FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was great to see Councilor Bohdan Brumerskyj at our May meeting. Bohdan provided some very informative insights into current happenings at Council and the issues that affect our area. He also fielded any questions we could throw at him with humour and knowledge. Bohdan will be at our next meeting so come along and get the latest info from Council.

In last month’s issue we put out a rough list of improvements or wish list for Callala Beach and the Callala area. First on this list was improving the intersection of Forest Road and the Princes Hwy. We have made this problem our number one priority as we see it as a major safety issue. Apparently there have been many near misses as people try and turn one lane into two when approaching from the north as well as reports of missing the turn and overshooting the turn and ending up in the ditch.

Hard working Secretary Pat McAndrew has been very busy discussing the issue with Joanna Gash and Shelley Hancock on several occasions. Both are supporting the issue but point out that it is the RTA who we should be approaching. To assist us Joanna has written to the South Coast Register on our behalf. A copy of her letter is included on page 4 of this newsletter. Thanks for that Joanna. Pat has also been on the RTA website confirming that there is an upgrade for the intersection as part of the ‘South Nowra Upgrade’. We will check the details and timing with the RTA. Watch this space.

On another matter we are planning a ‘Brunch in the Park’ at Parkes Crescent possibly on the 25th June to celebrate the new amenities block among other things. Will confirm this in the next newsletter.

See you at the next meeting on 13th June.

Greg Westlake
WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MAY MEETING OF CALLALA BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

- Councilor Bohdan Brumerskyj advised that Council are investigating the possibility of establishing a 50-300 birth marina in the Shoalhaven within a 15-20 year time frame. The aim being to encourage the high end tourist facilities that the Shoalhaven currently lacks. Sites being considered include Huskisson, Callala Bay, Ulladulla, Shoalhaven Heads and Nowra.

- Bohdan supported our efforts to improve the intersection of Forest Rd and Princes Hwy and suggested we work in unison with the other Associations in the area to place pressure on the RTA.

- Bohdan also spoke of the study being carried out on Seaweed Farming in Jervis Bay by Pier Windberg at the Shoalhaven Campus.

- Pat McAndrew reported on the seminar she attended by the Environmental Defenders Office. The seminar covered the changes from DCP to LEP and for CCB’s to be vigilant when the draft LEP is put on public display. Progress will be undertaking the task of carefully checking changes to zonings etc in the new LEP.

- Greg Westlake gave a short presentation on the new DCP106 ‘Development of Flood Prone Land’. The main impact in our area is that due to the incorporation of sea level rise projections any new homes in Myola located in flood prone areas will now need to have the livable area floor level 400mm higher.
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- Alterations and additions at 80 Quay Rd, Callala Beach

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF SOUTH COAST REGISTER FROM JOANNA GASH SUPPORTING UPGRADE OF FOREST ROAD INTERSECTION

The sealing of Forest Road to Callala some years ago has brought more traffic as local residents take advantage of the improvement.

However, the road still remains a mystery to visitors as it is inadequately signposted as the primary access to Callala Bay, Callala Beach and Currarong. As a result, tourists with dollars to spend in their pockets, drive on by and local economy suffers. I’m not surprised because unless you are aware, the intersection is on top of you before you know it.

Despite a number of attempts to have the intersection upgraded, including representations by myself, the RTA steadfastly refuses to spend money on improving sign posting and lighting.

This is not only a road safety issue especially when raining and facing oncoming traffic, it is also a tourism issue in which the RTA’s intransigence is not helping.

I am inviting the South Coast Register to get behind the residents and GProgress Associations of Callala Bay and Callala Beach to pressure the RTA for a more responsive contribution.

I do hope you will come on board

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MENS GOLF

23rd April. The course was very wet but declared playable for the men’s stableford round. First place went to Ross Ellerton on 39 points and third spot went to Alan Barnes 36 points, sandwiched between these two strapping fellows in second spot was young Cody Wehmeyer on 37 points. Scary when you consider that Cody has just started high school and plays off a 20 handicap. Cody is very dedicated to his golf and gives the men in several clubs a run for their money. Tiger Woods had better keep checking over his shoulder. Nearest to the pin, Mick Crews 1st Div, Ross Ellerton 2nd Div and Brian Herring 3rd Div.

7th May was a stroke round along with a medal round. Robert Dunlop took out the A grade medal and also joint winner of the day’s event with a score of 70. Robert Sutherland, the B grade and also joint winner with a score of 70 with Barry Jarman the winner of the C grade medal and Tony Pitt-Lancaster the other joint winner on 70. N.T.P. Lawrie Green and Steve Chapman. Rita Beauchamp led the ladies home.

14th May the course is finally starting to dry out and the weather was kind to the fellows for their stableford round, with nothing to complain about, the scoring improved. Les Beauchamp and Brian Herring both came in with 43 points with Steve Chapman on 37. N.T.P. went to Brian Herring, Neville Mele and Col Chessel.

Golf Course Renovations
In our recent article on the amazing transformation that is taking place at the golf course I omitted to mention a very important contributor to the humble beginnings of the course. I would like to rectify that right now by printing the letter received from Doug Balkwill, Doug has and always will have his finger firmly on the pulse of the golf club.
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Letter from Doug Balkwill

I read with interest your article on the Callala Golf Course in the April addition of the Callala Beach News. It is true that I initiated a lot of things regarding the Golf Club and course many years ago, I’m happy to say that I have been well rewarded for the voluntary work I was able to do. As the leader of the squad I was able to enlist the help of a group of very hard working dedicated volunteers, some of whom are no longer with us. Unfortunately none of us knew much about golf course construction, we had to rely on information gained from other courses but a gentleman by the name of Greg Stores joined our group, for some unknown reason very little mention has been made for all the work Greg has done for the Golf Club and course, I would like to put that right.

Greg had his own horticulture business before retiring to Callala Bay and it was our very good luck that he was interested in golf and volunteered to join us. There was very little Greg didn’t know about grass and grass seed so with his knowledge we were able to go ahead in leaps and bounds, there was much to be done in clearing the land, digging the dams and levelling the fairways. Greg organised the earth moving contractors to do this, he also organised the irrigation engineers who were able to advise us what to do and to supply the equipment to do it, all this was installed under Greg’s supervision, we were now able to start seeding the greens and fairways.

The Country Club was quite young at the time and far from being financial but they helped us as much as they could, a lot of thought went into how the money could be spent to the most advantage, here again Greg came to the for and between us we were able to build all 9 greens and not one had to be re-seeded such was Greg’s expertise.

After the course was officially opened Greg continued to work for us, he became the Golf Club Treasurer and Manager of the golf shop, this I can say is a major job. He also co-ordinated with the Country Club solicitors in drawing up our constitution which we have today, even with these additional duties he continued to work on improving the course. I thought that Greg could not possibly be replaced but how lucky we are at Callala, yes another group of terrific volunteers have taken over and doing a wonderful job.
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LADIES GOLF

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11th May. The third WGNSW Medal and the Mabel McKenzie Brooch plus the Vet’s and the putting comp were played on a very wet course. In Div: 1 Chris Walmsley 73 managed to knock Myrna Barnes 75 off her lofty perch, temporarily; although no one could topple her when it came to putting, a very nice 29 putts. Mary Dare 76 beat Sue Hamilton 76 in a count back. Mary Dare topped off a good day by also winning the Vets comp. Longest drives went to Aoauli Carrett and her gammy knee in 1st Div; Sue Hamilton in 2nd Div; with Sue Earle and one of the new ladies to Callala golf Jeanette Morris taking the drive and pitch. Welcome to Callala Jeanette, I can see your name appearing in the results on a regular basis in the future.

18th May. Sun shone on the first round of the foursome’s championship much to the delight of Ez Harding who has just spent an enjoyable five days playing golf in ‘PARKES’ top temperature 11 degrees, you don’t have to be silly to chase a white ball around, but I think it must help. All that golf and with partner Mary Dare they came up as the winners of the day on 67.5. Aoauli Carrett and Myrna Barnes (what a combination) right behind with 69.5 Aoauli Carrett took the 1st Div; drive and pitch with Rosemary Harris winning the 2nd Div.

The Pennants teams have had a mixed bag with the gold team losing to Kiama at the Grange. They had a convincing win at home at Callala against Wollongong and managed to beat Vincentia at Port Kembla. The course came up well after all the rain and the other teams enjoyed playing at Callala.

The silver team continue to hold their heads up with a very nice win on a very wet slippery Gerringong course against Russell Vale, the average mountain goat would have struggled to keep their feet.
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They lost to Kiama at Jamberoo and Nowra at Russell Vale, they at least take their opponents to the 16th holes before having to walk the last two holes home, that is a long way when the fun has gone and they’re always up a hill or so it seems.
The ladies have welcomed quite a few new players to their Wednesday Comp, with a mixed bag of handicaps. It makes for a more interesting competition and we are always looking for more to bolster the ranks.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE

The Calla Vets Golf did not start very well this month, on the 26th April the course was closed due to heavy rain but this gave us all a chance to recover from Anzac Day – Lest We Forget.

On the 3rd May the IGA Monthly Mug was won by John Marriott in very wet conditions with a 59 net – runners up were Keith McCully with a 64 net and Trevor Duncan with a 66 net.
Two Eagles were posted, one by Trevor Duncan on the first hole the other by Steve Chapman on the second hole, well done to you both.
The Dolphin Cruise was won by Jack Harris; hope you and Rose enjoy the outing.
The 9 Hole Comp. was won by David Brumby, well done.
To the 55 players who turned up to support their club on a very damp track we thank you.
And to the boys who cooked the burgers on Monthly Mug Day thank you they were very tasty. The 10th May saw 53 players do battle on a damp but good track, the winner being Ken Black with 41 points just in front of Brian Herring and Richard Pool (Dick) for 2nd and 3rd on 40 points.
Each week we have four Nearest the Pin competitions which are hotly contested by all.
Our thoughts go out to Tony Pitt-Lancaster who has had a heart attack and is in hospital, we wish him a speedy recovery.
On a happier note to Jack Wakefield HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!
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On the 17th May The Vets played a 4BBB and individual Stableford. Sixty players started on a cool morning but ended up a good day weather wise. Some of us found it hard going but for the winners Mick Crews and Phil Macpherson on 48 points it seemed easy. The runners up were Barry Jarman and Bob Dunlop with 47 points on a countback. The individual winner was the captain Steve Chapman with 41 points. Callala RSL Country Golf Club also have a Ladies Day on Wednesdays and a Saturday Men’s Competition where ladies are also welcome.

Till next month good golfing. Keith McCully

Callala indoor bowlers meet every Monday at 12 o clock for some very SERIOUS bowling. No scores are ever recorded, no winners, no losers just lots of fun. That is not to say that it’s not skilful and there are some very good bowlers who just love a challenge, especially Tom. We recently hosted Culburra Senior Citizens for a fun day and it was fun, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is always a challenge when Culburra come to play at Callala, we have mats on carpet which are SLOW and they are use to mats on wood floors which are very FAST, the result is the bowl runs out of puff before half way or if we are playing at Culburra, the gardens are at risk.

New members are always welcome to come and give it a go, there is no equipment required, the weather is no problem and the first day is free, very expensive.
CALLALAL BUSHCARE GROUP

Callala Bushcare Group meets every Tuesday at 8am for a two-hour working session in one of our local reserves or patches of bushland. Venue and activities vary from week to week. New volunteers are always welcome. Training and equipment are provided. For more details contact me on 44464793 or email rjhawksworth@hotmail.com.

By far the larger part of Callala Bushcare Group’s activity involves looking after the health of bushland owned or managed by Shoalhaven City Council. Over the past month we’ve been concentrating on the area of foreshore known as the “Dry Lagoon” just to the west of Callala Creek. The weeds in this area are pretty much under control though we have a regular job keeping on top of regrowth. The recovering native vegetation is interesting as it is developing into a rainforest vine thicket mix rather than the sand forest more typical of our foreshore. As a general rule our approach is to remove the problem (weeds or other human impact) and then let nature do what it wants. This time we’ve been rewarded with something special. See photos below:
The other string to our Group’s bow is Landcare. As a Landcare Group we work with other landowners and land managers in the Callala-Myola area. Recently we’ve been supporting NSW National Parks in efforts to remove the weed Sea Spurge from the beach between Red Point and Carama Inlet. As well as being a worthwhile environmental initiative, it gives us a great excuse for a beach walk and picnic. Who said Bushcare/Landcare is all work and no play? Over the past 12 months this task has absorbed around 135 volunteer hours. Other Landcare tasks during the year have included Senna at Sealark Rd; Lantana and Bitou on Jerrinja land at Myola; Lantana, Bitou, Senna and Asparagus Fern at Lackersteen St; Senna along Callala Beach Rd; Bitou behind Queen Mary St; Senna and Asparagus Fern behind Roskell Rd and Bitou and Senna at Callala RSL. We’re never short of something to do. If you are interested in helping preserve our local environment, give me a call.
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FISHING NEWS

Hi fellow fishos.

What crazy weather! The lovely Autumn days have been and gone in a blink and Winter is truly with us already. There are still a lot of fish around, but they are starting to thin out a bit. As one of my fishing club mates, Marty Gehrke said the other day, it is just about time to put the boat away and hit the beaches and rocks. I wouldn’t do it quite yet though, as I have received reports of some very big squid being caught in the bay and off Curramong. “Nigger” Shannon showed me a large flathead he had speared near the yachts last Friday. I think he had just come to rub my nose in it. I had to work whilst he was off having a good time. He had two nice blackfish as well. The flathead was just over 3kg. A great shot though, he got it side to side through the gills just as it was taking off. Another guy, Ryan I think his name is, showed me the head and frame of a 20kg kingfish he had caught the previous day. He was saving it for burley. He reckons the small kingies are starting to move on and the fish left are of a much better quality. I think this one was caught outside the Hammerhead Marine Park. I thought I would give that area a go on Monday, the weather was perfect, seas slight, altogether too good I think. No waves, no current for the burley, no fish! As for the Curramong boat ramp, it is a vast improvement on the old beach ramp. I can see a few problems though. For the single person boatie it is very difficult to find somewhere to tie your boat off whilst you park your car and trailer. It would be impossible in any sort of sea. You quite often get very big wave surges in the area of the boat ramp, this could make it very hard to control any sort of large boat. I think Council will have to build some sort of protective wall for the safety of both the boats and the fishos. I would hate to live in one of the houses near the ramp as the basic design of the raised ramp creates its own racket as even the smallest surging waves make a hell of a reverberation. Again good fishing and good health. Would be fishing. John Lee
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Over the past month there were no callouts.

The current weather patterns have seriously delayed any hazard reduc-
tions that were planned to take place in the Callala Beach/Bay, Culburra
and Currarong areas during the autumn period. These hazard reductions
will now take place when conditions become suitable.
Training over the last month has consisted of brigade training in mapping
and hazard reduction planning and Shoalhaven District training in Crew
Leader.

Permits are not required until September for all fires in the open.
Residents burning backyard waste must notify your neighbours and Fire
Control (4424 4424 during office hours ) 24 hours before burning.
It is advisable to have water available, the size of pile to be no bigger
than 1.5 metres across and a responsible
person must remain with the fire at all times
until it is extinguished. If water is not avail-
able then an alternative method of extin-
guishing the fire must be available. This
could be a tractor, loader or hand tools to
make a fire break to prevent the fire from
spreading. Also burning small piles and
feeding the small pile from the larger pile is
a safe way of conducting a pile burn. Cour-
tesy must be considered for your neighbours.
Please do not smoke them out as it quite of-
ten results in a phone call to the brigade to
come and extinguish the fire.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Captain Jenny
Lawther on 44465728.
Please report all fires to 000.        Dave Lawther
**CK Landscapes**

~ Creative Ideas ~

- New and Existing Gardens
- Retaining Walls Rockeries
- Decks - Odd Jobs
- Irrigation - Ponds
- Turf Laying - Paving
- Pruning Tree • Trimming

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**Adults:** Tuesdays 12.30-3pm
Wednesdays 10am-12 and 1-3pm
Saturdays 10am to 12.30pm

**Children:** Tuesday 4-6 pm
Bookings taken for school holiday workshops. Paintings for sale are on display at **THE GALLERY**. Phone Roslyn 44465770 for class bookings or email Roslyn.chatham@bigpond.com or visit http://www.artclassesnowra.com

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Open 7 Days 7am–6.30pm (7pm at weekends)

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- Sub-newsagency
- Fishing Licences
- Bait & Tackle
- Petrol
- Coffee, Tea, Sandwiches

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BEECH EROSION IN 1977

For new residents of our fantastic area we thought we would run this photo again so that you can understand why there is concern from Council about development along Quay Rd. You will note the large drop in the beach quite close to the rear of the houses and the volunteers placing sand bags to help stop further erosion.

It is also interesting to consider the change in development since that time.
The next Progress Association monthly meeting will be held on Monday 13th June, 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall at the corner of Quay Road and Centre Street, Callala Beach. Meetings are open to non-members as well as members. New members are always welcome.

Annual fees are $5 per family ($4 per family if one member is a pensioner) and this includes free home delivery of Callala Beach News each month within the Callala - Myola area. Membership with postal delivery of Callala Beach News is $12 (no concessions).

2011 membership fees are due. (see page 24 for application/renewal form).

INTERNET ACCESS TO NEWSLETTER

The website is up and running in its new and improved form. The newsletter is available for viewing on the site. We also email out a copy of the newsletter for those on our email list.

Email myolawestlakes@exemail.com.au to join this service. If you want to rely on this service and save trees by managing without a hard copy just say so.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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Callala Beach Progress Association Membership Application
Membership is open to all residents of, and to all people who pay rates on properties in, Callala Beach or Myola and to others having an active interest in the area. Members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month (except January). Alternatively members’ views can be sent to one of the office bearers listed above. Applications/Renewals should be sent to The Treasurer PO Box 2 Callala Beach 2540. If a receipt is required a stamped self-addressed envelope should be provided.

Name(s): 

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