

Making Waves

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

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GO INZANE

InZane Football is Newcastle's first Football Academy to cater for junior and youth players.

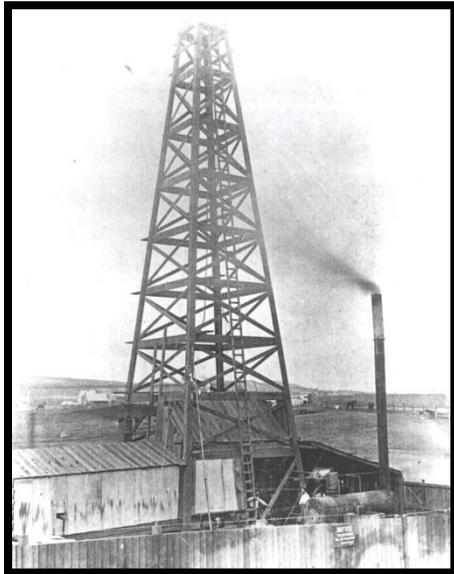
Run by former Socceroo Clayton Zane, InZane soccer is aimed at children of different abilities and ages.

holiday soccer clinics - junior Roo (3-5 years) – elite training – school sessions

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BORING FOR COAL Tuesday 5TH July 1898



The Management of the A. A. Company have let a contract to bore for coal at the corner of Parry and Melville Streets (Union Street) Cooks Hill. A piece of ground is now being enclosed with a seven feet six inch paling fence and the contractors expect to be in full working order early next week.

It is proposed to bore to a depth of 2,000 feet but the opinion of several experts is that a rich seam of coal will be struck at 500 feet.

The contractors expect to complete the work in Seven Months.

by David Barrow

David advises that coal was already being taken from Darby Street and at Hamilton at this time and comments "imagine drilling here today!"



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Going into the the finals day, Local surfer, Jake Sylvester said he would surf at dawn in the morning to warm up for the business end of the competition.

“I’ve got a good early morning routine going here at Merewether and there’s no reason to change it,” he said.

Sylvester defeated 15-year-old Kanoa Igarashi, from Huntington Beach, to claim the crown for the second time, in half-to-one metre waves at Merewether beach. In his last appearance in a Pro Junior in Australia, the 20-year-old natural-footer saved his best for last, racking up the entire event’s highest heat score with the 18.5 tallied in the final.

Members of Merewether Surfboard Club celebrated Jake’s win following their club meeting at The Beach Hotel with drinks and snacks. Ronny Ross supplied some videos of Jake, Morgan and Jackson along with other club surfers who participated in Surfest and RedMonkey brought along some great shots as well.



Jake followed up his win by taking out the Rangi Pro in Tahiti, racking up his 2nd Australasian tour win this year. Congrats Jake!

Someone had time on their hands



With the recent exposure of the rocks at the base of The Cliff, Bar Beach regular John Harvey was exploring the area with his grandchildren when they discovered these interesting rock carvings.

They would have taken some time to complete.

Who knows whether they have lain there covered by tonnes of sand for some years, or perhaps they were carved quite recently.



One thing is for sure, they will now lie undiscovered until mother nature uncovers them again. The sand now holds their secret secure.

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Sons of Beaches – from Merewether to Duranbah, Coolangatta



After winning the NSW North qualifier in the Jim Beam Surftag series held at Merewether Beach in January (see our February 2013 edition), Merewether Surfboard Club sent 2 teams and a contingent of supporters to D-Bar for the NSW and Australian Finals in the competition.

Merewether A team won the NSW State Title with Merewether B bowing out in the quarters. Meanwhile, back in Newcastle the Merewether Juniors cleaned up the regionals as Jackson, Morgan, Sarah and Madi won their divisions.

The Australian title for 2013 Surftag was taken out by the “Guns” of North Narrabeen easing out the team from Bronte with Merewether bowing out in the semi finals – a credible performance from our local surfers





ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND

The fourth Seascape and Beyond art exhibition and fundraiser held on the 22nd - 24th March at Merewether Surf Life Saving Club has again raised \$10,000 for research into mental health.

80 artists exhibited 141 works of art in all mediums. Generous sponsors and supporters with 20 selling artists, a lifestyle raffle, auction of artworks, gold coin donations and bar sales contributed to the financial success of another great weekend exhibition.

Organiser Juliet Clark has this year donated \$5,000 to beyondblue and \$5,000 to the University of Newcastle Foundation research Honours Scholarship into suicide prevention.

The art exhibition was a resounding success with Dr Keith Harris, head of Suicidology at the University of Newcastle, assuring a packed opening night crowd that this exhibition and its ramifications offers hope, where to many life can often seem 'hopeless'.

Thank you to Making Waves for continual support and a dedicated working committee: Penny Creighton, John Fowler, Caroline Sanderson, Alana McNaughton, Daniel Joyce, David Sayer, Terri Musgrave, Rudi Scarfi. We are very proud and grateful.

Juliet Clark



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Dr Keith Harris - Opening night address



Alana, Caroline, Penny, Juliet and John



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From top left to right: Seascape exhibitor Setsuko Ogishi's hand blown art glass and the view from the exhibition over Merewether Beach. Yummy food from Relish Kitchen and wines supplied by Tyrrell's Wines. Music from Jacob Graham with exhibitor Cliff Hosking watercolorist in the background. The exhibition. Meredith Woolnough explaining her embroidering technique to visitors. To see more photos go to the website below. Photos: Penny Creighton

www.seascapeandbeyond.wix.com/seascape-and-beyond

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National Tidal Centre Datum is Lowest Astronomical Tide



Image by Jenni



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beaches cafe

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.*

Thinking about Anzac Day coming up, I decided to tell a couple of stories about my grandfather and my great grandfather.



My grandfather, Eric Adam was a housepainter by trade, and one of the first people to join Merewether surf club when it first kicked off. Described as a club live wire, he competed in beach relay teams. He was a committee man throughout the 1920's. I heard that he actually put his age DOWN to be eligible to join the RAAF in WWII which didn't exactly impress his wife. He trained as an Aeronautical Engineer and did service in Darwin and New Guinea before coming home to his wife and family. Eric went on to live a happy life in Janet Street, Merewether until 1980 when he passed away.

My great grandfather on my mother's side was Henry Gibson. He lived in Kings Road, New Lambton and he raced greyhounds. He served with the Australian Army in France where he saw action. He survived wartime France and returned home to Newcastle. One night he was having a few beers with some mates at the Premier Hotel at Broadmeadow when he decided to take a shortcut home across the railway tracks at the end of the night. Unfortunately he was hit by a train and died. Henry survived the war but did not survive this trip home from the pub!



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History – under sea, sand and cliffs

Our story “MINES UNDER SEA” by David Barrow in our January 2013 edition

highlighted the importance of coal to the early years of Merewether following the discovery of rail line



under John Parade. The large new sign at the foot of the stairs and opposite Merewether Baths dressing sheds is an important reminder of that past. It commemorates the beachside rail line where coal locos steamed towards the Newcastle wharves.

This sign, erected jointly by NCC and Merewether Historical Society reads “Beneath the concrete path to the dressing sheds lie the remnants of the railway used for hauling coal from a colliery on the shores of Glenrock Lagoon to Newcastle. The railway here entered a timber lined tunnel on its journey to and from the lagoon. This tunnel and its shorter companion at the next bluff south were built in 1861 and were the earliest railway tunnels in NSW.”



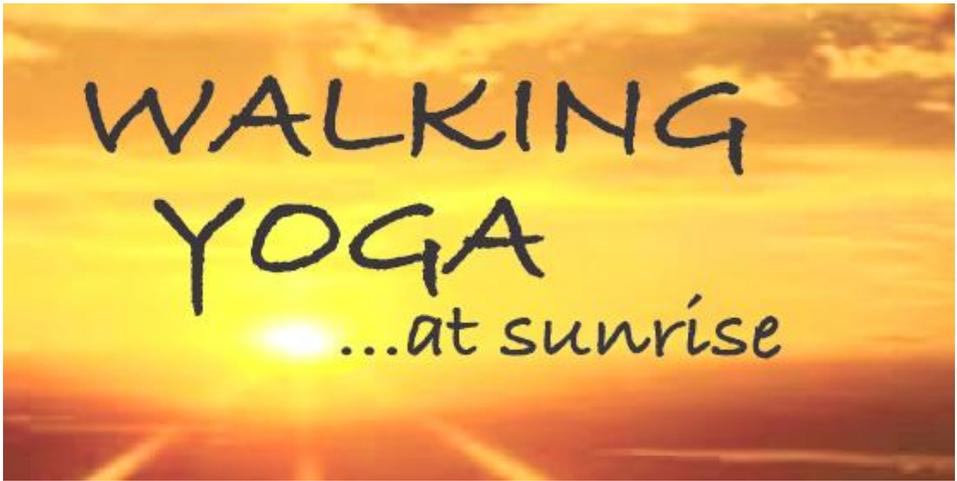
Right up until the end of 2006, the route of the railway remained the freehold property of the Merewether Estate despite being used by thousands of beachgoers to access the baths.

Who knows, there may yet be more undiscovered secrets to be revealed...



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Walking Yoga at sunrise



Juliet says:

People who want to do some yoga and cardio outdoors love it. We start at Bar Beach and finish at King Edward Park with a meditation as the sun rises and we return to Bar Beach at 7.15am Monday and Friday only.

As the winter moves in and if there is interest I may do a sunset walk...

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Merewether Baths Cleaning Schedule May 2013

2 May	Thursday	4.00 AM	0.4
9 May	Thursday	10.00 AM	0.5
16 May	Thursday	2.00 PM	0.7
23 May	Thursday	8.30 AM	0.4

Image by Daniel

