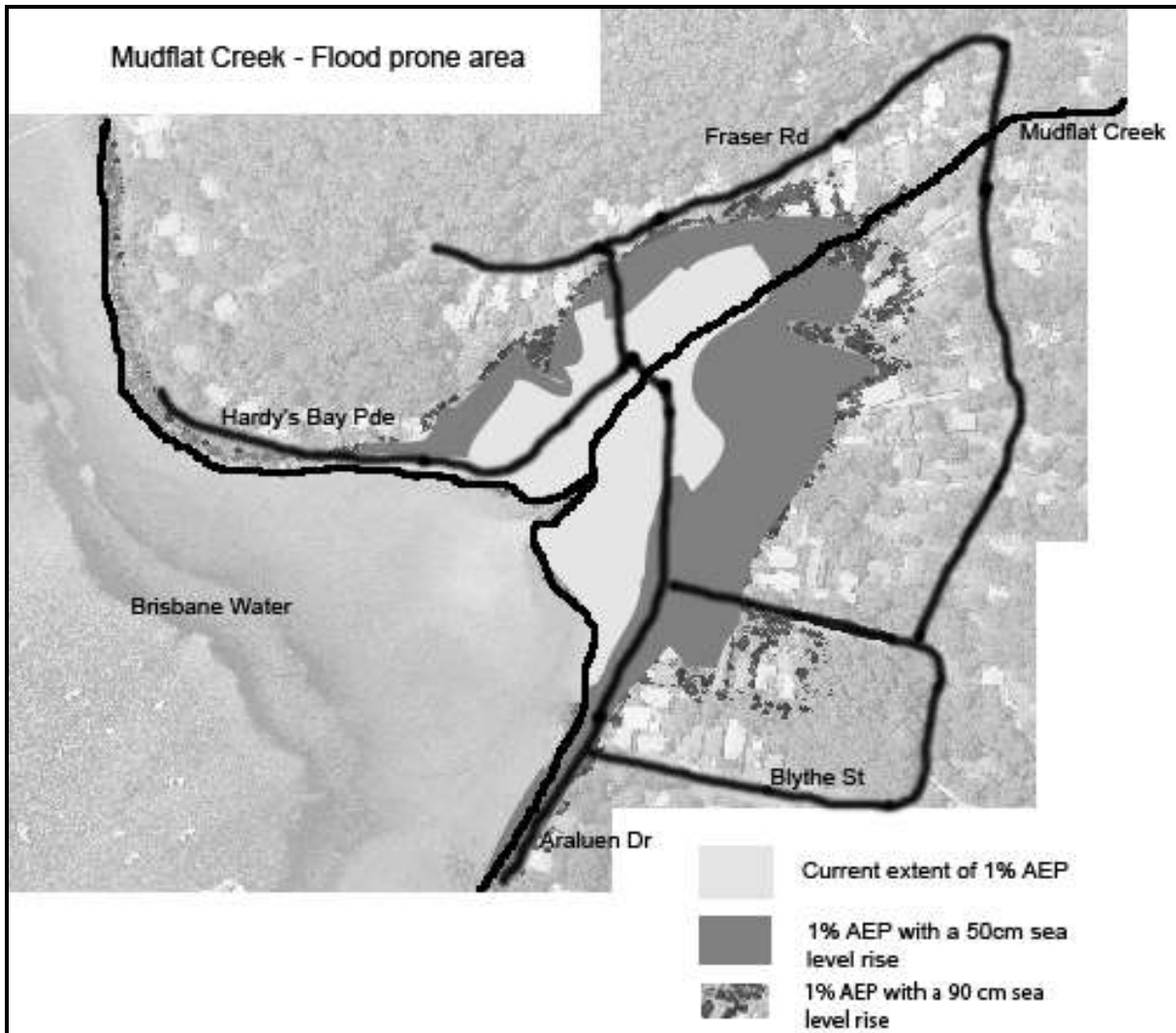
Andre Fleuren: - with an international reputation as a cinematographer

The decisions for both categories were unanimous. The winning entries will be framed and be on permanent display at the Maitland Bay Centre. Each of the winners will receive a framed copy.



A black and white version of Bouddi NP sunset by Andre Martin

The Fraser Rd / Mudflat Creek management plan — an update



The Mudflat Creek Floodplain Risk Management (FRM) Study & Plan were placed on public exhibition between Friday 18 April 2008 and 19 May 2008.

It was adopted at the FPRM Committee meeting on June 19 2008 with the following recommendations:

- The recommended actions outlined in the Mudflat Creek Floodplain Risk Management Plan be implemented
- The issue of addressing storm water runoff entering the system along Fraser and Noble Roads be considered as a high priority.
- Funding assistance be sought for undertaking the works identified in the Management Plan.
- The 149 flood encoding of properties initially identified as being affected by the Mudflat Creek Flood Studies be reviewed and updated where required.
- The issue of siltation in the Mudflat Creek delta be referred to the Coast & Estuaries Management Committee for further consideration in the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Study.

In their own words: The FRMS/FRMP was a risk management process. Council and the NSW government are not trying to stop all creeks flooding, which would be impossible, but rather reduce the impact on people and property when creeks do inevitably flood.

Detailed design work is currently underway and the final plans should be available soon. But don't hold your breaths as funding will still need to be allocated, tenders called etc. so real work is still probably some way off. Even when work is carried out, properties that are currently flood prone will remain so, nothing will be done about the siltation in the mouth of the creek and the bridge will not be replaced. Remedial work will largely be confined to increasing the flow of stormwater into, through and out of the creek.

Meanwhile the Council is grappling with the implications of a projected sea level rise through the Floodplain Risk Management Committee and the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Committee. The mudflat Creek area is one of the several areas on the Bouddi peninsula that is likely to be affected by a rise.

In the twentieth century, the global average sea level rose by 17 cm and sea levels are projected to continue to rise. There is strong national and international evidence supporting a projected rise of up to 40 cm by 2050, and 90 cm by 2100, for the NSW coastline. (DECCW) The rough map shows the extent of floodprone areas around Mudflat Creek at current sea levels, with a 55 cm rise and a 90cm rise.

AEP (annual exceedance probability) is the measure of the likelihood (expressed as a probability) of a flood reaching or exceeding a particular magnitude. A 1% (AEP) flood has a 1% (or 1 in 100) chance of occurring or being exceeded at a location in any one year.

It can be seen that the area prone to flooding will increase over the next 50-60 years and that more dwellings will be affected by extreme flooding events. The forecasts are virtually the same for both extreme rainfall events and extreme tidal surges. Araluen Drive will also begin to be affected and it is likely that the road will have to be raised. The good news is that as sea levels continue to rise the extent of flooding does not appear to increase much.

Although it is unlikely that flooding can be prevented, planning decisions will have to be made to minimize the impact. The Trusts involvement in the early stages of this process will be discussed at the next meeting

KWT – a New Logo?

The committee has decided that it is time for an updated logo. Ideas were tossed around and the suggestion was made that the powerful owl become the basis for a new look. The following is an early attempt. Let us know how you like it. See if you can come up with anything better.



Maitland Bay Walking track upgrade

DECCW (NPWS) have been working on the walking track down to Maitland Bay – removing log steps and replacing them with a walker friendly slope sealed with emulsion and pebbles. Heavy equipment and nearly 50 tonnes of material were flown in by helicopter. Further track work is to be completed on the coast track near Caves Bay.



Foxing in Bouddi

Fox baits have been laid out in Bouddi National Park to help keep the fox numbers down. Baiting is taking place the whole of October. The baiting program has been very successful resulting in an increase in native mammals. There have been many sightings of swamp wallabies and evidence of bandicoot activity in the area

Bouddi Bushcare



Four Bushcare groups continue working in Bouddi removing weeds at Rileys Bay, Maitland Bay, Bullimah, Lobster Beach, Wagstaffe point and Mourawaring Moors. Two Bushcare groups undertake work in Cockle Bay. More volunteers always welcome – enquiries Deb Holloman 43204224.

In September 12 people attended Wagstaffe War on Weeds – working on the high side of Albert St. This is the fifth year this biannual event has taken place and the results of all that hard work is evident with large areas cleared of weeds and the native bush regenerating well.

NPWS has received over \$60,000 in grants from the CMA and Caring for Our Country to undertake bush regeneration work in Rileys Bay, along the coast line in Bouddi and Cockle Bay. The abseil spraying of bitou on Maitland Bay Headland has worked well with a 100% kill of bitou. Further abseil / spray work was completed at Bullimah Beach in late October.

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