

# Making Waves

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

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## Exploring the Rock Pools

Children especially love gazing into rock pools and watching the marine life that exists in the inter-tidal zone. Rock pools are made when the high tide allows water to flow into the holes between rocks, then retreats back to low tide leaving a pool of water.



Image by Katie

The rock pools are a home to many creatures such as crabs, seaweed, fish, oysters, starfish and sea snails. They are also home to some dangerous marine creatures such as the blue ringed octopus and the sea urchin.

*It's very important that you don't disturb these creatures so look but don't touch.*



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## ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Thursday, 25 April 2013 at 6:15 am  
Mitchell Park Memorial Gates  
Mitchell Street, Merewether

Anzac Day is Australia's most significant day of national remembrance. The 25th April has become the day on which Australians remember the sacrifices of those who died or suffered in war and in the defence of our Nation, our freedoms and our way of life.

On 25th April 1915, the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) landed on the shores of Gallipoli and, for the eight months that followed, suffered heavy casualties. While the campaign failed in its military objective, the ANZACs bequeathed an intangible but powerful legacy that has become an important part of our national identity.



Pictured: a visitor looks out from "Cobbers" Memorial across the fields of Fromelles in France. Here in one night – the 19th July 1916 – 2,000 young

Australian soldiers were killed in a bloody and futile frontal attack against artillery and machine-gun fire. This was the greatest loss of life in a single night in Australia's wartime history. Total casualties of 5,533 out of 7,000 combatants were more than the combined total of Australian losses in the Boer, Korean and Vietnam wars. Just down the road, at "VC Corner" Cemetery, lie the bodies of 410 unidentified Australian diggers and the names of another 1299 missing from the Battle of Fromelles.



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National Tidal Centre Datum is Lowest Astronomical Tide  
Add one hour to the times when Daylight Saving Time is in force



ARSL Stockton, February 10 2013 by Toni

## Club History



### Merewether District Cricket Club

MEREWETHER District Cricket Club celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2010-2011 as part of the Newcastle District Cricket Association after forming in 1921. The NDCA started in 1889 with 15 affiliated clubs and one of the foundation clubs was Burwood which was a forerunner to the Merewether club. Merewether fielded first grade teams for two seasons in 1899 and 1900 before

disappearing until it was one of six clubs granted district boundaries in 1921. Stockton and Northern Districts Cricket Club remains the only foundation club left in the NDCA but Merewether is also one of the oldest clubs.

J.R Townson was Merewether's first captain and the ground inside the Mitchell Park complex, Townson Oval, was named after him. Members of the Bramble family switched from the Ironclads club to join Merewether in 1921 and formed the basis of the first grade teams in the formative years. The Brambles also set up a family culture that remains in the proud sea-side club today and together with brothers George and Jim Wells created success on and off the field.

Merewether set the amazing record of playing in 10 consecutive first grade finals from 1922-23 to 1931-32, winning the first three and two others.

George Wells was the first Town Clerk of Greater Newcastle Council in 1938 and later became treasurer and secretary of the Newcastle Jockey Club. Merewether's affiliation with the NJC is still alive and well and one of the current sponsors of the cricket club is Phil Maher Bookmaking Services which works the rails at the Broadmeadow racecourse.

One of the standout players in the early history of the Merewether club was leg-spinner Ernie "Cobber" O'Brien who still holds the NDCA record for the most

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outstanding bowling performance.

Ernie took 10-30 in a match in the 1926-27 season and the next best is Hugh Marjoribanks' 10-67 in 1958-59 for Waratah-Mayfield and they remain the only bowlers to take all 10 wickets in an innings, in any NDCA match.

Merewether, Newcastle, NSW Country and Australian Country XI representative fast bowler Duncan McIlveen took 9-30 against Cardiff-Boolaroo in a match in the 1999-2000 season to be also near the top of the outstanding bowling performances list.

Many names are synonymous with the Merewether club including father and son combinations Ken and Michael Hill, John and Michael Varnum and Graeme and David Young. Other names synonymous with the club are Ted "Spider" Clarke who was involved for more than 60 years and his nephew Roy Clarke who is an active life member in the club today.

Several Merewether players have represented Newcastle and NSW Country and a handful have represented NSW at Sheffield Shield level. Fast **bowler** Grahame Corling is the only player in the club's history to represent Australia and he played five Tests on the 1964 Ashes Tour of England.

In 2001 club captain Nathan Beckett and second grade captain Steve Pratt organised an 80th anniversary function at which a 16-man touring team was named to celebrate the achievements of club members. The squad announced on the night was: Max Fox, Sonny De Carvalho, Ken Hill, Michael Hill, Philip Stanbridge, Jamie Brazier, Ron McDonald, Graeme Young, Tony Edwards, Stuart Bridges, Greg McNeil, David Palmer, Grahame Corling, Bob Brook, Cardigan Connor, Col Whitehead.

The club has enjoyed many successful seasons but 2002-03 will be remembered as one of the best when the first grade side won the Tom Locker Cup, the district premiership and the NRMA Country Cup under skippers Phil Stanbridge and Simon Moore. The NRMA Country Cup was re-named the SCG Country Cup and Merewether defeated Tamworth in successive years at the Sydney Cricket Ground and also lost a final at the same ground to Hamilton-Wickham.

Merewether enjoyed another golden decade from 2000 with five club championship titles and many first grade and lower grade premiership victories.

Merewether is also very proud of the achievements of club member Michael Hogan who is currently playing Sheffield Shield cricket for Western Australia.

Michael is a fast bowler who made his first-class debut last season and is contracted to the Warriors for another two years.

by Neil Goffet

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## Bar Beach Rocks - Images by Janice



1914

If you have not been down to Bar Beach for a while, it might be worth a visit. For regular swimmers at Bar Beach in March these scenes are fascinating. For years it has been possible to safely enter and exit "cowards corner" near the bar knowing there were exposed rocks at each end and just 2 rocks through the centre which were easily

seen and avoided. Following the heavy rains at the end of February however all of that has changed and more than one person has found navigating the the shorebreak a treacherous exercise as there have been exposed rocks right along the front of Bar Beach shoreline. Regular swimmers say they have not seen this many rocks exposed since the 70's, and while it is nothing like 1974, March 2013 will be remembered



1972

for the rocks that were revealed. Many people have also commented on the rocks exposed at "The Cliff" which have made a leisurely stroll along the beach quite an adventure at the moment.

November 1973



May 1974  
after the Sygna storm



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### All New Menu

- MONDAYS** Steak Night - \$12.90  
**TUESDAYS** Crumbed Lamb Cutlets and Pool - \$15.00  
**WEDNESDAYS** Schnitzel Night - \$9.90 and Trivia  
**THURSDAYS** Hamburger Night  
**SUNDAYS** 4PM Live Entertainment followed by DJ at 7PM

### FRIDAY to SUNDAY - Newcastle's Best Live Entertainment



*Well known Merewether identity Graham **Tamba** Adam has been keeping a daily record of events for over 30 years. Each month he shares some aspect of his life with us.*

2013 Surfest will be remembered for its world first relocation to the harbour on Saturday February 23 for the mens round of 24 and the womens quarter and semi finals, before returning to Merewether for the final events on the Sunday.

Merewether served up not only a large surf but also probably the largest crowd ever to attend Surfest. The day in the harbour was a nightmare for the Surfest lifeguard and officials who had to stand in the wind and rain on the breakwall being heavily sandblasted all day long, but the competitors loved it!

The finals not only produced some great surfing but great sportsmanship. In the Mens event, Australian Joel Parkinson defeated Alejo Muniz of Brazil and Dimity Stoye defeated Sally Fitzgibbons in an all Aussie Womens final.

Sally Fitzgibbons was very unlucky in the closely contested final, but what really impressed everyone including me was the way she had no hesitation in carrying Dimity up the beach on her shoulders, assisted by Philippa Anderson in a great show of sportsmanship.

I first met Sally late in January. I was training Philippa at Merewether Beach on a Sunday morning when she approached us and introduced herself to me. I told her anytime she wanted to train with us she was welcome and we exchanged numbers. During Surfest I was training by myself on the paddleboard and she

swam out to me. I asked if she would like to do some board training and when she said yes, I got out my 2<sup>nd</sup> paddleboard and we did some ins and outs.

She mentioned to me that she wanted to one day do the Coolangatta Gold . I told her that I had 2 skis and that I would be willing to take her out for some surf



Image by Jenni

ski lessons as well when she wanted.

She went really well on the paddleboard and it was only her 2<sup>nd</sup> time on one. Not only did she learn very quickly but she would have to be one of the fittest girls on the tour.



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photography



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## Hunter Water Stars of the Future Program



Hunter Water has been a long term sponsor of Surfest and supports young Novocastrian surfers through the "Stars of the Future" program which is a development program for Newcastle junior surfers under-the-age of 16 who

have been identified as having a promising future in professional surfing.

A workshop with these surfers and their parents covering a variety of topic areas including judging, media relations, marketing and sponsorship, fitness and contest preparation was conducted by Surfest during the main events. Incentives and funding are also provided.

### 2013 Hunter Water Stars of the Future Nominees

Jackson Baker – Merewether; Kieran Conway – Frenchmans; Max Lobb – Bar Reef; Laura Phelan – Merewether; Luis Stackhouse – Merewether; Luke Hamilton – Merewether; Maddison Poole - Blacksmiths; Noah Hamilton – Bar Reef; Leo Hamilton – Bar Reef; Ruby Bortolus – Merewether; Samantha Miller – Merewether; Sarah Phelan – Merewether; Zane Clifford – Nelson Bay; Conner Lee – Redhead; Morgan Cibilic – Merewether; Max Moser-Finch – Bar Reef



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**GREAT SALE OF PROPERTY AT BURWOOD****Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1879**

**MR THOMAS ALNWICK** has received instructions from Mr W. Teagan, Secretary of the Northumberland Permanent Building society, to submit to Public Auction, at 12 o'clock on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the whole of the Societies Right Title and Interest in the Piece of Land, known as Lot 1 Section 3 of the Burwood Township, comprising of over an Acre of Ground, on which is Erected Four Weatherboard Houses of Three Rooms each;- and One "Ditto" with Five Rooms and Kitchen.

The latter having a Large Garden, Good Tank and every Convenience.

The whole of the Houses front Mr Merewether's Carriage Road and are near the Gentleman's Office at Burwood Newcastle.

There are almost fourteen years of Lease unexpired. The sale will take place on the ground at Noon on THURSDAY MAY 1, 1879:-T Alnwick, auctioneer, Wallsend.

**FOR SALE****Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1879**

**FOR SALE OR TO LET:-**30 Acres of the best of cultivation land On Mr E. C. Merewether's estate, Burwood;-with Twelve Years of the Lease to be expired with a Yearly rent of £1 per acre;-all fenced in and divided into paddocks;-within Two Minutes walk of the Glebe township.

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From David Barrow



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## Merewether Baths Cleaning Schedule April 2013

2 April	Tuesday	4.30 AM	0.4
5 April	Friday	7.00 AM	0.4
12 April	Friday	11.30 AM	0.5
19 April	Friday	4.30 AM	0.6
26 April	Friday	10.30 AM	0.3



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