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Peddley Fires Gladesville To Historic Double

Jonathan Sykes



Dangar Island's own Bronwyn Peddley shot Gladesville Ravens to double glory in a 2-1 win over APIA Leichhardt Tigers at Valentine Sports Park Sunday Sept 18th, scoring late in extra time in their Grand Final.

Ravens took the lead early, only to be pegged back just after the break. Despite torrential rain sweeping the field, the Tigers smelled blood in a frantic second half but the Premiers held on with two well-timed substitutions. With scores locked at 1-1 and penalties looming, Peddley was on hand to break the Tigers' hearts with an unstoppable drive into the roof of the net.

Already promoted to the PlayStation 4 National Premier League Two for next season, the Ravens are crowned Premiers and Champions of the 2016 NSW Women's State League Reserves.

NSW Women's State League Reserves Grand Final

Gladesville Ravens 1 bt APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 (2-1 aet)



MULLET MAIL BACK ISSUES Archived online

A selection of back issues of the Mullet Mail are available on our Community website. You can access the site at either dangarislandleague.net or dangarisland.net.

Dangar Island League President's Report

Sophia Walsh

Finally, the sun is out and the forecast is over 20 degrees *every day this week* welcome Spring!

Since my Winter update, the League has facilitated a number of initiatives to better inform residents about changes happening on the island, including the hottest topics of the last quarter: the new bin service and the ferry wharf upgrade:

The New Bin Service

Firstly, thank you to everyone who took time to document and send through their feedback and ideas for adjusting to the new bin service. The response to our request for input was impressive, and very useful in helping identify key issues that need to be progress with council, including:

- The challenge of maneuvering bins on steep blocks and rugged stone steps
- The need for platforms to keep bins off road
- The bin aesthetics (or lack thereof)
- Bins falling over the edge after pick up
- The quantity and size of bins
- The problems with the Friday collection day
- Truck damage to roads
- Use of public bins in Brooklyn

Given that the new bins are here to stay, we asked residents for ideas on how to make the new arrangements easier to manage. Many suggestions were emailed through, and the most common solution was for neighbours to work together to identify innovative solutions that addressed the unique challenges in their section of the island. It is definitely worth taking a walk around Riverview to see how others are already sharing, storing and concealing their bins.

In the meantime, The League will continue to liaise with Council on specific issues as they arise.

The Ferry Wharf Upgrade

In July, we worked with Elton Consulting to hold a community consultation session, which was well attended by residents. An overview of the proposed wharf was presented, with displays in the hall showing the new designs, and a feedback session for Islanders to raise their concerns and ask questions. The information pack can now be downloaded on Council's website: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/noticeboard/on-exhibition/dangar-island-wharf-upgrade-community-feedback>

The current proposal relates to the public wharf only which Council anticipates will commence construction in the first half of next year. While the design does not preclude any future mooring facility, this is not included in the design tabled at the meeting.

September AGM Update

In addition to the bin and wharf discussions, we also updated the community on:

- League engagement with Federal, State and Local Government stakeholders
- NBN, which is now scheduled to go live by the end of next year
- The Brooklyn Master Plan
- Council roadworks
- Peat Island

Residents raised concerns about the removal of dangerous materials and an overview was provided on the newly formed Park Committee.

At the end of the meeting, *Julian Leeser* spoke about his interest and desire to become an ongoing support for islanders in his role as our new Federal MP. He also shared a brief review of his maiden speech to Parliament, regarding his personal interest in promoting responses to mental health issues that impact the Australian community. You can view the full transcript of the speech as <http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/the-full-transcript-of-julian-leesers-maiden-speech-to-parliament-20160914-grgj6z.html>

Minutes from the Public Meeting are now available on the League website.

The AGM & Change of the League Guard

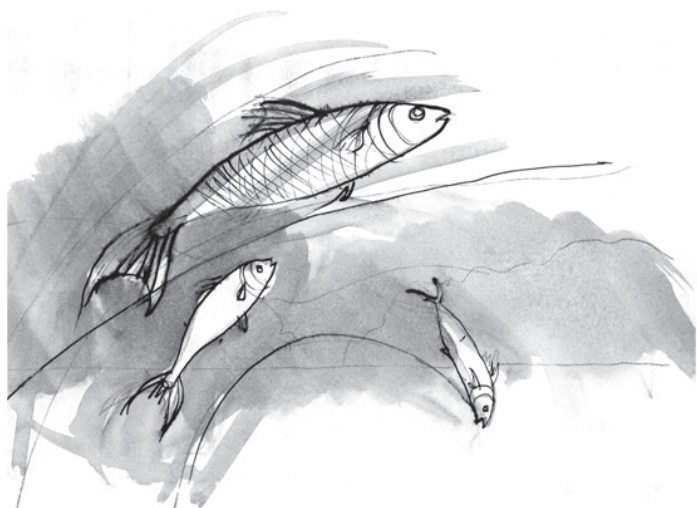
For those of you who were unable to attend the League AGM, we have a refreshed Committee for this coming year. Vanessa, Ross and I are excited about continuing in our roles as Vice President, Secretary and President, and we look forward to Judith's diligent caretaking of League finances as our new Treasurer.

We enthusiastically welcome Marina and Bronek to the Committee. I am particularly delighted about the opportunity to work with and harness the unique skills and expertise of these highly respected Islanders.

A big thanks and fond farewell to retiring DIL Committee members Peter Wolfe and Leonie Findlay. Peter's obvious management skills and dry wit will be sorely missed. He has always been willing to step up to the plate and steer issues through sometimes complex mazes - and all with a mixture of good humour and gravitas. The loss of his moderating voice on the Committee will be felt. Leonie's time on the League has been short but very sweet. She brought a welcome dimension to the group with her sensitivity and compassion.

Thank you to both Peter and Leonie, for the time, effort and outcomes your volunteering has contributed to our community.

Sophia Walsh,
President, Dangar Island League



Wheelie Bins Galore

Nina Tyrrell

Our beautiful island lately resembles a toy town rather than the beautiful green leafy place it used to be. The roads are lined with large wheelie bins with brightly coloured lids of red, yellow and green. The main colour of the island is muted to dark natural green and the colour of the bin lids clashes. Additionally, as the island is entirely accessed by narrow roads and footpaths, the location of these bins is problematic for most residents, and moving them back and forth from the road is both not easy and verges on dangerous.

Since being invented in Germany in 1975, mobile garbage bins have largely replaced conventional household garbage bins in Australia, as they have greater storage capacity, increase durability, and can be lifted mechanically. The most commonly used residential wheelie bins hold a volume of 240 L and weigh 13 kg when empty. According to Australian Standards, a 240 L mobile garbage bin is designed to hold a load of 96 kg, with a maximum pulling force of 60 newtons on a flat surface when the bin is tilted to an angle requiring a vertical lifting force of 20% extra of the load. The forces required to manoeuvre these bins increase considerably on slopes, steps, uneven ground and textured surface. If the weight of the bin exceeds the strength of the user, on a downward slope, the mobile garbage bin pulls away from the user. The user typically falls while still gripping the bin handle. The most consistently described mechanism involved the bin "getting away" or "sliding from under" the user, followed by abrasion of the hands on the ground under the bin. (from the medical journal of Australia)

There are two ways to solve some of the above problems:

The toy town effect can be minimised by changing the colourful lids to the colour of the bins themselves, with stickers on the front of the bins to indicate what should go inside. This will greatly reduce the effect of the garish colours of red, yellow and green.

The danger of the slopes and uneven grounds could be largely eliminated by the council building platforms off road to house the bins.

Perhaps Dangar Island league can assist in solving these issues?

Dangar Island and the newDemocracy Foundation

Ana Pollak and Ross Spence

At the last League General Meeting in July it was suggested that we should explore different ways a community can deal with issues that can divide. How best to arrive at decisions in a democratic way that lead to the best achievable outcome?

The League committee has extended an invitation to a representative of the *newDemocracy Foundation* to come to the Island on Saturday 10th December and lead a discussion with interested residents on innovative models of decision making.

The *newDemocracy Foundation* is an independent research organisation that helps communities and agencies become innovative in the democratic process. It promotes decision making with a random selection of residents to form a jury to deliberate, discuss and debate issues of community concern. It has a broad range of members and supporters from all political parties who view current procedures for dealing with contentious issues unsatisfactory.

To give two current examples of projects they are working on;

The Greater Geelong City Council has asked them to collate democratic innovations in order to identify which of these resonate with the local community giving them the chance to explore them in depth and apply them to their lives.

The South Australian Government has asked them to test the process on the topic of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle to determine if the public judgment results in any new thinking or resolutions about the controversial issue of nuclear waste storage.

So they are talking about improved democratic processes in making decisions rather than the decisions themselves. Interested? We invite your attendance and contribution at this public meeting on Saturday 10 December at 2pm. Further details closer to the time.

You can explore your interest further at newdemocracy.com.au.

Links below to Guide to Citizen Juries:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/web/community-engagement/guides-factsheets/documents/engaging-queenslanders-methods-and-techniques.pdf>

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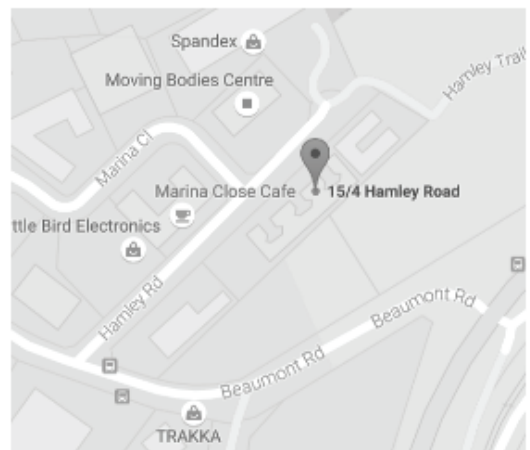
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Wow it's hard to believe that it is October already, this year has certainly motored through. Well we are getting in to a routine at the Cafe and there will be some new faces around the shop. Jazzy has joined our team so make sure you make her feel welcome. We are operating 7 days a week now and it is great to see familiar faces and be able to put names to faces. Over the coming months we will be trying out new and varied menu items. The home made baked beans are back and have been very well received by young and older alike.

We have started to get group bookings for birthday parties and day bookings so if you see people wandering the Island make sure we all give them a welcome.

Looking forward to the coming months here on Dangar.

The Café Dangar Crew

DIMC

DIMC Executive

As most of you probably know, Hornsby Shire Council held a community consultation on Saturday, 3 September 2016, facilitated by Elton Consulting. This consultation was for the planned modifications to the ferry wharf to make it accessible. The meeting went very well, with many questions and answers. Residents had until 19th September to provide further comments, either via written, email or web site submissions.

The future of the Coop is dependent on these modifications to the ferry wharf. Assuming these proceed, DIMC will be able to continue our work progressing the permit process, membership, etc. – there are many steps we will need to move through to get to a completed DIMC. The surety of the modified ferry wharf will be the first big step towards this goal.

Thanks – and please don't hesitate to email us with any questions.

Cheers

Ant Schinckel, Sue Merricks, David Pakes, Stuart Allen, Tom Weddin

DIMC Executive

info@dangarislandmooringcoop.net.au



I thought I saw a Lego ninja on the school ferry... Did you see him?

I am a fan of Ninjago, a Lego cartoon TV show that launched in 2011. I'm 9 turning 10 pretty soon and I love watching the show and collecting the Lego figures. They have already made six TV seasons and the movie is coming out on October 29th. I have watched the trailers so I know the new enemy and storyline but I don't want to spoil anything.

Ninjago has had many bad guys like skeletons, snakes, ancient stone warriors, lord garmadon, the overlord virus, nindroids, Anacondrai warriors, ghosts, sky pirates and these are only the main enemies! The ninja's names are Zane, ninja of ice, Cole, ninja of earth, Jay, ninja of lightning, Kai, (my favourite) ninja of fire, Nya, ninja of water and Lloyd ninja of power.

My cupboard is almost full with creations I have made from Lego sets I own. My goal is to make my room like a ninja hideout.

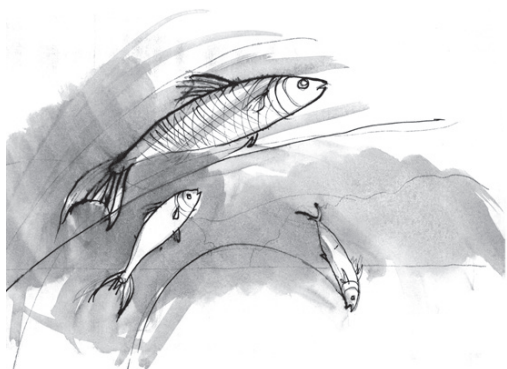
I am not the only one who likes Ninjago on the island. My brother Leo and my best friends like it as well. Ninjago is a great story. I am recommending the show to you and if you know someone with children, recommend it to them too. Thanks for reading!

By Gus Walsh

OPEN MIC NIGHT RAFFLE

Jane Jaggs

The P&C from Brooklyn Public School are now running a meat and local produce raffle at Open Mic night! Buy your tickets on the night, prizes drawn in the evening! Looking forward to seeing you there!



September was childhood cancer awareness month

Vanessa Payne and family

Did you know 650 Australian kids up to the age of 14 will be diagnosed with cancer in 2016?

Most of them, a little under a third, will have Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia like James. It is a common disease within the rarity of childhood cancer.

Living your life with childhood cancer is different for everyone, but there are some commonalities. We have dwelled in a parallel universe for the last 7 months, we can see the world still spinning so to speak, but we have been in a holding pattern.

My contribution to childhood cancer awareness month is to give you a little insight into what our world has looked like. Some of the knock on effects of cancer treatment for kids may not even occur to you, some of them never occurred to me before February of this year. I'd barely given it a second thought.

Probably the most obvious and perhaps the hardest has been long family separations. We have tried so hard for there to be one of three people with James or Jemma at all times, 24 hours a day. This becomes complicated when James has long hospital stints, the last one in Gosford was 12 nights. 2 kids. 2 locations. 3 carers – one of whom is working full time. James stuck in an isolation room due to his immunosuppression and Jemma being ferried to and fro to see her brother/mother/father.

During these separations, each of us has been stretched to the limit. Unable to give or receive much needed emotional support (especially in the early months when

James was so critical). It has been a lonely journey at times. This is compounded by our isolation so we could protect ourselves and ultimately James from potentially life threatening bugs.

More obvious but enormously emotionally and psychologically taxing is watching your child endure his pain. Painful and repeated procedures, James's anxiety management, as well as our own.

What I have learnt from this awful ordeal is how tough and crazy strong my boy is. And all the other little cancer champs we have met. They are able to live in the moment and not worry or anticipate what's going to happen, or has happened. They live NOW! They make the cancer clinic at Westmead Childrens hospital a happy and inspiring place, as mad as that sounds. The kids there are sick beyond your or my ken, but they play and draw and cuddle and smile and dance and sing. There are certainly in pain and struggles but it is also a place for optimism and hope.

The cancer land limbo has had us living day to day, and sometimes hour to hour. Each Full Blood Count (FBC) leads to a next step, the next stage in treatment or intervention. James is now in remission and in what is called maintenance chemotherapy – he will continue to have regular FBCs and his treatment will be tweaked accordingly. He will continue treatment for at least another 18 months, until February 2018.

We know that James's prognosis is very good. 98% of children with ALL achieve remission, 90% of those a cure. A cure in

leukaemia land means 5 years' cancer free, that's a lot of days, especially for a child.

When I first started thinking of my awareness article I was full of an unfocussed anger and sadness. I felt I needed others to know the details of his treatment and ordeal. What I have come to understand is that by facing our beautiful child's mortality I have learned to live better. I still get distracted, annoyed, sad, anxious and tired BUT I am more present for my kids. I probably hug them more. I take less for granted. I have learned to live NOW too.

We must stay positive and hopeful for the future. Two new potential treatments have been discussed in the news media in the last month alone. This will be huge for all cancer but especially for kids who are still being treated with medicines discovered in the 1950s and 60s, at higher relative doses than adults as their metabolisms are higher. Side effects – short and long term – are dose dependant. It is still too early to say what James's long term effects will be, some of the most common are heart disease and secondary cancers!

We still have a long way to go with James and his treatment, and we will continue to be what others call brave and strong, that is, to get up every day and help him through the best that we can. That is our brave, really it's just surviving.

Hug your kids extra tight tonight, tell them you love them every day.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it means so much to us.

ATTENTION HALL HIRERS!

The Dangar Island Hall committee, and its members **CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT** accept cash for Hall bookings. All payments must be paid to Hornsby Shire Council via the payment details outlined on your invoice.

Please do not leave cash in the box. Please do not give cash to committee members.



Dangar Island Bowling Club

Michael Hutak



Hope and change at the Bowlo

We start with the old news that Dangar Island Bowling Club Ltd has a new board, with several of the previous members stepping down, having left the Club in great shape and with a legacy of successful management.

The retiring board's tireless efforts have left our club in great fiscal, physical and spiritual shape. Take a bow *Evan Walsh, Andy Payne, Vanessa Payne and Leigh Johnson*, we all thank you for your service.

Your new board is: Mel Anderson, Kevin Hansen, Michael Hutak (Treasurer), Kevin Raby (President), Tanya Rojas-Fort and Jenny Rowe.

We still need more board members and we'd especially like to reach out to younger people to join the board. (We agreed that "young" means under 30!)

Our mission is to keep the club on a long-term sustainable footing, to keep improving our customer service, to keep supporting our dedicated staff, and make

sure our club remains a friendly welcoming meeting place for locals and their friends.

The board is voluntary, and we always welcome the help and advice of members. We don't just want to hear your ideas on how we can make the club better, we also want your help in turning them into reality. We are all looking forward to a great summer of food, drink and celebration, and beyond that a successful 2017

As an incoming board, we understand we are just temporary custodians of a club that has been running for more than 70 years. We will always put the members and our island community first in all our decisions. Speaking of membership, we are on a drive for members to get their fees in by the end of the year. There is a list of lapsed and financial members on the bar where you can pay your fees. Memberships cost \$40 for 5 years, \$30 for 3 years and \$25 for 1 year.

Our board meets the second Wednesday of every month. If you have any issues or suggestions you want raised, please email

dibc@live.com and we will put it on our agenda. We will be refreshing our website in coming months at <http://www.dibc.com.au/> but go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Dangar-Island-Bowling-Club-191570400902727/>) for all the latest on events, our restaurant's daily specials, opening hours etc.

Remember, this summer the club is open **all day Saturdays**. And spread the word, your club is a great and affordable venue for weddings, parties... anything!

We currently need casual staff – both kitchen and bar and there are no special criteria except bar staff must be over 18. We will train you up! Call the club on (02) 9985 7083 and we'll be in touch.

Positions Vacant

Dangar Island Bowling Club is looking for casual bar and kitchen staff. If you have what it takes contact us now. 9985 7083.

M-male Bonding Patriarchy stomps porter

The Park, Sunday Oct 2nd 2016. The Bowlo fair drowned in male tears at the Oktoberfest BrewOff, after the mighty Queen Porter Stomp were disqualified from the panel for being girls.

The manbush shooed bloke's bloke Diggler Finnigan into the top spots for his Golden Ale and American Brown Ale, before a Hazmat crew had to be called in to bund the lake of testosterone drowning sole ladytaster Tia.

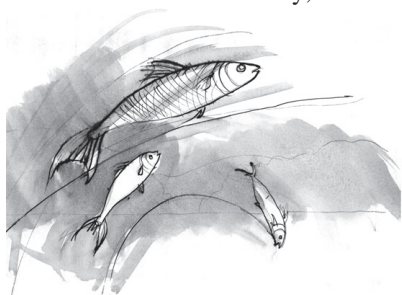
All-Time Champion Of Champions Dinsdale Trelawney placed a disappointing 3rd with a pilsener variously dubbed "frothy" and "emasculating".

Now first-timer Finnigan, 55, faces allegations of stealing and tampering with Steve "Locksmith" Griffiths' romantically-named PCL2017. Four of the judges, three of whom still have their mother do their laundry, whined about being forced to taste

the noxious libation, before comforting themselves that they are paid on average 23% more than the scotched sisters.

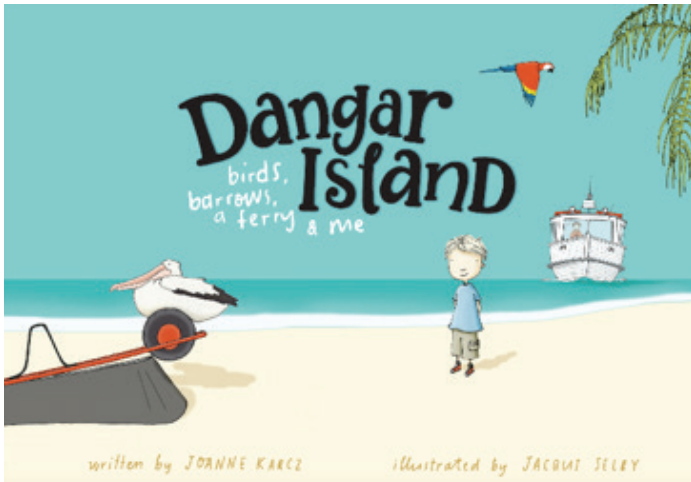


Beer judges at work ...



Book Launch

Joanne Karcz



Thank you so much to all who attended the launch of my children's picture book "Dangar Island birds, barrows, a ferry and me". I was overwhelmed by your support and positive comments. I was lucky to have the illustrator Jacqui Selby, at the launch. Jacqui had never been to Dangar until the launch (she lives on a farm in Goondiwindi) and yet she managed to capture the essence of Dangar Island with her delightful illustrations. Thank you too to all who helped on the day. You know who you are. And of course to the children of Dangar Island - the book is for you. It is your story.

If anyone would like a copy please call
or email me: 0410 613 149 / joanne@dangarstories.com



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Queen Porter Stomp and groupies ...

A Dangar Dash Update

Pete Godbolt

Intrepid athletes of the Island have been continuing to variously speed, plod, dawdle and of course Dash around the Island on the Sunday following open mic each month throughout the winter and spring, and we celebrated another milestone as the Dash turned 1 in October - happy birthday to the longest established family friendly, open to all, free of charge, 5k timed race on the lower Hawkesbury!

The course remains the same, being twice around the bottom and twice around the top, with the Junior's heading to the wharf for their finish after twice around the bottom. It's a challenging 5K with the 'three hills of doom' and a perennial conversation point being which is the worst. Current consensus is that the second time around the top presents the biggest challenge.

In the October 1st birthday run, an energised Murray set a new race record of 20:50, which will take some beating, but runners are generally spaced out over 45 minutes or so with a friendly finishers photo and coffee at the end of it - a great way to start your Sunday! Special thanks go to our timing committee of Charlotte, Tony and Sue for most excellent record keeping.

Starters have come from all around Sydney - and the world! The photos are from our August, September and October starts. We're open to all, and loosely organised on facebook at www.facebook.com/dangardash/ - but it's really just as simple as rolling out of bed and wandering down to the fire shed at 8am on the Sunday after open mic, happy running, and see you at the next one!



Tales from the River

Bruce Lambert

With the wail of the siren still ringing in my ears I rush to the house and scramble into my uniform, then race off down the hill.

As I arrive at the fire station; really just a garage not much bigger than our Landrover, the scene is one of intense activity. Rolls of hoses, along with all the fittings that accompany them are joined by all manner of firefighting equipment in the back of the Landrover.

Then the portable pump is wrestled onto the truck along with McLeod Tools and extra fuel for the pump. At the wharf the procedure is reversed as brigade members bring their boats to carry whatever they can to the fire.

The member with the largest boat uses it to transport the portable pump. An imposing beast of cast iron with a tubular frame. A crew of four usually carries it; one at each corner, but on occasion I have been one of the two running with it along the wharf.

Thus prepared, our flotilla heads up Mullet Creek to engage the enemy.

It is now late afternoon as we approach the billowing cloud of sickly yellow and purple, rising above the roaring fire on the slope above.

Quickly we set up on shore, laying out multiple length of hose, connected to the portable pump which is riding proudly in its own maritime chariot, attended by the pump operator.

Hours of frenzied activity soon pass and I notice that there are some firefighters that I do not recognise from other local brigades.

Each brigade is working in a different area and the one to which we are assigned is both rock strewn and heavily treed. It is just my luck that I am not at the exciting end of the hose; squirting wet stuff on the red stuff.

I am doing what is described as hauling hoses. If a hose has to be

redirected, the pump stops pumping so that the section of hose can be disconnected and dragged over a burnt area without the fear of melting. Unfortunately they attract every bit of sand and grit just like a magnet, leaving me looking as though I have been rolling in the ash bed.

By now it is quite late and I am desperate for a drink of water, having long since finished the water, having long since finished the water in my canteen. As I disconnect two hose sections I start to drink the water draining from one of the hose ends.

Yes, I forgot that we were pumping salt water from the creek.

Now I was more thirsty than ever.

Just then a group of five firefighters pass me and I quickly ask do they have any drinking water. One of the men hands me his canteen, and as I gradually drink from it I hear them talking amongst themselves.

It seems that they are very concerned that if they do not get back soon, they will be locked out. As I hand the canteen back I hear more and then I understand.

My fellow firefighters are from the prison on Milson Island. A pre-release prison where long term prisoners spend their last six months going out to work during the day and then finally entering back into society.

I had seen prisoners before when I passed Milson Island. Sitting on the shore fishing, with the trusties allowed their own dinghy to get to the best spots.

Now these firefighters had to get back before curfew or they were in trouble.

It is said that crime does not pay, but here were these men paying something back into a society that they would soon rejoin.

Sometimes it just feels good to be alive.

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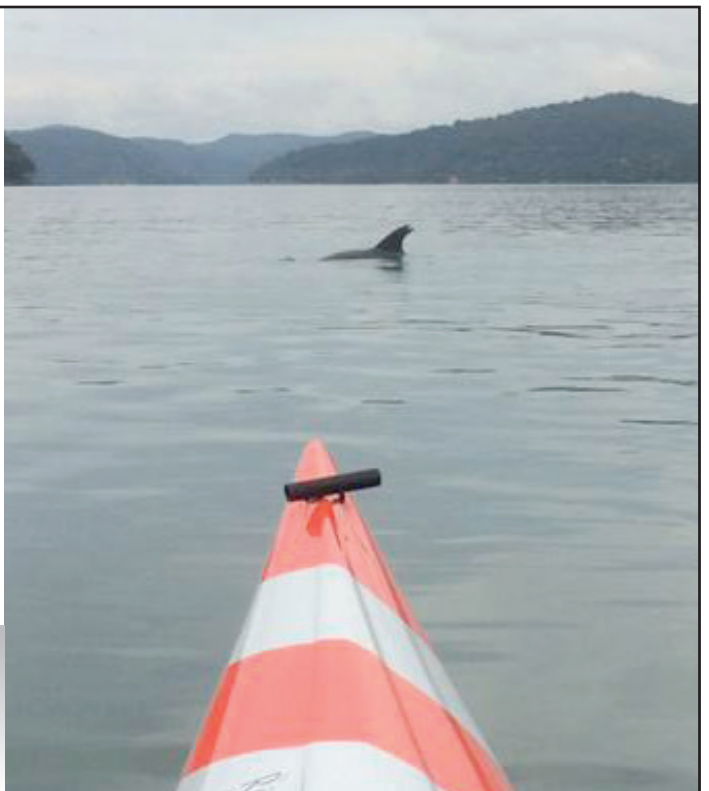
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A note from the Editor ...

Mel Anderson

THANK YOU and FAREWELL

This is to be my last Mullet Mail after more than 6 years editing the publication. I have enjoyed this time immensely and feel honoured to have been able to record and document these years as a legacy and record of the island at this moment in time. I have needed to adjust my volunteer commitments to focus on my own work and personal creative endeavours.

I am looking forward to passing the publication into the capable hands of *Judith Doyle* and *Marina Garvey*. Before I completely move away from the Mullet Mail I will be co-editing the next issue as a handover to the new editors with a bumper issue - **BIG RIVER ISSUE** - celebrating and connecting all our river

communities!

It has been an honour collating, editing and sourcing photographs, articles and information for the Mullet Mail and I know that Judith, and Marina will continue the good work!

Remember to always get your contributions in by the due date or they will miss out on publication. If you would like a reminder for this due date emailed to you, please contact me mel@melanderson.com.au with your email address and I will pass it on to the new editors.

Thank you.

BIG RIVER ISSUE

Start planning your personal contribution for the next Mullet Mail due out early next year. We need **YOUR STORIES** about **YOUR LIFE** on the river, what brought you to the Island and how you survive the daily commuting and shopping challenges. We have an amazing community and we need **YOUR STORIES** to celebrate our island and river culture. Reaching out to all the river communities, this issue is set to be the biggest ever! The aim is to celebrate not just island living, but river life as well - engaging with all the river communities. Can't wait to receive your contributions!



Buggy News

Judy Nikola, Secretary, DIVMC

Many of us have come to rely on the buggy to get heavy shopping home or deliver frail aged relatives who would otherwise not visit us.

We are currently recruiting new drivers to help man the buggy on a volunteer basis. Although we have many wonderful volunteers that keep the buggy going 7 days a week we are always looking for more drivers to help out.

All you need is a current driver's licence and to contact Judy Nikola for training. Call Judy on 0415 488 606.

Who gives a crap?

Mel Anderson

Run out of toilet paper? Sick of carting it home?

Check out <https://au.whogivesacrap.org/>.

Home delivered in bulk, forest-friendly and supporting communities by improving access to hygiene, water and basic sanitation in developing countries. (They also do tissues!)



Dangar Island Fire Brigade

Jonathan Sykes

IT'S NOW FIRE SEASON!
PREPARE > ACT > SURVIVE

Dangar Island Rural Fire Brigade
Community Engagement - Kath Merrick,
Captain - Cybele Shorter.

Anyone burning off will need permits from both Hornsby Council AND the Rural Fire Service. Neighbours need to be given notice that there will be burning off. Fires must be supervised at all times, with a water source in place and ready to apply. Recreational fires are permitted in permanently built BBQ/fireplace, well clear of foliage and flammable materials.

During **Total Fire Ban** days, no burning of solid fuel is allowed so only gas/electric BBQs may be used, again under close supervision and with an extinguisher to hand.

You can keep up to date on local fire danger ratings by reading the Fire Danger Meter near the Dangar Island public wharf, or by checking updates on our **facebook** page (Like us @ Dangar Island Rural Fire Brigade).

What are Fire Danger Ratings?

They give you an indication of the consequences of a fire, if a fire was to start. The rating is based on predicted conditions such as the temperature, humidity, wind and dryness of the landscape.

What do the ratings mean to you?

LOW MODERATE, HIGH or VERY HIGH: Review your Bush Fire Survival Plan and prepare your home for the fire season. Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions. Be ready to act if necessary.

SEVERE: Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. If you're not prepared, leave early in the day.

EXTREME: Only consider staying if you are prepared to the highest level – such as your home is specially designed, constructed or modified, and situated to withstand a fire, you are well prepared and can actively defend it if a fire starts.

CATASTROPHIC: Leave Bush Fire Prone areas the night before or early in the day – do not just wait and see what happens. Homes are not designed to withstand fires in catastrophic conditions.



Catastrophic! Deputy Philip Doggett and Secretary Georgia Lynn-Robinson.

A well prepared home:

- is likely to survive a bush fire or ember attack.
- can be easier for you and firefighters to defend.
- is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk.

Top Five actions around your home...

1. **Trim** overhanging trees and shrubs, dispose of cuttings appropriately.
2. **Mow** grass short and rake clippings away from your home.
3. **Remove** and store wood piles and any flammable items well away from the house and keep covered.
4. **Clear** leaves from the roof, gutters and downpipes and from under your home.
5. Ensure you have a **hose** which is long enough to reach every part of the home.

Discover Sydney with me

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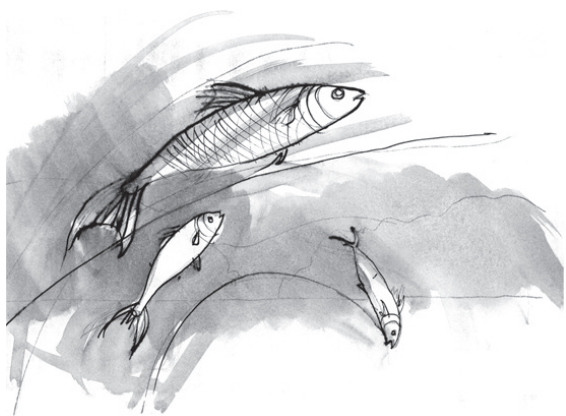
I spend a day each fortnight discovering and photographing different suburbs in Sydney. I then write about my experiences, the people I meet and what I learn in my blog www.travelwithjoanne.com. Since my first post on Cabramatta in April, I've been to Auburn, Kings Cross, Balmain, Petersham and more. I have found little gems in every place I've visited and met some lovely people.

Hopefully I will inspire you to explore this great city of ours, vicariously through my blog or by following in my footsteps.



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Cryptic Crossword

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1. Happen to follow woe (6)
4. Recoil from Aussie pocket (4)
7. Edward returns to university of French strip (6)
8. Half kilo of polish (4)
9. Not coping with fame as obits go bad (1,3,2,1,4)
11. Court lairs get shit start to November for coming last (6,5)
15. Foremost hair, say (4)
16. Hole in trunk side (6)
17. Method of painting is area within screen (9)

1. How Walt broke German spa (3)
2. Heavyweight princess makes circular carvings (5)
3. Sort of OK, jaded pun (3,4)
5. Throw game I picture (5)
6. Work most of sudoku and get props (5)
10. Gore leaves here for south of Czech Republic (7)
11. Bend back around minute cavity (4)
12. Outstanding yard work not married (5)
13. Angels frontman loses head, Jolson stops at 8 (5)
14. Neither's mate points to Viking (5)

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