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Making Waves July 2010



A free community
newsletter for Bar Beach
Merewether, Dixon
Park, and The Junction

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Wanted: A place to call home...



Is there a sadder sight than a pigeon with his head down?

In our latest interview with Bill the pigeon, the leader of the Merewether beach pigeons, Bill admitted that the future of his loft is in a state of despair. The birds are “lost”, he said...they gather on the beach through the day wandering aimlessly, not knowing where to turn or what to do next. Occasionally they rise and circle the site of our former “house” – but it’s not the same anymore. No-one has the heart to gather food, birds are falling ill with worry, education of the youngsters has ceased and there seems nothing I can offer them to inspire any hope for a brighter future.



In desperation says Bill, I called in the “big guns” – the 2 wise old pelicans and the ever vigilant sea eagle who have supported us and offered advice when required to wayward adolescent birds. They each gave a pep talk to try and

get my group motivated to move on with their lives – but all to no avail. The temporary camp at Burwood is in total disarray, and the rebels who ventured over to the old Post Office have returned saying – “it’s just not home”.



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Spotlight on Bar Reef Boardriders Club



Bar Reef Boardriders is a surfboard club that has been active for the past 40 years. Bar Reefers surf the fast breaking left hander 'out North' at Bar Beach and the left and right hander's that breaks across 'Haps Lip' adjacent to the Cooks Hill Surf club. There are 50+ financial members in Bar Reef Boardriders ranging in age from 9 years through to 60 years of age. The club holds a monthly contest on the first Sunday of every month to determine club champions across the divisions. The club championships cover Grommets, Cadets (U14); Juniors (U18); Open; Over 28; Over40; Women's Open and Kneeboards.

On the Australia Day weekend ever year Bar Reef Boardriders hold the annual Australia Day Contest. This contest will be 37 years old next year. It is the longest running Club event in Australia. The Australia Day contest is open to current and former Bar Reefers across all the divisions. All finalists receive sponsors gifts and the winner of the Open event also earns the perpetual Australia Day trophy.

A Day in July



Well known
Merewether
identity
Graham
Tamba Adam

has been keeping a daily record of events for over 30 years. Each month he is going to share a day from his life.

Sunday 7 July 1991

Great day, sunny, surf 1-2 ft offshore.
Went fishing on my ski to Sth Dudley.
Got 2 tailor, 1 bream and a drummer (pig). Had a rest on the beach and fell asleep. Woke up and surf was 3-5 ft.
Realised it was time to get back. Just off Burwood beach got hit by a big wave – lost everything – fish, bag, rod and reel.
Got back home, had a rest then surfed Ladies. Great waves. Went to Beaches Hotel – had a great feed and a few beers. Met a young lady – had a dance and a "very good" night!

Does this man have a bad day?

Meet Kate (Katie 180)



*If you want a cap, latte or cup of tea,
Plain and simple, I am the woman to see,
No longer a Bar Beach girl, Merewether is my
turf,
So if I'm not at work, you know I'll be out in
the surf,
If you don't know me already, you soon will,
I'm Katie, Katie 180.*

Favourite Beach: Arrawarra (North of Coffs Harbour) - Perfect wave for a mal, and you never have to fight with any crowds.

Favourite eatery: Benjamas Thai on Darby St - Cheap and delicious.

Movie: Anything with Julia Roberts. – Notting Hill, Oceans 11, 12 + 13, Erin Brokovich, Valentine's Day.

Weekend Activity: Surfing – when I get a break from making coffee.

Sporting Team: The mighty Wallabies

Last CD bought: Angus and Julia Stone – Down The Way

Favourite thing about your job: Getting to see the surf all day.

Quote: The purpose of our lives is to be happy.

Dalai Lama Final word: Don't take life too seriously.

We farewell Katie for the winter months as she heads to Europe - but she promises to continue her feature articles as she assumes the role of our first "foreign correspondent"!

Draw for July



Round 12 3 July 2010 Singleton v. **MC** Rugby Park, Singleton
Round 13 10 July 2010 Southern Beaches v. **MC** Cahill Oval, Belmont
Round 14 17 July 2010 **MC** v. Nelson Bay Townson Oval, Merewether
Round 15 25 July 2010 Wanderers v. **MC** No. 1 Sportsground
31 July 2010 Wash Out Weekend

Scenes from Merewether SLSC Presentation night

Club Champion Johnno Lloyd with president Ross Taggart



A whale of a time ...

It was a typical, lazy Sunday in June,
A chilly and windy, slow afternoon.
Few people gathered to stare out to sea,
A coffee in hand or a hot cup of tea.
Walkers walked by and runners ran by,
The seagulls kept flying up high in the sky.
But as the clouds parted and the view became clearer,
Out to sea, was a mass coming nearer and nearer.

The runners stopped running, the walkers stopped walking,
What could this mass be, that had everyone talking?
A patch of seaweed? Is it dead or alive?
Maybe it's a body or a boat that's capsized?
The onlookers didn't have that long to wonder,
As it hit the shore and the smell made them chunder.
With shark bitten fins and half of its tail,
They couldn't believe it was a baby sperm whale!!

Katie180

Merewether Baths Cleaning Schedule – July 2010

8 July 2010 Thursday 12.37pm 0.61
 22 July 2010 Thursday 12.58pm 0.64

Note: Cleaning may be altered if the weather conditions are unsuitable

Tide Chart

NEWCASTLE - JULY 2010

LAT 32° 56' LONG 151° 47' TIME ZONE UTC +10HRS
 TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

▀ Denotes Public Holidays

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Merewether Historical society meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at St Augustine's Hall
 37 Winsor Street, Merewether at 2pm.
 New members welcome
 Next Meeting: July 13

No mention of your club in this edition?

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Did you know?? Merewether Beach Pavilion (Surf House)



The 1st facilities on the site were opened in 1909 and included men's change rooms and storage for lifesaving apparatus. In 1913 the women's change rooms were built, and in 1923 a more substantial club house was built near the future "Surf House".

Merewether Surf House was designed by the prominent architects Pitt and Merewether and exhibited a fine example in the Art Deco style of construction. Work commenced in December 1936 by Messrs F and R Compton of Maitland and the foundation stone was laid by the mayor of Merewether, Ald Roy Norris in February 1937. Constructed of cream face bricks with a terracotta tiled roof, this building contained public amenities and facilities for Merewether SLSC. The ground floor consisted of mens and ladies dressing rooms and a kiosk. The 1st floor provided a clubroom opening onto a wide balcony and a caretaker's flat and building costs were in the region of £7,000 . The Pavilion was officially opened by the Minister for Works and Local Government, Mr E S Spooner on November 13, 1937.

With the onset of WWII, Surf House was taken over by the Army and became a restricted area, however a "cook house" on the ground floor provided a soup kitchen for the poor and needy. After the war the building was returned to Merewether SLSC, eventually becoming the headquarters for the Newcastle SLSA. Further extensions were carried out during the 1977-78 season and after alterations, the "new" Pavilion was officially opened by Sir Adrian Curlewis on September 28, 1972. The SLSA abandoned the building due to severe earthquake damage in December 1989 and oddly it was classified by the National Trust in 1997. The Merewether surf club were rather upset by this decision, saying that the magnificent Surf house had its disadvantages due to its location being too far from the surf and the baths for effective bather protection.

As we now see the demise of this once aesthetically pleasing building we are reminded that it was once a prominent landmark on the coastal fringe of our city.

Dixon Park Safety Upgrade

Having been intrigued as to what was going on at the Dixon Park ramp and not being able to find anyone who uses the strip who could give a definitive answer, I was really surprised by the number of people who replied "what work?" when asked.

I finally asked one of the workmen involved on the project. He informed me that this work is a safety upgrade which involves considerable widening of the walkway providing a much needed even walking surface, relocating the showers and installing a safety rail on the ramp itself.

This work should be complete as this edition goes to press, so take a stroll and enjoy the new SAFER ramp area at Dixon Park beach.



“Pretty In Pink Cocktail Party”

A ‘Pink’ themed cocktail party was held at The Junction Hotel on Sunday 20 June 2010.

If you would like to help this good cause with a donation please contact Georgia on 0425257009

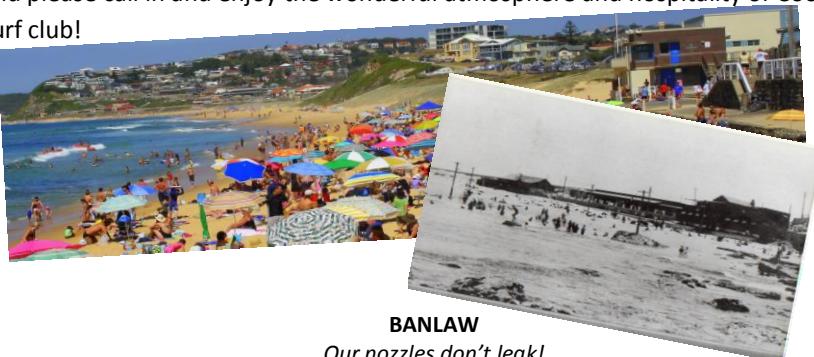
“The Foundation is unique as all monies raised are used to support women, men and their families of the Newcastle and Hunter Region only”

Cooks hill surf club celebrates 100 years of service to the community

Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club will celebrate its 100 year anniversary next year. The club was founded on 11 April 1911. At that time, finances were slender, equipment minimal and outside interest sparse. In the early days, there was no equipment to instruct surf life saving – rather instruction took place under a street lamp with a chair borrowed from a nearby church substituting as a lifesaving reel. Fortunately, those things have changed substantially over the last 100 years, with the club now in a sound financial position due to a very strong membership base and sponsorship and fundraising providing vital life saving equipment.

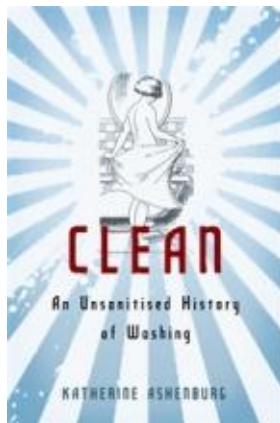
Cooks Hill has a proud reputation as a club built on adversity and determination. Many aspects of Cooks Hill surf club remain unchanged over the last 100 years – the wonderful beach patrolled by dedicated members without the loss of any lives and the enthusiasm and determination to succeed. It is these attributes which will be celebrated throughout our centenary year in 2011.

There are a number of events planned for 2011 to celebrate this significant milestone. There will be a Centenary Surf Carnival in January, a Gala Dinner at Wests Leagues Club in April and a Centenary Service to mark Anzac Day at the Club's War Memorial in Empire Park. A book is also being written by Professor John Ramsland on the history of the club and its people. Professor Ramsland, assisted by his lovely wife Marie, have undertaken many hours of research (including informal chats over a glass of wine or two at Sunday coldies), to translate the essence of life at Cooks Hill into the book. This will be a must read and will include a Foreword by Dr Dick Tooth, a member of the Club in the latter part of the 1940s before he went on to captain the Wallabies in the 1950s. Keep an eye on our website www.cookshillsurfclub.com.au for updates on events throughout the year and please call in and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere and hospitality of Cooks Hill surf club!



Pete's Quirky Book Corner

Over the years as a keen reader, I have exhausted almost every genre from great fiction to fantasy, biographies, history etc. For the last 5 years I have developed a love for quirky non-fiction usually of a historical or sociological nature and as a consequence I am pleased to offer some outstanding examples for you beginning with:



“Clean - an Unsanitized History of Washing”

by Katherine Ashenborg.

Essentially this book is a history of the evolution of western cleanliness. Most modern people have a sense that not much bodily washing/hygiene was practised until the 20th Century and we ponder -but didn't they smell?

As St Bernard said “where all stink, no-one smelled. The scent of one another's bodies was the ocean our ancestors swam in..”

The evolution of clean is also a history of the body and changing attitudes to bodily function.

On P116 in reference to the cleaning of the Palace of Versailles Katherine reveals “shortly before Louis XIV died in 1715, a new ordinance decreed that faeces left in the corridors of Versailles would be removed once a week” – how things have changed!

This book is available from Newcastle City Library and I recommend it as a fascinating quirky read.

Fixtures for July 	4/07/2010 Tomaree Sporting Northern Blues South Newcastle 11/07/2010 3:00 pm Townson Oval South Newcastle v Macquarie Scorpions 18/07/2010 3:00 pm Townson Oval South Newcastle v Maitland 25/07/2010 3:00 pm Morry Breen Oval Wyong v South Newcastle
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Madam Suzie Sparkles**July****Astrology Guide**

♊	Gemini May 21 – June 21 Saturn has been circling around your sign for a few days now. So if you have been feeling worn out, dizzy or confused, this could be why.
♋	Cancer June 22 – July 23 You have been running around like a headless chicken for weeks and you've completely forgotten your birthday. Don't worry, everyone else has too.
♌	Leo July 24 – August 23 Leo the lion has that mane of hair that displays power and authority. Unfortunately, at the moment your mane of hair is screaming, wash me now.
♍	Virgo August 24 – September 23 There are good vibes for a move or relocation of your life. Your friends may mean well, but if you like your furniture the way it is, pay to get a removalist.
♎	Libra September 24 – October 23 If you pulled your finger out and had a decent clean of your house now, then come Spring time, it wouldn't be such a huge pain in the arse.
♏	Scorpio October 24 – November 22 It seems the only reason you have a car is to drive to work. It seems the only reason you work is to pay off your car to drive to work.
♐	Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 Ever wanted a way to get rich quick? First it was wizards and now its vampires. Get creative this month and start writing some tragic teenage love story about zombies.
♑	Capricorn December 23 – January 20 Be wary of people who will try and lead you off the beaten track this month. But then again, if you didn't have a track planned out, then any mess you get yourself in will be your own fault.
♒	Aquarius January 21 – February 19 Be wary of putting too much pressure and expectation on yourself this month. It is not unlike Australians to crack under pressure. You don't want to end up with your tail between your legs like a battered Socceroo.
♓	Pisces February 20th – March 20 th It's definitely time to start thinking outside the square pisces. You need to break out of your mundane routines and do something random and spontaneous. It will reap many rewards
♈	Aries March 21 to April 19 Reassess your finances this month. Look into ways to cut down costs in all aspects of your life. Think about it, if you didn't consume so much beer, you wouldn't need so much coffee the next day.
♉	Taurus April 21 – May 20 A new idea or project you have started is successful beyond all your wildest expectations. However, don't rest on your laurels, its continued success requires work and dedication

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