

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association *March 2022 Issue*

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Co-Presidents' Report

Welcome to the first Brooklyn Community Association Gateway Newsletter for 2022. We are looking forward to a busy year without Covid lockdowns.

The 2022 BCA Committee has already swung into action. The Cottage is underway, and the first General Meeting of the BCA is scheduled for Saturday, 5 March 2022 at 10am. Matt Kean MP has accepted the BCA's invitation to be our first guest speaker of the year.

We welcome the new BCA Committee (listed below), and we encourage members and residents to communicate with the committee on issues that are important to them or Brooklyn at large. Please email info@brooklyncommunity.org.au to get in touch.

- Co-President: Cindy Corkery
- Co-President: Robert Arnold
- Vice President: Ingrid Segovia
- Co-Secretary: Miriam Moloney
- Co-Secretary: Jayne Donnelly
- Treasurer: Lyne Kelleher
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- Member: Jim Buhr
- Member: Charles Essery

As a key initiative, the BCA is supporting the major project in Brooklyn to install 24/7 publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillators (**AED**) in town, by providing funding and participating on the project team. An AED is a device delivering an electric shock to cardiac arrest victims to restore the heart rhythm to normal. Congratulations to Jo Scarsbrick, Jayne Donnelly and the team for getting this initiative off the ground and running. See the feature article on pages 4 & 5 within this issue of the Gateway for more information.

The BCA Committee has been working with Hornsby Council Officers to restart the parking component of the Brooklyn Place Plan, after it was delayed by the Council elections. The parking plan will be based on the Council's Parking Management Study, adopted in 2020, and community are likely to be invited to participate in consultation in the second quarter of 2022. The BCA will give an update at the March General Meeting.

A Council election was held in December 2021, and we congratulate our returning Ward A Councillors Cr Nathan Tilbury, Cr Warren Waddell and we welcome Cr Tania Salitra. We look forward to working with each of them over the coming year.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting 10am-12pm Saturday, 5 March 2022 Guest Speaker: Matt Kean MP Member for Hornsby Brooklyn Meeting Room Followed by Refreshments</p> <p>BCA Members, Guests & Friends welcome. Operates under COVID Restrictions www.brooklyncommunity.org.au www.facebook.com/BrooklynNSW</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Dates Saturday</p> <p>5-Mar-2022 4-Jun-2022 3-Sep-2022 3-Dec-2022 3pm & AGM</p>
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The full colour edition of the Gateway Newsletter can be found at
<http://brooklyncommunity.org.au/about-bca/gatewaynewsletter/>

Brooklyn Heritage

In mid-December 2021, Hornsby Council contacted the BCA seeking input to the Hornsby Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) review. This is all part of a much larger Shire wide heritage study which commenced in 2021 (Year 1 projects). Projects can be found at www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property/build/heritage/Comprehensive-Heritage-Study.

The current project will address Heritage Conservation Area gaps – post war and mid-twentieth century built heritage and the lack of HCAs in the northern half of our local government area. It will assess potential new HCAs. Overall, there may eventually be amendments to the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan that informs development in the Shire.

The Review is being undertaken by GML Heritage. Given the short time frame to respond by 21 January 2022, the BCA provided a response to Council providing comment and guidance as to areas within Brooklyn that may warrant further consideration by the consultants.

It is noted that a heritage conservation area is considered a precinct, streetscape, group of buildings, landscape, suburb or town with particular heritage values that give it a distinct identity. These heritage values can include historical origins, subdivision pattern, and consistency of building materials or the common age of its building stock.

Brooklyn has heritage values that give it a distinct identity which relate to its historical origins and potentially its subdivision pattern. A copy of the submission and further detail will be available at the forthcoming BCA meeting on Saturday, 5 March 2022.



By Miriam Moloney, Miriamrmoloney@gmail.com

Brooklyn Repairs & Maintenance

The BCA has worked with Hornsby Council to address some of the major repairs and maintenance items around the village. In 2019, we compiled an inventory of outstanding repair items, and held a walkaround with the General Manager and Council Officers to identify corrective actions. The resurfacing of Brooklyn Road on entry to town, road repairs to the bridge near the fire station, and improvements to Dangar Road near the marina are some examples.

The BCA plans to prepare a similar inventory during 2022, and residents can add repair items to the inventory, by submission to info@brooklyncommunity.org.au. Please provide an outline of the problem, the location and a photo. The inventory will be submitted mid-2022.

Should you have an emergency or need for an immediate repair, please contract Council directly on 02 9847 6666, by email at hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or online at this web address www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/about-council/online-services

By Robert Arnold

Groove Cruise Sunday #11 – Blues Collective Autumn Hawkesbury Cruise!

This will be Blues Cruise XVI (2017-2022) on the Hawkesbury for Blues Collective, and we know it will be enormous fun, helped along by our many wonderful cruisers!

With only 65 tickets for sale (and 26 tickets already sold in the first 3 days on sale), this cruise will sell out very quickly (as Blues Collective cruises usually do), so please grab your tickets as soon as you can!



Blues Collective has been performing Swamp & Chicago Blues since they started in June 2015. Blues Collective in 2022 features Angela McCloy on vocals, Chris Martin Murphy on vocals, guitar and harmonica, Marty Davison on saxophone, Chris Davis on lead guitar, Ian Chisholm on bass guitar, and Bruce Stephens on drums. Blues Collective performs its own arrangements of Swamp and Chicago Blues songs written by Tony Joe White, JJ Cale, Taj Mahal, Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon, BB King, Etta James, Jimmy Reed, Robert Johnson, Elmore James, Freddie King, Bonnie Raitt & more.

Tickets: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/O1934>

Dyarubbin Lie-Low Adventures

On any sultry summer afternoon before the storms break and relief comes to the sweltering masses, you'll find Brooklyn locals Myff and Peter cocooned in ALDI hammock lie low's (his and hers) floating, drifting and serene on the Hawkesbury River, Parsley Bay.

Faithful dog and sidekick, Inka, will be paddling around the small flotilla, sea lion like between fishing lines and boats swinging from their moorings.

Partially immersed in the olive-green waters of the nourishing Dyarubbin the trio soon bring their overheated bodies into equilibrium with the cool clear surrounds.

Trees and sandstone caves tower above from the river banks, a waterline perspective rarely seen as the outgoing tide takes the inflatable hammocks gently, silently toward Dead Horse Bay.

Such is the sublime peace and joy of the experience that the trio have commenced Brooklyn's latest start up: Deerubbin Lie- Low Adventures.

Contrary to local gossip that this enterprise is an attempt to undercut the exceptionally strong market in Bob's flourishing kayak rental business (which launches from the same small beach), or indeed challenge the river adventure market of Ritchie's jet skis; the trio are adamant that this service will provide waterway access at the lowest cost and slowest possible pace.

That said the envious glance provided by a young G I Joe jet skier at the remarkable speed and wake delivered by a couple of hand worn thongs aboard an Aldi Lie Low indicates that the appeal of this water craft may well be cross generational. With far fewer overheads Lie Low Adventures can offer hire of the Aldi Lie Low for a rate at \$2.50 per half hour (adventurers paddle using own thongs) or include a hired pair of quality thongs for 50 cents per half hour.

After a brief safety training exercise on how to board the craft, avoid oysters and check for leaks patrons are issued with a map indicating (via the name of moored yachts) the border limitations to their voyage.

Under Covid restrictions each voyager will be issued with a pool noodle to prod away neighbouring floaters and ensure a 1.5 metre distance is maintained at all times.

Longer excursions on an outgoing tide to Patonga will require a puncture kit, whistle, flare, water proof bag for a mobile phone, a signed waiver of company liability and the blessing of local clergy.

The company expects to expand in the near future and hope for an invitation to be part of the Lower Hawkesbury Aquatic & Recreation Association.

They will require only a minimum of storage space as well as a dedicated foot pump.



*By Peter Davis
Photo: Peter & Inka Davis, Parsley Bay*

Mooney Mooney Storytime & Brooklyn Playgroup Returns

Storytime at Mooney Mooney Library is back on a monthly basis starting Wednesday, 23 February 2022 at 10am. Storytime encourages a love of reading and creativity for children aged 0-5 years using stories, songs and a fun craft activity. The Central Coast Council will also bring their book bus so we encourage everyone from the river community to come and join us.

Brooklyn Playgroup has been on an extended summer break but we're making plans to start up again towards the end of term one. Playgroup normally meets on Fridays 10am – 12pm at Baden Powell Hall. If you'd like to get involved or find out more information please email brooklynNSWplaygroup@gmail.com

By Vidette Findlay

Brooklyn Celebrates Installations of Four 24/7 Life Saving Defibrillators

What if you or a loved one, a friend or a neighbour had sudden cardiac arrest and an ambulance was not immediately available? What if access to an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), or commonly referred to as a Defib, was all you needed to survive or potentially save a life?

Contrary to popular belief, sudden cardiac arrest can strike any person regardless of age, gender or health status and approximately 33,000 Australians die every year from this condition. The single key contributing factor to improving survival rates is the time taken to administer early CPR and defibrillation. Access to AEDs to respond within 10 minutes is essential and could save a life.

An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It is an easy-to-use medical device that can analyse the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an automated electric shock or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Using an AED in conjunction with CPR on a patient who is unconscious and not breathing increases positive outcomes.

The great news is that as of **Sunday, 20 February 2022**, every resident and visitor to Brooklyn is now a few minutes' drive to access one of the four strategically located AEDs.

In late 2021, the community created a committee under the leadership of Joanne Scarsbrick and Jayne Donnelly and joined the Community Defib Project <https://communitydefibproject.org.au>. We can all celebrate the power and passion of the Brooklyn community and its businesses through combined effort raised sufficient funds to purchase two AEDs and three local businesses stepped up to generously offer access to their existing AEDs and/or their business premises to provide public access 24/7. The installation of all four AEDs has occurred within an impressive ten-week period.

Where is the closest AED to you?

The Anglers Rest Hotel @ 216 Brooklyn Road (Cnr Bridge Street) - Steve and Narelle's personal generosity together with the support by their Patrons of several raffles has raised the full \$3,000 needed for the purchase of an AED.

Brooklyn Central @ 81-83 Brooklyn Road generously made available their business premises for public access 24/7- The AED was jointly sponsored through the fundraising efforts by the members of the Brooklyn Community Association (\$2,500) and RW Corkery & Co (\$500).

Fenwick's Marina @ 31-33 Brooklyn Road has generously agreed to make their AED available for public access 24/7.

Hawkesbury River Marina @ 9 Dangar Road has generously agreed to make their AED available for public access 24/7.



Updates of any new AED locations will be provided in future Gateways, including those planned to be installed at several River Communities.



What if I need to use an AED? Do I need training?

Further good news is that anyone can operate an AED and no specialist medical training is required. However, attending a free training session may help build your confidence should you need to use an AED at some point in the future.

Community Training Sessions will be run by the Community Defib Project on **Wednesday, 2 March 2022** at the following times and locations:

- 2:30pm at The Anglers Rest Hotel;
- 4:30pm at the Community Meeting Room; and
- 7:00 pm at The Anglers Rest Hotel.

You can register for a training session via the following ways:

1. Ring Anglers Rest Hotel on 9985 7257
2. Email BrooklynCDP@gmail.com
3. Register online at <http://eepurl.com/hURE0T>
4. Register via our QR code (using your phone camera)



Community Spirit!

The spirit in which the community and businesses have contributed to the Community Defib Project are reflected in the following comments.

- Dave, Vanessa & the Brooklyn Central crew regard public access to AEDs for the Brooklyn community as a fundamentally necessary preventive step in ensuring the ongoing care and safety of the community. Through providing 24/7 access, Dave and Vanessa are proud to be part of the Defib Project and to participate in the community's continued safety and care.
- Bob Davis has led the fundraising efforts that lead to the BCA Members being able to vote with unanimous support of the single largest donation/sponsorship the BCA has made thereby reflecting the community's overwhelming support of this life saving project.
- Mitchell Bland (Director) RW Corkery and Co. wrote *"we are very pleased to be able to assist the volunteer run committee of the Brooklyn Community Defibrillation Project. We hope that the AED(s) never get used, but if needed, it may just save a life"*.
- Steve and Narelle have expressed *"... a heartfelt thankyou to our patrons for their generosity to support Anglers Rest Hotel to purchase and install an AED at the Hotel for access by the patrons and community 24/7. Patrons have literally purchased thousands of raffle tickets to help safeguard locals and visitors, a truly awesome effort"*.
- Andrew Fenwick explains that *"we recognised the need for a Defibrillator back in 2012 and purchased one in 2013. In late last year we were approached to discuss the idea of making our unit available to the community through the Community Defib Project and we are delighted to now be part of this, and we look forward to the benefits this program brings for access to these important devices and regular training opportunities"*.
- Richie & the Hawkesbury Marina team were pleased to join the cause in making their AED publicly accessible.
- Joanne Scarsbrick and Jayne Donnelly for the Brooklyn Community Defib Project Committee would like to *"sincerely thank everyone for their enthusiasm and willingness to get behind and make this essential community project happen in just a few months.... congratulations and well done all!!"*



Article by Cindy Corkery BCA

Photo: Dave & Vanessa from Brooklyn Central & Miriam Moloney, Co-Secretary

HKSC to host Hawkesbury River Cup

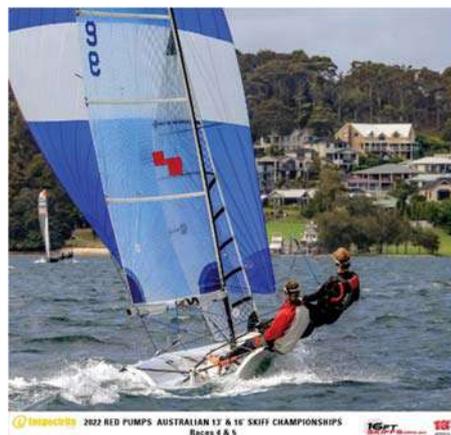
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Sailing Club is hosting its annual regatta the Hawkesbury River Cup on Saturday, 5 & Sunday, 6 March 2022. With visiting boats from Gosford, Lake Macquarie, Manly and Middle Harbour expected. The annual regatta has been running for who knows how many years but is a highlight of the club's calendar. In the 13' skiff class Angus Stewart (skipper) and Hugo Kemp (crew) who are current NSW champions and Australian runners up are looking to defend their undefeated run over recent seasons or may be jumping into a VS with club and class stalwart Brian Gleeson.



In other news our Learn to Sail (LTS) program has

benefitted greatly from a fleet of RS Feva dinghies that were used in the recent SailGP event on Sydney Harbour. These have allowed us to offer LTS in a purpose designed training boat that can also be used to race in a training fleet. LTS with HKSC is now available for adults too, as these boats are big enough for a couple of adults or a number of children to learn on. If

you have heard about us within the local community but never checked us out, we have an open morning coming up on Saturday, 26 March 2022 with details on our website www.hornsbyclub.com coming soon.



By Alex Stewart, HKSC

The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

We are pleased to advise that The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic has been given the green light to go ahead for Saturday, 29 – Sunday, 30 October 2022.

As it is still several months away, now is the time for keen paddlers who are wanting to do one of the longest running and well supported Charity Local Events, Arrow Foundation, to sign up for this event. Anyone who is wanting to start training for this event, from Canoe, Kayak and Stand Up Paddle boarders are all welcome to apply.

They will be part of a 111 km paddle with Marine Rescue Hawkesbury supporting this event with check points at various locations to take care of the paddlers. We are on hand for any First Aid Events, if necessary and even facilitate boat traffic control.

Starting at Windsor at 4pm, paddlers travel to Brooklyn in an overnight paddle. The average finish time is 7-12 hours for the race. The finish line is at Deerubun Reserve Mooney Mooney from midnight. Entries are open now!

As we are all about “Saving Lives On the Water” please remember to log on and log off with Marine Rescue as we can be there to assist in case there are any tows required, or search and rescue that may arise during time out in the wonderful waterways. Boats are a great past time but it often takes people by surprise when they least expect it. With an engine that refuses to start, an unexpected event in the water, we can be there quickly to assist you.

There are a great team of dedicated trained Professionals who volunteer their weekends to be there for this reason.

As a brief overview the Hawkesbury Unit of Marine Rescue were involved in 29 incidents during January alone, which meant over 80 people were taken to safety.

Go to <https://www.canoeclassic.net/> for further information or please email info@canoeclassic.asn.au

Enjoy your time out there!



By Kym Mahoney, Marine Rescue Hawkesbury PR Officer

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The Cottage is open again!

The Cottage committee has been busy collating ideas on how the Cottage can be used for the community, currently we are open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-3pm and for other regular events. There is currently a new Brooklyn RSL display and more of Juno Gemes photographs of our fantastic river community on the walls plus new art exhibitions in the planning stages.

Confirmed dates for your calendar:

Second Hand Sunday Market Day, 10am-3pm, Sunday, 6 March 2022

The inaugural Second Hand Sunday market day where you can sell your pre-loved goods. Rent a 3m x 3m space for \$25, BYO table. Book today!

Community Jazz Concert & Picnic, 5:30-8pm, Saturday, 2 April 2022

Come celebrate the last day of summer daylight savings!! Join us for a community evening concert and picnic in the grounds of The Cottage, relaxing to the sounds of acclaimed local musician Ray Alldridge & his trio, with vocalist Olivia Simone as they present a range of jazz standards – latin bossa novas and a touch of the blues. BYO picnic, seating /and or rugs. Entry by donation to The Cottage on the night will be greatly appreciated.



Easter Markets with Live Music & Sausage Sizzle, 10am-3pm, Sunday, 3 April 2022

By now most people know about The Cottage Market. Our stallholders generally come from the immediate area and will be selling artisan and homemade goods including fresh cheese, jams, honey, sourdough bread, a local florist's wares, rope and leathercraft, baked goods and a sausage sizzle with the Brooklyn RFS.

There will be approximately 30 stalls in all for you to browse. It's a great opportunity to pick-up high-quality items for a reasonable price, made with loving care. This Market will feature a live band, Pass the Hat, and Easter egg painting for the kids. Bring the whole family and enjoy the fun!

If you are interested in having a stall, please send your contact details to the email address below with a description of the goods you wish to sell. The stall sites are 3m x 3m and cost \$25 for the day. We hope to see you there!

Regular events at The Cottage include:

- **Sunday Morning Meditation Group, 9-10am, Free** – bring a mat and cushion and join a small meditation group where beginners are welcome. If you're interested simply show up on the day or send an email to The Cottage. Every Sunday (except 6 March and market days).
- **Book Club, Free** – the Tuesday night Book Club is full but if enough people are interested, a second club can be formed when there are enough people.
- **Knitting and Crochet Group, Wednesday 2-4pm, Free** – every Wednesday interested people meet at The Cottage to visit while enjoying their needlecraft. New participants are welcome. If you are interested in joining this group, please send your contact details to The Cottage email address. All ages welcomed!
- **Play Boules, Saturday & Sunday, Free** – never played? Well, here's your chance. The Cottage has a set of Boules, a lawn bowling game, available to the public. Just leave a deposit with The Cottage volunteer when The Cottage is open and give it a go. The boules need to be returned before 3pm so we can return your deposit!!!

A new series of interesting talks are in the planning stage...

- Brooklyn resident, Bob Davis telling the Tales of the Red Baron
- A presentation on Australian silver
- A talk on sustainability (worm farms, composting)
- A series of wellbeing workshops

The Cottage is a community facility we hope that what happens there can be expanded to bring more and different adventures to the community. You are invited to be part of it!

More information: thecottage@brooklyncommunity.org.au

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 DAY: Wednesday evening
 5 Week Term commencing on 9/3/22
 Brooklyn Meeting Room, Brooklyn
Ring Jo to book. Mobile 0414240342
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Experience Classic Caravanning!

Keen-eyed Brooklyn locals may have noticed a sign which reads “Kooravan Hire” on the corner of James Road and Brooklyn Road.

Kooravan Hire is a small home business which hires out classic and custom caravans. We provide a unique experience to people who would otherwise find it difficult to purchase or maintain a classic caravan. We have vans currently available for hire (see example below) and a couple in the restoration process, hence you may have noticed some caravans which are not yet finished.

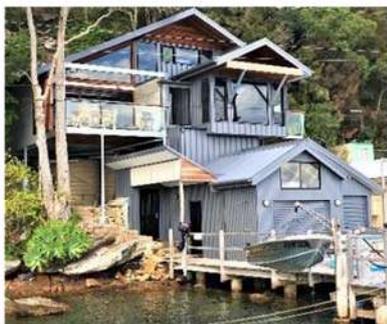
If you would like to try classic caravanning without the commitment, or want to find out more, get in touch with us by phone, email or visit our website! We have numerous options to suit your needs and we still have availability over the Easter holidays.

Make sure to mention that you are a local and get 10 per cent off your hire!

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