

# Killcare Wagstaffe Trust Newsletter

**April 2014** 

Annual General Meeting

Sunday May 4th at 9.30 am at the Maitland Bay Information Centre.

All visitors and residents are welcome

Please excuse this very short version of the newsletter. It's been a very busy time for the committee members

# Membership

Over the years the Trust has been an important voice in standing up for the protection of the natural environment of the Bouddi peninsula. This has only been possible through the support of the membership.

This year, there will be a concerted attempt to bring our membership list up to date so it only contains financial members. It is suprisingly difficult to keep an up to date database. If you have received this newsletter and there is a cross in the box below you are a financial member.



# **Autumn Flowerings**

Red bloodwood - Corymbia gummifera (near bell outside Maitland Bay Centre)

Bangalay - Eucalyptus botryoides )near the beaches)

Swamp Mahogany - Eucalyptus robusta (Brisbane Water foreshores)

Crowea saligna - a small shrub with pink flowers often confused with Wax Flowers Eriostemon australasius

Banksia (B. ericifolia, B. oblongifolia, B. spinulosa) (Beaches and heathland)

# **Computer in MaitInd Bay Centre**

The computer and the internet connection have now been installed and the volunteers are coming to grips with using it. The touch screen and the graphic interface of Windows 8 (hated by many computer users) seem to be appropriate for this type of setting. If you are a volunteer who is having any difficulties with it please let us know.

# **Fox Baiting**

The fox and wild dog baiting program in Bouddi NP will recommence on May 1st and continue until October 31st.

# **Aerial spraying in Putty Beach reserve**

The NPWS are continuing with their aerial spraying in Bouddi NP and Gosford Council is planning to support an extension of the spraying to cover the Putty Beach Reserve.

A test spray was carried out at the northern end of the reserve several years ago which was quite successful. Council was planning to do a more substantial spray last year but felt that closing the beach was too difficult in school holidays and declined to participate at the last moment.

As this type of spraying is the only prospect of making a substantial impact on this heavily weed infested part of the coast it is to be hoped that Council can see its way to allowing this attempt to proceed.

#### Website

The Committee has been working on a new website for the Trust with the help of Joanna Lewis, a local website designer.

It has several main aims:

- 1. A place to go for information about upcoming Trust events, current Trust projects and events in the field of environmental education. This will be the front page and members will be able to contribute directly to it.
- 2. To provide information about the Trust, membership forms etc
- 3. A resource centre for detailed information about the local area. This includes:
  - History
  - Geology
  - Plant life including detailed description of all plant communities and individual species
  - Birds
  - Animals
  - Coastal and marine environment
  - The built environment including sustainable building information, fire safety

As this is shaping up to be a major project it will remain a work in progress for some time. However the most recent version can be viewed at www.killcarewagstaffetrust.weebly.com Please check it out and get back to us with any comments or suggestions by using the contact form on the site.

The site will go online in the next few weeks and will be accessed via the old address: www.killcarewagstaffetrust.org.au

## **Vale**

Two long time members of the Trust passed away recently - David Bowe and Ed Hekking. They will be missed.

# The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust Inc.

### **Membership Renewal**

#### Please ignore if:

you have recently renewed your membership or you payed a 3 year membership last time

Name(s)

Please send newsletter by email YES / NO (circle one)

 Membership:
 1 year
 3 years

 (circle one)
 Single
 \$10
 \$30

 Family
 \$15
 \$45

Payment can be made in:

cash - attach to renewal form cheque - Make out to KWT inc and attach to form direct deposit - Bank details are: BSB: 637 000

Ac no: 781338125

If making a direct deposit put your name and membership as the description

If paying by cash or cheque please return form to: KWT.
PO Box 4009
Wagstaffe 2257

Financial year ends 31st March