



The **BAYS**

# Bulletin

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## **AUG/SEPT ISSUE**

Pinch, punch, the first of the month! I hope you had a great August and are enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. Looks like the 20+degree-days are here to stay....

As for me, I spent the past four weeks in East Africa, and I can highly recommend Namibia for stunning landscapes (giant red sand dunes anyone?) and Botswana, if you love thousands upon thousands of elephants, amongst other wildlife.

### IN THIS ISSUE:-

- \* News from the recent Committee meeting including updates on Horsfield Bay Bus Stop and Phegans Bay Foreshore Master Plan.
- \* Our Monthly Breakfasts will be FULL brekky for Sept, Oct and Nov. Whoop!
- \* Photo wildlife snap and September 'ditty'

Catch you next time, Marie :)

## **Committee Meeting News**

**Horsfield Bay Bus Stop**

Did you know the bus shelter in Banyo Bay (near the intersection of Woy Woy Road) isn't actually a bus stop? Well, the Council has advised us this old timber bus shelter is in a state of disrepair and also in the wrong location as the current bus stop is just around the corner in Woy Woy Rd.

They've advised the old bus shelter cannot be relocated to the actual bus stop due to its condition. Council plan, in either 2024 or 2025, to erect a new bus shelter at the existing bus stop in Woy Woy Road near its intersection with Banyo Close. They are currently holding discussions with residents located at the current bus stop regarding the erection of a new bus shelter.

### **Phegans Bay Foreshore Master Plan**

Council staff have advised that they intend to hold Drop-In sessions for the public at the Phegans Bay Rural Fire Station or nearby in late October. These sessions will allow the public to view and discuss the recommended actions included in the Draft Phegans Bay Foreshore Masterplan.

It will also allow the public to recommend any additional actions or improvements for not only the Phegans Bay Foreshore, however for all the foreshores with The Bays areas i.e. Woy Woy Bay and Horsfield Bay. It is understood that the public may also make suggestions for improvements to areas outside The Bays area which are within the Brisbane Water waterway.

Council staff have scheduled the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for the Drop-In session at Phegans Bay. However, they will confirm and advise the exact dates and locations closer to the time - keep your eyes on our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

The Drop-In sessions all relate to the preparation of the overarching Hawkesbury-Nepean River System Coastal Management Program which includes Brisbane Water.

Link to Coastal Management

Programs: <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/waterways>

### **Road and Drainage safety and improvements**

No update currently available.



# **The Bays Breakfast**

**Sunday 29 September 8.30am-11.00am**

Apologies we had to cancel August brekky. Time to look forward to the end of the month for a BIG BREKKY in September - FULL BREAKFAST will be available for meat-eater and, of course, vegetarian and gluten-free, and continental options available too.

Come along, catch up with friends and neighbours and feel free to renew your Bays Community membership while you are there, or sign up to help with community events - we are only as strong as our volunteers :)





**Eastern Pygmy Possum Spotted  
in the Bays!**



Thank you to Michael Doe for snapping this gorgeous photo and uploading to the Bays Buy Swap and Sell Facebook Page - isn't it a little cutie!

Fun facts - the Eastern Pygmy Possum inhabits heathland, Banksia scrub and eucalypt forests along the south-east coast of Australia and have been known to populate west of the Great Dividing Range at Pilliga Forest in NSW, and in Tasmania!

Not to be confused with the Mountain Pygmy-possums - which were thought to be extinct until they were rediscovered at Mt Hotham in the 1960s. There are fewer than 2,000 endangered Mountain Pygmy-possums left in the wild. This possum species is Australia's only hibernating marsupial; it hibernates for up to seven months under the snow (no wonder it's hard to spot).

**\*\*SHOT A GORGEOUS OR INTERESTING PHOTO AROUND THE BAYS RECENTLY? UPLOAD TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE AND SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY.\*\***

[The Bays Community Buy, Swap, Sell- Woy Woy, Phegans & Horsfield Bay | Facebook](#)



## **BAYS BUSHCARE STILL NEEDS YOU!**

Bays Bushcare needs new volunteers!

The group meets on 1st or 2nd Sunday of each month (0830-1130).

In winter it's the perfect time for weeding the bush. Council provides the group with equipment, insurance and expert guidance, all that's needed now is your green fingers and thumbs (or at least a willingness to learn!). It's a lot of fun and a good way to meet your neighbours too.

**Phone Jill on 0417477970 if you are interested or just want to know more.**

**Even if can't join Bushcare you can help by removing (digging up the centre crown) of one of invasive weeds around your neighbourhood - the dreaded Asparagus Fern (weed) - IMAGE ABOVE FOR REF.**

**See BCG web site for a guide to handling our worst local weeds.**

The group have made huge inroads on our current work site Elaroo Rd Reserve, part of Councils protected Open Space System, and welcome visitors anytime.

<https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/coastal-open-space-system-coss-committee>



## Wildlife Wonders in the Bays

This month's 'ditty' is inspired by our local wildlife...

As twilight falls, the possum stirs,  
Tiny and quick, in the dusk it whirs,  
Gliding through the night's cool air,  
A little shadow, barely there.

The wallaby hops, so calm and light,  
Over hills and through the night,  
With big soft eyes, it stops to see,  
The world at peace, so wild and free.

And then there's the bush turkey, hard at work,  
Building its nest with a steady smirk,



Leaves and dirt in a careful heap,  
Guarding the ground, in a duty so deep.

Here in the Bays, life moves slow,  
In harmony, where wild things grow,  
A simple song, for all to hear,  
If you take a moment and lend an ear.

**\*\*thanks to Zoe for the photo**

**\*\* POEM CALL-OUT\*\***

Feel free to email us a poem about any issue/event you'd like for me to cover -  
I do love a good rhyming ditty!

**Are you a member of The Bays Community Group yet?**

**Memberships are due each February. Join now and  
have your say at YOUR Community Group's meetings.**

**Currently only \$20 per household per year, payable at  
the Bays Breakfasts or follow the instructions on our  
[website](#)**

## **Community Hall Working Bee**

**Over the next few months we will be seeking donations of plants and / or  
planters, followed by a working bee in the gardens at the hall.**

**For anyone interested in assisting, or being involved please feel free to drop a  
line at [thebaysemail@gmail.com](mailto:thebaysemail@gmail.com)**



### **Community Safety message from Ausgrid:**

**Your Safety - Fallen powerlines**

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## **Our Beautiful Bays Book**

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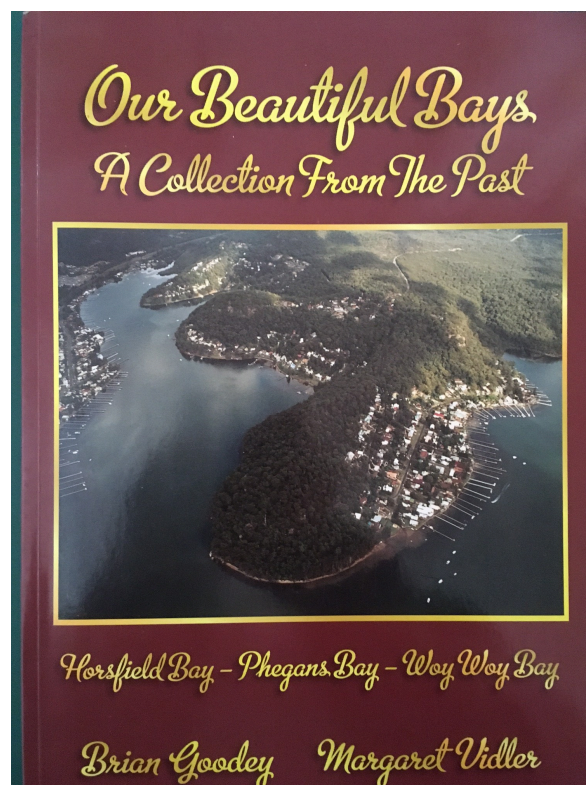
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### **Need a Justice of the Peace in The Bays?**

In every edition of The Bulletin we provide a list of JPs who live in The Bays and who have agreed to have their contact details published in The Bulletin.

- Zaga Turner - phone 0401 605 840 - or email [zagat@xitec.com.au](mailto:zagat@xitec.com.au)
- Nikki Buchanan - preferred contact via mobile 0416 128 895. Alternative contact via [Nikki.buchanan@gmail.com](mailto:Nikki.buchanan@gmail.com)
- Adele Miller - phone 0413 733 341
- Kay Cowley - phone 0429 420783 or email [KayCowley27@gmail.com](mailto:KayCowley27@gmail.com)
- Lina Nguyen - email [linahongmy@yahoo.com](mailto:linahongmy@yahoo.com)

If you are a JP living in The Bays and are happy to join this list, please send your details to [thebaysemail@gmail.com](mailto:thebaysemail@gmail.com)





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**NEV & JIM'S**  
— BUTCHERY —

#### Thanks for the bacon, Nev and Jim's!

We would like to send out a BIG thank you to Nev and Jim's Butchery of Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, and also Erina Fair. Nev and Jim's continues to support The Bays by providing the beautiful bacon for our bacon and egg rolls at a discount. Thank you, Nev and Jim's! Why not make Nev and Jim's your regular butcher?





### **Need to contact the Council?**

If you would like to raise an issue with the Council – from abandoned vehicles to barking dogs, graffiti to potholes – or simply ask a question, there are three simple ways you can do this:

Use the Council's contact page [here](#)

Email them at [ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

Download the [Snap Send Solve](#) app onto your smartphone



### **Want a Printer-Friendly Copy of The Bulletin?**

Are you one of those kind residents who prints out The Bulletin for a neighbour who does not have access to email?

Whilst most people prefer the new style Bulletin, we are aware that it is not 'printer-friendly'. A printer-friendly version is now available on request. The reason we do not send this to everyone is that it is a large document, so bigger than most people like to receive in their email. But ..... if you would like to receive a printer-friendly version then email us at [thebaysemail@gmail.com](mailto:thebaysemail@gmail.com). We will send a copy to you by email when The Bulletin is issued each month.

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