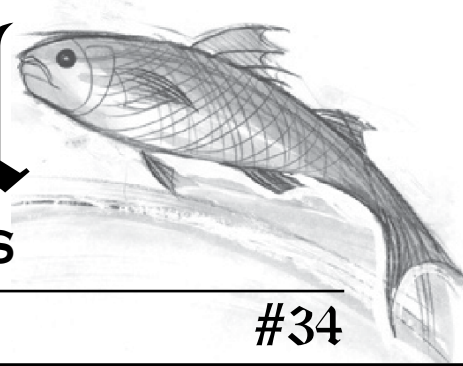




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NEWS & VIEWS OF DANGAR ISLAND RESIDENTS



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DANGAR ISLAND LEAGUE INCLUDING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was great to see so many Islanders turn out for the League's Annual General Meeting on 3 September 2011.

Ron Barrelle and Christine Sanderson have joined the Committee, replacing Chris Innis and Andy Payne who have stepped away due to other commitments. My thanks to Chris and Andy for their contribution (and to Andy for continuing to take care of the League's website).

Unsurprisingly, most of the AGM was spent discussing the Peat Island / Mooney Mooney Development, the issues at Brooklyn Sewerage Treatment Plant and Water Access. The presentations from the AGM can be found on our website.

The good news is that there has been great progress on the water access issue since the AGM, with Council formally approving their financial commitment to the project. The League is committed to keeping ALL islanders abreast of the progress of this initiative and that feedback is obtained at each stage. To this end,

the water access sub-committee are working on the next community update, with a public meeting to be held this side of Christmas – stay tuned. Please also keep an eye on the DIL website.

Bronek Karcz and Yvonne Lechti continue to take the lead on the important Peat Island / Mooney Mooney development and Brooklyn Sewerage Treatment Plant issues. There is a detailed update below but I wanted to take the opportunity to recognise each for their success to date in raising the media profile of these issues (see the 'Dangar in the News' page on our website for links to some of the high profile press articles which have been generated to date). Bronek is keen to get others on board to help so if you've got some spare time please let me know. Both these are potentially very serious issues, with the potential for extremely high impact on the residents of Dangar Island. Please keep an eye on material relating to these topics, as the outcomes will affect your life here.

Similarly, you'll see articles about the island's trees and how we can walk the careful line between preservation of them and resident safety.

Our refreshed website goes from strength to strength and almost all of the island's groups now have a presence. Check out the Community Calendar page on www.dangarislandleague.net.

If you have a date to add to the Community Calendar or other information that would be of interest to the broader community please send it through. Also please do use the email address below to let the committee know of issues you have concerns about or new areas you feel the DIL should be involved with.

Wishing everyone a happy start of summer !

Cheers,
Antony Schinckel, President
Dangar Island League
[president@
dangarislandleague.net](mailto:president@dangarislandleague.net)



PEAT ISLAND DEVELOPMENT AND BROOKLYN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE.

PEAT ISLAND DEVELOPMENT
The State Planning Authority (SPA) has advised the three stage planning process that is to be followed to determine the future development of Peat Island and the adjacent foreshore.

1) In two months time (January 2012) a series of studies will be undertaken on the Peat Island site. This process will take one year and the studies will include heritage, environment, geology, marine etc. Yvonne Liechti has advised the SPA that we wish to be involved in the study process.

2) Once the studies are completed, the zoning process will be undertaken by the SPA and this process will take approximately one year. The zoning decision will be influenced by the outcome of the various studies.

3) Depending on the zoning decision appropriate tenders will then be prepared for the development of Peat Island and the adjacent foreshore

Yvonne Liechti has been in contact with the head of the SPA and has gained agreement for a meeting at which Dangar Island League and other like minded support organisations will present the proposal to create a Riverside/Community Park at the site. We are in the process of preparing the submission, canvassing other organisations for support and have set a tentative date for the meeting in February 2012.

The Community Environmental Network (CEN) has adopted the DIL

plan for Peat Island and is currently canvassing all the key Environment Organisations in the State to create a major support base in order to oppose residential development at Peat Island and to promote as an alternative, the creation of a Recreational Park that can act as a Gateway to the Lower Hawkesbury

BROOKLYN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT (STP)

An inspection of the Brooklyn STP and dialogue with Sydney Water has revealed that there is a viable option to sort out the current operational problems at the STP plant. However even though the tested engineering solution is cost effective and viable, Sydney Water does not wish to implement the program as the cost savings delivered by relaxing the effluent discharge limits into the Hawkesbury River are financially more attractive. Sydney Water has recently made a formal application to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to amend the discharge license for the STP.

DIL continues to engage with Sydney Water, environmental groups, Councils and politicians on this matter. However the main focus is to shame the Sydney Water organisation by working through the media and putting pressure on State politicians.

The media campaign being led by Yvonne Liechti is working well.

Bronek Karcz



CAFÉ UPDATE

Recently we have hosted a couple of small events at the shop. This has helped us greatly at a time of the year when the trade slows somewhat.

We are available for weddings, parties, anything! (Well almost anything). Small groups up to 20 people are most suited. A menu can be tailored to your occasion, from finger foods to 3 courses. Specialty cakes can also be arranged. Bring your own wine, no corkage charge.

Enquiries via email welcomed info@DangarIslandCafe.com or chat with Fiona mid week.

Many thanks again go to our fabulous volunteers. After 2 ½ years of trading, the enthusiasm is still there! We literally can't do it without you.

*Thank you all,
for your patronage and support.*

DESIGN COMPETITION



DANGAR ISLAND HALL

The Dangar Island Hall Committee needs a new logo for its letterhead.

The logo needs to be simple, in black and white. Please email designs with your name and contact details to bronekjok@bigpond.com or leave them in the hall letter box by the end of December 2011. The winning design will receive a \$20 voucher for the Dangar Island Café. The winner will be notified personally and announced in the next Mullet Mail.

*Thanks, Joanne Karcz, Secretary,
Dangar Island Hall Committee*

L I F E J A C K E T S

Maritime will be booking everyone from this 1 November \$250.00 for not wearing a jacket in a tinnie under 4.8m if you are driving on your own.

You can order the bum bag life jackets from OutbackAdventures.net.au for \$48.00, Whitworths are selling the same item for \$100.00. Maritime have recommended this jacket to all this week so you don't have to look like an idiot. You could buy FIVE jackets for the price of a fine.





Watch out for an all-new DIFS in 2012, with outdoor screenings and all manner of silly nonsense. We always need suggestions for films to screen, and film events are fun to organise, so why not get involved!

You can find out more at www.difs.net, and find us on Facebook where you can join our legion of 43 fans!

Our next screening will be on Australia Day weekend - check local guides.

Jonathan & Cybele



Hello Friends and Neighbours,

Just a little update about the mail or for new residents (Welcome).

Mail is delivered by 'The Riverboat Postman' at around 10am in the morning. It does take time to sort as there is no numeric, name or street order, so for those wanting their mail as soon as they see it arrive off the ferry please allow for sorting time (generally by 12.30pm it should be done). We do endeavour to get the mail done by this time on a regular basis although there may be some days when this is not possible. Mail will always be in the boxes by 5pm on the day of delivery.

Parcels

Parcels get written up in the Post Book and kept in the shop for collection. Please collect these parcels between 9am and 5pm. If you know you are receiving a parcel, prompt collection is appreciated as the shop does not have much room to store packages.

Updating Addresses

If anyone needs to update their mail to their current address, please do so. The address on the envelope will be delivered to the corresponding mailbox

at the shop. The exception to this is if you have an Australia Post Mail Redirection in place.

Going Away

If you are going away for an extended period, please ask a friend or neighbour to collect your mail/parcels as the boxes can fill up quickly and become hard to put new mail in. If there is a problem with collection, please call us to make other arrangements.

Express Post

Express Post envelopes that get put in the outgoing mailbox cannot be guaranteed Express Postage as we live outside the zoned area. If this service is needed please take across to Brooklyn Post Office by 3pm.

Packages

If a package needs delivery to the mainland and cannot fit in the mailbox it needs to be taken over to the Brooklyn Post Office.

Junk Mail

There has been an increase of junk mail in the last while coming via Australia Post and separately. We will

be looking into "No Junk Mail" stickers and will let you know shortly about the availability of free stickers for this purpose. Unfortunately we still have no control over independent distribution of material.

Locks

Up to you, but recommended as they keep your mailbox closed, particularly for those in the lower row.

Mail box Number Re-Structure

In the next few weeks we will be re-jigging the numbering system for all the boxes. We will put flyers in boxes and give two weeks notice for when locks will need to be taken off.

If you are unable to do this, we will do it for you and you will need to replace the lock.

Should you have any further queries, please call **9985 7300**.

*Thankyou,
Lars and Kimmie
Community Postal Agents*

BUGGY

0405 909236

TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday: **8:30am to 7:30pm**

Saturday - Sunday: **9:00am to 5:00pm**

Other times by arrangement

FARES

\$5.50 per able passenger

\$2.20 per frail or disabled passenger

\$2.20 per carer or assistant

*No charge for children
under 4 years of age*

VEHICLE PERMITS - CLOSED ROADS ACCESS

All trucks and vehicles barged onto Dangar Island must buy and display a permit to access the Closed Roads of Dangar Island. Permit fees: \$18 for a day, \$56 for a week. Periods of longer than two weeks require approval from the DIVMC.

Note 1: Dangar Island roads have been closed since 2004 and the speed limit of 10 kph applies at all times.

Note 2: While parking should not block access to emergency vehicles road edges are soft after rain.

For comments or queries the Management committee may be contacted by email; **buggy1@live.com.au**

DID YOU KNOW?

The first community vehicle on the island was a one-eyed grey horse named **Heather**?

When not tethered to her cart during the day, Heather would roam around the flat area of the island, eating grass and scaring people at night.



HANG Nicole Ruiz Gallery

Just opened and offering coffee, speciality teas, cakes and home baked food, along with Art, Designer Pieces and hand wrapped Gifts. A beautiful, comfortable space to come and "HANG"

OPEN 7 DAYS, 9-4pm

0414 765 033

(Nicole) 212 Brooklyn Road

BUGGY CODE OF CONDUCT

PASSENGERS:

Passengers are responsible for:

1. Paying the appropriate fee
2. Not smoking inside the vehicle or consuming messy food and drinks.

Passengers are expected to:

1. Be polite and helpful
2. Understand this service is only available through the generosity of volunteers
3. Respect volunteer driver decisions. Heavy or damaging loads may be rejected, intoxicated passengers may be refused transport
4. Direct complaints to the DIVMC in writing.
5. Wear seat belts and use appropriate child seat boosters.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEDICAL CARE OF PEOPLE BEING TRANSPORTED.

Volunteer drivers ARE responsible for:

1. Being available for driving the vehicle at their rostered times; holding a current NSW RTA drivers license; zero blood alcohol level; driving under 10 km/h at all times.
 2. Checking tyres, battery charge and brakes at the beginning of each rostered period before picking up passengers.
- Switching on phone, checking messages and entering bookings into Vehicle Diary.

3. Collecting correct fees and filling out Vehicle Log Book after each trip.
4. Returning the vehicle to the shed at the end of each rostered period, plugging into power and turning on. Plugging mobile phone into charger.
5. Reporting incidents; entering details of ANY accidents, breakdowns, faults or damage in the Vehicle Diary and immediately reporting to the DIVMC. Ensure that if a fault or damage could affect the safe operation of the vehicle place the out of order sign on the vehicle so that it is not used until repairs have been carried out.

Volunteer Drivers are expected to:

1. Be polite and helpful

2. Keep vehicle clean
3. Never leave the vehicle parked and unattended where it will obstruct emergency vehicles or where children may climb onboard
4. Keep to designated roads and driveways.
5. Convey maximum 4 passengers, seat belted and use appropriate child seat boosters.

Volunteer Drivers may:

1. Stop or refuse service if they consider the passenger, roads or goods being transported to be unsafe.
2. Refuse service to passengers who are intoxicated, lacking in courtesy or are argumentative.



Dangar Island Bowling Club Report

The best little Club on the Hawkesbury goes from strength to strength!



Following the AGM on 22 October 2011 the new directors of the Dangar Island Bowling Club are: Matt Johnson (President), Chris Innis, Lisa Hayes, Tom Garvey, Peter Wolfe, Michelle Rumsey and Daniel McNally.

The outgoing board would like to thank Tim Ebbeck for his significant contribution since being elected to the Board in March 2010.

DIBC would like to welcome Josh and Bob in the new Kitchen tender. They have introduced Thursday night Pizza and Pasta nights with home delivery and pick up and have even delivered overseas – a world first!

We would like to thank Nigel and his brass band for the recent Octoberfest performance and our upcoming Carols In the Park. See Jonathan's report below on the outcome of the beer brewing competition on the day!

Cocktails have made their way onto the bar menu on selected evenings as well as other initiatives including seafood nights and a Wobby night.

Open mic nights continue to entertain and provide some musical inspiration for the island. We recently held our 30th open mic night and the patronage and support from members, guests and of course our local musicians playing for free is a significant contributor to the financial health of the club. Thanks to Phill Doggett, Cybele Shorter, Jonathan Sykes and many others for making our nights such fun and for setting up and packing away all of the gear each first Friday of the month. The Club is lucky and so is the Island to have so much talent and energy.

It is important to note that all profits from the Club go to retiring debt, improvement of amenities and enhancement of the club and green in

general. All directors are volunteers. No Director receives any honorarium or payment from the Club.

Mr Andy Payne has also donated his time and services to develop a new website for the Club. The site is located at <http://www.dangarislandbowlingclub.com.au>. There are links for bowlers, the community and upcoming events. Our Facebook site and email service dibc@live.com is also available for members and guests to provide feedback and find out what events are on in future at the club.

REMEMBER all correspondence needs to be sent to our club mail box at the shop or via email at dibc@live.com.

Regards, Matt Johnson

President,
Dangar Island Bowling Club

OKTOBERFEST

Tasting sheets released this week by WikiLeaks have unearthed a maelstrom of malfeasance at the now traditional Bowlo OKTOBERFEST Homebrew Competition.

The 5-category, 120-point sheets reveal Tom Garvey, ironically a maths teacher, cruelly duded by innumerate judges whose probity has also been called into question by their giving Stuart Dines' well-liked *Porter 6* more points than it actually scored. Elected from the brass band, the jury boasted a wealth of experience in blowing hard, but 6 middies each evidently derailed their already suspect counting.



Despite this unedifying tableau, Dinsdale Trelawney's *Blackbutt Dunkle* was deserved champion, winning all but one category.



Some have seen Garvey's mistreatment as just dessert for last year's calumny, when he was declared winner behind locked doors. However, since becoming the Bowlo's bagman, Garvey is a busted flush in big school. His *IPA*, which sources rated "unreal", was robbed of at least 4 points when Judge Four failed to award a Drinkability score. Computer modelling shows that even on the most conservative estimates, these lost points put Garvey's entry

in second place, rather than the 5th awarded by self-styled MC "Mister" Matt Johnson.

Johnson's tasting sheets were widely thought ambitious for brass band players, and farce threatened when judges were given two pens and asked to take their pick.

The sordid accommodations on the dais saw Mike Kermode swanning around all afternoon wearing an Associate Director pin effectively stolen from his opponents, scenes witnesses described as "sickening" and "like a Syrian Army barbeque. I hope he chokes on his riesling". Kermode was disappointed to see his *Fruity Pale Ale* score strongly in the glass, only to be let down by his weird post-modern labels.

Cybele Shorter won the impromptu cider category unopposed. This category was an improvement on previous fringe categories Chili-flavoured Corona and Chokocello, and resulted in some sales out of the loading dock.



RESULTS: Dinsdale Trelawney, *Blackbutt Dunkle*, 102; Tom Garvey, *IPA*, 97; Mike Kermode, *Fruity Pale Ale*, 94; Stuart Dines, *Porter*, 88; Dinsdale Trelawney, *Yusuke Lager*, 88; Mike Kermode, *IPA*, 87; Tom Garvey, *Little Creatures*, 86; Stuart Dines, *Wheat Beer*, 74. CIDER: Cybele Shorter, *Natural Organic Cider*, unopposed.

Jonathan Sykes

COFFEE VOUCHER
entitles you to your first coffee
FREE!

twelve

Twelve Brooklyn, the Hawkesbury River's new café restaurant, opens on **MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER** with a scrumptious all day breakfast menu and traditional café fare.

Locally sourced produce, organic coffee, fresh fruit and vegetable juices, delicious smoothies, house made sweets, daily blackboard specials and tantalising delights will be the flavour of the day at Twelve.

Located at 12 Dangar Rd, Twelve will be open from **7am - 5pm everyday**, and from **THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER** will also open for **dinner service** Thursday to Saturday.

Stay tuned for the Twelve Brooklyn website and telephone bookings

hotline. Meanwhile, for bookings and information, please contact your hosts, **Paula Anthony** 0416 528 000 and **Marcus Whitaker** 0403 445 449.

We look forward
to welcoming you to
Twelve.





DANGAR ISLAND RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The bush fire season is here and it's time to work on reducing your risk from summer fires. There's excellent help in the Bushfire Survival Plan at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au – follow the Prepare. Act. Survive link. The Brigade is happy to give on-site advice and assessments – why not call in to our General Meeting, first Sunday of the month at 09:30, or give me a call on 0404 719 997.

Reducing ground fuel is as simple as pulling out all the sticks thinner than a pencil (6mm). The compacted leaves and mulch left behind are much less flammable and will reduce erosion and nourish the soil. You can do this yourself, or use one of the Island's contractors. Bundling the sticks in the green waste run every second Friday is easy, and Council has advised me that leaves, bark and clippings can be bagged for collection.

If you are thinking of burning off, you must obtain both Fire and Environmental permits for all non-cooking fires during the Bush Fire Danger Period (October-May). Contact Bill Lyn- Robinson for permits on 9985 7279.

Finally, remember that in an emergency you need to dial 000 IN ANY CASE. If your house is on fire, dial 000 then run to the fire station to activate the fire alarm siren.

Jonathan Sykes
Captain, Dangar Island Fire Brigade



Captain Jonathan Sykes gives a tour of the Dangar Island fire truck at RFS Open Day in September. The Fire Station was open all day, with displays and demonstrations and fun and games for the kids. Visitors saw the Island swept by fire (or a model anyway), knocked over a rakehoe with a knapsack spray, and gasped in wonder as firefighter Reese heroically doused a bucket of diesel.



BUSH FIRE BRIGADE OPEN DAY

BUSHCARE

A Coffee Bush on Dangar Island?

Otherwise known as **Breynia**, a light graceful shrub that grows between 1 – 3 m tall commonly less than 2m high. The species produces small reddish flowers in spring and summer, drooping below the pretty ovate leaves, 2 – 3 cm long, followed summer - autumn by red berries that resemble tiny apples. This elegant local native supports many different animals that feed on the leaves, berries and flowers.



Breynia is easily confused with the weed, **Senna pendula (Cassia)**, which is very prolific on Dangar Island. Cassia

has large bean pods, 12-25 cm, which are dispersed by birds. It impacts on bushland by replacing native vegetation.



To easily tell the difference between the two plants, look at the leaf arrangement on the stem. **Breynia** has distinctly alternating leaves (olive green) while **Cassia** has close to opposite leaves (brighter green). During flowering time **Cassia** is easy to identify with distinctive bright yellow flowers about 3cm wide and scent is strongly pungent.

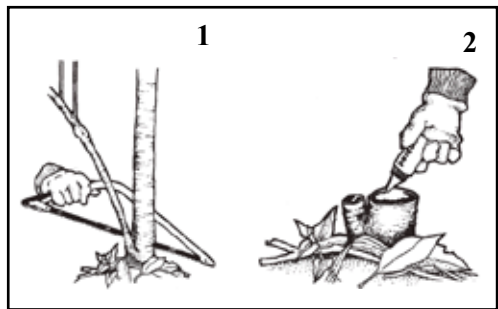
Think about replacing the **Cassia** plants in your garden with the similar but native **Breynia oblongifolia**. **Cassia** can be removed as a seedling by hand, or when mature by the cut and paint method.

HANDY TIP: Save yourself years of follow up work, if you cannot find time to remove the plants, at least pick off the seed pods before they drop a new crop.

CUT & PAINT: is a technique useful for small to medium woody weeds (<10cm stem).

- 1: Cut horizontal as low to the ground as possible. Make sure that the cut is flat so herbicide will not run off.
- 2: Immediately apply the herbicide before cells close. Use a brush/ applicator bottle, target live cells around edge of stem so herbicide is translocated to the roots.

Other plants to use this technique on include Lantana, young Privet, Ochna and Camphor Laurel. Stem scrape method can work better on some plants.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Did you know?

That the concrete slab halfway up the hill from the public wharf was the site of the original ferry waiting shed?

That swamp wallabies were native to Dangar Island and all the other river islands? Unfortunately the bridge workers shot them all for food soon after arriving here.

The first regular island newsletter was printed in 1887? The American bridge builders produced a weekly newsletter on their own printing press.

David Reynolds



Public Works Contractors Picnic to Lord Brassey, Dangar Island

See our next Mullet Mail article for more or join us in Kiparra Reserve on the second Saturday of each month to learn about the special vegetation community of Dangar Island. *Jo Karcz and Cybele Shorter*



The Right of Succession

God save the Queen, but which queen? The British Royal Family lays claim to a line stretching back to the early Saxon Kingdoms of England.

In 411 AD the Roman legions left Britain. The native Britons were thus left to their own devices until 449. Then the invasion of the Jutes under Hengist and Horsa began a long period of conquest from across the sea.

457 saw the Kingdom of Kent, established by Hengist, and twenty years later the first invasion of Britain by the Saxons had begun.

In 495 the Saxons under Cerdic landed in Britain and with the conquest of Wessex, Cerdic proclaimed himself ruler of that Kingdom, and thus became ancestor of the English Royal line.

A descendant of Cerdic was Egbert who, as King of the West Saxons, reigned from 802 to 839. Egbert as King of Wessex became in 827 the first "King of the English".

October 14th 1066. Harold is slain and the Duke of Normandy, better known as "William the Conqueror", claims the



throne of England and is duly crowned in Westminster Abbey.

Saxon society is decimated and the Normans are the new power in the land. The Conqueror was followed by his sons, William II, "Rufus" 1087 and Henry I, 1100.

Upon the death of Henry in 1135, the crown passed to Matilda, daughter of Henry I, but was seized by Stephen who was then crowned King of England.

The King of Scotland, David I was the uncle of Matilda. He took up arms against Stephen on her behalf and in 1141 Stephen was taken prisoner. Matilda was then crowned at Winchester.

In 1145 Matilda was defeated and retired to France. Stephen then continued in his reign until his death in 1154.

To Matilda, her heirs and successors, goes the acknowledgement that they are the true Royal Family of England, and thus Great Britain and her lands far across the sea.

Bruce Lambert

In 1998, through ChildFund Australia, I began to sponsor a 3 year old girl, Thao, in Hoa Binh Province, North Vietnam. At that time the family were very poor, struggling to grow enough rice to feed themselves. There was no clean water and they were often ill and without nearby medical care.

Since then I have corresponded regularly with Thao and watched from afar her growth and development. From an early age she wrote me lovely letters in her own hand and she and her family have always felt like a part of my family. My hopes for Thao have always been for her to have access to a good education. With this, she would realise that she has many choices in life and that she can go on to help her family and community. It has always been my dream to visit Thao one day.

In September this year, when Thao had just turned 17, our dreams came true. My husband, Bill, and I finally travelled to Vietnam to visit Thao and her family. It was an incredibly joyous and emotional day.

Firstly we visited the ChildFund offices in Hanoi, we were introduced to the staff, who were so charming and welcoming. We then drove to Hoa Binh Province where we were greeted by the local Mayor and other leading members of the community. Many small children were waiting to wave to us. Thao's father, drove the whole family to meet us ... he made two trips on his motor bike. My first sight of Thao, stunned me. In her photos she had always been quite serious, but the huge smile on her face and her laughing eyes, said it all. She was accompanied by her mother and father, brother and 74 year old Grandmother. Grandma took a particular shine to me and wanted to sit next to me, chatting constantly and giggling, and

patting my skin and hair. Her teeth were lacquered jet black, a sign of great beauty. She told me proudly that she still tends three water buffalo in the fields every day. Father made a lovely long speech with tears in his eyes and then stood on tippy toe to fling his arms around Bill and kiss him on the cheek. Thao sang for us in a beautiful soft voice.

After a couple of hours we were shown the rest of the community. This was terrific for me as I could see with my own eyes where my money has gone. We went to visit the pre-school, medical clinic, and irrigation canals. Everywhere we went there were signs to say that ChildFund Australia had built this facility and the date.

Sponsoring Thao is one of the most satisfying things I have done in my life. For much less than a cup of coffee a day, I have helped to make such a difference not only to her life, but to the whole community, as everything is shared.

Next year, Thao will hopefully win a scholarship to go to Hanoi for teacher training. In the future she will teach countless others that there is hope in life and that with an education one has choices that can make anything possible.

*Georgia Lynn-Robinson
October 2011*



Know your Island Project

The recent Tree Forum and 'My Favourite Tree' exhibition was hosted by the *Know your Island Project*. The range of artwork from music and sound compositions to photography, sculpture, drawings and paintings as well as informative pieces about the trees around us were enjoyed by the 60 or more people who attended. Thank you to all who contributed to the exhibition, helped with the set up and who took time out on a Saturday afternoon to attend the talk by arborist, Mark Boyes.



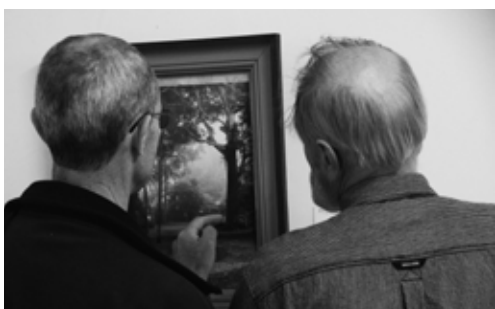
There is still time to add your name to two **Expressions of Interest**. The first list is for those who wish to be part of a project to rejuvenate our ageing urban forest. Seedlings will be given to islanders wanting to plant a tree, perhaps in memory of dear ones, in dedication of babies and children and to help revitalise the island. The seed collecting, growing and planting for

this will be overseen by Hornsby Shire Council.

The second is a list of people wanting to spend time, in a group, with an arborist to get advice on a tree on your property. The group will visit a number of properties, view the trees together and hear about different aspects in relation to living with trees including planning for tree replacement. By doing this in a group the cost can be shared.

To add your name to either of these lists email Joanne on bronekjok@bigpond.com specifying which activity you are interested in.

Looking ahead, the *Know Your Island Project* is planning a kids activity in the December holidays. If you would like to be involved in this or other activities of the project please let us know – talk to Ana or email Joanne on the email above.



Kids Tree Workshop

FLOTSAM & JETSAM WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER
19TH, 10AM-12 MIDDAY**

All invited, \$5 per person to cover materials. We will be spending the 2 hour workshop collecting material to then turn into sculptures.

For enquiries, please call Mel
0408 947 336



www.dangarislandleague.net

Don't forget to check the League website for up to date information and news between Mullet Mail issues.

**next M&M issue
summer 2011**

HALLOWEEN

Bodies littered the ground, mummies left the grave and Dargar came alive with the DEAD! All the little (and not so little) monsters came out for Halloween last weekend. From the smallest to the tallest, the undead ruled the island looking for a sugar hit. A huge thank you to the organisers who every year put in so much effort to make the evening such a scary success!! And to all the residents that ensure a (frighteningly) safe environment for the kids to trick and treat.

