

CALLALA BAY NEWS

May 2017

Monthly newsletter of the Callala Bay Community Association Incorporated



(Right) HMAS Albatross airfield, with Jervis Bay in background

(Below) One of 15 new Airbus EC-135 training helicopters, soon to be seen flying over your house!



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Note from the Editor:

If you have an issue or concern that needs to be raised, why not send it to the Editor. This should be brief, to the point and with the intention of having it published.

Ed.



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The History of Callala Public School Part 2

In June 1998 funding for Stage 1 of the new school was approved. Culburra now had 700 students attending 300 of those came from Callala/Myola/Currarong. Although the funding was approved it was only for part of the school the plan was to build part of the school then the rest in the next budget. This arrangement did not seem to be very workable to the community, so again we wrote to the politicians, engaged community support to petition the government to build the whole school.

There were quite a few problems with the building of the school such as the positioning of the bus bay, the level of the hall and library. These problems delayed the approval in council, and we were concerned our mission statement for a school by the year 2000 may not happen.

We continued to write letters arrange meeting and release press releases to secure the rest of the funding to complete the school in one go.

In 1999 Edwards Constructions were successful in being awarded the task of building the school. In order to keep on their good side we would often take down freshly baked muffins to the builders that was one plan to find out exactly how things were going.

During the building time we experienced high rainfall delaying the building work. The School Committee continued to work closely with the Department of Education in the planning of the school, and were fortunate to be consulted in

the design of the school.

In 1999 we were advised that the both stage 1 and stage 2 funding has been approved. Yes we will have a school by the year 2000. We then ceased being the school Committee and became the Establishment Committee, again securing community support.

We again had a strong committee and community engagement was unbelievable at the time all our fund raising endeavours were really well supported and this enabled us to resource our new school. We raised \$13,000 and used the money to purchase library books, home school readers, musical instruments including a piano, and established a uniform shop. Our committee wrote to numerous businesses and applied for grants, we received donations of sporting equipment, kindy toys, posters, plants, worm farms and compost bins. Through a grant we were able to have the solar panels seen on the roof of the main office building.

The school opened on 22nd August 2000. Our mission was accomplished. Through the whole process we were fortunate to meet some very helpful politicians and lots of community support made the task very fulfilling. Friendships were formed over the years which we are pleased to say continue to this day.

Thank you to all the community members and businesses that supported us over the 6 years it took to achieve the dream. "A school for Callala by the year 2000".

Jacquie Ney

(photo on Page 7)



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With building to commence next year and to be completed by 2001, \$177,000 has been granted for planning this year from a total figure of \$3.199 million.

The funding has been described as a "win, win, win" situation by Culburra Public School principal Bob Torrens.

"I can't think of a person who wouldn't support this project.

He said the announcement was timely as Culburra Public would reach its maximum enrolment within the next three years.

"It's a win for Culburra because as students move to the new school, we will be able to remove some of the demountables and the Department of School Education will be able to conduct some upgrades.

He estimated 300 of Culburra's 700 students would leave to attend the Callala school in 2000.

"The children are really excited because they know that eventually they will be able to go to school here and not have to travel by coach," said the school committee's Denise Mulligan.

Committee member Jacquie Ney said the new school would mean that Callala parents could now take a "hands on" role in their children's education.

Mrs Mulligan said the community had played an important part in campaigning for funds, and that the committee would continue to remain involved in the school's development.



OVERJOYED ABOUT SCHOOL: Inspecting the site for their new Callala Bay school yesterday were (left to right) Alison and Mark Paterson; David and Gillian Brooker; Culburra school deputy principal Anne Bahnisch; Maryanne, Mathew and Mark Borg; Culburra principal Bob Torrens; Denise Mulligan; Kylie, Jaymie and Haydn Dempsey and Jacquie, Narelle and Michael Ney.

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Thank you to all those community members who supported our Relay for Life team Callala Crusaders; we have been selling raffle tickets and chocolates at the local shops over the past few weeks.

Our team raised \$2,257.00 for the Cancer Council. Funds raised by this event go towards keeping the Cancer Care Centre operating, running the patient transport, and research.

The Relay only went for 12 hours this year due to weather. Even though we all got a little wet during the day it was still a fun event. There were lots of stalls, great hot food and of course lots of people to talk to.

Everyone has a story to tell some are sad, but a lot more - are positive. Over the years through research the survival rate for cancer patients has increased, which is great news. Each year at the relay we have a survivors and carers lap, this is now a very crowded walk - which is also great news.

This year we had **Don't Change**, come and play for us - they are a *INXS cover band* and performed at no charge, to help us raise funds. The dance floor was very busy, as the crowd both old and young enjoyed this very talented band.

We also had lots of local entertainers and dancers perform during the day.

All in all it was a great fun filled event and as always, our team enjoyed the day immensely. We are looking forward to doing it all again next year, and would love some more community members to join our team. See you on the track!

*Jacquie Ney
Team Captain
Callala Crusaders*

We all know that winter in Callala can be long and quiet. And so the inspiration behind the upcoming Callala Winter Arts Festival is to get people creating, and out enjoying what our community has to offer.

Set over the **June long weekend**, the festival will open with a community art exhibition at the Callala Beach Community Hall on **Friday 9th June at 6pm**, with lots of activities continuing on over the Saturday and Sunday. A raffle will be running over the course of the weekend with all proceeds going toward Callala Public School. The children of the school are also getting involved and will also be contributing their own artworks for display at the exhibition.

To make this a great community festival, we need the community to get involved!

- If you're an artist, sculptor, creative, or hobbyist, we'd love to have your work on display. The exhibition is open for submission for all members of the community across all levels of experience.
- If you're a professional and would like to run a class or workshop in conjunction with the festival, we'd love to hear from you!
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Art Exhibition

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Burradise Festival at Culburra Beach this **Mother's Day** is a three day celebration of our coastal village, Jerrinja Aboriginal Country. There are multiple hubs of free activities plus ticketed music gigs – 4 bands on Friday (\$20) and 7 bands on Saturday night (\$40) showcasing reggae, rock, blues, acoustic and dance at ***Fred Evan's Lane.***

Live on the beach on Sunday there's a full day free showcase of the Young Coasties Project (*free but ticketed*) - a 15 week mentoring project for youth from the greater South Coast, including food and a Mothers' Day afternoon tea.

You can also catch the inaugural Culburra Beach Surf Bash, a National open Men's Tournament right here at the home of champions Tyler, Owen and Mikey Wright.

Enter if you're keen, first place prize money is **\$2,000** – or just rock out to the tunes and watch the surf finals.

Saturday and Sunday there are over 40 market stalls with beautiful things to buy; free sustainability workshops with experts; acoustic music; and a multicultural food fair, 'CooKaBurra', where local chefs prepare free samples of dishes from their home lands.

Bring a blanket and stay a while.

If you're into the arts (*or mum is*) you will love the Max Dupain photographic exhibition, on special loan from the State Library of NSW. 'The Vandyke Album' was shot at Culburra Beach 80 years ago in 1937 on a surfing and camping expedition with six of Dupain's friends includes the Australian iconic photo 'The Sunbaker'.

This classic exhibit is joined by contemporary local works called 'Jerrinja Exposed' photographic

digital works created by local Jerrinja Aboriginal youth participating in a project connecting country, culture and traditional Aboriginal language in 2016.

Our local arts community and kids have been busy bunting the entire town and along with volunteers making kilometres to hang, the kids have also created personalised pieces to showcase what Burradise means to them at local schools.

We slipped in a quirky 'cornucopia' of artworks from locals which will also be on show, who knows what will come out of the woodwork and coastal arts vibe! All this music, art, food and markets make up just one of the festival hubs to visit.

You may have heard the community raised over \$700K for a new Skate Park and recreational facility at Curley's Bay.

Fingers crossed this weather holds as it is due for completion for the festival and will be home to skate demonstrations, Skateboard artwork workshops and djs, making this the fourth hub of activity for the festival.

There's something for everyone, so bring the family to Culburra Beach on Mothers' Day and enjoy a slice of **Burradise!**

Tickets and more information is available for purchase:

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This day marks the last appearance of Lord Jesus Christ to his followers after His resurrection at Easter. Ascension Day falls on the Thursday, exactly 40 days after the Easter. The name "Ascension" comes from the accounts in the Bible where it is mentioned that the Jesus was taken up into heaven - He ascended.

On this day the Christians celebrate the kingship of the Jesus. It is believed that during the 40 days following his resurrection, that Jesus appeared to many of his disciples and told them that He would always be with them and promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. After saying this, Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

The Ascension is a puzzling event if we try to take it too literally. It is recorded in different language which belongs to different era, when people didn't understand the shape of the universe or rather thought it had a very clearly defined shape.

Today two thousand plus years on, we've discovered a lot about our physical surroundings. Yuri Gargaron the first Russian cosmonaut told us he didn't find God or heaven when he went into space.

We are always being asked to choose whether we will join Christ in service or not. The Lordship of Christ does not speak of a remote being, distant from all our concerns, but about an involved God who wants a kingdom to be established.

God longs for justice where there is injustice, sufficiency where there is poverty, health where there is sickness, knowledge where there is ignorance. And we are the people he has called to work with him to bring his kingdom nearer.

If that's seems a rather big undertaking way beyond our grasp, remember the promise Jesus gave, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8) and "I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

So we're not expected to do Gods work for him, but with him, in his strength, filled with his Spirit –a kind of divine job-share.

May the Spirit open us up and transform us, so that we will be able to live the good news we have to share.

*Rev Sue Fisher
Assistant Minister Culburra, Callalla*

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

As the deadline for another issue of the Callala Bay news rolls around and I sit in front of my computer and a clear white screen I am reminded of a poem in a book handed down to me by my Dad.

It begins with a story of a young boy who was drawing on the piece of paper given to him by his dad. After a short while the boy approaches his dad and tearfully tells him that he has ruined his piece of paper. The dad assures him it is alright and replaces the page, accompanied by the encouragement to have another go.

It reminds me of all the times I have wrecked my day with mistakes, hasty words or less than proper actions. It is during those times I am thankful that I have a Heavenly Father who assures me that tomorrow is a brand new day, and the encouragement to try to do better next time.

I would think that most of us have had days, maybe months or even years that have ended in tears or seem to have been a waste of time. The real tragedy is not the mistakes we make but the time we spend dwelling on them – learn from them by all means but do not let them define us or continue to allow them to detract from our future.

Perhaps the highly successful writer of the “Harry Potter” series J.K. Rowling is an example of not allowing setbacks and failures determine who you are. During her life there was a time she found herself jobless and separated from her husband. Rowling was flat on her face.

In retrospect, that was probably a good thing (elitedaily.com/money/late-bloomers). Rowling said during her TED talk in 2010: “Failure meant a stripping away of the inessential. I stopped pretending to myself that I was anything other than what I was, and began to direct all my energy to finishing the only work that mattered to me,”

“Had I really succeeded at anything else, I might never have found the determination to succeed in the one area where I truly belonged. I was set free, because my greatest fear had been realized, and I was still alive, and I still had a daughter whom I adored, and I had an old typewriter, and a big idea. And so rock bottom became a solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life.”

This is just one example of someone not letting their present or past circumstances define their future.

Of course this concept is not new; the Bible is full of examples of men and women who God greatly used after a dubious start in life. Moses was eighty years old when God called him to the difficult task of leading a whole community out of Egypt. When Jesus chose his disciples, he didn't pick them from the elite or aristocratic class, he rather chose some fishermen, a freedom fighter, and a hated tax collector; yet through their testimony millions today follow Jesus.

It is my belief that in God's eyes each one of us is important and have much to give to God and the community in which we live, he promises to accept us just as we are and give each of us a brand new page – this is his promise.

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ANZAC Day Commemorative Service at Callala Beach RSL



CBCA REPORT for May

At our April General Meeting we presented the Callala Bay and Callala Beach Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades with cheques for \$2130.00 each. James Morris from the Shoalhaven Bush Fire Control was on hand to share in the presentation. The funds were the proceeds of our successful St Patrick's Day Shamrock 'N Roll event.



left to right:-
James Morris
(CBCA)
Jacquie Cox
(Callala Beach)
James Morris
(RFS)
H a n n a h
Birkhead and
Brett Thomas
(Callala RFS)

(We have heard talk from the Leprechaun's hiding in the sea shells here in LALA land that they wouldn't mind re-appearing next year).

This month saw the printing and distribution of the first edition our Callala Community Business Directory.

We distributed copies to all the shops in Callala Bay, Callala Beach and Club Callala. All copies were rapidly snapped up.

To meet demand - a reprint, with even more entries - has been produced. We would like to thank all the local businesses for their support and for showing faith in our product. Please call them first if you need a local service. Keep it local, shop local and we all benefit.

Nothing fishy about the roof about to be installed over the fishing table at the boat ramp. Finally got the grant through from the Department of Industry, Recreational Fishing Trust. The roof has been ordered and we are waiting for delivery. Unfortunately, Cyclone Debbie in Queensland - (where our supplier is based) - has slowed things down a bit. Any willing hands to help to put it up, will be welcome.

Whilst on the subject of the boat ramp, we are starting to talk to Council about an upgrade-

nothing concrete yet - just spreading some burley to see if we can attract some attention.

We would like to hear from you on this subject so don't be afraid to "drop us a line" (*see letter on page 25, for example*).

We are about to take delivery of the three carved wooden logs which will be installed on the Headland adjacent to the path.

Positioning of the logs has been done by consultation with Jerrinja Elder and artist Uncle Noel Wellington. Once installed and coated with marine varnish for protection against the elements, we will have a hand over ceremony to which you are all invited. Details have not yet been finalised.

We believe this is significant event as it recognises Jerrinja's traditional use of the Bay and will help to remind us all that we are all one community, regardless of our ethnicity.

How does that song go? "*We are one and we are many... we are, you are, Australian*"

Finally, SCC have put up on their website the Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

It is the highest level strategic document that identifies the community's priorities and guides the direction of the Shoalhaven over the next 10 years.

So, what do you want your community to look like? What do you think we need?

Better roads, better transport, youth facilities, better beach access, erosion control, (or even A BETTER BOAT RAMP)

This is your time to have your say. Complete the survey on Council's web site at:

www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or write direct to SCC, PO Box 42 Nowra 254

The next General Meeting will be on **May 10th 2017** at Callala Community Centre, Emmett Street.

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Wednesday 24th May 2017

at

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The Club opens at 10 am and we try to get started by 10.30 am.

All money raised enables our VIEW Club to support 5, *Learning For Life* students through The Smith Family.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ONGOING BOAT RAMP PROBLEMS

Further to a the recent letter to the Community Association about boat ramp problems, unfortunately these are caused by the poor design of the turning area and ramp.

In the 1960's and earlier, boats were launched across the beach at the end of Sheaffe St.

The first boat ramp, built in the 1970's across the sand at the end of Watt St - was effectively a barrier stopping the natural movement of sand from south to north with the prevailing southerly winds. It caused the sand to build up between the point and the ramp, and erosion to its north because the sand was trapped by the boat ramp. Sand built up in front of the ramp, as it still does.

When a new ramp was proposed in the late 1990's, we hoped that these problems would be fixed by building a properly designed ramp which would allow the sand to move along past it and replenish the beach.

When my husband and I visited the council to look at the plans for the proposed boat ramp, jetty and carpark, our immediate comment was that a decision had been made by the designers to sacrifice the beach to provide a boat ramp with its approaches to be made by piling up rocks across the sandy beach.

Little attempt had been made in the design to fix the earlier problems, which were simply exacerbated.

The only solution to this problem is complete removal of the boat ramp and its adjacent turning area, allowing the beach to return to its original configuration.

The council has a lot to answer for with its destruction of our beach and provision of a boat ramp which is often unusable.

Unless the boat ramp etc is removed and a replacement professionally designed and built in sympathy with natural sand movement, the current problems will remain.

Until this happens, users must be warned by signage that the ramp is unusable for two hours or more each side of low tide and plan their usage with this in mind.

I have been coming to Callala Bay for long enough to have seen the beach with no boat ramp, the previous ramp and the present one.

As a former science teacher with a background in geology, I have observed what has been happening over the years and the problem and its cause are obvious.

The photo below, dates from 1965 and shows the beach without a boat ramp, with no erosion or siltation.

Beryl Stenhouse





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This is a joint fundraising event for the Callala Beach Facilities Committee and the Progress Association with all funds going back into our community.



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Congratulations NSW Operator of the Year



Shoalhaven Water's Shane Kimber has won the Water Industry Operators Association's (WIOA) prestigious individual "NSW Operator of the Year" award. Congratulations!

Shane is the Operator at Shoalhaven Water's sewage treatment plant at Callala which includes the Reclaimed Effluent Management Scheme. This scheme provides recycled water to several farms from a 600 ML dam at the Callala Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Shane runs all public tours including open days, and department training courses and continually receives great feedback on the way tours are conducted.

Shane has a few unspoken guidelines which have proven to be beneficial in daily operations,

"Keep it simple, put it away today, be adaptable, nothing is too hard, ask for help, cleanliness is easy, tomorrow is another day and respect goes both ways".

CALLALA MEDICAL NEWS

The government influenza vaccination program has started again for 2017, and at Callala Medical Centre, we will be running the flu vaccination clinics as we have every year.

This year, there will be 4 strains of virus being covered: two A strains of influenza (*Michigan and Hong Kong*) and two B strains of influenza (*Brisbane and Phuket*).

It will be government funded - free to the patient - for those who are over the age of 65 years or have a chronic illness or pregnant.

Please also remember to enquire about the pneumococcal vaccination program too, which is available to those over 65 years.

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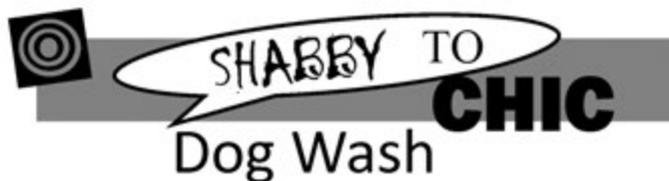
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BUSH CARE

Frequent heavy rain and inundation of our sites over the last few months have played havoc with Bush care activities.

Callala Wetland certainly lived up to its name. As a result, we were forced to postpone the Boardwalk construction session planned for Saturday 25 March, 2017. To allow time for the area to dry out, we have rescheduled the session for **Saturday 6 May 2017 starting at 8.00 am.**

The session should last no longer than 3 hours. The first 100 m of the proposed boardwalk site has been prepared by Jeff Bryant, the acting Bush care Coordinator from Shoalhaven City Council.

Tasks are light and easy, and all necessary materials and equipment will be provided.

The wet weather has also interfered with our regular Tuesday morning bush care, but on the bright side, the rainfall has triggered the dormant seed stock in the surrounding areas of burnt bush land, and greatly hastened their recovery after the fire.



Reed regrowth and burnt She-oaks



Sand Forest seedlings

Native grasses, reeds, vines, ferns and ground cover species have all flourished in Callala Wetland and the Sand Forest. Unfortunately, there have also been some successful bad seeds, in particular, a remarkable amount of Deadly Nightshade around the (*not so*) Dry Lagoon at Benton Sands. Weeding these has been a priority in the hope that this event has exhausted all the Nightshade seeds in the area.

On a final note, it is Senna season again. Over the years Callala Bushcare Group has worked hard to remove thousands of Senna (Cassia) plants from surrounding bush land, and has assisted local residents to eradicate them from their gardens.



Senna

This large shrub with bright yellow pea-like flowers produces abundant seeds in its long bean pods. Unfortunately, the pods are much adored by local birds which help spread Senna into neighbouring gardens and into the understory of local forests. If you find Senna in your garden, you can assist our efforts by pulling seedlings, or cutting mature plants at the base and painting the cut stem with undiluted glyphosate. Remember to remove seed pods and place in the garbage.

Please contact Callala Bush care Group if you need help identifying Senna or advice on its control. (**contact Bryan Lenne on 44464157 or scribblybark@gmail.com**)

CALLALA MEN'S & VET'S GOLF CLUB NEWS

Bill Downton

Tuesday 21st March Vets

I wish to pay special tribute to one of our champion players and great club member Richard Clarke who sadly passed away on the 16th March 2017 goodbye mate.

Good field of keen players for the Single Stableford event played on the wet weather course.

Coming home a clear winner today was Neil Sparks with a very impressive 41 points and an also a very impressive hole in one on the 4th par three hole.

Neil was a very happy boy as he received his first-place award and two boxes of new balls for his hole in one. Congratulations Neil on a great day of golf.

Runner up today was Ken Clifton with 36 points. Congratulations Ken on a great game.

Third home was Graeme Weston with 35 points. Great game Graeme.



Saturday 25th March

Callala Men's golf saw a greatly reduced field as a result of the huge amount of rain that it has received over the last week and a half.

The format for today's comp played on the wet weather course was Single Stableford.

Two players stood out from the rest today with skilful play for the conditions and both coming home with 33 points. However, as we all know there can only be one winner and today after the count back was applied it was the man with a huge smile and happy disposition, Wayne Minns who claimed the winner spot.

Not too deterred by the outcome was runner up Adam Ruperto who was very happy with his standard of play taking into account the low handicap he was playing to and the atrocious conditions. Well done Wayne and Adam and bad luck for the rest of us.



Tuesday 28th March Vets

Because of rain today's game was played on the Callala wet weather course which since its completion has allowed players to play golf where before golf would have not been played for some time till the low-lying ground dried out.

Two person Ambrose was the format which was enjoyed by all players especially the winning team of Ilija Sesum & Steve Chapman who played great golf to come home two points ahead of the runner up team of Graham Lewington & Doug Ingle.



Saturday 1st April

Monthly Medal and single stroke was the format for today's competition which was played on the wet weather course.

Big thanks to Jamie Reardon for cooking and presenting an excellent BBQ lunch.

Today the top three players all came home with 69 net and it was left to the count back system to determine placings.

Outright and "A" Grade medal winner today was Adam Ruperto who not only is supporting a low handicap but improving his game in leaps and bounds.

Congratulations Adam on a near faultless game of golf to give you top spot on the podium.

Congratulations to Bob Plunkett who after the count back came home in second place.

Bob's score also ensured he won the "C" Grade monthly medal.

Third place outright was to go to Steve Chapman who was the most affected by the count back.

"B" Grade Monthly Medal winner for today was Harry Dowling who came home with a very respectable 72 Net. Congratulations on a great game Harry!



Saturday 8th April

The team of Lee Bebber and Neil Sparks did not seem to mind the conditions as they both combined to come home as winners with 56 points.

Congratulations Lee and Neil on an outstanding game which I know you were both very happy with.

Taking today's runner up spot was the team of Barry Whitlock and Ken Clifton who also played very tidy golf to record their 58 points.

Congratulation to Barry and Ken on a well-earned score.



Tuesday 11th April

Hooray we played the full 18 holes, first time since the rain started. It was our monthly mug event and was won by Barry Jarman. Well done Barry.

First Place: - Barry Jarman 67 points (one under par)

Second - Dave Brumby 68 points

Third - Alex Lichacz 69points

Fourth - Bob Plunkett 70

Tuesday 18th April

Today we had a field of 36 players in a single stableford event. played in fine conditions on a course that's drying out beautifully. the greens are getting better after their scarifying and sanding.

The results are as follows:

Winner Col Chessell, 37 (should have had both knees done earlier Col.)

Second:- Bill George, 36 points

Third:- Jamie Reardon, 35 points,

Fourth:- Harry Dowling, 34 points.



CALLALA BOWLS NEWS

CALLALA MENS BOWLS NEWS

The men's Pennant season is nearly over with three more games for the No 5 team and one more for the No 7 team, although neither team is in contention for a flag they all represented our Club with pride.

Round 5 of the men's pennants was played on Saturday March 25. Callala No 5 team hosted Culburra. Rain threatened play but held off until around 4pm, although this did not stop play, it made conditions difficult. Callala had "a good day at the office", winning 2 rinks, drawing 1 and winning the overall 80 -36. This resulted in Callala winning 9.5 points to Culburra 0.5 points. The No 7 pennant team travelled to Sussex RSL for their 5th round match. They were not so lucky, only able to win 1 game. The end result was very close with Callala only going down by 6 shots.



In fine, sunny conditions, Callala Men's Grade 5 Pennants team hosted Berry on Saturday April 1. The round went down to the wire with Berry winning the match by one shot on the last end, 59 – 58. The Grade 7 team travelled to Huskisson and were luckier winning two rinks plus the overall 63 – 61, giving us 9 points for the round.

On Saturday, April 8, the Men's grade 7 team hosted Milton-Ulladulla in their last game of Pennants for 2017. What a game it was with Callala winning all rinks plus the overall, 58 – 40, giving them 10 points for the round, a great way to finish the season.

The No 5 Pennant team travelled to St Georges Basin for their round 7 match. They also had a great afternoon, winning 2 rinks and the overall, 75 -52, to win 9 points for the round. There will not be any competition over the Easter break.

Lyn

CALLALA WOMEN'S BOWLS NEWS

April hasn't been a great month for bowls due to the heavy rain. I think we managed one Tuesday of fine weather. Over Easter, the weather was beautiful so we managed to get three rounds of the Major Singles played. Lesley Harbrow defeated Lyn Byrne in a very hard fought game. Terry McMillan defeated Petra Ford 27 – 7, the score not reflecting the calibre of the game. In a marathon 36 end game, Tracey Semovente defeated Jan Wright 25 – 22. Tracey held a commanding lead until the 17th end when Jan slowly came back to come within one shot on the 21st end. Tracey held on to win. This was one of the best games I have seen in quite awhile. Thank you to the markers and congratulations to all the players.

Lyn



Terry McMillan and Petra Ford with Marker Bev Young after their Major Singles round



Lyn Byrne and Lesley Harbrow after their Major Singles round



Tracey Semovente and Jan Wright after their Major Singles round

What's on at Club Callala this month of May:



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| 1st | indoor bowls/trivia | 17th | men's social bowls/poker |
| 2nd | women's bowls/free meat raffle | 18th | bingo/bowls raffle/member's badge draw |
| 3rd | men's social bowls/poker | 19th | exercise class/meat raffle |
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| 10th | men's social bowls/poker | 26th | exercise class/meat raffle |
| 11th | bingo/bowls raffle/member's badge draw | 27th | fishos raffle/mug punters draw |
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| 13th | fishos raffle/mug punters draw | 29th | indoor bowls/trivia |
| 14th | seafood & meat raffle/ mother's day draw | 30th | women's bowls/free meat raffle |
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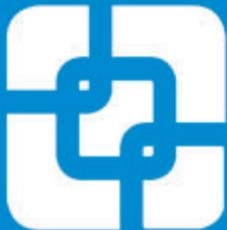
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Join together with friends to Take 3, or make it a mindful moment of your daily or weekly routine and you'll create a new habit that's good for both you and the planet!

If you want to share what you've collected, take a picture and upload it to Instagram or Facebook using the *hashtag* #Take3fortheSea and logging the location. We can then record the number of items that are being removed and measure the tangible difference we're making as a collective!

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