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Geoff Gauslaa Farewell Afternoon Tea

2:30 Saturday 26th June at the
Community Hall

Any questions call
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Forty Years a Garbo

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Geoff Gauslaa's family reign ends June 2021 after over 40 years of legendary service to the river community.

Thor, his dad, started collecting rubbish by boat from river communities and national parks beaches in the 1970s. Steve, his son, joined in as soon as he could quit school.

Reminiscing when I first came to Dangar Island, a local experimenter Hoss Saunders had retro-fitted gas fuelled outboard engines to Geoff's barge. Colourful language describes that innovation! Back then bags of rubbish were left out on the road to be picked up by hand. Dogs looking for a snack would often shred the bag and spread the contents across the road overnight.

Before the big vehicle barges and cranes of today, every load of timber or bag of concrete used to be unloaded by hand onto the shore or into the ute.

Since then, I have seen Geoff constantly innovate and problem-solve the logistics of transporting everything and anything across the river. In 2016 Geoff commissioned a special small truck to collect recycling or green waste on Riverview Ave.



He understands the river, the tides, and the weight of the world, because "you name it - he has carried it". Literally!

Geoff's earliest memory on the river.

"In 1956 - '57, when Tooronga, that was the first Halvorsen 36 hire boat, hit the rock going into Refuge. I went down there with dad, and they got it ashore in Refuge, and the old man went 'n got on the piss with the bloke off Silver Cloud, and left us to try 'n bail it out!"

We dedicate this edition of the Mullet Mail to Geoff, His family and the great team who have worked with him for many years.

Use the QR code to check out the film or go to https://youtu.be/JG5g_pTST34



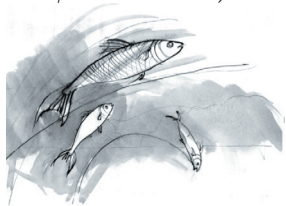
*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this country.
Always was, always will be, indigenous land.
Together we care for our island and river, for the future!*



Dear Readers,

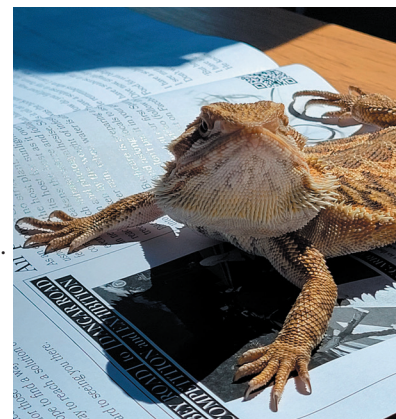
The Mullet Mail team is steaming along, bringing you a jam packed edition #70, full of great contributions from our community, showing what a special place this really is. We love your stories so keep them coming. Our publication is enjoyed by people, fish and bearded dragons alike.

Our nearly complete archive is now live, so check it out! (dangarislandleague.com/mullet-mail). We're missing earliest editions from the 1990's. If anyone has kept them, we are looking to scan anything before #6 (June 2001).



Thanks once more to our Fire Brigade and League who keep us in print. Enjoy!

Cybele Shorter - Editor



Emily Fetzer's central bearded dragon reads the MM#69



Brooklyn Placemaking

As I'm sure you have all noticed, Hornsby Shire Council has been looking for community engagement in its place making process for Brooklyn.

If you filled in the survey, thank you. If you didn't, there will be further opportunities to take part in the planning process. I know there have been many attempts by Council in the past, which seem to lead nowhere, or end in dispute. With that history, it's easy to disengage, however, I strongly urge you to take these opportunities to ensure we all get the best outcome for our communities.

The League has been in conversation with the Brooklyn Community Association and have been encouraging Council to consult with the communities in relation to Brooklyn's place plan. It seems that Council is focusing on parking as their first issue. We are mindful that parking is a significant concern for river residents. It is therefore really important that the community engages with Council so that our voices are heard.

Parking has been a vexed problem for many years and one where there is a need for compromise on all sides in order to come to a resolution that deals with the issue of overcrowding in Brooklyn. I know that Mayor Philip Ruddock told the Brooklyn Community Association that, if the local communities could not come to a resolution, Council would make a decision for them. The Dangar Island League has been urging Council to consult and engage the community to build consensus around solutions to these issues.

There are no easy answers here; this is going to take real commitment, and goodwill on all sides, if we are to have any hope of a successful outcome. We all need to come to the table with an open mind. We hope that the process Council is proposing this time will lead our communities to a mutually beneficial solution. But in order to have a positive result we need as many people as possible to engage in the process. They say the 'world is run by the people that turn up.' We need the community to turn up

Stephen Boyle, DIL President

IPART Ferry users survey

The League has for some years now lobbied the state government to bring our ferry service under the Opal card system, and include the ferry fare in the Opal Cap. If the ferry fare is included in the Opal Cap, commuters who use both the ferry and the train or bus to get to work each day will receive the very significant benefit of a subsidy which is available to public transport users Sydney-wide. Some people who use private boats will find it more economical to use the ferry, increasing income for the ferry and lowering CO₂ emissions. Some who use the ferry already will be encouraged to travel on by train, for effectively no additional cost.

You may not have seen that on the noticeboard inside the ferry there is a flyer with a QR code to link to a survey run by IPART. You may have hung-up recently on a tele-call asking you to respond to a 'public transport survey' without realising that this particular call involves our ferry, and the result of this survey is actually important to you.

Particularly if you don't use the ferry because it is too expensive, or for any other reason, this is your chance to have your say.

The survey takes 5 – 10 minutes to complete. Scan the QR code, or access via this link.

<https://research.orima.com.au/FerryUserSurvey/>

Brenda Hall, Dangar Island League



Vale: Joan Milthorpe

Joan Milthorpe was born 100 years ago, on the north coast of New South Wales, in a very different world. Where she was born, there are now towns like Byron Bay; back then, it was a backwoods area of tiny dairy farms. Not the outback, but the sticks.

In 1979 Joan and her husband Fred bought a block of land on Dangar, bought a kit house, had the kit floated over on a barge, and, with help from a local builder, put together the house the family has enjoyed so much. Joan loved Dangar Island, visiting regularly. The family finally persuaded her that at age 80 she had to stop getting on the roof to clean the gutters. When she was in her late 80s and 90s she needed a bit of help from the buggy, but that just added to the enjoyment.



Joan slowly lost the ability to create short term memories, but she remembered a lot of the past and she was always happy to see family and to ask after Dangar Island and the friends she had there. Although fragile, she stayed physically healthy until the 14th April. She passed away very quietly and peacefully on the 17th April 2021, leaving two sons and two daughters-in-law, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, the last of whom was born the day before her 100th birthday.

Her family and friends were lucky enough to help Joan celebrate her 100th Birthday.

A gentle end to a good life.

Milthorpe family



Red Fred has arrived

As most islanders know, our new buggy 'Red Fred' arrived on the 8th of April, after many delays and anxious moments.

A big thanks to Wally Bower who led the initial investigations into alternatives to replace the aging Blue Beast. Hornsby Council too were very active in maintaining purchase momentum once finance was allocated in the 2021 budget.



With a few exceptions, it has met with wide approval. We have already clocked up 795 km.

Buggy 10 tickets can now be purchased for \$22 or \$55 with card payment available, a very convenient alternative to fishing around for correct change.

Thanks also to Jonathan who has designed our new buggy logo.

Graham Morey



River Logistics

Early April our 20 year old refrigerator was on its last gasp. We purchased a new refrigerator from a reputable dealer on April 15th. There was extended communications to arrange delivery. "Where do you want it delivered?...where's that?" was the first hurdle. Finally it was agreed that, on April 21st, Rob Moxham would receive the appliances and transport, by barge to the island...hoist the appliances up into the house...and remove the old appliances.

That mission was accomplished. The bad news....our new refrigerator didn't work. Now the story gets interesting. My first irate call was to the dealer, who directed me to the manufacturers representative in Australia. I was advised the earliest a technician could come was May 3rd. There is only one technician and he was not well. Needless to say my wife was not impressed as she began tossing out food. I submitted a complaint to the Department of Fair Trading. On May 3rd the technician was transported to the island and confirmed the brand new refrigerator was dead...kaput. The manufacturer offered \$300 for the lost food and arranged delivery of a replacement refrigerator, through the dealer, to Rob Moxham, on Friday May 7th.

Rob advised he would deliver the replacement refrigerator to the island on Monday May 10th and take back the dead refrigerator for the dealer to retrieve. Something got in the way... river time... and Rob didn't arrive until Tuesday. He lifted the refrigerator off the barge and hoisted it up into our kitchen but, unfortunately, Rob had brought over someone else's refrigerator, not ours. Panic set in...as we despondently loaded the wayward refrigerator back onto Rob's barge. Where was our new replacement refrigerator? Rob checked his storage area and, hesitantly, concluded someone had stolen it. You could hear the disappointment in his voice that anyone in the community would do such a thing. To his credit Rob didn't hesitate in taking responsibility and immediately offered to buy a 'replacement of the replacement' refrigerator.

On Wednesday we contacted the dealer who, on receipt of Rob's payment, ordered the 'replacement of the replacement' refrigerator to be delivered on Monday, May 17th. In making that arrangement the dealer noted that the warehouse had sent a truck to Rob Moxham's on Tuesday May 11th (the day Rob delivered the wrong refrigerator). The dealer was the thief! They assumed Rob had brought the dead refrigerator, all wrapped up, back from the island on Monday 10th as originally planned. On that Tuesday morning they retrieved the very same refrigerator they had delivered the previous Friday.



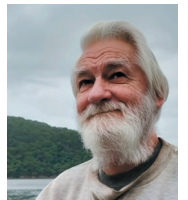
Rob, with the community's integrity intact, deservedly got his money back. I realised what a tremendous asset to the river community Rob is when, after multiple attempts, on May 17th we finally got our new refrigerator. The Department of Fair Trading had a good laugh. The manufacturer and dealer were glad to see the last of me (cross fingers) and the river!

The river...it just kept moving on, oblivious of its logistical hurdles and the affairs of mankind.

Jim Thiessen

THE ROAD TO MANDALAY

Bruce Lambert



With saffron robes flowing
monks gather in the street.
No peaceful time of meditation
they rail against deceit.

Now but one of many
whose lives are on the line.
Their desperate cries for freedom
as effective as one supine.

An election win quite stunning
then so cruelly snatched away.
By a coterie of generals
determined to have their sway.

A use of force so shocking
that we witness on the screen.
The Burmese Military,
a presence now obscene.

Behind them stands Red China
no stranger to the putsch.
Whose citizens languish in prison
or are trampled underfoot.

Can we all do nothing
for appeasement is not the way.
To look askance is all it takes
then totalitarianism will hold sway.

Home Fire Escape Plan



It's winter - so we needn't worry about fires. Right?

Wrong! Winter is when most house fires occur.

Does everyone in your household know what to do if there is a fire in your home?

Yes? No? Maybe?

PREPARE YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN TODAY

Sit with all members of your household and draw a map of your home, showing:

- Doors, windows, smoke alarms
- 2 ways out of each room
- A meeting point AWAY from the house. This is where you will meet if there is a fire.

PRACTISE YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN WITH THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD!

Practice at night and during the day.

Rehearse what to do if the smoke alarm sounds at night, when you are in bed:

Feel the bedroom door with the back of your hand.

* If door is cool

↳ Crack the door open, and check for smoke.
If there's no smoke

↳ go outside to the planned meeting point.

BUT

* If the door is hot

↳ DON'T OPEN THE DOOR there must be heat, smoke, and maybe fire on the other side!

↳ go to your alternative escape, eg climb out the window.

BUT

* If you can't get out

call 000, shout and signal for someone to help you.

Once out of the house

↳ Go straight to your nominated meeting place.

↳ DO NOT go back to the house.

↳ IN CASE OF FIRE CALL 000

Kathy Merrick, Dangar Island Rural Fire Brigade



Want to join the Brigade?

The Dangar Island Rural Fire Brigade is always looking for new members (over 16s).

Brigade meetings are at 9am, on the first Sunday of every month. We attend on-island incidents and water access only fires, and sometimes work with other brigades on mainland fires.

Training is provided. As well as active firefighting there are numerous important support roles in admin, catering, first aid and equipment maintenance.

Please drop by the fire shed for a chat over coffee.

<https://m.facebook.com/DangarIslandRuralFireBrigade/>



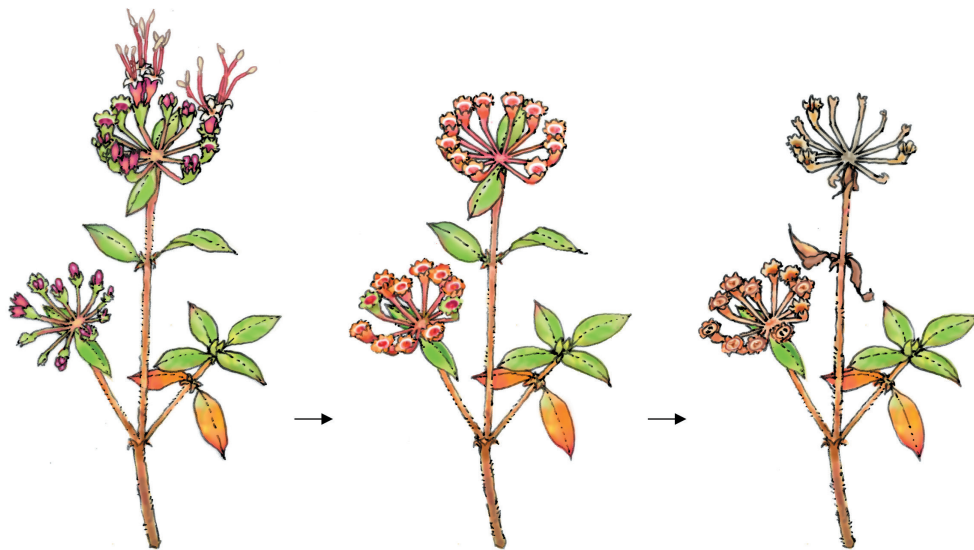
Native *Pomax umbellata*

To find Pomax, we need to look closely for its distinctive circular flower heads called 'umbels' that resemble small bicycle wheels. The name umbellata actually comes from Latin - 'umbella' and 'atus' meaning 'like an umbrella'. The name Pomax comes from Greek - 'pôma' and 'axon' referring to the little lids on cone-shaped fruit capsules.

Altogether, the umbels are only about 2-3cm across. Tiny purple-red flowers appear in winter around July-August. These then turn into pink/red/green fruits which end in Spring, but the empty grey fruit heads persist on the plant for months afterwards.

The plant itself only grows to about 40cm max, with hairy stems growing upright or spreading out along the ground. It has small green leaves growing opposite each other up the stems (sometimes red in the districts around Sydney, thought to be due to the lack of nutrients in sandy soils).

It's a hardy species, grows in sandy or rocky soils, in a variety of habitats from open forests to heathland. Quite widely distributed in all states and territories of mainland Australia except NT, predominantly in coastal areas but some have been found as far inland as Lake Eyre.



Buds and Flowers

Appear in winter, growing in umbels
Groups of 2-3 funnel shaped purple/red
flowers per rib

Fruit

Cone shaped fruit through to Spring
'Pomax' from the Greek, referring to the
little lids covering the fruit capsules

Empty Umbels

Two-three small seeds per capsule
Empty seed heads persist on the
plant for months

Interestingly *Pomax umbellata* is in the Rubiaceae family, of which the most famous member is the coffee plant. So if you find yourself out walking around Riverview Ave with a coffee in-hand, remember to look down... you may see a little Pomax flower smiling up at you!

Josephine Bridge

Join bushcare to learn more about our country. We meet at the access to Kiparra Reserve #149 Riverview Ave second Saturday of each month at 9 am.

Next sessions: July 10,
August 14, September 11.

Heritage Studies

The Dangar Island Historical Society was invited to participate in Community Consultation Workshops held in March 2021. These stakeholder sessions, both online and in person, were conducted by Extent Heritage, who are preparing Hornsby Shire Council Landscape and Archaeological studies.

The four year, fully funded project is reviewing previously identified and potential heritage sites being considered for listing in the next version of the Hornsby Shire



Local Environmental Plan (LEP). The LEP from 1993 was revised in 2013. The current study is seeking assistance to more fully understand what is most important to local residents and why.

The Archaeological Study is to provide 'clear policies and recommendations to ensure that significant archaeological remains are identified and appropriately managed during the development process'. A separate Indigenous Heritage Study is also about to occur.

The Landscape Heritage Study 'looks at cultural and natural landscapes and attributes that may have heritage significance to the community and warrant consideration for listing on the Hornsby LEP'.

Of recent particular interest to the Dangar community are two of the Heritage Items listed, No. 333 - Roadworks, Riverview Avenue, and No. 334 - Kiparra Park. DIHS wrote to Council's General Manager in April 2019 with concerns regarding those two listings.

A response from James Farrington in July 2019, on behalf of Steven Head, assured that restoration and repair work of a collapsed sandstone wall on Riverview would be undertaken in consultation with Council's Heritage staff. (item 333).

Additionally addressed was the request that the former Sydney Water reservoir site (Lot1 DP 537659, No 149 Riverview Ave) be included in the Kiparra Park

Powerful Owls



The Powerful Owl is well-named, weighing in at anything up to 2¼kg, with a wingspan of 4½ feet (1.37m). Their huge size allows them to prey successfully on animals and birds as large as koalas, cockatoos and brush turkeys, though their usual prey are ring-tailed possums and flying foxes.

As I write I can hear the incessant chatter of noisy miners and currawongs as they dive bomb an adult powerful owl perched high in a cheese tree next door. Looked at from ground level with binoculars, the bird looks very bulky, and the miners tiny by comparison. In the early hours of the morning, I could hear a persistent hoo-hoo coming from somewhere nearby, which alerted me to the owl's presence. Both elements of the call are at the same pitch, unlike the much commoner boobook in which the second hoo is much lower than the first.

Over the last decade, a couple of powerful owls have been seen on the island, though not by me, and a year or so back Michelle Ramage took this excellent picture of an adult roosting next to the path on the western side of the island, with a dead flying fox dangling from its talons.

Apparently powerful owls are increasing in number in the Sydney region. The occurrences here are probably owls passing through, since a pair requires a territory of some 1000ha. Dangar Island would be nowhere near adequate.

On a grimmer note, 3 plover chicks that hatched out at 31 Grantham Cres last week lasted all of 24 hours before they were killed by a cat. One parent had a visibly damaged and drooping wing, no doubt as a result of attempts to protect its chicks. I'd seen a black cat on several occasions hanging around in the preceding week.

I believe that Dangar Island should become a cat free zone because the entire mainland, as well as Tasmania, is overrun by feral cats. Only islands such as Dangar, or very expensive exclusion fences such as are constructed in some inland areas, provide the opportunity for native wildlife to be free from these highly efficient predators.

Ben Miller

listing (no. 334) as an item of environmental heritage under Schedule 5 of the Hornsby LEP. Mr. Farrington stated that the site was to be included in the list of properties to be reviewed for inclusion as a heritage item, as part of the Comprehensive Heritage review.

Since it appears Council has now acquired the former reservoir site, and as it is a requirement under State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (ISEPP), Division 21 (Telecommunications and other communication facilities) that consultation with Council should occur on any such proposal (e.g. a telecommunications tower), particularly if it would have more than a minor or inconsequential

impact on a heritage item or vegetation/trees.

The following links will allow you to access information on local heritage items in Hornsby Shire:

- Council's online Heritage Register, where you are able to view the heritage item inventory sheets: <http://hscenquiry.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/Pages/XC.Track.Heritage/Heritage.aspx>
- Schedule 5 in the Hornsby LEP, where you are able to see the heritage list in its entirety: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/epi-2013-0569#sch.5>.

Suzanne Mead,
Dangar Island Historical Society



Clean up our beaches

Clean up our beaches for the sealife in the river or face the consequences of our actions that affect the animals living in the river such as animals dying of plastic found in their stomachs.

Mia Doggett





There is something incredibly special about this place. No matter when I work in, walk by, or wander past, the Dangar Island Garden always has something to offer.

A flower, a pumpkin ripening, fresh salad greens waiting to be harvested for dinner.

As a gardener, I am learning new plants: where to plant them, what companions they like to grow with and what soil they prefer. That said, DIG is also a place to explore and experiment with new ideas – “safe to fail” in action. I am excited to also learn about indigenous foods that Aboriginal people lived off sustainably.



As a cook, I now prepare meals with ingredients so fresh they are almost unrecognisable from store-bought versions: herbs with remarkable depth, lettuces with a delicacy of flavour, and tomatoes that actually taste like tomatoes! I have served fennel risotto with fennel harvested less than an hour earlier out of the garden; curries with fresh coriander and fragrant curry leaves; pesto with warrigal greens (an indigenous vegetable with high levels of Vitamin C and iron). I get such delight from seeing what's growing, and planning what we can cook now and into the future.

The people of DIG bring a laugh, a story, discussions of

how to compost or bring more richness to the garden. I have made friends, learnt skills, and enjoyed many a giggle



while digging, planting, worm-farming or mulching. We stop to chat, exchange news and welcome visitors who are often drawn to the beauty of the garden on a Sunday morning. One day, I had the delight of helping three kids from off-island dig out sweet potatoes - the sheer wonder of plants

producing food right before their eyes.

As newbies to the island in 2020 arriving just on Covid shutdown, it was hard to meet people and find our way into the community. When DIG working bees restarted, it was great to engage in an activity which combined meeting people, contributing to the community, and developing friendships.

During the last year, DIG has grown to include: new garden beds, the Tomato Taj, and pop-up market stalls. Fundraising for rainwater tanks increased sustainability. It has become the centre of my island life, offering an abundance of food, friendship and connection to this very special place.

Kylie Burke

Now We All Sing

I've started the Dangar Island Warblers, a community choir, on Wednesday nights, 7:30-9pm at the club. The bar is open (thanks Michelle!) and the singing is joyful - and sometimes even harmonious. We catch up, socialise, and also learn songs and harmonies.

Singing together is one of the best feelings in the world. Plus it's very good for your brain and your mental health. Forget that mean primary school teacher who unkindly suggested you should just mime the words and not actually make any sound. Forget the mean music teacher who wouldn't even let you into the chorus in the high school musical. Forget your mean cousin who laughed when you sang along to the radio and said you were tone deaf. (Hypothetically. Just examples that are not true at all.)

If you like singing, please come along. No auditions - it doesn't matter what your voice is like, or even if you can't come every week, Think about it - you'll fit right in!

Liz Nolf, Chief Warbler



Tap Beer & Music

Big news at the Bowlo! Tap Beer is back! Through the pandemic it wasn't viable to keep the taps running, but we're very happy to say that with help from our friends at the Mt Kuringai craft brewery Ekim, we now have all three taps running. We're currently serving Ekim's fabulous After Battle Pale Ale, the ever popular Reschs, and Young Henry's Newtowner.

We also have some very exciting events coming up at the club. Keep an eye on our facebook page for upcoming events

Next up:

Sunday 27 June: 12pm - 4pm

Ray Beadle Band



Ray Beadle's guitar and vocal styles evoke numerous blues legends, whilst concocting

a breathtaking style all of his own. It is not by chance that Ray has become a favorite amongst Australian blues and music fans. An exhilarating guitarist, an enthralling singer-songwriter, and an extremely talented performer, Ray has been awarded Best Album, Best Song, and Best Male Artist in the Chain Blues Awards.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BOSEO

Thanks to everyone who came to Open Mic Day on Saturday 29 May, either as a performer or as a music lover. It was a superb day, crammed with Island talent. It seems moving the event indoors because of the chilly weather discouraged our friends on the mainland from coming along, but it made it a very comfortable and cosy occasion for us Dangarites.

Steve Griffiths

Fish on a bicycle

Sometimes in the morning Reeni is a fish. Last Sunday morning she was certainly a fish; bubbling away, floundering around, flipping her sock this way and that. Her mother said "She needs help putting on her socks. Socks are difficult for a fish. You understand?"

"Yes, I understand."

So, Reeni and I together; we did it. The fish had two socks on her tail fins. (No shoes mind you). The fish slipped, smiling, out the door to her green bicycle; green is a nice colour for a fish, wearing her socks. The fish, waving, rode off on the green bicycle, heading south; toward South Beach. I waved, then stopped to think. That fish is peddling a bike. How does a fish peddle a bike?

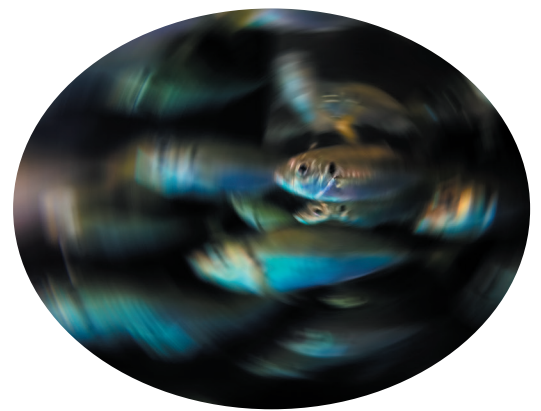
I trotted after Reeni the fish on the bike all the way down to the swings near Bali House. She was there with her friends Lolo, Demily and the swing. I asked that question. How could a fish peddle a bicycle? (I don't think anyone had ever before asked a fish that exact question.)

Reeni stopped in her tracks, but not Demily, gliding as she was, on the swinging rope. Demily after a brief pause, calmly explained the process. She said, "One school of small fish takes one pedal. One school of small fish takes the other pedal. Altogether, swimming round and round, they push the pedals."

This, said Demily, is how fish ride a bicycle.

Craig San Roque

Note. This is a true account. Names have been changed slightly to protect the fish.





Recruiting You

Looking for a rewarding volunteer role in our community?

Are you of sound mind, able-bodied and fully vaccinated (including Covid)? Prepared to get a Working with Children Check and a Police check? AND ... here's the big one ... are you able to

commit to attending some seriously good training in advanced first aid at the Point Clare ambulance station on ALL 4 of these upcoming weekends?

28-29 August

11-12 September

4-5 September

18-19 September

If 'yes':

- NSW Ambulance provides all training, uniforms and equipment.
- NSW Ambulance covers the cost of accommodation during the course if required.

To maintain our skills:

- We meet with NSW Ambulance Education officers on the second Sunday morning of each month, in the Community Hall from 9am to 12 noon.
- We do monthly online training modules that take < 1 hour to complete.
- Annually we recertify in advanced resuscitation.

If you want to know more - speak with myself or Judy Lattas.

Request an application kit on dangar.cfr@gmail.com

Brenda Hall, CFR33

Grumpy Old Man's Corner

What can we do about all the bins sitting around the roads?

It was a big aesthetic setback for the Island when the wheelie bins were introduced. There was a lot of haggling with the council which came to nought, and I know it's a long way up and down to the road for many people living near the water, and, some people are only here on weekends - but - three years have gone by, and the system is obviously here to stay. We just have to accept it.

A number of people have managed to build an enclosure off the side of the road - some more successful than others (the best ones are screened around and taller than the bins). A ramp up or down to a more out of sight spot is even better (they are not called wheelie bins for nothing). Sharing bins with neighbours to reduce the numbers is another good idea. Maybe then share the cost of building something too. I understand Council is not going to help, but has said they would 'turn a blind eye' to bin structures on the road side.

I am sure there are a number of handy people around the Island very capable of making these things, and happy to have the work. Just ask around.

Rant for next MM — We Want Our Hall Back!

Terry Dorrough

FELT WORKSHOP

Saturday 3 July, 9.30am to 4.00pm
Dangar Island Community Hall

Come and let your creativity flow and hand craft your own beautiful felt object to take home.

Cost \$100, including materials, morning & afternoon tea provided.

All levels welcome. Instruction & guidance is provided.

Contact Lisa Hayes on 0405 005 745 or
lisa@riverfelt.com
to register your interest or ask for more information.



DANGAR ISLAND DEPOT

We are looking for a DELIVERY BOAT DRIVER & JUNIOR STAFF

Junior: We employ lots of young people from the island & are looking for new juniors for weekends & school holidays.

Delivery driver: Coordinating deliveries to the island is a crucial part of operating our business. We are looking for someone with a boat to pick up morning deliveries from Brooklyn 2-3 times a week, and drop to the café. Some heavy lifting involved (milk crates etc).

If you are interested, please call Ben on 0425 232 189

Divvy up!

Feeding a family well takes a fair bit of work. What if there was a way to take some of the load off by delivering your choice of fruit, veggies, bread and dry goods right to Brooklyn every week? And what if it was 40% cheaper than the supermarket?



Well Box Divvy is it! Running for 7 years now in Brooklyn/Dangar Island, Box Divvy is the best way to buy top quality fresh produce for your family. We use local growers where possible, so our food miles are low, and did I mention it's 40% cheaper than Colesworths?

The Box Divvy system is based on us, as a group, buying whole boxes of produce and dividing it between us. You get a basic order each week sized to your selected household size, and early in the week you go online and add your splits from a range of nearly 300 products. On Thursday, your custom order is waiting for you in Brooklyn.

What's more it's a great community for sharing recipe ideas, sharing your garden harvest or just getting to know your neighbours.

Take a look at boxdivvy.com.au to find out more. You can sign up right there, or talk to one of your friendly Box Divvy Hubsters:

Jonathan (0404 719 997)
and Janet (0434 799 857)

Jonathan Sykes, Box Divvy Brooklyn



HeartBurners

Heart starters, heart warmers, heart breakers - Roly's HeartBurners has them all

Do you like your sauces hot? A bit of chilli with your morning eggs, or spicy relish on your toasties? Then keep an eye out for another HeartBurners taste testing - coming to the island soon.

Roly Storch, son of renowned food artist Arn Storch, has recently launched his own brand of chilli based sauces The HeartBurners. Already on the menu we have a smoky chipotle jam, spicy corn relish, sweet chilli sauce, and caramelised onion relish with rum infused sultanas. Coming soon will be a hot plum marinade and a rustic red tomato sauce - all with a touch of spice.

Many of the ingredients, including the chillies, are home grown, and all sauces are vegan friendly.

The first taste testing in the park was a great success. Feedback was very positive and stock was soon exhausted.

Roly is studying hospitality management at Newcastle and hopes to open a café in the next few years. The Heartburners is Roly's first foray into the world of food preparation and food service, and the products may find their way onto his menus in the future. So yes, Dangar residents, you are Roly's guinea pigs, and your views on the products and suggestions for future products are welcome.

For more information follow The HeartBurners on facebook www.facebook.com/The-HeartBurners-102928348608669

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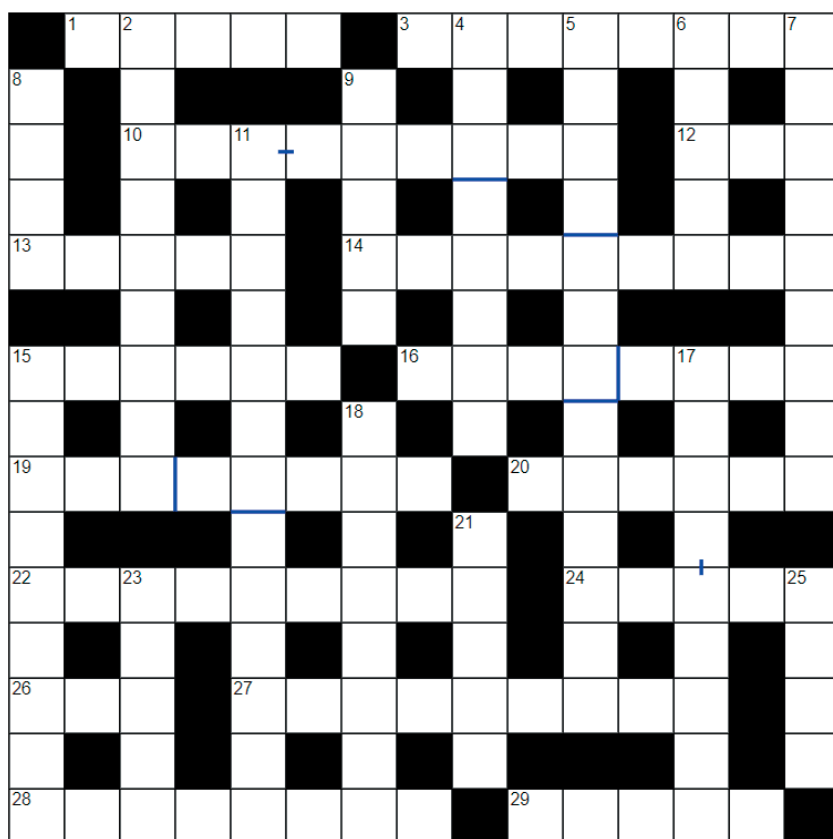
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A mix of quick clues, general knowledge and cryptic clues this issue.

Watch out for a couple of examples of that rare beast, the "triple definition". A common short cryptic clue is the "double definition" eg Benevolent type (4) - KIND. Unlike standard cryptic clues, there are no separate definition and wordplay sections, rather there are two definitions, but the "surface" of the clue disguises them by appearing to be a short sentence. Triple defs use the same principle. Cryptics are marked with a ©. Good Luck!



Across

1. © Sounds like collier has a diminished third (5)
3. 42.195km (8)
10. Highly confidential (3-6)
12. Game of strategy (3)
13. Australia's easternmost cape (5)
14. © Rearrange a pile into hair removal (9)

15. Major component of US welfare state (6)
16. A legally binding promise often used to effect a name change (4,4)
19. Capital of India (3,5)
20. Vessel (6)
22. © Stone fruit in a recent mix-up (9)
24. © Worries sea mist ridges (5)
26. © Prefix for single tertiary school (3)
27. Praised highly (9)
28. Italian chemist after whom 6.02×10^{23} is named.(8)
29. © Quick! Button-up sweater for rapper. (5)

Down

2. Formal assessment meeting (9)
4. Frequent flyer points (3,5)
5. Revivalist design movement led by William Morris (4,3,6)
6. Maori oven (5)
7. © Only Milan gets confused by name (9)
8. © I hear I am the opposite of trochee (4)
9. Lesser in number (5)
11. Earliest photographic device (7,6)
15. © Found in the open, insular spit of land (9)
17. © No deep end at sea, inconclusive (4-5)
18. Best selling album of all time (8)
21. Tintin creator (5)
23. Setter (5)
25. © Legal proceeding to satisfy matching clothes (4)

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