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Local band Machine Elvz - Image by Jenny R



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Waterfront Improvements?

Submitted by David Barrow

David says: Here's an extract from a report of 24th March 1937.

" It's amazing what the old Merewether Council had in mind and all this was happening when the amalgamation was in process with Newcastle and the other councils.

Well we know the diving tower never materialized nor did the deep bottom, nor the outlet valves or the water being "changed every day as they wanted it", or for that matter that the bottom was originally rock and then cemented over. And what about the parking for 500 cars which included parking on the rocks near the baths?? (you see that in some of the old photos)."

During the winter months when the hardy "Iceberg Swimmers" will have much interest in the baths, it is proposed to make extensive alterations to the Merewether Swimming Pool.

A "High Diving Tower" is to be erected and the spring boards reconstructed according to the regulations set down where "high diving" is practiced. The water beneath the tower will be deepened from "14 feet to 16 feet", the baths at the southerly end will be excavated to "Nine Feet";-they will gradually shallow to four feet six inches.

The flooring of the baths will be concreted. A pump will be installed and six 18 inch stop valves constructed for the purpose of "emptying the baths quickly". The pump will be capable of taking water into the baths at the rate of 100,000 gallons per hour when necessary, but it hoped for the main part, pumping will be unnecessary owing to the wash of the high tides.

The promenade is to be extended from its present position near the women's dressing shed to a point behind the baths. A road is to be constructed in concrete down to the waters edge;-concrete walks are to be made.

A children's playground with swings and novelties, together with an extensive picnic ground are to be constructed on the foreshores.

Parking spaces will be available for "500 cars".



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TAKE 3 FOR THE SEA

Have you ever tried to digest a plastic bag, bottle top lid or a plastic drink bottle? We can't imagine you've ever dreamt of doing that. Well, this is what turtles, whales, dolphins, sea birds and fish, who mistake these plastic objects for their usual food, face every day.

The solution is Take 3 for the sea. Take 3 is just one program which aims to reduce the chances of marine life swallowing these objects and will ultimately help the environment. Their message is to take 3 pieces of rubbish home with you when you leave the beach. It's that easy!

Tim Silverwood (the man behind Take 3) was only 11 years old when he went to Bali. Tim had a love for surfing and he decided to go snorkelling, but while he was snorkelling he was shocked to see all the plastic objects in the ocean's depths. So a few years later Tim and some friends decided to start up Take 3.

Take 3 for the sea visits schools and explains to students and teachers

how they can make a difference. Holy Family is excited about being part of this project. We are trying to make a difference ourselves by educating the students at school through posters, Power point presentations and a video for the students. Everyone can make a difference you know. You

don't have to be a marine biologist. You can help by just picking up rubbish around our waterways and that will make a big difference.

By Aleeyah, Eloise and Milayne (Year 5 Students) Holy Family Merewether Beach





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All New Menu

MONDAYS	Steak Night - \$12.90
TUESDAYS	Roast Night - \$12.90 and Pool
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



On Sunday August 4, I drove into Nobbys Beach for the paddle out in memory of Steve Butterworth who died on May 13 aged 60 after a long fight with Lymphoma.

It was a beautiful sunny day, offshore and calm conditions – a perfect day for an easy paddle out. There was a big rollup, over 100 surfers paddled out and there were many more people on the shore lining the beach front.



Steve Butterworth will go down as one of the smoothest and most stylish surfers ever to come out of Newcastle and many of Newcastle's greatest surfers were on the beach that day to pay tribute to him.

Tezza McKenna was the MC and did a fantastic job. Frank Frasca gave a moving dedication to Steve. I thought the young aboriginal didgeridoo player was outstanding and I enjoyed the Koori style smoking ceremony. Carol Ridgeway, sister of the late Sally who was Steve's friend from childhood gave a short speech before Steve's son Blade on Steve's board decorated with flowers led the Newcastle surfing fraternity out for the last traditional farewell and scattering of his ashes. I now hand over to Martin McMillan for his memories of Steve.



Steven Butterworth was a local surfing identity from the Newcastle area, who passed away sadly on May 13th after a 21 year defiant battle against cancer of the lung. He was 60 years of age.

In the ocean, Steve was both a competitor and a soul surfer. In 1970 he was the Newcastle Mattara Junior champion. Between '74 and '78 he held 2 NSW State open surfing titles. In the early 80's he won the Australian Senior Mens Surfing Title at Margaret River. When the Nat Young inspired 1950'3 Malibu made a return to contemporary surfing, Steve was one of Newcastle's leading exponents, winning on both the 8' and 9' malibus in 1991.

Part time model, full time surfer – as one surf movie cinematographer stated: “he talks fast and surfs even faster”. His last few years were spent engineering and developing a revolutionary finless channel bottom surfboard.



Images by ThrowingBuckets

On Sunday 4th August, several hundred of Steve's friends showed up to pay tribute to his life of surfing. A Koori smoking ceremony complete with a didgeridoo musician and a huge guard of honour from the surfers and all of the surfing industry paddled Steve's ashes out into the pristine waters of Nobbys Beach, where Steve's son Blade, his mother Tanya and brothers Wayne and Darren initiated the ashes ceremony.

With the dolphins swimming beside the circle of surfers, the whale out the back, and the big white bird diving into the circle of surfers from overhead, Steven's ashes and surfing soul were given back to the elements that he gave so much of his life and happiness to. The afternoon was completed with a lunch and surf music from the Machine Elvz in the club where Steve's family and friends were able to catch up and reminisce about his life.



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Newcastle rock platforms are expansive and fascinating places to visit and explore, with a range of habitats that are occupied by a great variety of animals.

They contain a richness and diversity of unique plants and animals that we are only now

coming to appreciate and understand.

Between Newcastle and Kiama, intertidal wavecut platforms form large flat surfaces that provide many habitats for intertidal animals and algae. Waves dissipate most of their energy as they roll across the wide expanses, where you will see gutters, cracks and crannies cut deep across these platforms. In the rockpools and under boulders lying on the rocks or sand, many microhabitats occur with algae clumps forming a protective cover.

A recent study by the University of Newcastle of the rock platforms of the Newcastle and Central Coast coastlines recorded over 10 habitat types and 170 species of intertidal flora and fauna. This included species listed as endangered and vulnerable under NSW and Commonwealth legislation, and species protected under international conventions.



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Due to the variation in rock composition on our rocky shores, there are 5 major habitat types - pools, cobbles, boulders, crevices and platforms. On our rocky shores, plants and animals are found in different zones and in various habitats. Where they occur is based on the tides, or how long an organism is covered or uncovered by

water, usually twice a day on NSW shores.

These zones range from high tide level and decrease to below low tide level, and include the splash fringe, high tide, mid tide, low tide, low fringe and marine or sub tidal.

The diversity of plants and animals that live on these rockpools is enormous and comprise a unique coastal ecosystem. Our rock platforms are important habitats for a variety of reasons. Due to their accessibility they are an important resource for casual observers, recreation activities and for education.



Over the coming months Making Waves will feature more on the unique creatures inhabiting our local rockpools.

Jenny Robinson

A Rockpool Ramble is also being planned in the summer months

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NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

The Steel City Malibu Club will resume competition after the winter break at 7am on the 8th September 2013, meeting at the southern end of Dixon Park Beach Car Park near the ramp.



Competition will then be every second Sunday of the month till June 2014. Divisions that will be contested are A & B Grade, over 50's & 60's, Anything Goes and Old Malibu (pre 1966). Hot and cold drinks with a B.B.Q will be provided to members whilst the contest is operating.



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.

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AN UNHAPPY ROMANCE.

Friday 26th November 1897

Sydney, Thursday:-On July 17th 1884, Frederick George Johnson and his wife Evelyn Mary commenced to fight the "Worlds Battles Hand in Hand".

Unfortunately, for a considerable period since that time the lady has had to do the greater part of the battling, as she has been deserted by the "Bread Winner", who coolly informed her that "she might get someone else".

Having had to carry her own fortune, Mrs Johnson concluded that she would be happier if her "oath of allegiance" was cancelled.

She made application in the Divorce Court with this object and the "Decree Nisi" was granted today.

There was one child of the union:-Percy, born 1885

from David Barrow

OUR FORTUNATE YOUTH - By Frank d'Arcy



In groups of mates we knocked about barefooted and contented,
 Doc Martens and pumps were still to be invented,
 We made our own fun and played our own way,
 We would leave home in the morning and play hard all day.
 We walked everywhere and had energy to burn,
 as long as we were home before dark or not late for dinner, there was no concern.

We fell out of trees, took skin off, broke bones and teeth and slipped in the drain,
 there were no lawsuits, they were accidents and we learnt not to do that again.

We made billycarts, grass sledges, gonks, tree huts and tin canoes,
 played marbles, footy and cricket all without our shoes.
 With activities of C.E.B.S.,cubs, or scouts,
 Arming us with knowledge, without any doubts.
 On a nag from Tracey's we'd oft go riding,
 Or we'd go fishing and hunting with slug gun without even a chiding.

We had fights, punched each other black and blue,
 we learned to get over it and didn't sue.
 Our actions were our own and consequences were expected,
 The policemen and our elders we respected.

We did a few odd jobs or had a paper run,
 To earn a few bob for some fun.
 Or to buy some broken biscuits and an ice-cream treat,
 Those days were tough but we didn't cheat.

On Saturday nights we'd put on our boots,
 And dress up to the 9's in our fancy suits.
 We'd go to the flicks or the dance at the local hall.
 Where we were to discover, women at the annual ball.
 We loved the summer months & on Sundays would go to the beach,
 after of course attending church to hear the vicar preach.
 A sermon on delinquency and slobber,
 Referring of course, to our lack of clobber.

10 shillings savings is all we would pay,
 For a flight in a Tiger Moth at Broadmeadow on any good day.
 A weeks worth of pocket money, from all our odd jobs,
 for delivering our newspapers to the mobs,
 For a hard working lad, big money at the time,
 to fly with the aviators in their prime.

At 18 we enlisted by the way of NASHO.
 The choice was not ours but we went with a gusto.
 For we knew that if this great Country was worth living in.
 We would defend it for our future kin.
 Respect, Reliability and Responsibility, we soon learnt the creed.
 To help us survive when in time of need.

Joining the Surf Club our drinking days got started,
 made lots of friends, but now some have parted.
 We honed our Life Saving skills and caught lots of waves,
 there was something in a Club for everyone to do, even the not so braves.
 The older members looked out for you and imparted their skills,
 but without the inclusion of modern day frills.
 Their manliness, including the 3 R's, is what we have tried,
 to live by till we have died.

The characters of our Surf Clubs and Surf Life Saving are what made us unique,
 a group of Australians who were at their peak.
 With enduring nicknames, evolved from companionship, and a common chord,
 we accepted each others faults with life long friendships being our reward.

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Merewether Baths Cleaning Schedule

September 2013

6 September	Thursday	10.30 AM	0.4
13 September	Thursday	4.30 AM	0.5
20 September	Thursday	10.30 AM	0.3
27 September	Thursday	4.30 AM	0.7

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